



**George Green's  
School**

**Aspiration • Equality • Excellence**

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# THE GGS NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Welcome

I hope that all members of the school community are well and enjoying some summer sunshine.

We are in the middle of the exam season now, with our year 11, 12 and 13 students working incredibly hard in their lessons and in their exams. We have had wonderful attendance at booster and revision sessions and the dedication of these young people is an inspiration to us all.

We should also give a special mention to all the members of staff supporting our students with before and after school sessions. I am incredibly proud of the extra mile we go to as a school to help our young people achieve the best possible outcomes in their exams.

I am also incredibly proud of the inclusive school that we are. We had a recent review of our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities provision. The report we got from our external review team was resoundingly positive. I particularly wanted to highlight their comment that George Green's is "genuinely and authentically inclusive". This was very lovely feedback to receive and testimony to the hard work that is put into supporting all our young people.

Happy reading!

Jon Ryder  
Principal



**Creative Workshops**



**Community Spirit**



**Activities and Trips**



## ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

### Shipwrights Competition Prize Winner

The Worshipful Company of Shipwrights Essay Prize for Year 10 was won this year by Muslimah in Year 10 for an essay about the Underground called 'Mind the Gap'.

Muslimah was invited to a prestigious event at the Ironmongers Hall in the City to receive a certificate and £250 prize from this ancient Livery Company. Five other students from Year 12 and 10 were highly commended and will receive certificates.

Picture is winner Muslimah, with the Prime Warden, Admiral Sir George Zambellas GCB DSC DL, from Worshipful Company of Shipwrights at the Ironmongers Hall in the City.



### In the Garden

Over the Easter holidays, thirteen students from Years 7 to 10 took part in a whole day of fabulous outdoor volunteering in our school garden. We have planted a herb garden specifically to encourage our school bees and other pollinators and to give them plenty of forage.

We also planted lots of wild flower seeds in two beds near the garden entrance. Fingers crossed these flowers will bloom and provide a feast for bees as well.

Our greenhouse is also full of vegetable seedlings planted by Eco committee members which we hope will provide a vegetable feast for us!

## COMMUNITY SPIRIT



### Year 9 Bake Sale in support of UNICEF

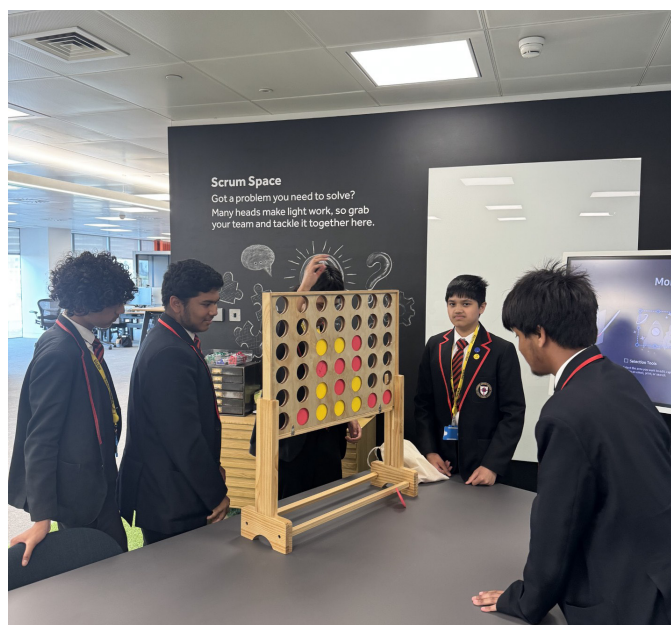
A successful bake sale raising up to £149.17, was organised as part of the Year 9 Ambassadors project, completed with ThinkForward. The students designed this project as a social initiative to help combat child poverty and took a very active role in planning and delivering it. Their dedication raised both funds and awareness for UNICEF's mission. Our Year 9s will continue their journey next year by moving into Business Mentoring and building their CVs. A big thank you to everyone who contributed and supported!



## CAREERS NEWS

### Year 9 Barclays Trip

15 students in Year 9 visited Barclays Investment Bank in Canary Wharf across April and May. They networked with employers and learnt key employability skills such as team work, problem solving and time management through fun activities at the bank. Students were on floor one, a fun and unique space for Barclays' employees - very different to the typical office space! The session ended on the 30th floor with some breath-taking views of London and a glimpse of the premier league trophy!



### Year 10 HSBC Trip

On Friday 4th April, 20 students in Year 10 had the opportunity to visit the HSBC head office and the breath-taking innovation hub on the 42nd floor. With one of the largest screens in Europe, an interactive AI floor and VR headsets, our students were really excited to be in this unique space. The session involved an insight into Quantum Physics and AI, as well as a fun activity with Lego- learning all about data science at the bank from employers and recent graduates.







