

FAITH, FAMILY AND FELLOWSHIP

Celebratory news from across the Koinonia Federation

July 2022

A message from the Executive Co-Headteachers

Welcome to the sixth issue of our Federation Newsletter.

We would like to start by thanking the staff team for all the hard work, effort and determination they have given across the Federation over the last year. We know that it has been a challenging year and we truly appreciate all the support they have given our pupils and students to ensure they have had a safe and successful year.

Sadly, we have several members of staff leaving the Federation for pastures new. We wish them well in their next adventure and look forward to our new members of staff joining our Koinonia Family in September.

As we look ahead to the summer break, we know that it is well earned, not only for staff but also for all our learners. We hope that everyone will be able to rest and relax.

Thank you to all our families across the Federation for supporting us this academic year. We hope you and your family have an enjoyable summer.

Mrs Harrison and Mrs Wainwright

Year 6 End of Year Productions

We are extremely proud of all of our Year 6 pupils across the Federation for their brilliant end of year productions. All pupils put on an amazing performance, showcasing their musical and acting talents. We are pleased so many family members were able to join us to enjoy the shows.

Annie



The Greatest Showman



Motown Magic



Primary Phase

St Mary Magdalene Year 6

In June the St Mary Magdalene Year 6 pupils from the Woolwich campus, many who will be starting the secondary phase in September, visited one of our IT Suites at Peninsula campus as part of their transition work.

The pupils shared their feedback and really looking forward to joining Year 7 in September:

I enjoyed seeing Peninsula- Kimberley

'I enjoyed the coding' - John

'I enjoyed looking at the building of the school' - Kleber

'I enjoyed the computing sessions and liked how the school was clean and inviting' - Desmond

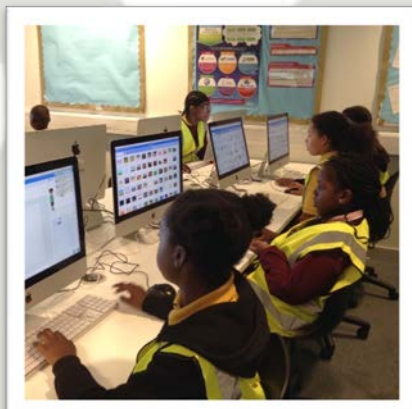
'I enjoyed the big-screened computers' - Justine

'I enjoyed meeting the teachers, they were welcoming' - Elana

'I enjoyed seeing my old teacher Mrs Ridgers' - Manoh

'I enjoyed meeting my old friends' - Grace

Ms Virdee



St Mary Magdalene Year 5 – Curie Class

In Art, Curie Class have been studying sculptures.

First, they researched sculptures and looked at famous sculptures around the world, including the Statue of Liberty. They have also been learning about the Tudor time period so we decided to make sculptures of the Tudor portraits we explored. We are so pleased with the results!

Ms Ndisang

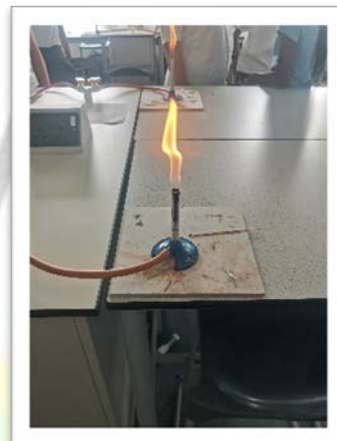


Christ Church Year 5

Year 5 at Christ Church participated in a science lesson with Mr Brown from our secondary phase as part of a transition lesson from primary to secondary. Year 5 were able to safely use Bunsen burners, to see the reaction of magnesium when in contact with fire as well as other elements like lithium and sodium! A fantastic day with Mr Brown. Thank you.

Also this term, Year 5 have been studying Macbeth. Thanks to actor and Shakespearian expert, Nyle from the Freshwater Shakespeare Company, Year 5 were able to fully immerse themselves in the characters and the world of Shakespeare during a Shakespeare workshop.

Miss Vong



St Mary Magdalene Year 5

Year 5 have had the wonderful opportunity to learn to play the ukulele, taught by Ms Mensah from our secondary phase. They learnt how to play 'I'm Yours' by Jason Mraz. They really enjoyed playing an instrument and showing their musical skills.

