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Gladesmore students advise future teachers

On Wednesday 14th September, Mr Hartney and eight Gladesmore students went to the UCL Institute of Education, where they had the honour of being the keynote speakers at the Inaugural Lecture for UCL London University.

Our students spoke with confidence and flair to an audience of more than 700 PGCE trainee teachers and Lecturers about what they believe makes a great teacher.

They also talked about their role in recruiting staff, explaining Gladesmore's 'speed dating' style student interviews as well as talking about the more traditional student interview panels. Our students explained to the audience about the questions that they like to ask candidates, they also provided helpful hints and told some amusing stories.

At the end of the session it was clear that the audience were extremely impressed by our students and were keen to get their opinions afterwards.

Well done Gladesmore!



For up to the minute information, logon to the GCS website where you can find out about:

- Dates for Parents/Carers Events
- School trips
- The curriculum
- Emergency Closures (snow, power cuts etc).

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Team London ~ Young Leaders Project

Last academic year, five Gladesmore students took part in Team London's Haringey Young Leaders project. The project aims to encourage students from Haringey schools, to work together to devise and run their own campaign that benefits the local community. During the year, our Young Leaders worked in partnership with students from North Harringay Primary School and Fortismere School to raise awareness about the issue of homelessness.

Through bakes sales, wristband sales and a sponsored Fun Run/Walk our Young Leaders raised a fantastic total of **£924.45**. In addition to this they also worked incredibly hard to collect an outstanding **437 books** which were donated to the local homeless charity 'Shelter', which will be sold to raise further much needed funds to help the homeless.

As this new academic year begins our new Young Leaders are very busy learning new skills and deciding on their action plan for the coming year, so watch this space!!





School Matters!

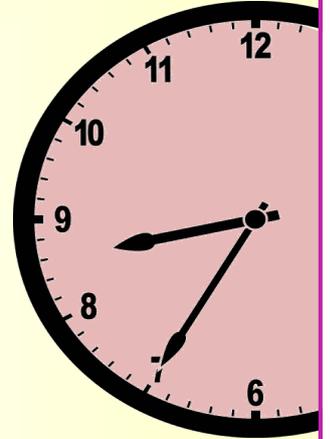


Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

A massive thank you!

Last academic year the overall attendance for Gladesmore students was a fantastic **95%**.

This would not have been possible without the help and support of you, the parents and carers.



To continue and improve this outstanding level of attendance we ask for your ongoing support.

Just to remind you, school begins at **8.40am**.

Students must be in school by **8.35am** to give them time to get to their tutor rooms to be registered at **8.40am**.

Student reward for excellent attendance and punctuality



In December we will be holding our Christmas attendance assembly. Students with excellent attendance will be awarded certificates and their names will be entered into a grand prize draw. They have a chance of winning some great prizes.

Please ensure your child comes To school every day and on time.



If they're late there's no debate . . .



When students are late for school they are given a **20 minute after school detention on the same day that they are late**. These detentions are supervised by members of the senior management team with the Attendance Team.

Students who fail to attend the same day detention, will be collected at the end of lesson 5 on the following Monday for **1 hour** detention.

Statics show that students with excellent attendance, have a better chance of achieving excellent grades.

Please use the following to contact the Attendance Team:

**☎: 020 8800 0884; select option 1
email: attendance@gladesmore.com**

ERASMUS+ KA2 PROJECT: RALLY

(Reading & Literacy through Language Learning)



Through the Erasmus+ RALLY Project, Gladesmore is working in partnership with secondary schools in Europe in order to raise competences in language learning and literacy skills. We have links with Collège Irène Joliot- Curie located in Argenteuil, France and IES Azorín located in Petrer, Spain.

In March this year, twenty Year 9 students took part in the first of three ERASMUS+ RALLY visits. They went to Alicante and Petrer in Spain for five days. The students involved spent three days in Azorín School working on language projects including radio programmes, songs and a Four Act play: all in Spanish!



In April this year, a group of Year 9 students represented Gladesmore in the second Erasmus+ RALLY project meeting, which was hosted by our link school in Paris. At the three day event, the Gladesmore



representatives worked with students from both our French and Spanish link schools. Working in groups, students used authentic French texts as the inspiration to produce a piece of drama to show how young people might meet new people in various different situations.

In September we welcomed the French and Spanish students to Gladesmore.

At the end of September this year, Gladesmore had the pleasure of hosting the third Erasmus+ RALLY project meeting which was attended by staff and students from our two link. We all worked in multilingual groups to research and produce presentations on different regions of the UK and Ireland, based on a Dragons' Den format. Their focus was on tourism for young people.

