

Celebratory news from across the Koinonia Federation



Newsletter

Message from the Federation Executive Co-Headteachers

This term, it has been a pleasure to welcome our new Reception pupils, Year 7s, and Year 12s, all of whom have settled quickly into the life of the Federation. We have greatly enjoyed getting to know our new pupils and their families and we are delighted by the enthusiasm and energy they have brought to our community.

We have also welcomed several new staff members across our campuses this term. They have already become valued members of our Koinonia Family, contributing their talents and dedication to our shared mission.

After an eight-week half term, there is much to celebrate across the Federation. Our Harvest Festivals were a wonderful reminder of how we live out our Federation motto: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Thank you to all the parents who joined us for these special occasions.

Throughout October, our schools have embraced a rich programme of activities to mark Black History Month. We hope you enjoy reading about these events and seeing the many photos that capture the celebration of culture, heritage, and belonging that lies at the heart of our community.

We are also incredibly proud of our secondary students who have represented the Federation at significant events across London—and even at Glastonbury! From performing at the Notting Hill Carnival to playing flag football in a stadium of 50,000 people, these remarkable experiences will no doubt be treasured for years to come.

As we begin the half-term break, we hope you and your family find time to relax, reflect, and enjoy being together.

Mrs Claire Harrison and Mrs Victoria Wainwright

Eucharist Celebration

The Bishop of Southwark, Bishop Christopher welcomed school leaders from across the Diocese for the start of year Eucharist at Southwark Cathedral earlier this term. During the service, Bishop Christopher blessed the SDBE Vision 2025: Belong, Serve, Thrive. Headteachers and chaplains new to SDBE schools were celebrated. Mr Benn and Mr Riley, Co-Principals for our secondary phase were presented with a Bible to mark the occasion.

We also congratulated the many governing boards who received their Bishop's Certificate in Church School Governance, which includes our Koinonia Federation Governing Body.



HARVEST

This half term we have been celebrating Harvest across the Federation. As well as singing, praising and praying, our children have been thinking about what things grow in us as we grow.

Rev Dom described what it would be like to have a grumpy, angry seed growing in our hearts, or good seeds full of smiles and kindness. He then also helped us think about the God seed that is within us and how we could grow that seed to grow in faith and love and joy and hope.

We are very grateful for the donations of food and groceries and toiletries that families have brought. They will be distributed to the most in need in our community and Greenwich Foodbank for it to positively impact the wider community.

Our thanks go to our teachers leading on Spiritual and Cultural aspects of our campuses, to our pupil faith teams who helped lead worship and our secondary choir for singing praise songs for us.

Peninsula

We celebrated Harvest Festival at the primary Peninsula Campus on Tuesday 8th of October. We are extremely grateful for the contributions received from our families and hope it goes some way in making a difference to the lives of those in our community.

Mrs Ajayi



Christ Church

The Harvest Service was a special occasion that gave staff, children, and parents the opportunity to give thanks for all the good things we have and to think of those in need. The children shared songs, prayers, and readings reflecting the theme of gratitude and giving. Lots of families joined us in this joyful celebration of community and thankfulness.

We received generous donations of tinned and packaged food for the local food bank, all of which were greatly appreciated.

The service was led by Rev Dom and was an immensely uplifting and meaningful event.

Mrs Eggleston



Woolwich



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

🎵☁️ Year 2 Black History Activities ☁️🎵

Year 2 have had a fantastic time celebrating Black History Month! They learned all about the inspiring lives of Ella Fitzgerald, Wangari Maathai, and Martin Luther King Jr., celebrating their incredible contributions to music, the environment, and equality.

🌍❤️ They wrote their own "I have a dream" clouds, created beautiful nature collages using outdoor plants to reflect Wangari Maathai's love for trees, and even composed their own scatty songs just like Ella Fitzgerald 🎤✨



Check out our fantastic work for black history! We have been learning about prominent black people who have made fantastic contributions to our society like Martin Luther King, Alma Thomas, Wangari Maathai.