Mrs Murillo Rodriguez



Year 1 trip to Broadstairs

On 23rd June 2022 our five Year 1 classes undertook a day trip to Viking Bay in Broadstairs. After meticulous planning, risk assessment visits and lots of letter writing, they finally embarked on their trip, and boy, what a trip it was! All the pupils had a time of their lives. Thank you to Mrs Kristensen, Mr Lillitos, Miss Cleanthous, Miss Nicholson-Wright, Miss Batty and Ms Augustus for all the hard work that was put into ensuring the pupils had a safe, fantastic and unforgettable day at the seaside.



St Mary Magdalene Woolwich – Bring a dad to school day



In June the Woolwich Campus held a bring a dad to school day to link in with Father's Day.

We had about 80 significant male figures including dads, brothers, uncles and grandads who spent some time with their child and experienced life as a pupil at St Mary Magdalene.

In Nursery, they took part in making pizzas, in other classes they took part in Maths, PE, Reading, drawing and music.

Below is some of the feedback from the children:

Year 2 child: *I was so happy that my dad came and I got to play Jenga with him.*

Year 5 child: *My dad helped me with my times table and even gave me some answers!*

Reception child: *I liked having my grandad here because we coloured together and he danced.*

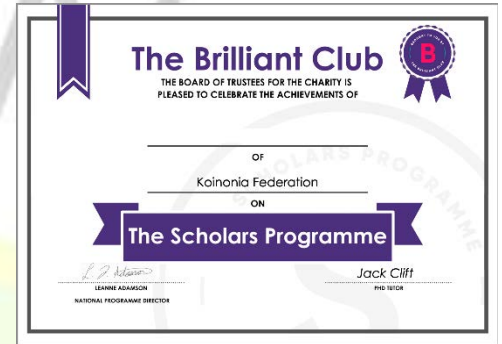
Year 3 child: *It was fun doing music together, learning about the semi-breve. Dad said what instrument he should learn to play.*

Year 4 child: *I liked how dad sat next to me and saw what I have been learning*



Brilliant Club

We have been fortunate this year to have yet again participated in the Scholar's Programme, better known as the Brilliant Club. The Scholar's Programme provides pupils in primary school with the opportunity to work with a PhD researcher from one of the UK's top universities to experience university-style learning. This style of learning helps our pupils to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to tackle challenging subjects through a chosen subject and topic within that subject. The programme also enables pupils who may not have had experience through family connections, to seriously think about the possibility of one day attending a university to further their studies. The programme has also supported each pupil in developing the skills needed to excel in the next phase of their education journey.



This year 12 Year 6 pupils were selected to participate in the Brilliant Club Scholar's programme. We had 6 pupils from Woolwich campus, 3 pupils from the Peninsula campus and 3 pupils from the Christ Church Campus. This year's theme was 'Into The Deep Dark Woods: A Journey through Literature'. The programme looked at 4 strands; 1. **Considering** how writers use nature for different literary effects; 2. **Developing** ways to analyse those effects; 3. **Understanding** how depictions of nature change in different time periods and finally 4. Pupils **practicing** these skills in writing their own piece of text through creative writing and then writing a critique of their own text. The pupils really enjoyed participating in the 6 tutorials with their tutor, Jack Cliff and learned about how nature was depicted in ancient and modern literature. All 12 pupils found it

fascinating to learning about how to analyse such different types of texts and comparing a contrasting different genre of text. I was truly amazed at the quality of both their creative writing and how well they were able to analyse, critique and explain their choices of literary language to depict their own vision of nature, using elements of style from both eras of literature. The pupils had to write a draft assignment about their analysis of either the story of Adam and Eve or the story of Persephone in the Underworld, they also studied 'Sir Gawain and the Green Knight'.

Each pupil was required to write a final assignment of 1000 words which required them to produce a piece of creative writing describing a natural setting and then to write a commentary analysing their creative writing and the effect of their authorial choices on the reader; quite a challenging task, definitely similar to the assignments I was given whilst studying English at university. The final assignments were marked and moderated by Jack and other university tutors and graded at the university standard using the university grading system of first class, second class upper, second class lower, third class and no pass.

