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Dear Parents/Carers

GLEBE NEWSLETTER – SPRING TERM 2019

As the new Headteacher of Glebe, I cannot express loudly enough how proud I am to be leading Glebe School. It has been an incredible first term for me getting to know the pupils and working with my dedicated staff team who provide rich learning experiences and pastoral care unlike anything I have experienced in twenty years of education.

For those of you I have met, your kind words of support and encouragement have been warmly appreciated and I do hope to meet more of you next term at one of our planned coffee mornings.

Until then, I have provided you with an update of significant events that have happened this term.

Dates for your Diary

Parents meet the Headteacher coffee mornings

I have put two dates aside to have an informal meet, greet and chat about ideas you may have to improve aspects of the school. The dates are **Wednesday 24th April and Tuesday 21st May at 9:30am**. It would be lovely to see you here if you can attend.

End of term

Spring Term ends at 1pm on Friday 5th April. Transport has been informed and you should expect your child home early on this day.

Summer Term begins for pupils on Tuesday 23rd April.

Exams and Study leave

We wish all students every success in the examinations they will take this year. An individual timetable will follow in the post. Students follow a different combination of courses so the personalised timetable outlines when they need to be in school.



The period of public examinations will soon be upon us. There will be an exhibition of GCSE Art next term and a Presentation Evening when we will celebrate the achievement of our leavers. Letters home and our website will advertise these events.

Y11 Study Leave will begin for pupils on Friday 17th May.

**Summer Term for sixth form students will end on Friday 5th July
Exam results will be published on Thursday 22nd August and will be posted to students.**

Curriculum Events

Design Technology: A message from Mr Hamblin

Year 11 Design Technology students have made amazing progress in achieving their qualifications this term. All students in the year 11 cohort have achieved a level 1 or 2 in their Smart Product Design and Manufacture course for their Unit 1. This is the GCSE equivalent of a A*-C, so this truly is an amazing achievement. The focus now is on completing their remaining units of work and preparing for their exams in June. Well done all students involved and keep up the incredible work!

ICT: A message from Mr Parmar

During this spring term in ICT at Glebe school, students entered a design competition for the Information Advice & Support Service(IASS). The ICT department has formed a great partnership with the IASS organisation over the past four years, working on competitions and school assemblies. For the first of two competitions in 2019, students had the task of evaluating the relative strengths and weaknesses of respective UK wide IASS organisation websites. The IASS team were so pleased with student feedback that they will now subsequently use the student opinions to improve the respective IASS websites and thus make them more 'user friendly'. IASS have also awarded the students with vouchers and chocolate oranges. A second IASS competition will run in ICT during June 2019.

Spanish: A message from Mrs Vollar

This term, MFL Year 9 students have been working on a project named 'Dual Language Comic'. Pupils were asked to design and produce a comic page including original drawings and speech both in English and Spanish language. All pages were then collated in a book for each class and the final product is a comic book that shows fantastic imagination, creativity skills and hard-work by all students. Special congratulations from the MFL department to all Year 9 pupils for showing great commitment and creativity as they worked on this project.

English: A message from Ms Grace and Mrs Jessup

Ms Grace and Mrs Jessup's year 8 English classes went on a trip to the Greenwich Maritime Museum in February. Students have been learning in class about Shackleton's expedition to the South Pole. They have imagined being a member of the expedition and have written diaries, letters and reports. At the museum they were able to find some of the original items taken by Shackleton on his voyage. The students were fantastic and highly engaged with the different exhibitions.



Maths: A message from Ms Russell

Year 7 is always a settling-in year and in Maths students get used to their new curriculum and teachers alongside the expectation that homework is completed on time. We are particularly proud of how well our year 7s have settled this year.

Haydn who always strives to achieve his best in maths; each Monday he comes to class fresh from a weekend of practicing the skills he has been introduced to, both through Mathematics and practice with his parents. This consolidates his learning and is a great example of going above and beyond to ensure he has a strong understanding of what is being practiced in class. Recently, when learning how to tell the time, he was getting muddled with pesky quarter hours however, after rehearsing this new vocabulary and skill at home, he was able to explain the concept to his classmates!