The winning groups were congratulated by our guest 'Dragons' and Michel Madelain, President of Moody's Corporation.

The students also joined in cultural visits to Greenwich, the Cutty Sark, Royal Naval College and the Royal Observatory.

Two groups of students also found time to present their work to visitors during the Prospective Parents' Open Evening!



Well done to all involved.

Year 7 Trip to the Jewish Museum

On Friday the 30th September forty Year 7 students, accompanied by Ms O'Brien, Head of RE, Ms Smith and Mr Gardiner went to the Jewish Museum in Camden.

Students learnt about Torah Scrolls and were able to practice writing like the Sofer (Torah scribe) with a goose quill and ink. They also set the table for Shabbat and tasted some Shabbat bread (Challah). Students looked at artefacts and explored the museum. The museum staff were very kind and helpful. Students learned a lot and had a great time.

Later, the museum staff emailed Ms O'Brien, to say how impressed they were our students enthusiasm, with the intelligent questions our students they asked and their excellent manners.



Year 10 PSHE: Teenage Cancer Trust



On Thursday 22nd September 2016, as part of the Year 10 PSHE programme, Ellen, from the Teenage Cancer Trust visited Gladesmore. She delivered a presentation explaining what cancer is, who it effects and the warning signs and she also encouraged students to take control of their health.

Our students also looked at the wider impact of a diagnosis. How others can be affected and the importance of feeling confident about speaking to health professionals if they thought something was wrong.

After the presentation, having considered the issues raised, students had the opportunity to speak to Ellen and ask her questions about living with, and supporting those with cancer.

To contact the Teenage Cancer Trust:
☎: 0207 612 0370 (Supporter Care Team)
email: hello@teenagecancertrust.org



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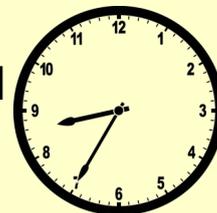
From time to time we like to use photographs and videos of our students to promote all the wonderful things achieved in the school. Therefore, it is possible that a photograph or video featuring your child could appear on our website or be used in a display, in the Gladesmore Post, or in a promotional pamphlet.

If you do not wish your child/children's image to be used in this way, please advise us in writing.

Top Tips for Parents and Carers

In order for your child to succeed at Gladesmore and do well we ask for your support. Here are some practical hints that parents want to share with other parents:

- **Ensure your child attends school every day and is on time.**
- Encourage your child to use the school library and your local public library. **Reading is VITAL for all subjects.** Talk to them about what they are reading.
- Encourage your child to read for enjoyment for at least 20 minutes every day.
- Attend Parent/Carer meetings.
- Talk your concerns through with your child and school.
- Ensure that your child has the correct equipment and is in full school uniform every day.
- **Encourage your child to attend the Success Lounge and after school clubs. Find out what clubs there are and support your child in attending regularly.**
- Find out when Modular Exams, Controlled Assessments and coursework deadlines are. Ensure your child is ready for them. This information is available to parents in the 'Setting the Tone' booklets.
- Make sure your child is prepared for School Exams - make a note of the date when the exams take place. Remind your child about them and encourage your child to revise regularly throughout the each half term.





Monday 30th January 2017
Monday 15th May 2017

All meetings are between 5:30pm ~ 6:30pm
in the GCS Library.

All parents & carers are very welcome.

To find out more about the
Parent Teacher Association or for information
on how to join, please contact,

Mr Aibangbee: aae@gladesmore.com

MEETING SCHEDULE 2017

ACCELERATE LEARNING ~ READ A BOOK!



LOST PROPERTY

Lost and misplaced items which are found around the school are often handed in to the School Office.

If your child has lost any items please ask them to check the lost property trays on the ground floor.

Items which remain unclaimed at the end of each half term will be packed up and donated to charity.

To help us return lost items to their rightful owners please make sure all possessions, especially clothing, shoes and bags have your child's name on them. You can do this by simply writing their name on the washing instruction, size or manufacturers' label with a permanent pen.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS



If your child is entitled to free school meals you could be saving on average **£10** per week or **£390** per year



To qualify you **MUST** receive **ONE** of the following:

- ★ Income Support
- ★ Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- ★ NASS Support
- ★ Guaranteed element of State Pension
- ★ Income-related Employment & Support Allowance
- ★ Child Tax Credit & your income is £16190* or less & you are **NOT** entitled to Working Tax Credit

**Maximum qualifying amount is subject to Budget changes*

For more information on how to apply,
Contact the School office on
0208 800 0884



Anti Bullying Week

Monday 14th - Friday 18th November 2016

Anti-Bullying Week in England is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. The week aims to shine a spotlight on bullying and encourage all students, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year.