The pupils who participated in the Scholar's Programme Brilliant Club 2022 are;

Desmond from the Woolwich Campus, who achieved a 1st class
Isaac from the Woolwich Campus, who achieved a 1st class
Olivia from the Woolwich Campus, who achieved a 2nd class
Pamilerin from the Woolwich Campus, who achieved a 2nd Class
Habiba from the Woolwich Campus, who achieved a 2nd Class
Favour from the Woolwich Campus, who achieved a 2nd Class
Renee from Peninsula Campus, who achieved a 2nd Class
Emilia from Peninsula Campus, who achieved a 2nd Class
Miriam from Christ Church Campus, who achieved a 2nd Class
Logan from Christ Church Campus, who achieved a 2nd Class
Sulayman from Christ Church Campus, who achieved a 2nd Class

We are very, very proud of our Brilliant Club pupils who achieved such fantastic scores, had worked so hard during the tutorials and had put in so much effort in writing their final assignment. We really hope that the experience they gained being part of the Brilliant Club will encourage all our pupils to have the confidence and belief in their ability to one day possibly attend university.

Mr Ermellino

Secondary Phase

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN KEY STAGE 4

This year we have run a number of initiatives to support our students:

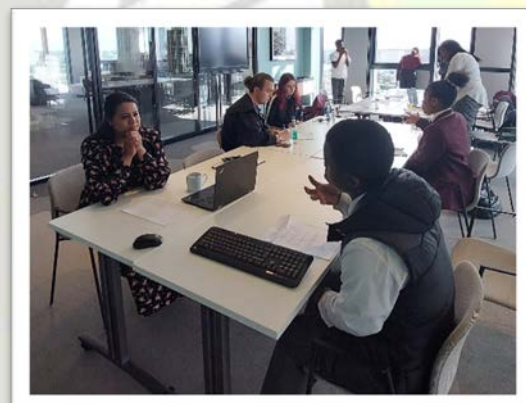
L&Q Careers Coaching Programme

Across this academic year a group of Year 11 students were selected to take part in a careers coaching programme. Within this programme students were able to learn and practice skills such as CV writing, interviews and networking. This culminated in a trip to the L&Q offices in the design district, where students were able to see the work that goes on to develop the peninsula.



Future Frontiers Careers Mentoring

Earlier in this academic year a large group of Year 10 students were taken on a series of trips to either Informatech or Funding Circle company offices in association with Future Frontiers. At the offices they were paired with a mentor who helped them identify their skills and interests and begin thinking about their careers and their life at post-16. This will conclude with one final meeting when they are in Year 11 when they are making their post-16 applications.



Year 10 Work Experience

The year 10s have worked hard across the summer term finding placements to complete 1 week of work experience. The students have been gaining confidence in approaching employers and presenting themselves professionally, helping them to take steps towards becoming more independent and gaining an insight into the world of work. Well done Year 10!

Ms Botha

Royal Borough of Greenwich Literature Quiz



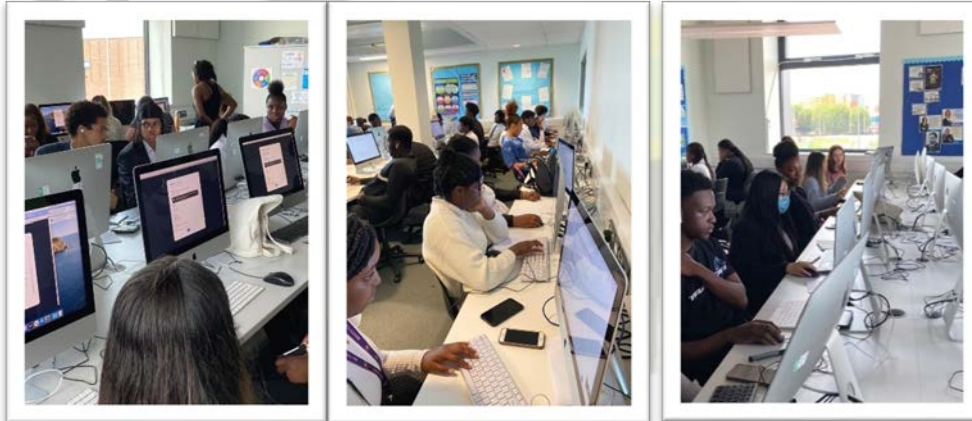
As part of the enrichment programme in the Library, this month students had an exciting opportunity to represent St Mary Magdalene among other schools in a yearly Royal Borough of Greenwich Literature Quiz. Students had an exciting chance to meet children's author, Sarah Morrell and compete and test their literature knowledge.

The RBG Quiz was a great event and among many teams, our students were awarded 4th place.