Tomas is a good Mathematician who continues to push himself to do better. He always completes his work and any extension work he is provided with, with a smile. He is continuing to grow in confidence due to his hard work and dedication, answering questions in class and helping others out when required. A real positive role model for other learners.

Year 10 top set Maths have recently been challenged with the GCSE Unit 'Solving Equations'. Samuel Smith and Younes have emerged as the 'Kings of Algebra'. They have understood how to solve questions using inverse operations and have shown enthusiasm when responding to questions in whole-class teaching, completing the work and answering questions. Their friendly competition to get things right has fuelled their work on this Unit. Well done boys!

Owen Tomkins joined us around a year ago in year 8 and is now a fully integrated, fabulous year 9 student. As his Head of Year I am really proud of his achievements, with all 'green' on his recent RAG assessments and a fantastic full report. I constantly hear wonderful comments about Owen, staff talk about his work ethic or his fabulous sense of humour. It is a pleasure to have Owen in our year!

Sixth form News: A message from Mrs Peters-Parker

Looking back at our Enterprise project last term we made a total profit of £509. An amazing achievement and thanks to everyone that supported our project by buying our T-shirts, Tote bags, Candle holders, Pompom keyrings, raffle tickets and other goods at our Christmas Fayre. £250 was donated to the Latch project for homeless young people in Bromley and the rest will go towards our residential trip in the summer.

Our football team is continuing to play well in the SEN adult league at Long Lane and to improve their game the team also have practices during our enrichment time on Wednesday afternoons. Well done and keep up the good work! We have also competed in the Panathlon at Crystal Palace and Table Cricket tournaments coming a very commendable 2nd place!

In February some of our students attended the Bromley Youth Employment Scheme – Next Steps Conference where they had the opportunity to learn about the world of work, update their CV's and take part in mock interviews. The day was very successful and our students received very positive feedback from the ambassadors there. This will be an annual event and our aim is for all Post 16 students to attend at least once during their time with us.



Students continue to volunteer in charity shops on Friday mornings and we currently have students in Sense, Salvation Army, St Christopher's, Oxfam, Mind, Cancer Research and Red Cross. These are in West Wickham, Hayes and Orpington. We are always looking for new opportunities for our young people so if anyone is involved in a company that could offer a volunteering placement or work experience we would love to hear from you.

Y9 Options:

Y9 students will be able to personalise their curriculum next year by choosing an additional four different subjects from a range of options. Y9 parents will soon receive information about the options available next year via email, and a separate mail out. The options chosen will be in addition to a range of subjects that all students will study including English, Maths and Science and all option choices are two years long. We hope to be able to provide all Y9 students with most of their first choices, but this is not always possible. We will be in touch again shortly after Easter to notify you of the students' initial choices and to give you the opportunity to change or discuss them

Woodlodge

This term, years 8, 9 and the 6th form have stayed overnight at Woodlodge. The experience the pupils gain here is invaluable as they learn essential independent living skills as well as coming together as a team. Staying away from home can be a real challenge for many of our pupils, so the resilience and skills they gain from this is the very best way to prepare for adulthood.

Sports Report from Mr and Mrs Kitteridge

World Champion!

Congratulations to Bradley B who participated in the Taekwondo World Championships in Antalya, Turkey. He competed in five rounds against representatives from Turkey, Palestine, Slovakia. He was successful in reaching the final to compete against his best friend and fellow GB representative. Bradley successfully defeated his rival and is now the World Champion for the second consecutive year!

Kent Cross Country Championships

Well done to Assia who represented West Kent in the Kent Championships held in Dover. Assia did remarkably well against some of the most talented athletes in the country. She now trains hard on her running and is hoping to join a local club.