The theme this year is '**Power for Good**' with the following key aims:

- To support students to use their **Power for Good** – by understanding the ways in which they are powerful and encouraging individual and collective action to stop bullying and create the best world possible.
- To help parents and carers to use their **Power for Good** – through supporting children with issues relating to bullying and working together with schools to stop bullying.

During the week, at assemblies, in PSHE lessons and at special break and lunchtime events which will include a 'Treasure Hunt' and a 'Cake Sale', we will be focusing on the issue of bullying and how to prevent it.

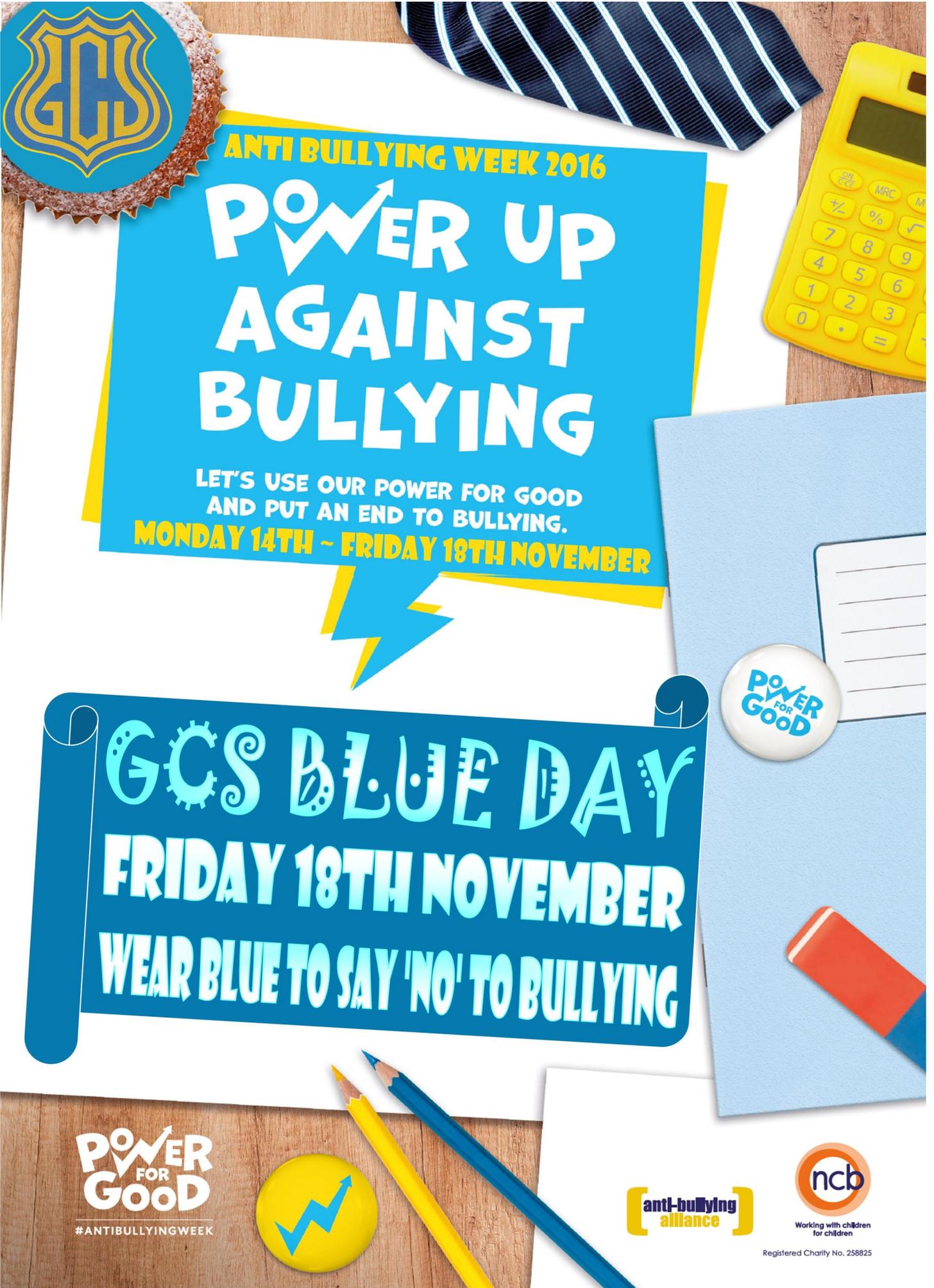
On Friday 18th November the week will end with our annual Blue Day celebration. On Blue Day, the Gladesmore family all wear blue to show that they are united against bullying. So for students, as well as full school uniform, they are encouraged to accessorize with blue items, this could be blue shoe laces; blue socks/tights; blue jewellery (beads, bangles, earrings etc); blue make up/face paint; blue nail varnish or blue hair accessories.