Ms Akin



Alma Thomas

The Nursery children at Woolwich have enjoyed learning about the artist Alma Thomas. They have been learning the names of the colours of the rainbow and this has helped them make their Art pieces, using a similar method to Alma Thomas. They enjoyed using polystyrene rectangular pieces to represent the block printing art technique used by the artist.

Afterwards, we decided to use the same style, colour and method of printing to paint our names!

Mrs Turner



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Year 1 Black History Month – Carnival Celebration!

As part of our Black History Month learning, Year 1 at Peninsula explored the vibrant traditions of Carnival, celebrating the rich culture and heritage of the Caribbean. We looked at the music, dancing, and dazzling costumes that bring Carnival to life. Inspired by what we learned, the children designed and created their own colourful Carnival masks using card, feathers, gems, and lots of bright colours.



Ms Trainor



As part of Black History Month, Year 1 at Peninsula learnt about Claudia Jones, well known for starting Notting Hill Carnival. The children can their own carnival masks and even got to parade around class.



Ms Hellyer

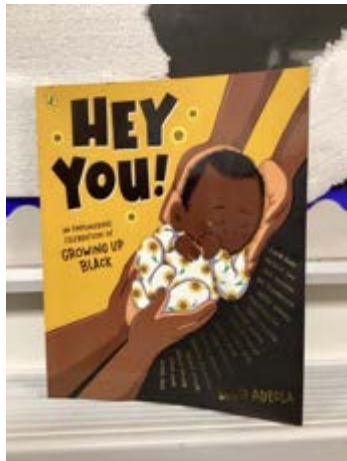


Hey You

Year 1 at Woolwich celebrated Black History Month by reading a special book titled Hey You! It shows our children they can choose to be great and wonderful people in society no matter what comes their way.

Children made some affirmations such as "I am great", "I am wonderful" and "I am loved".

Ms Okungbowa



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

🌟🌟 Christ Church Culture Day Celebration 🌟🌟

At Christ Church our hall came alive with colour and joy as children across the school dressed up in beautiful outfits representing different cultures. Year group by year group, they proudly showed off their fantastic clothes, celebrating the rich diversity that makes our school community so special. 🌍👗👔👑👑

"It was so good because there were so many countries shown that I've never seen before. It was good to see some different country clothes." - Ava Y2



Ms Akin



Carnival Masks

Year 1 at Woolwich painted their carnival masks as we celebrated various black people who have contributed positively to the community.

We explored the impact of Claudia Jones an activist who organised the first Notting Hill carnival.

Ms Okungbowa



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Culture Day and International Evening at Woolwich

During the morning of International Day this month, Woolwich campus had a collective worship led by Rev Dom. He told us all about his pilgrimage to the Holy Land and about the Church of Pater Noster in Jerusalem, which means 'church of our father.' He showed us photos of along the cloisters where there are 150 panels, each one displaying the Lord's Prayer in a different language.

After the collective worship, we all went onto the muga pitch to take part in the parade of our wonderful costumes. Some of our parents came and joined us for this too. We played music, danced and showed off our cultural dress.

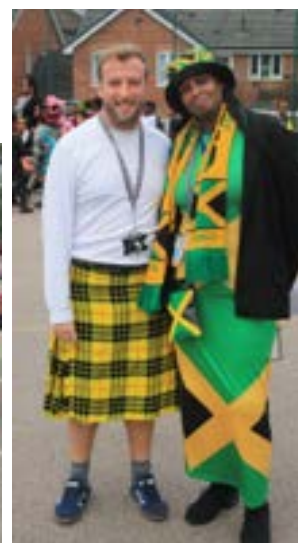
We had a wonderful time during our culture day at Woolwich and our International Evening was even better!

Firstly, we must say that we are so very proud of our Year 6 girls from Einstein Class! They set themselves a target to raise £60 by selling items that they had crocheted during their breaktimes. They wanted to raise this money to give to Tear Fund for their Toilet Twinning project; where a safe and sanitary toilet is provided for a village in another country that does not have one.

Thank you to our parents and carers who came to celebrate with us, played our games, spent their pennies and shared in the cultural dishes that were on offer.

A wonderful time was had by all.

