



## Break Through Newsletter: Autumn 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

we have come to the end of a very long and successful Autumn term. We'd like to share some of the highlights with you:

From Autumn 1, learners started each subject with a baseline assessment and these have recently been reviewed to show whether learners are working to, below or exceeding expected progress. You will receive an interim report shortly that will explain this to you in more detail.

Autumn term involved lots of Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural learning opportunities, such as Remembrance Sunday, Anti-bullying, Black History Month, Mental Health Awareness and a particular focus on Men's Mental Health. This has brought life to our curriculum and our learners have shown excellent awareness and curiosity around other people and their needs. We are immensely proud of this growing culture across the school.

We thank the parent/carers for their support in attending reintegration meetings where needed, ensuring learners are wearing the appropriate uniform and attending school on time, optimising their learning experience.

Learners will be excited to know we have a large offering of lunch time and after school clubs returning in Spring term. Info will be with you in the first 2 weeks of January.

We wish you all a very peaceful and safe holiday and welcome our learners back on ***Monday 6th January 2025.***

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Elliott, Principal

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Awesome Autumnal Work





1 - Learners have been competing to complete their Pen Licences throughout Autumn. They were required to show an extended piece of work, presented well that resulted in a certificate and a fountain pen.



2 - Richie-Ray created a wonderful interpretation of Modigliani's art work, now proudly displayed in the Principal's office. Our learner's have an impressive repertoire of artistic skills and our school buildings are adorned with their super work.



*3 - Here is an example of a masterpiece made by a Year 11 learner, H. This vase and candle holder was made in Creative Crafts, one of our KS4 qualifications.*

Key Stage 4 have completed a range of Functional Skills examinations throughout Autumn. Most of the Year 11s will end this term, feeling more confident about their sense of ability. Three of our Year 11s learners will receive a Resilience Reward, specifically for overcoming adversity and persisting with their work, despite many factors outside of their control. Well done to all!

We would also like to thank all Key Stage 4 parents and carers for attending our Exams and Qualifications - Next Steps - drop in sessions, which helped align our expectations around work rate and post-16 pathways.



4 - Huge congratulations to Jamie-Lea, our prestigious Jack Petchey award winner for 2024. Jamie-Lea is an excellent example of someone who has shown resilience in overcoming previous school trauma. She works exceptionally hard on improving her work, often achieving the Principal Prize. She is a kind and considerate peer and enjoys roles of responsibility. As an avid reader, she was gifted two books this Christmas! She has a bright future ahead and we are pleased to be part of her journey. Well done Jamie-Lea!!

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### SMSC ~ Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural activities

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5 - Remembrance Sunday was acknowledged by staff and learners by creating posters that recognised the sacrifice and contributions made in World War I & II.



*6 - We ended this full and fun Autumn term on a high, celebrating all learners with improved attendance, punctuality, behaviour and resilience with certificates and gift cards. Every learner also left with a signed card, selection box and a book of their choice. Thank you to Harj, our Assistant Principal, for her mammoth shopping efforts to get every learner their preferred book! Our love of reading continues to grow...*





*7 - On 12th November, we joined the Anti-Bullying Alliance in their campaign to eradicate bullying. Learners made posters and completed tasks in Core Skills sessions where they worked to understand what constitutes as bullying and ways to become an ally for those who are persecuted. Staff joined in by wearing a wonderful collection of odd socks!*



*8 - Learners were in for a spooky treat this Halloween, as they made their way through the streets of London to The London Dungeons - many saw London landmarks for the first time and were awe inspired by London scenes, lit up for Christmas. Excellent behaviour throughout, with some learners engaging in chit chat with some elderly passengers on the train and bus there.*

Festive Fun! Learners were treated to a Christmas Dinner this week, with all the trimmings!





*9 - Christmas dinner dished up!*



*10 - Our wonderful Wayne on hand to serve our lovely learners.*



11 - Sitting together to enjoy a meal helps us bond and understand social norms.



12 - A huge thank you to our staff, Harj, Louise and Kathy, for buying, cooking (at home!) serving and cleaning up afterwards. The learners were very appreciative.

### RECOMMENDED SUPPORT LINKS FOR FAMILIES OVER THE HOLIDAYS:

Greenwich - [Greenwich Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](#)

Bexley: [Bexley Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](#)

Additionally, Break Through school have sent out food vouchers to all families. We wish you a safe and restful period.

For anyone who needs some support right now. ❤️

CALM - 0800585858  
Mind - 03001233393  
No Panic - 08449674848  
Bereavement - 08088081677  
PAPYRUS - 08000684141  
Samaritans - 116 123  
SHOUT - Text SHOUT to 85258  
Abuse - 0808 2000 247  
Refuge - 020 7395 7700

Stay safe this Christmas.



## SAFEGUARDING & WELLBEING AT BREAK THROUGH



We will continue to reach out to our families throughout the break, with our wellbeing calls, but if you need any support in between, please feel free to contact us via:

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Greenwich Family support services: 02089213172

Good bye & Thank you...



- We say our sad goodbye and huge thank you to Kathy Fox, after a number of years overseeing a number of roles, Kathy has decided to take a period of leave to recuperate. She will be greatly missed by all. She had a strong bond with many learners and always on hand to provide care and food. We are pleased to say she will continue to support the Post-16 provision in the near future and she will be popping in throughout the year. We wish Kathy a speedy recovery.
- Strive in particular will be sad to say goodbye to Rebecca Tibbey. Rebecca had a firm but fair approach which was well received by her group. They had a great deal of respect for her and her skills were acknowledged by auditors. We wish her all the very best in her next ventures and thank her for all her hard work.
- We currently have a Teaching Assistant post advertised on our website, TES and the Bexley job site if you know of anyone that may be interested.
- Please be reminded that all learners are due back to school on Monday 6th January, wearing the appropriate uniform, dark black, grey or navy blue bottoms/skirts and tops with white polo tops. Appropriate footwear.

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