Esports – Rocket League

Glebe students are involved in two Championships this term; the British Championships and the whole school tournament. 102 students from across the school are battling through the rounds to earn the title of Glebe Champion – good luck to all those still involved. The British Championships is a very exciting opportunity and six students have earned a place in the team, they are Ryan, Jack, Tim, Jodie, Harry and Sam.



London Youth Games

Glebe students will be working hard to earn a place on one of the LYG teams to represent Bromley in the following sports next term: Football, Swimming, Athletics and Indoor Rowing.

Football

Our teams continue to play some fantastic free flowing football, showing great teamwork & resilience. All teams have had an amazing season so far and are working hard to claim the medals and trophies from both the South London League and the prestigious London Youth Games!

Club links

Tennis at Bromley Tennis Centre, BR6 9SA.:

Contact: Mr Tom Defrates, Tom.defrates@bromleytenniscentre.co.uk 01689 880407

Football at Orpington FC, Darrick Wood Sports Centre, BR6 8ER

Contact: Mr Simon Morris, Simon.Morris@icap.com 07956 305938

Swimming at Sharks Swimming Club, Eric Liddell Centre Mottingham.

Contact: Jackie, 07852 187265

Gymnastics

Website: www.falconspartak.com

If you would like any further information or advice on any aspect of sporting opportunities both in and out of school, please contact a member of the PE department.

Work Experience

Students in next year's Y11 will be on a two-week work experience programme from 7th October. If you can help with this programme by offering a placement at your place of work please contact Mrs Woolsey at Glebe School.

Five pupils this term have successfully completed the London Fire Brigade Life Course. Local Intervention Fire Education (LIFE) is an exciting youth engagement programme offering young people the unique opportunity to learn a range of skills through working alongside London Fire Brigade. It is an intensive four-day course for 14–17 year olds, held at Lee Green Fire Station. Each student received a portfolio outlining all their achievements on the course. Congratulations to Bradley Vaughan-Gray, Taylor Weller, Leah Lacey, Sian Cohen and Chance Collins.

Student Ambassadors in the community

Congratulations to our Jack Petchey Winners this term. These students have been awarded this prestigious achievement award in recognition for their hard work, motivation and going above and beyond.



January's winner; Assia El Mourtabite ; Since joining school, Assia, a year 7 student, has taken an active part in all sports, representing the school in the cross country championships.

February's winner; Tariq Adeleke from year 14, has campaigned and raised awareness of issues around bullying and racism in school and in his community.

March's winner; Hasifa Daramy in year 8, has managed to travel train in only two weeks and her perseverance in this has impressed us all. Well done!

Recognition also goes, to Jo Francis our teaching assistant that has won the Jack Petchey Leaders Award. Jo has set up a gardening club, gives up her time freely and is always out in all weathers with the students, promoting learning outside of the class room.

Bromley Youth Council Manifesto 2019

Students from Glebe's School Council and those elected as Youth Councillors attended the Bromley Youth Manifesto at The Warren Metropolitan Police Sports Club, Hayes. During the day our young people were invited to participate in workshops that contribute to Bromley Youth Council's events and campaigns for the coming year, looking at the issues that young people from Bromley felt should be in the BYC 2019-20 Manifesto, such as knife crime prevention and mental health awareness.

Bromley Young People Participation Event: Council Chambers Bromley

Students from Glebe School were invited to join with other SEN students from the borough to develop a shared vision for children and young people engagement in the LB Bromley. They were supported by KIDS: The Department for Education's strategic delivery partner for children and young people engagement.

The SEND Reforms clearly outline the Government's goal for disabled children and young people with SEND to have the best opportunities and support so that, as far as possible, they can succeed in education and employment, live as independently and healthily as they are able and be active members of their communities.

The Specialist Schools Conference 2019

All our sixth form students attended this event which was held at the Civic Centre in Bromley. The purpose of the day was aimed at young people who are starting to go out into the world and travel on their own or with friends. Students also met with the Schools Police Team, the London Ambulance Service, Mencap and the Ward Security Dogs. A great day was had by all.