Ms Thomas



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Culture Day at Peninsula

The children at Peninsula proudly celebrated Black History Month by dressing in their beautiful cultural outfits, exploring activities from different cultures, and taking part in a joyful parade during Collective Worship.

They also showcased their incredible work on display boards, celebrating influential Black figures in science, art, music, and pioneers of change. What an inspiring celebration of culture, learning, and unity!

Miss Bryan



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Reception Class

Reception children have had a fantastic time celebrating Black History Month through a variety of creative and engaging activities.

We began by learning about Alma Thomas, a pioneering African American artist known for her bright, bold and colourful abstract paintings. Inspired by her joyful use of colour and pattern, the children created their own beautiful artwork, experimenting with shape, repetition, and vibrant colours.

Next, we learned about Mae Jemison, the first African American woman to travel into space. The children were fascinated by her bravery and determination. They created their own space-themed art.

To round off our celebrations, we had great fun learning some swing dance moves! The children discovered that this energetic dance style originated in African American communities in the 1920s and 30s. With lots of smiles and enthusiasm, they tried out some simple steps and enjoyed moving to the rhythm of the music.

It's been a joyful and inspiring month, filled with learning, creativity, and celebration!

Mrs Bdeir



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Lord Tony Sewell visit

To celebrate Black History Month, the Social Science department in our secondary phase welcomed House of Lords Peer and educational researcher Lord Tony Sewell for a talk with GCSE Sociology, A Level Sociology and A Level Politics students. Lord Sewell spoke about his life as a black man in London, his perceptions of the challenges in society for young people today and why he has dedicated his life to education and educational research.

All students had spent time researching Lord Sewell before the event and presented him with some challenging, critical and considered questions around his research. This was a fantastic opportunity for students, which they fully embraced and enjoyed.

Ms Leach



Football display

To celebrate Black History Month, a display (detailing the contribution of black men and women to the game of football) has been set up on the L&E floor (opposite the staff room). The display includes a selection of biographies about the many black men and women who made their mark on the 'beautiful game' in the UK (and abroad).

If anybody students are interested in learning about the history of football, feel free to come down and look at the display (in their own free time).

Mr McCrossan



PRIMARY FEDERATION

Light Prayer Party

This week, Mrs Gibbs and Rev Dom have led a 'light prayer party' for all of the primary children across the Federation.

Choosing from a number of activities, the children were exploring the light of God, their hopes and prayers for the future and exploring how the light of love might be shared with others.

Each class spent a short time reflecting and praying, creating and sharing.

The session began with a moment of quiet reflection as we joined together in prayer, thanking God for His love and light in our lives. Followed by a range of creative activities, each one helping them to explore the theme of light, love, and God's presence. Children hung bright ribbons on a special "light tree". Using glow-in-the-dark paper, the children expressed their thoughts and feelings through drawing, and they loved making glowing shapes with colourful glow sticks.

It was a joyful a special experience for the children to take part in. A big thank you to Mrs Gibbs & Rev Dom!



PRIMARY - Woolwich

MacMillian Cake Sale

Thank you to all the parents/carers that brought in cakes to sell to help raise money for MacMillian Cancer Research. We had some homemade cakes also.

You helped raise £113.00.

Again, thank you so much

Ms Thomas



London Eye Trip

Year 5 Faraday and Curie classes had an amazing trip to the London Eye, linked to our class text *The London Eye Mystery*. We boarded our pods at the exact time when Salim went missing in the story! The children loved spotting famous London landmarks — we even saw Buckingham Palace!!

Mr Hodgson and Mrs Bennett

Greenwich Park

Year 3 went on a trip to Greenwich Park to discover the old and new features of Greenwich Park. We found old trees, the Queen's House and the statue of James Wolfe. A new feature we discovered was the skyline on London such as Canary Wharf buildings.

Year 3 Team

Pupil Voice

'I enjoyed learning outside and drawing old and new things from Greenwich Park.'

'I liked seeing the Queen's House and all of the animals in the park.'



