

# NEWSLETTER

NEW HORIZONS

JULY 2018

ENDEAVOUR  
ACADEMY  
BEXLEY



## »» FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

We have had many new students and staff begin this term and I welcome them. I hope that they will all flourish and take advantage of the opportunities to learn and develop, whilst at the same time contributing to the school community. Staff and students who, this term, have left or are leaving Endeavour will be missed, but I hope that they will always remember their time at Endeavour with fond memories.

This has been a highly productive term with many events and activities. The Endeavour team ensure that our students have access to a range of opportunities.

From the moment students arrive at our school, we strive to enable our students to prepare for adulthood. We have a fabulous curriculum offer delivered by specialist teachers who plan and prepare differentiated lessons and support all of our students to achieve their potential and aspirations. Thank you to all staff.

I am very proud of our year 11 leavers. They have worked hard successfully completing their Functional Skills and GCSE examination courses. For September they have all secured college placements and the whole staff team wishes them well.

Best wishes, Mrs. B Evans



## »» TERM DATES 18/19

<b>Term 1:</b>	03/09/2018 - 19/10/2018
<b>Term 2:</b>	05/11/2018 - 21/12/2018
<b>Term 3:</b>	07/01/2019 - 15/02/2019
<b>Term 4:</b>	25/02/2019 - 05/04/2019
<b>Term 5:</b>	23/04/2019 - 24/05/2019
<b>Term 6:</b>	03/06/2019 - 19/07/2019
<b>Closures:</b>	03/09/2018 (Training) 04/09/2018 (Training) 07/01/2019 (Training) 06/05/2019 (B Holiday) 07/05/2019 (Training) 01/07/2019 (Training)

## »» OUR RULES

- Nobody touches or hurts anyone
- No one says mean or nasty things
- No one touches or takes other peoples things
- Everyone works in lessons

## »» ABSENCE

If your child is absent please call 01322 553 787 and leave a message by selecting option 1. We do expect excellent attendance from all pupils and all absences are followed up by our attendance team.

## »» DINNER MONEY

Please note that school meals are:

**£2.30 per day**

or

**£11.50 per week.**

School meals should be paid for in advance.

If your child's meal arrangements change please notify the office as soon as possible.

Cheques should be made payable to: New Horizons.

## »» STAFF CHANGES



This year, sadly we said goodbye to our Behaviour Learning Mentors (BLMs) Derek Frith and Kelly Blundell, Science Teacher Idowu Balogun and Teaching Assistant Yvonne Lawrence. This week we also say goodbye to our School Business Manager, Julie Garside, Deputy Head Teacher, Alan Farrell and Maths and MFL Teacher Boris Noel.

Several of our team have been promoted within our organisation and I am sure you will recognise why and join with me in congratulating them; Margaret Rozario, Deputy Head Teacher, Jack Stephen, Senior BLM and Joanne O'Donohue, BLM. I would also like to congratulate Hayley Jobson on her promotion to School Business Manager and Emma Head to SENCO across Endeavour and Aspire Academy.

Over this term we have welcomed new Teaching Assistant's; Tom Hansford, Annie Wheatley and Jackie Pentland along with a new BLM, Michael Fleming and Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) Ben Randall. From September we welcome our new Maths Teacher, Amy McCumskey, TA Chloe Smith and Assistant Head Teacher, Neil Golding and are delighted to welcome back Manny Aderibigbe who returned and again leads our Science and Maths Department.

## »» CORINNE BOTTEN - CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



Hi, I thought you might like to hear about my work as Chair of Governors at the New Horizons group of schools. Surprisingly it's not all about meetings! As an old style governor I might have been asked to events and late night meetings to agree action plans and changes to school life which had essentially already happened - we were there to rubber stamp whatever the Head teacher wanted to do. Nowadays we have a role more central to the organisation - we set the strategic vision for the schools, we approve policies and monitor the schools at all levels and we make decisions which impact on your lives and the lives and wellbeing of our students, often for years to come.

Most recently we decided to move our schools from a Federation in partnership with the Local Authority to the London South East Academies Trust. This has expanded my role to become your representative on the Trust Board - so more meetings! But the thing I enjoy most about being your Chair of Governors is the opportunity it gives me to meet you all in your schools, to talk with you, parents and students about the future. Education is a dynamic field, always changing always challenging. At our meetings, at events and on visits to the schools I get insight into this complex world and a chance to give back my support, knowledge and skills to a really worthwhile cause - who wouldn't want that role...

Have a great Summer break you have all earned it, I look forward to seeing you all again in the Autumn - when the Merry-go-round begins again.

## »» UNIFORM

Students must attend school in full uniform every day; white shirt, black trousers/skirt, school tie and black school shoes. School fleeces can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £20 and £5 for a school tie.

## »» YEAR 6 TRANSITION

A great start...

On Thursday 12th July we welcomed the Year 6's that will be joining Endeavour Academy in September. They are Bobby, Charley Ann, Curtis, George, Renica and Sonny. During their time at experiencing Endeavour they had the opportunity to undergo activities; Food Technology where they made sausage rolls, ICT starting to create a document on information 'All about me', and finally being able to go into the Sports Hall trying out some of the equipment; badminton, skipping, basketball, football and trampolining.

While at Endeavour we had time to discuss and prepare some things for tutor ready for their start in September. Their tutor group will be called Boudica. All 6 students have had a fabulous start by earning 2 merits each. They all interacted well together and with the staff.

We look forward to working with them in September.