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### Year 12 Clifford Chance

In May, 30 Year 12 students visited Clifford Chance where they learnt about pathways into law, work experience and training contracts at a top Law firm. Students met senior lawyers from both Clifford Chance but also JP Morgan including one of the managing directors. The session also involved a tour which included a swimming pool, gym, hairdressers and bar all situated in the building. Our students now have top tips to pursue a legal career from experts in the field.



### Year 12 Societe General Bank YIP



Our Year 12 students participated in the Young Professionals Programme with Soc Gen Bank in Canary Wharf from January- April 2025. They visited the bank 4 times where they networked with professionals in various roles and seniority. Students learnt about the roles available within the bank, and worked on presentations on improving the local community.

Our students came up with the following:

**Safe Haven-** a discreet app supporting those suffering from domestic abuse;

**Reward Education-** supporting youth employability skills with tutoring and access to work experience and Internships;

**and Tower Futures-** a mentorship programme for underrepresented individuals in Tower Hamlets to break through barriers.



### Y12 UBS CV and Networking Trip

30 sixth formers visited UBS, a large wealth management company where they spoke to professionals about their roles and career journeys. Students received one-to-one CV reviews, where they received tips and personalised advice on improving these. Our students found this really useful and now have some exemplary CVs!





## EXPRESSIVE ARTS NEWS

### 'Connecting Narratives' Exhibition

Our students took part in the 'Connecting Narratives' Exhibition at the Mile End Pavillion. The exhibition explores linked experiences, cultures and perspectives across art mediums and emphasised the interconnectedness of stories, recognising that each narrative -whether personal, historical, or fictional - contributes to a larger, shared human experience. Our students' work was commented on for its visual quality and vibrancy!







## CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

### First Story Festival - Valuing Creativity and Voices



George Green's young writers get creative at the 2025 First Story Young Writers' Festival in collaboration with University of Cambridge's Faculty of English and Newnham College.

On 2 April our 2025 First Story creative writing cohort of 16 Year 12 students joined over 250 young writers from across England to showcase their creative writing talent at First Story's annual Young Writers' Festival. Set against the backdrop of iconic Newnham College, it was a day packed with workshops, readings, performances and more. The headline act was the award-winning YA author and internationally acclaimed spoken word artist, Steven Camden aka Polarbear and, our very own Bethany Mackenzie was one of four students selected to be in conversation with him, posing some brilliant questions.

After two energising writing workshops, the day culminated with a showcase of readings which saw three of our students take to the stage in Lady Mitchell Hall to share their work.

Known as 'The Looking Glass Collective', the group's fantastic anthology 'Beneath the Water, Beyond the Light' edited by Laurie Bolger (our writer-in-residence) with its front cover designed by two of the group, Tasnim Bandukshi and Eliana Ali will be published late June.



Big thanks to Chris Seddon for the beautiful photographs

First Story is England's leading creative writing charity for young people.

Their flagship 'Young Writers' programme (now in its thirteenth year at George Green's) is a 16 weeklong creative writing programme with a professional writer which gives students the skills and the confidence to share their own unique voices.

We are especially proud of Evie (featured in action in the top left corner) who was awarded a place on their week-long residential late July at Arvon's Lumb Bank writing centre, an 18th century mill owner's house that once belonged to Ted Hughes set in idyllic countryside of West Yorkshire.



Here's a little taster:

## BUTTERFLY

The Looking Glass Collective

The Woman is glowing so is the evening.

As the sun is shining through the clouds

And the trees swaying and dancing along with the wind

And the breeze blowing to nowhere anytime soon and  
you will float

Like a dandelion into the night

Hum like a butterfly into the garden

Wings spread wide.





## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

### Top 20 Performing Students Whole School

Wayne 8C	90
Adyan 9B	72
Aman 9B	69
Dean 8F	60
Jasmine 7A	58
Daniyal 7D	57
Elina 8G	57
Isa 7B	57
Arik 8G	56
Muhaimin 8G	55
Nahid 9B	55
Mylana 8G	53
Fatima 8G	52
Sahra 8D	52
Anas 8G	51
Mazhar 8G	51
Nusrat 8G	51
Arda 8A	50
Rimute 9B	50
Tyler 8G	50

### Top 10 in Attendance Whole School

Group	% Attendance
10A	97.6
7G	96.6
12E	96.6
7F	96.2
8F	96.2
7D	96.1
11B	96
8A	95.9
8E	95.9
10C	95

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