PRIMARY - Woolwich

Woolwich Carnival

Previous Year 4 pupils, now Year 5, had an amazing time performing at the Woolwich Carnival with TARU. They performed the skills that they have learned including drumming, dancing and moving to the beat! The day was enjoyed by all the parents and teachers who came out to support them!

Miss Cleanthous

Brylee:

We went around the Woolwich market. And we had to wear red shirts to show that we were in the parade. I had red on we also had some drummers and dancers. I saw some friends and met new people. And there was a lot of food there the people were dancing and singing. I had so much fun.

Stephanie:

The Taru carnival was very fun. There was a lot of drumming and dancing it started from all the way at Woolwich Works, it was so loud. It was so hot and we were all thirsty but luckily there was people walking around with water and food and we loved it. They gave us our own red shirts to wear and I loved them so much it was very big but I folded it. The carnival went on and on till the Woolwich Square.

Ademide:

When we went to the carnival, I was a dancer our group was the smallest out of the dancers but we still made the best out of it. We started at Woolwich brooks and went all the way to Woolwich big screen we were so hot when we got close to the end, we got water.



Reception RE



In RE, Reception children have been learning about what the Bible says about how God created us. We explored how each of us is wonderfully unique — in how we look and in the special things we're good at. We looked in the mirror to appreciate the amazing bodies God has given us, then used our art resources to create beautiful self-portraits. Thank you, God!

Mrs Bdeir

PRIMARY - Woolwich

All About Me!

Monet Nursery class have been 'busy little bees' this first half term. They have enjoyed learning about themselves by painting pictures of their faces, naming their body parts by playing with puzzles and learning familiar nursery songs and rhymes about how to look after themselves. They made some beautiful collages of their family too. They have been learning about their emotions and rules of the classroom such as 'good sitting', 'good looking', 'good listening' and 'good concentration.'

The children have also been listening to stories and songs about Autumn. They have made amazing owls, scarecrows and hedgehogs for the Nursery classroom displays! To celebrate harvest the children made pumpkin soup and it was yummy!

It really has been a super first half term with your little ones as their confidence grows to work and play independently. They all seem very happy to come to Nursery now and learn exciting new things everyday!

Mrs Turner – Class teacher



Greenwich Park

For this half term, Year 1 went on trip to Greenwich Park. They got to go on the bus then observe the Human Features of the park as part of their Geography learning. They went for a walk then even got to play in the play park before returning back to school for lunch.

Ms Hellyer



PRIMARY - Woolwich

Reception Art Project

Our new Reception children began their journey at 'big school' with a creative art project. Inspired by the work of artist Stephanie Jephson, they explored different fabrics and materials to create their own unique artwork.

Carefully selecting a variety of colours and textures, the children collaborated to produce a vibrant garden-themed wall hanging that now brightens up our classroom.

Mrs Bdeir



Nursery Art Project

The children in Monet Class had lots of fun creating their own lily pond paintings. They used big water brushes to paint the pond, then stipple brushes to add the bullrushes and pond weed. Afterwards, they used soft cotton pads to make the water lilies floating on top. Finally, they mixed red and white paint together to make pretty pink buds for their lilies.

Mrs Turner



PRIMARY - Woolwich

Field Work

Year 1 took part in some field work making primary observations of our local area – identifying human and physical features. They also devised maps using a simple map key – identifying symbols from map keys using older aerial maps of the local area. Neto said – “I can see the river! it is a physical feature.”

Ms Okungbowa



Field Work

Year 1 enjoyed some time with Rev Dom sharing the importance of being God's children and showing how we can be the light of the world.

Children completed different activities such as designing a candle, tying a ribbon to show there is hope in a dark world and drawing a picture to remember their loved ones.

Ms Okungbowa



Mental Health Champions

Our Mental Health Champions have been working so hard this term by helping our children manage their emotions. For example; a child was upset because they fell down and hurt their knee. Then the Mental Health Champion informed a First Aider and looked after them afterwards.

PSHE Team

PRIMARY – Peninsula

Soup Making

Year 3 Jerwood and Sanders made Leek and Potato soup this term following our DT lessons. The children learnt about seasonal vegetables, different cooking methods and knife skills. The children participated in chopping and slicing the vegetables and then mixing the soup together after blending.