Anti Bullying at Gladesmore

At Gladesmore we take the issue of bullying very seriously and we have a zero tolerance policy. If you think your child is being bullied, or know of a student that is being bullied we recommend that you contact the school immediately to report it so that the child in question gets the help they that they need.

Melissa Stewart:
mst@gladesmore.com



ANTI BULLYING WEEK 2016
POWER UP AGAINST BULLYING
LET'S USE OUR POWER FOR GOOD AND PUT AN END TO BULLYING.
MONDAY 14TH ~ FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER



GCS BLUE DAY
FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER
WEAR BLUE TO SAY 'NO' TO BULLYING



POWER FOR GOOD
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



anti-bullying alliance



Working with children for children

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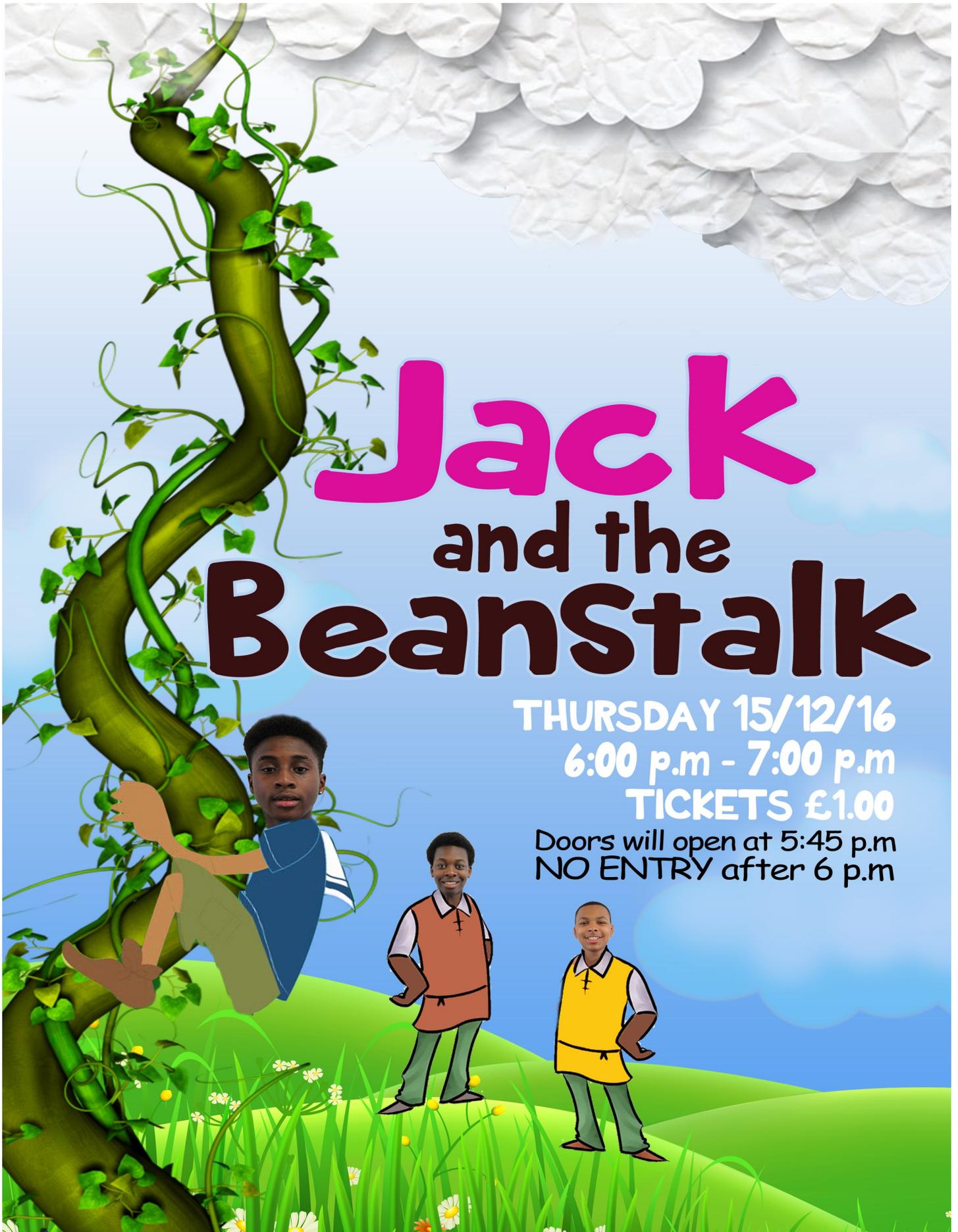
Charlie and the Art Exhibition