Mrs Brooke - Tutor, Ms Sandhu - Tutor and Miss Pentland TA

## »» AMIE POWER

Amie has worked with us since 2014 initially as a Teaching Assistant, moving into careers and transition area of the Inclusion Team in September



2015. Since this time she has created a structure and delivery plan across all our Academies which has enabled over 95% of our year 11's year on year, to have a confirmed post statutory destination and over 80% of our year 12 and 13 young people remain in education, employment or training. In addition to successfully completing her CIAG qualification this year to become the recognised Careers Lead, her dedication to our students and hard work has also been externally



recognised too when this year she won the Careers Teacher of the Year Award within

Bexley and also Careers Advisor of the Year within Bexley, Medway and Kent.

## »» MOTOWN THE MUSICAL



On 10 May 2018 12 students were lucky enough to experience a day at the West End to watch Motown the Musical. We had a great day embracing the sights and sounds of London, from the street performers in Covent Garden, the street art and appreciating all the hard work the police do around London.

The show was fantastic and loved by all, staff included. Some of the students were even singing along to some of the songs they knew.

All students were impeccable and a credit to Endeavour.



## » WORLD CUP SWEEP

To engage our students in world events we held a World Cup draw. Mr Rouse and Rowling held the draw. Teams were drawn alongside students' names and all students had their own team to follow throughout the tournament. The prizes were tournament footballs.

### And the winners were:

Billy-Jack & Shaye

### Runners-up:

Stevie-Lee and Jayden

All four won an 'Adidas Telstar 18' football, the ball used in all the matches at the 2018 World Cup.



## » RESULTS DAY

GCSE Results Day for summer 2018 is on Thursday 23 August. Students should collect their results in the main Endeavour Academy Reception between 10:00am and 11am. If students do not collect their results, they will be posted home. Results will only be disclosed to the pupil unless they have provided written authorisation to a third party (e.g. parent or friend) to collect results on their behalf. Results will not be given over the telephone. If there are any queries regarding results day please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Jude Leighton - Examinations Officer*

## » ENGLISH

I would like to say a huge well done to all our KS3 students for their excellent English work this term. They have all progressed so well and we are so proud of all their efforts.



## » SOUTHEND



On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July the whole school visited Adventure Island in Southend. A great day was had by all students and staff. Quote of the day from Ms Rozario "I'm only going on age appropriate rides", shortly after this she was heard screaming from the top of a ride. We were joined by our Staff Governor, Chrissy Dare who enjoyed all rides, especially the scary ones e.g. the ghost train and teacups.



## » ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS



To celebrate Harry and Megan's wedding day the school put on a street party lunch and sporting competitions. The school also celebrated red, white and blue day throughout. For the sporting competitions, the whole school was broken up into four teams (Harry, Megan, Kate and William). Teams competed in sports

such as football, dodgeball and races (egg and spoon, three-legged and relays). All teams competed valiantly and enjoyed the day.

## » SEN NEWSLETTER

Please visit the [Bexley.gov.uk](http://www.bexley.gov.uk) website to sign up for their Special Educational Needs and Disability newsletter that is full of help and advice for parents.

<http://www.bexley.gov.uk/sen>

## »» JACK PETCHEY

On Thursday 5th July our Achievement's Award winners were invited, with their friends and family, to the Orchard Theatre in Dartford. This was a very fun and inspiring evening and we were very proud of them all. Well done to Joseph A who was presented the award for: achieving and maintaining over 95% attendance for the last academic year and is on track to achieve higher this year with it currently at 98%. Joseph always arrives at school on time and ready to participate in the day. Joseph is a positive role model to our other students at Endeavour Academy Bexley. Well done to Nathan E who was presented his award for: 95.9% attendance and has vastly improved this from when he first arrived. He regularly earns a high amount of credits each day which demonstrate the progress he has made in improving his behaviour for learning and in his academic grades. Well done to James BP who was awarded his for: most improved attendance compared to last year. Last academic year James' attendance was 61% and he was often extremely late, this year James' attendance is 85% and James is now attending school every day on time. James' attendance is on track to be over 90% if he continues this way. Jack W was also an award winner this year who won his for: popular amongst peers and staff alike. He consistently earns over 95% of his credits and has transitioned from primary to secondary with a hardworking, friendly and helpful attitude. He thoroughly deserves this award in recognition of his achievements.

Each winner was called up on stage individually, to be presented with their Jack Petchey medal, and were photographed with the Metropolitan Police Commissioner and the London Borough of Bexley Mayor.



## »» CELEBRATING SUCCESS

On 28 June we said goodbye to our Year 11 students. We held our annual celebration day and were delighted to see so many parents in attendance.

When asked to comment parents said

- "It was a lovely, thank you for all that you have done for \*\*\*\*. Thank you for everything"
- "I wasn't prepared to cry, thank you for all your support with \*\*\*\*\*. he will be back to visit"
- "Brilliant. It is good for children to boost their confidence."
- "Really lovely I got quite emotional his face lit up when he won the award"
- "It was really good is, first time\*\*\*\*\* has ever got a certificate."



## »» ART



### Year 7

This term the students have been enjoying a Textiles project based on Emoji's. They have been learning different ways of applying imagery to fabric and enjoying how to use the sewing machine. Some students have really impressed me with their sewing machine skills and their accuracy.



### Year 8

This term, the students have been working on the theme 'Insects', using wire to draw and learning printing techniques such as Mono printing and Linocut print as well as stencil making where they have used spray paints.



### GCSE (Year 9 and 10)

The year 9's have not long started a new project towards their GCSE on 'Identity', which they have been really focused on. I am looking forward to seeing what



creative ideas and outcomes come from this project.

The year 10s have been completing their 'Marine Life' project, focusing on finalising their project and working on their final pieces. It is really important



when they return from summer break that they are focused on the new project set. There will be a 5 hour (1 day) mock exam just before Christmas to prepare the students for their 10 hour exam in April, giving them vital experience of preparation and time management. The exam project will start in January.