Student voice:

"I enjoyed chopping up the leeks and potatoes. We had to be careful with the knives as they were sharp."

"My favourite part was watching the vegetables get blended up in the bowl."

"We learnt how to do a bridge hold when slicing."

Miss Wade



Reading Certificates

We had 4 girls get the first set of reading certificates this school year and they went shopping with Mrs. Ajayi.



MacMillan Cake Sale

We were part of the Macmillan movement and hosted a cake sale, raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 3rd of October. We had so many cakes we sold it over 3 days. We raised £100 for the charity. Many thanks to the generosity of our parents and families for supporting people living with cancer.

Mrs Ajayi



PRIMARY – Peninsula

London Eye

On 30th September Year 5 had an exciting visit to the London Eye as part of their topic on *The London Eye Mystery*. Seeing the famous Ferris wheel up close helped bring the story to life and gave the children a real sense of its size and structure.

As we arrived the children audibly gasped at the size of the London Eye, which was brilliant to see and hear! There were some nerves expressed about how we were going to get on it, as it was slowly moving, however, when it came to boarding, they were focussed and very self-controlled.

Both classes were fascinated about all the London sights they could see. We were complemented as being very organised and calm as a school.

Year 5 Team

Student voice

"The London Eye was very good because it was big and mighty!" Habeeb

"It was very fun but I closed my eyes half of the way round because I was scared about the height and because the capsule was made out of glass!" Jack

"It was amazing throughout the ride, but when I first went on it was really scary because I was worried about falling between the platform and the capsule entrance." Hannah



PRIMARY – Christ Church

London Eye

Year 5 are currently reading *The London Eye Mystery* by Siân Dowd. The story revolves around the mysterious disappearance of the main character at this famous London landmark. Recently, we were fortunate enough to visit the London Eye ourselves.

On a beautifully sunny day, we enjoyed incredible views and were able to spot iconic landmarks such as Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, and many more



Ms Ewusi-Aikins



Carbon Monoxide Workshop

In Year 2 we had an exciting workshop learning all about carbon monoxide and how to stay safe at home! The children explored, asked questions, and discovered why safety matters every day. They learnt about different types of fire, and which are good or bad.

Quotes:

Taj

Today we played the game that we had to do something if you were sick, dizzy or sleepy and the people that are sitting down have to guess it

Joshua

And that if fire doesn't work properly, it doesn't it it's orange and if it's good fire, then it's blue

Ms Akin



PRIMARY – Christ Church

Year 2 Art Project

Take a look at Year 2's bright and bold creations inspired by the vibrant art of Alma Thomas.

Before we painted our final piece, we explored using colour and pattern. We practised Alma Thomas' signature techniques of bold brushstrokes and vibrant Shapes to create our own circles of flowers

We spent lots of time learning about this significant woman; Alma Thomas. From her early life to her colourful creations – she inspires us to be creative, bold, and to see the world in bright, beautiful was!



Ms Akin



Church Visit

Year 6 went to St Alfege's Church to explore the Holy Trinity. We had the pleasure of speaking to Reverend Tatty who explained how tricky the Holy Trinity is. We were able to explore the church to see how The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit is represented in the church.

Miss Stock



Drumming

Year 6 were invited to Greenwich library to take part in African drumming to celebrate Black History Month.

We took turns drumming different rhythms creating layers of sound.

Ms Stock

PRIMARY – Christ Church

Rev Dom Visit

Reception Class had a visit from Rev Dom. He taught us what it means to belong and to be part of a community in our Church of England school. We looked at the story of the lost sheep and the story of Zacchaeus, which taught us that no one is ever truly forgotten and that everyone is welcomed with open arms. It was a wonderful reminder of kindness, inclusion, and belonging.

Miss Baptiste



Road Safety Workshop

Ann from the borough came in to give Reception class a workshop all about being safe when out on the road. Reception practised crossing at a zebra crossing and the important job of a lollipop person.

We remembered the road rules of stop, look, listen and think! And we remembered to dress brightly in our reflective clothes.

Thank you, Ann!