Ms Mnatsakan

Sixth Form

UCAS Applications



On Thursday 14th July our first ever Y12 cohort began their UCAS application. Students were excited at the thought of planning for their futures. Students also realised just how quick their sixth form experience has been. One of the sixth form students were overheard excitedly saying "Roll on Y13!"

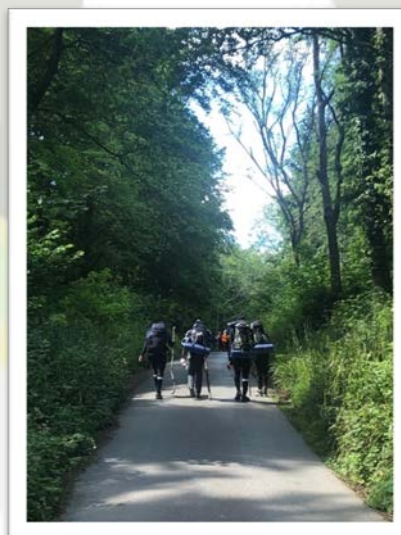
Ms Kwabi

Duke of Edinburgh Award – Sixth Form

On weekend of 9th July, 35 of our students took part on their Silver Expedition all passing with flying colours.

On the first weekend, the practice, students embarked on a 3 day trek through Ashdown Forest, staying overnight for two nights at a campsite in the Forest. Despite some of our students over packing they all kept the morale high whilst working together to navigate a map with an instructor. Students worked in groups to set up tents, cook dinner and prepare breakfast and set up a camp fire for the evening. The weekend continued with the students becoming more independent and getting around the forest without the help of an instructor.

On the second weekend, the assessment, students arrived better prepared with lighter bags to carry. The sun was shining and again the students created a brilliant atmosphere from start to finish. Students trekked in groups through the New Forest, navigating their way through different fields, footpaths and woodland areas. A highlight was seeing the wild ponies! Students played sports in the evenings whilst cooking dinner and worked together to keep the camp organised and tidy. All students completed the weekend gaining their Silver Certificate and were rightly so very proud of themselves.



Sixth Form

Cambridge University Visit – written by Martyna (Sixth Form Student)

Visiting Cambridge was an experience that enlightened amazing knowledge into the life that transpires in the grounds. Before visiting, we all had a vague understanding of Cambridge but after leaving, we all fell in love with the lifestyle and aesthetic of the place as it offered a scramble of old castle-like structures and modern research blocks with massive libraries offering limitless knowledge for its students.

Upon arriving, we visited a marketplace style presentation room where we had lecturers and professors to quiz about specifics of the desired courses we wanted to study in Cambridge. We had a variety of interests ranging from Economics, Law to Natural Science, Psychology and History. As a collective, we managed to gain great and useful information which made Cambridge stand out in comparison to other top universities as it offered more perks and opportunities than the usual course, guiding and fulfilling our interests. We understood how to apply and perform in each course as well as the vastness of choices we were given to choose from. This really allows the personalisation of your studies and gives great opportunity to master and focus on what interests you the most.



With an amazing alumni of Cambridge and the Koinonia Federation Co-Headteacher: Mrs Harrison, we toured the grounds and even visited one of the many museums where we viewed fossils and other artefacts from the prehistoric era proving one of the variety of activities Cambridge offers. Along our route, we also visited King's College and Gonville & Caius and heard how the collegiate system that Cambridge operates. Gonville & Caius was a favourite as it had amazing student accommodation where numerous amounts of support was shown to its inhabitants through modes of therapy and emotional support, economically through loans as well as physically where gyms and sports clubs were encouraged for social and recreational purposes. King's College had amazing grounds where punting was the main mode of transport along the River Cam under the bridges that harmoniously connected the grounds. In awe, all of us posed with genuine smiles for some pictures on the bridges as we learned how impressive Cambridge actually was.



Further along our route, we reached a square where the Criminology, Law, History, Language and Classics buildings were located. We all agreed to separate and explore the grounds of our personal places of interest. The Classics building had a beautiful gallery of Roman and Greek statues that, as a visitor, along with Paulina, we found extremely interesting. To quote Paulina "the gallery was mesmerising and contained a beautiful and unique selection of statues that allowed for the Roman and Greek history to be told through this mode of art." The Law building was just as impressive. With a large library and huge collections of books as well as law materials, law students could feel at home and supported with their studies as many resources were available for use along with study bubbles running sessions for support. Isha, who wanted to study Law as well as being a major bookworm, absolutely adored the libraries. Criminology was a much smaller building but was able to provide details on

the niches that it allowed students to study and was also accompanied by a huge library; not to mention many of the lecturers being published authors in this field. To quote Aiste "this is what I've been dreaming to study."