E-Safety

This term we have had a powerful assembly delivered by the Breck Foundation. The Breck Foundation is a charity founded by Lorin LaFave after the tragic loss of her 14 year-old son Breck Bednar through internet grooming. In the assembly, the pupils were made aware and educated to the dangers that lurk through internet grooming which includes:



- Only play/speak on-line with people you know
- People you meet on-line are strangers and never meet up with them alone
- Never give your personal details to an on-line stranger
- Inform your parents or a trusted adult if you feel uncomfortable about someone's on-line behaviour

Please follow the link for more information: <http://www.breckfoundation.org>

Unfortunately, the rising incidents in cyber bullying and inappropriate use of social media is common place in this day and age and one of the biggest challenges facing schools. Also, as a parent myself, I worry about what risks and dangers our children are being exposed to. We must remain committed to working together in this area and I intend to keep providing information, training and guidance for you. Please see the e-safety tab on the school website for the latest news, but this is snapshot of what we have/are doing:

- WhatsApp Letters sent to all parents/carers with information about removing pupils from groups. I urge you all to do this
- Next term we are reviewing our use of mobiles/electronic devices in school
- I am keen to hear from parents/carers interested in attending parental e-safety training

School Website

The School website will have a new look design ready for September 2019. More to follow.

Action Planning Day

Over 88% of parents/carers supported Action Planning Day in February when targets were reviewed and set for students. Thank you! The partner-working of home and school is key to your child's progress, I believe.

School Meals:

Can I please remind parents/carers that payment for school meals at £2.20 per day should be made at the beginning of each week, in an envelope with the child's name and tutor group. If you would like to pay for the next half-term the cost will be £50.60.

Uniform:

Can I please remind parents/carers of the need for school uniform. It is a requirement for all students up to and including Y11 and our simple requirements are set out below. We can avoid a negative start to the day for students if parents/carers ensure that students leave for school appropriately dressed. Your co-operation with this is appreciated.

- Plain navy blue cardigan, jumper or sweatshirt (without logos)
- Grey/black trousers or skirt
- Plain white or pale blue shirt/blouse (without logos)
- Black shoes – only plain black trainers are acceptable



Can I urge that all items of clothing are marked or labelled with your child's name. We amass a huge amount of items by the end of term that we are unable to return to their rightful owner. After two terms, unclaimed items are given to charity.

We are always grateful to receive uniform that your child may have outgrown to pass on to other families. If you have anything that is no longer of use to your child then we would be happy to receive it.

Medical:

We can only dispense medication that is sent to the school in its original package and with a permission slip completed by parents/carers. This is on the website under the 'resources' tab. Your help in these areas is appreciated.

Mobile phones/tablets:

I appreciate that many parents/carers are keen for their child to have phones/devices if they travel independently or have long journeys on local authority transport. We have always encouraged students to hand their devices to the office and collect them at the end of the day. Others have preferred to keep them with them but, as we have always explained, at their own risk.

It is unacceptable, as I'm sure you appreciate, for devices to be used in class to text/contact others as it detracts from the learning that should be the focus. I have explained to all students that phones used in this way will be confiscated until the end of the day. We will be reviewing and updating our policy on use of phones/electronic devices in school next term and more information will follow. In the meantime, I would hope that parents/carers will support this approach and agree not to make contact with students on their phones during the school day. Messages can always be given through the school office.

Important Dates:

Tuesday 23rd April	Start of Summer Term for students
Monday 6 th May	School closed - Bank Holiday
Friday 17 th May	Y11 Study Leave starts
27th May to 31st May	Half Term
Friday 21 st June	Action Planning Day
Friday 5 th July	End of Term – Post 16
Tuesday 16 th July	Yr11 Achievement Evening
Friday 19 th July	End of Term for students

I wish you and your families an enjoyable and restful Easter break.

Yours sincerely



Mr I Travis
Headteacher

Newsletter – Spring Term 2019