Miss Baptiste



SECONDARY

Performing Arts – From Greenwich to Glastonbury

The Music Department has been working closely with NYJO (National Youth Jazz Orchestra), culminating in a fantastic outdoor Summer Showcase on Saturday 12th July at Woolwich Works. This collaboration provided students with the opportunity to perform in a professional setting and experience the energy of a live audience in a local and vibrant cultural venue.

Throughout the year, we've also been fortunate to support many students in accessing valuable work experience opportunities within the industry. These have included placements with NYJO at Woolwich Works, Pineapple Studios, and Tramshed. Esther (10BWS) was especially lucky to complete her placement at Pineapple Studios. Reflecting on the experience, she said: "I had a very positive experience. I would love to get into theatre, and this gave me a great insight."

Latara and Caleb performed at Glastonbury with the Ezra Collective "the experience of a lifetime." In addition to these opportunities, students from St Mary Magdalene proudly performed at the Notting Hill Carnival, contributing their talents to one of London's most iconic cultural celebrations.

Our Performing Arts Department also delivered an amazing production of *Matilda the Musical* this summer. The photos on display show the students' journey from auditions in January through to the final performance on Monday 14th July. Students from across year groups took part, showcasing their talents in acting, singing, and dancing, and demonstrating their creative potential within our school community.

Revellers to flock to Notting Hill Carnival for final day of partying

The children's day parade took place on Sunday and will be followed by the main event on Monday.
London Evening Standard - Monday 12 August 2023 00:00 GMT



SECONDARY

Cultural Exchange with Buenos Aires Students

On Thursday, 9th October, and Friday, 10th October, our school had the privilege of welcoming 43 students from Buenos Aires, Argentina, for two days of cultural exchange and language learning.

Our Year 11 students welcomed the Argentinian group as soon as they arrived. Together, they began with questionnaires designed for the language exchange and to get to know each other better. They then enjoyed a tour of the school, exploring classrooms and facilities, followed by presentations where students proudly showcased their traditions, food, and drinks. Everyone had fun exchanging sweets, tea, and stories while learning about each other's cultures.

Later in the afternoon, the Argentinian students played the guitar and sang a beautiful song, and then five of our Year 11 girls performed a harmonious song, creating a wonderful musical exchange full of joy and appreciation.

The experience was not only about language practice but also about building friendships and understanding different perspectives. As some of the Argentinian students expressed:

"It was an enriching experience that allowed me to see the world from different perspectives and discover new ways of thinking."

"This cultural exchange strengthened my confidence and my ability to communicate with people from another culture."

"We met wonderful people and created memories that will last forever."

The exchange was a wonderful reminder of how languages, music, and cultural experiences bring people closer together, leaving both groups inspired and motivated.

Ms Tormo



SECONDARY

SMM Girls Flag Football Shine at the NFL London Game

On Sunday 12th October, our Girls Flag (American) Football Team experienced a truly unforgettable day as special guests of the New York Jets at their NFL game against the Denver Broncos at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

Upon arrival, the team received an incredible surprise — they had been invited to play a Flag Football showcase match on the very same pitch where the NFL game would later take place, performing in front of a crowd of more than 50,000 fans.

The girls rose to the occasion, playing brilliantly and showing great teamwork and determination. One of the standout moments came when Rebecca A-M ran in a spectacular touchdown for StMM, earning cheers from the stadium.

But the surprises didn't stop there! The girls were then invited to form a guard of honour on the pitch, welcoming the New York Jets as they entered the field from the tunnel — an incredible moment and a memory they'll cherish forever.

Throughout the day, the team also had the chance to meet a number of familiar faces, including Aitch, Nella Rose, and members of the Great Britain Flag Football Team.

The day concluded with the pupils enjoying the thrilling NFL game between the Jets and Broncos from their seats in the stands — the perfect ending to a day of celebration, reward, and inspiration. This fantastic experience was a well-deserved recognition of the girls' hard work, dedication, and commitment to the Flag Football Team over the past two years.

We couldn't be prouder of them!