When lunchtime arrived there was no worry toward food choices. The town centre was full of diverse choices of food and shops allowing us to happily rest in a restaurant and pass the warm lunch with a great meal.

Lastly, just before leaving, we all received another tour from a student at Gonville & Caius. We saw the library of the college and found it to be massive with two floors for studying and general reading to occur. Our tour guide also enlightened us about the college's traditions explaining undergraduates are given a university husband, wife, mother etc to create a circle of friends and study buddies to ensure a joyous and supportive learning experience at Cambridge.

All of us loved the experience and found Cambridge to be just the university we all wanted to go to. Kenzo and Amy believed it offers "a great academia aesthetic" and loved Cambridge as a place to study.

This Half Term's Sports News

SMM ATHLETICS SUCCESS – What a season!

Girls Greenwich Athletics Championships:



40 girls from Y7-Y10 participated at the Greenwich School Borough Championships in June with some excellent individual results. The Y10 girls team finished top of the medals table and won the title of Greenwich Schools Borough Champions!

Athletes who finished on the podium for their event:

Chloe (Y7): Javelin – 3rd

Amaarisah (Y8): Shot Put – 1st

Ferrari (Y9): Shot Put – 2nd

Sacha (Y9): 300m – 3rd

Year 10 Relay Team: 4x100m Relay – 1st

Faith (Y10): 100m – 1st

Faith (Y10): 300m – 1st

Jasmeena (Y10): 800m – 3rd

Ogechi (Y10): Hurdles – 2nd

Mina (Y10): Discus – 2nd

Jessica (Y10): Triple Jump – 3rd

Girls Athletics Squad photo below:

Boys Greenwich Athletics Championships:

40 boys from Y7-Y10 participated at the Greenwich School Borough Championships in July with some excellent individual results.

Athletes who finished on the podium for their event:

Daniel (Y8): High Jump – 2nd

Michael (Y9): High Jump – 2nd

Michael (Y9): Long Jump – 1st

Elroy (Y8): Long Jump – 1st

Daniel (Y9): Discus – 1st

Nekemka (Y8): Shot Put – 3rd

Emmanuel (Y8): 100m Final – 2nd Year 8 Relay Team: 4x100m Relay

Final – 2nd The year 8 team finished 4th overall out of 15 teams; an excellent achievement with huge potential for next summer's competitions!

Ex-SMM pupil represents Team GB at the U18 European Athletics Championships!

Ex-pupil Dejaune (now in Y12 at Oaklands College on an Athletics Scholarship) was selected to represent Great Britain in the 100m at the U18 European Athletics Championships after clocking a qualifying time of 10.53s. Dejaune won his first heat with a time of 10.50s to qualify for the semi-final, he then won his semi-final with a time of 10.33s (wind assisted) and qualified for the final. Dejaune finished 6th in the final recording a PB time of 10.48s. Dejaune also competed in the Medley Relay where his Team GB quartet finished third and took home the BRONZE medal! This is an outstanding achievement and is hopefully only the beginning for this great young athlete.



Dejaune: 100m Finalist – Team GB

SMM Athletes selected to represent London at the English Schools Athletics Championships!

Faith (Y10) and Divine (Y11) competed at the English Schools Athletics Championships in Manchester after their excellent performances for both the school team and the Greenwich Borough team. Divine competed in the 100m Inters Boys and Faith competed in the 200m Inters Girls. Both pupils have worked extremely hard and fully deserved their place at this national competition, well done!

Faith: 200m Inters Girls – Lane 4, no.49.

Divine: 100m Inters Boys – Lane 8, no.50.



London Schools Athletics Results

After recent success representing SMM, six pupils attended the London Schools Athletics Championships, representing Greenwich.

Lloyd O (Y11), David P (Y11), Ephraim A (Y9), Michael O (Y9), Faith A (Y10) and Divine A (Y11).

Here are some excellent results:

Michael O – 2nd in High Jump!

Divine A – 2nd in 100m – has been selected to represent London at the National Finals!

Faith A – 1st in 100m - has been selected to represent London at the National Finals!