On September 27th and 28th the Art Department exhibited to both current and prospective parents, the outstanding work produced by our incredibly talented GSC students.

The exhibition was themed around Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. Year 7 and Year 8 Drama students helped to set the scene by performing in character as Willy Wonka, Charlie, Violet, and the Oompa Loompa's to name but a few. Refreshments were served.

The event was held in a specially erected Marquee in the playground. The art work was very well received, particularly by our visiting overseas students and teachers. We are so happy to be able to provide such a wonderful public showcase for our hard working and talented students.





Jack and the Beanstalk

THURSDAY 15/12/16

6:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m

TICKETS £1.00

Doors will open at 5:45 p.m
NO ENTRY after 6 p.m



Tickets on sale from the office or the drama department after half term,
Only 400 seats are available, be quick to avoid disappointment.



'REACH' HALL OF FAME Student of the Week 2016 ~ 2017

Congratulations to the following students:

08/09/2016

Meriam Djamila Aissi 7FBK

09/09/2016

Sabrina Figueira Dia 11MHN

15/09/2016

Mert Ogeredik 8WRD

16/09/2016

Can Danisan 10MMY

22/09/2016

Alexandru David 8ACY

06/10/2016

Luna Abourkeba 7APR

07/10/2016

John Saitine 10SPS



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 24th ~ Friday 28th October Half Term Holiday
- Monday 24th ~ Wednesday 26th October Half Term Year 11 Revision Sessions
- Monday 31st October 8:35am ~ All Year Groups return to school
- Thursday 3rd November 4:30pm ~ Year 11 Parents/Carers Evening 1
- Saturday 5th November Year 7 SHINE School 6
- Thursday 10th November Year 11 Pathways Day
Timetable suspended for Years 7, 8, 9 & 10
- Saturday 12th November Year 7 SHINE School 7
- Monday 14th ~ Friday 18th November Anti Bullying Week
- Friday 18th November GCS Blue Day
- Saturday 19th November Year 7 SHINE School 8
- Saturday 26th November Year 7 SHINE School 9
- Saturday 3rd December Year 7 SHINE School 10
- Wednesday 7th December Year 7 & 8 Review Day
Year 11 Technology Day
Review Day attendance by appointment. Timetable suspended for Years 9 & 10
- Saturday 10th December Year 7 SHINE School 11
- Friday 16th December Last day of term for students
Day ends at midday, lunch is available in the Glade Diner
- Monday 19th ~ Wednesday 21st December Teacher Training Day in lieu
Timetable suspended for all year groups
- Thursday 22nd December ~ Monday 2nd January 2017 Christmas Holiday
- Tuesday 3rd January 2017 Teacher Training Day in lieu
Timetable suspended for all year groups
- Wednesday 4th January 8:35am ~ All Year Groups return to school
- Thursday 12th January 4.30pm ~ Year 9 Parent/Carers Evening
- Saturday 14th January Year 7 SHINE School 12
- Wednesday 18th January Moderation Day 1
Timetable suspended for all year groups
- Saturday 21st January Year 7 SHINE School 13
- Saturday 28th January 9:00am ~ Year 9 Preference Morning
Year 7 SHINE School 14
- Thursday 2nd February 4.30 pm ~ Year 10 Parent/Carers Evening 1
- Saturday 4th February Year 7 SHINE School 15
- Tuesday 7th February Teacher Training Day 3
Year 11 Maths & English Day 1
Timetable suspended for Years 7, 8, 9 & 10
- Monday 15th ~ Friday 17th February Half Term Holiday
- Monday 20th February Staff PPM Day
Timetable suspended for all year groups
- Tuesday 21st February 8:35am ~ All Year Groups return to school
- Thursday 23rd February 4:30pm ~ Year 8 Parent/Carers Evening