Mr Lawrence



SECONDARY

Axiom Maths Club

In the Secondary maths department, we are excited to be up and running with our Axiom maths circles again this year. In our second year with Axiom, we now have groups of our brightest mathematicians from both year 7 and year 8 meeting weekly to tackle challenging maths problems and work together to encourage each other's interest in mathematics.

Each week they're exposed to mathematics from beyond the National Curriculum, that takes them deep into stretching and satisfying topics they wouldn't normally encounter at school.

At St Mary Magdalene we aim to challenge every pupil to be the best they can be and the Axiom maths program is a fantastic opportunity for those pupils with the head and heart for maths to realise their full potential.

Mr Todd



SIXTH FORM

It's been a fantastic start to the year for our sixth form. Our new Year 12 students have settled in brilliantly, quickly becoming part of the community and showing great enthusiasm for both their studies and wider school life. We have grown in numbers significantly, and are now at capacity for many subjects, with a waiting list of students keen on joining the sixth form.

Year 13 students have hit the ground running, with the first UCAS applications already sent off — including for competitive courses such as Medicine, Pharmacy, Mechanical Engineering, and Law. We wish them every success as they take this exciting next step. The Year 13s have shown great focus and discipline so far, and we continue to support their academic progress and preparation for exams.

Our recent Celebration Assembly recognised the outstanding effort and achievements of many sixth formers, with certificates awarded for hard work, resilience, and contribution to school life. The much-anticipated Games Night, organised by the Year 13s, was a huge success — well attended by both year groups and filled with laughter, friendly competition, and wonderful food provided by the kitchen staff!

We're delighted to welcome a new Elephant Group cohort from Year 12, who will be supported in applying to Russell Group universities.

Alongside this, a representative from Oxleas NHS Trust delivered an informative assembly on mental health, and the SaYes mentoring programme continues to offer invaluable support for Year 12s.

The Aspire mentoring programme is also coming to an end, with ten dedicated Year 13 mentors set to graduate after a year of guiding and inspiring Year 8 students — a brilliant example of leadership in action.

As we look ahead, preparations are underway for our Open Evening on the last Wednesday of half term, where we expect a strong turnout. Finally, congratulations to our newly appointed Head Boy, Michael, and Head Girl, Favour, as well as the rest of the student leadership team — we know they'll represent the sixth form with pride and energy.

Mr Marshall

Sixth Form Lecture Series

This year we have introduced a lecture series for our Sixth Form students to provide them with an opportunity outside of the classroom to engage academically with a wide range of topics. Running every other week, teachers take it in turns to give a lecture on an area of personal interest to them; we're exploring UK politics, western interpretations of romantic love, the work of the Samaritans, private military contracts...and everything in between!

Students have been asking lots of fantastic questions, engaging well and following up with staff after the lecture to discuss the topics further. We're excited to continue this series through the rest of the year, further developing this opportunity for students to explore the awe and wonder around us through academically rooted reflection and growth.

Ms Leach



SECONDARY - Achievements

Y10 Academic Achievements

For students who have shown excellent initiative and dedication at the start of their GCSE studies:

English Language	Aminata T
English Literature	Jemimah D
Maths	Deborah O
Biology	Maisie Grace T
Chemistry	Abigail O
Combined Science	Precious D
Religious Studies	Nafeed G
History	Jemimah D



Y10 Academic Achievements

For students who have shown excellent initiative and dedication at the start of their GCSE studies:

Geography	Theo H
French	Shien H
Spanish	Marielah M
Music	Samuel E-A
Citizenship	Precious D
Psychology	Asia B
Sociology	Shyann-Lee R
DT	Justine N
BTEC Sport and Exercise	Shahid A



Y11 Academic Achievements

Top performing students across all subjects base on their mock exams

Opeyemi : 2 x Grade 6, 2 x Grade 7, 3 x Grade 8, 2 x Grade 9

Amirah : 1 x Grade 5, 5 x Grade 7, 3 x Grade 9

Saara : 3 x Grade 6, 2 x Grade 7, 3 x Grade 8, 1 x Grade 9

Thinuli : 1x Grade 5, 1 x Grade 6, 2 x Grade 7, 5 x Grade 8



Y11 Academic Achievements

For students who attained the top grades in each subject in their mock exams

Drama	Jenny M
Citizenship	Eli F F
Psychology	Grace O
Sociology	Zakiya B
DT	Amirah T
Food Prep and Nutrition	Zoe S
BTEC Sport and Exercise	Hadassa A
BTEC Creative iMedia	Rebecca O
Business	Bemka E



