

# September Update

## Leave No Child Behind Fund



As the schools return for the new year, we wanted to share an update on the school and groups that have visited UKSA thanks to the support of UKSA's Leave No Child Behind fund. Many of our beneficiaries have joined us from inner-city schools and communities where opportunities like this are often out of reach. The difference we have seen this year has been enormous from the feedback we have heard from the individuals who have taken part and the teachers. Notably, the boost in water confidence, building relationships with peers and trying new things.

During their time with us, they have taken part in many activities including sailing, paddleboarding, raft building and keel boating, developing confidence, resilience, and teamwork while discovering the joys of being on the water. For many, this has been their very first time away from home or experiencing the sea, moments that have a lasting impact well beyond their stay. Thanks to the Leave No Child Behind fund, barriers have been removed so every child has the chance to grow, explore, and thrive at UKSA.



"I really liked the water games and going on the boats with my friends. It was so much fun staying with them in the dorms and having breakfast together and I was in teams with other people in my class that I don't usually speak to and realised we like the same things so now I have more friends" - Nicole, Leave No Child Behind Fund beneficiary

"UKSA was my favourite trip ever! We learnt what to do if our boat turned on its side and we learnt how to sail a boat. When we got out of the boat I was freezing but it was very fun and I would love it if we could come back here again" - Piper, Leave No Child Behind Fund beneficiary

"One of the girls came and sat next to me and said, 'This is my first holiday.' At first, she was really scared to go in the water, but by the end of the trip, she was jumping in, which was great to see. It is amazing we have received the funding to make this trip happen". - Nikki Khan, Group Leader, Washwood Academy

"This is the first time I haven't been scared of deep water as I know how to stay safe now" - Alice, Leave No Child Behind Fund beneficiary

**Thank you so much for helping to make these life-changing experiences possible for deserving children and young people.**