Mr Lawrence

Sports Day – St Mary Magdalene, Peninsula

This year we were very fortunate to welcome our wonderful parents and carers for Sports Day. The children roughly enjoyed their day and all the activities that were planned. Parents and carers brought a great atmosphere to their day and encouraged the children to participate in all Sporting activities. We are also thankful to our secondary BTEC Sports students who helped run the events.

Mrs Murillo Rodriguez



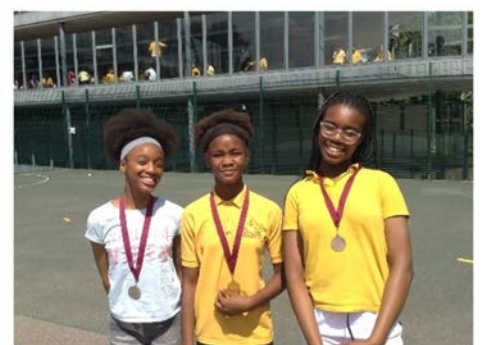
Sports Day – St Mary Magdalene, Woolwich

This year at Woolwich we had a school wide sports day with children from Reception to Year 6 taking part in 15 different activities over the day. We were delighted to be able to share this day with parents again for the first time in over 3 years and celebrated on the MUGA pitch with a picnic and some dancing.

On the 13th of July we had our school races with the fastest children from each year group taking each other on. Well done to our winners and all those that took part!

I would also like to say, 'well done' to our Boys' and Girls' football teams who have represented the school in local leagues since December. Congratulations to the boys who were voted as the team that best showed the Olympic value of equality over the year.

Mrs Laird



Ideas for the holiday...

Free holiday club spaces with food

Children aged 4 – 16 and eligible for free school meals can get a free holiday club place this summer through Holiday Food and Fun.

The council is working with lots of holiday clubs all over the borough to make sure every child can attend a fun social club during the holidays at no cost to families.

Visit royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidayfoodandfun to find your local club and sign your child up for a summer of Holiday Food and Fun.



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2022

COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL



ASDA CAFE Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend from 25th July - 4th Sept 2022	WHITBREAD INNS Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased
FUTURE INNS Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal during the school holidays	MORRISONS Spend £4.99 after 3pm daily & get one free kids meal (usually all day during half term)
TABLE TABLE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!	HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat breakfast free with every adult breakfast, daily from 9am - 12pm.
YO! SUSHI Kid's eat free from 3pm-5.30pm, Monday to Thursday until 1st September 2022	BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Monday to Thursday
THE REAL GREEK Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult	CAFE ROUGE Kids eat for £1 when you order one adult's main meal. Excludes Saturdays
SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.	SA BRAINS PUBS Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Only valid Wednesdays but on all day
BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!	ANGUS STEAKHOUSE One free children's meal per paid adult meal 12-5pm daily throughout the holidays

CACT run Young Greenwich on behalf of RBG

Do you live or study in Royal Greenwich? Are you aged 8 to 19? Become a member of Young Greenwich for free and get access to a variety great activities. Take opportunities, meet friends, learn new skills and go on fantastic trips!

Refer into health and wellbeing services in the local area. We also provide help and support for parents/carers, and offer a range of activities that can be delivered in schools.

Click here for more information: <http://www.young-greenwich.org.uk/>

The Photography Foundation - Free Events

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/the-photography-foundation-33369642753>

Below is a bio/ a bit about us:

Our mission is simple: to create pathways to professional photography for less advantaged and under-represented young adults in London, empowering them to launch a career in the creative industries.

Since 2020, we have delivered three training programmes and a diverse programme of talks & workshops. We're all about making photography and creative careers more accessible.

In April, we moved to the Design District, and are excited to connect with local young people, through volunteering opportunities, events & visits to our studio.

Free activities for SEND young people

Email
futureversity@cact.org.uk
with your child's name,
phone number and
choice of activity to book
your place.



Tour de France

There is a fabulous Tour de France event on the Greenwich Peninsula this coming weekend (23-24 July, 2022) with food and activities for young, old and everyone in between.

Sustrans' are hosting a number of cycling activities, for example, you can get your bicycle checked out at the Dr Bike session, or practice your cycle skills if you need a boost in both skills and confidence and there are led rides taking you to along the beautiful Thames Path to explore the Peninsula's maritime history and art trails. Other fun cycling activities are Disco Bike and getting creative making jewellery using old parts from bikes.

Please note that you will have to pre-book some sessions.

For more details please [click here](#)

To find out more about Sustrans, please [click here](#)