Y11 Academic Achievements

For students who attained the top grades in each subject in their mock exams

English Literature	Rebecca O
Maths	Bemka E
Biology	Saara C
Chemistry	Rachel E
Physics	Thinuli P
Combined Science	Amirah T
Religious Studies	Saara C



Y11 Academic Achievements

For students who attained the top grades in each subject in their mock exams

History	Amirah T
Geography	John R
French	Esther P
Spanish	Ester PDSL
Computing	Anu A
Art	Zakiya B
Music	Sean A-A



Y11 Achievement Points – Top 5

- 5th Niesha A +37
- 3rd Daniella G +39
- 3rd Teni B +39
- 2nd Jecoliah A +48
- 1st Jenny M +49



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SECONDARY SPORTS UPDATE

Football – Year 7 Boys

The Year 7 football team have made a fantastic start to their journey representing St Mary Magdalene.

They played two games so far — a thrilling 5–3 friendly win against Bexley Grammar and a hard-fought 3–1 cup defeat to St Thomas More, where they showed real character and determination throughout. The team are now preparing for their next cup fixture against St Columba's on Monday 13th October, and spirits are high as they look to bounce back with another strong performance.



Football – Year 11 boys

The Year 11s recently faced the Year 10s in a competitive friendly match, coming out 2–0 winners. It was a fantastic contest that showcased the talent and teamwork across both year groups. The Year 11s' experience and composure shone through, setting a great example for the younger players.

Football – Year 7 Girls

Our newly formed Y7 Girls Football team have now played two games; against St Paul's Academy and Trinity School Lewisham. The girls have been committed to their Thursday training with numbers of up to THIRTY girls!

StMM vs SPA – Player of the Match: Tia C

StMM vs Trinity – Player of the Match: Kimberley N

They will now face both teams again in the 'return fixture' as well as their Blackheath Cup first round fixture against Prendergast Ladywell.



GENERAL INFORMATION

EasyFunding

The Koinonia Federation are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 8,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. Just find the retailer you want to shop with on the easyfundraising website or App, shop as usual and you'll raise a donation for us when you make a purchase. This means you can support us at no extra cost to yourself when you do your everyday shopping.

Whether you're buying school supplies, clothes, groceries, takeaways, insurance, or anything else! It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us.

A huge thank you to those who have already signed up and managed to raise money for our schools.

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The Zones of Regulation

We are excited to share a new program at school called **The Zones of Regulation**. This program is designed to help students better understand and manage their emotions, improve self-regulation skills, and develop strategies for staying focused and calm throughout the day. We have been teaching this programme over the Summer Term during our PSHE lessons. Each class uses a 'zones board' where children 'check in' with how they are feeling throughout the day.

What are the Zones of Regulation?

The Zones of Regulation uses four colored zones to help children identify how they are feeling:

- **Blue Zone:** Feeling sad, tired, or bored
- **Green Zone:** Feeling calm, happy, and ready to learn
- **Yellow Zone:** Feeling anxious, frustrated, or wiggly—starting to lose control
- **Red Zone:** Feeling angry, out of control, overly excited or distressed

By recognizing which zone they are in, students can learn to use different tools and strategies to help themselves move back to the Green Zone, where they are best able to focus and learn.

Why are we using this program?

The Zones of Regulation supports students' emotional well-being and helps build important life skills like self-awareness, self-control, and problem-solving. We believe these skills will not only help students at school but also at home and in their daily lives.

How can you help at home?

We encourage you to talk with your child about the Zones and ask them how they're feeling. You can also explore different calming strategies together, like deep breathing, taking a break, or using positive self-talk. Click on the link for more information about the Zones of Regulation <https://zonesofregulation.com/how-it-works/>.