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THE GGS NEWSLETTER



Principal's Welcome

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you, as always, for the outstanding support you continue to give our school. I am pleased to welcome you to the spring edition of our newsletter.

As the daffodils and spring sunshine arrive, so too does the important work of preparing our Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 students for their forthcoming exams. We are extremely proud of the commitment shown by both students and staff during this period. Our comprehensive programme of before-school, after-school and holiday support sessions is now well underway. Well done in advance to all the students who attend these sessions, and a heartfelt thank you to the staff who deliver them.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to the Expressive Arts team for organising this week's Music Showcase. With more than 50 performers - and at one point at least 37 students on stage simultaneously - it was a wonderful celebration of talent and dedication. Every young person who took part should feel very proud of their achievement.

I hope you enjoy this edition.

Jon Ryder
Principal



Trips and Activities



Student Achievements

GGS Sixth Form Students fundraise for UNICEF to provide clean water for children worldwide. Support their efforts by donating [here](#)



Clean Water Fundraising

World Book Day 2026 and the National Year of Reading

World Book Day 2026 (March 5th) brought a wonderful buzz to the school, beginning with a special staff-briefing reading that set the tone for a day centred on stories. The day aligned perfectly with the start of the National Year of Reading, reinforcing our commitment to helping students see reading as something that fosters agency, curiosity and connection..

Throughout the day, teachers took part in DEAL: Drop Everything and Listen, reading aloud books they love or recommend in every class taught. At lunchtime, our brilliant TIGGS catering team surprised diners with a Narnia-themed dining hall, bringing the magic of a much-loved children's classic to life.

Students enjoyed the popular 'Match the title to the blurb' competition, and over 300 free [World Book Day](#) books were given away to spark reading for pleasure. (For further free books, please do check out free book basket in the school's reception when visiting.) We also launched our annual [GGG Reading Challenge](#), inviting students and staff to read books from across the seven continents.

To keep the reading momentum going beyond World Book Day, more than 40 staff reading posters are now on display around the school and this continues to grow. These have already helped spark book chat between students and staff in finding common interests and discovering new recommendations.

Our long-running Reading Buddies programme, now in its fourteenth year, continues to bring Year 7 and Year 10 students together every Wednesday morning to enjoy reading side-by-side. It's a simple, confidence-building way for younger students to enjoy books with guidance from older peers.

With two author visits planned for the summer term, our shared journey with reading continues to grow.



We were especially proud that the school's work on reading for pleasure was recently featured in [The Guardian](#), which described our approach being 'like **A GIANT BOOK CLUB**'

Extract from The Guardian

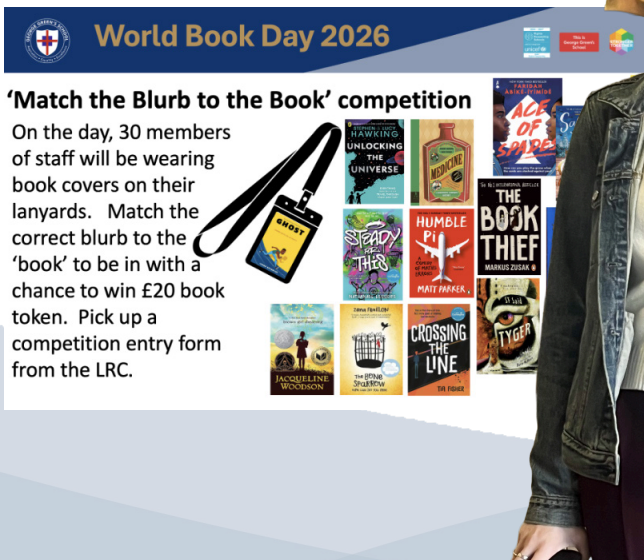
Literacy coordinator Sophie Harrison agrees that every teacher must see themselves as a reader.

"Our work began with [author and educator] Aidan Chambers' belief that unless a school is staffed by people who enjoy books and enjoy talking to children about what they read, it is unlikely that they will be very successful in helping children to become readers," she says.

There are book clubs for staff and students, reviews and recommendations, reading buddies across different year groups, whole school reading challenges, a school reading website, author events and a library with about 8,000 titles plus audiobooks, where stock is constantly replenished and repaired at the school's book hospital.

"There's no silver bullet," says Harrison. "It's about lots of little things building up the momentum. It's like a giant book club."

To read the whole story you can follow the link here; [The Guardian](#)



World Book Day 2026

'Match the Blurb to the Book' competition

On the day, 30 members of staff will be wearing book covers on their lanyards. Match the correct blurb to the 'book' to be in with a chance to win £20 book token. Pick up a competition entry form from the LRC.

Book covers shown include: *UNLOCKING THE UNIVERSE*, *ACE OF SPADES*, *STEADY AS SHE GOES*, *HUMBLE PI*, *THE BOOK THIEF*, *CROSSING THE LINE*, *JACQUELINE WOODSON*, *THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN*, *TIGER*.

Spanish Trip to Seville



Modern Foreign Languages

“When we went to Sevilla, it was so so so much fun. I actually didn’t even know it existed but now I’m convinced it’s the prettiest city in the entire world. ¡Sevilla estaba bellísima!

We went sight seeing every day; we saw monuments and fountains and a bull fighting arena. There were many nice people there too – we talked to random people in Spanish and the trip was so amazing.” Aaliyah Y10

33 students from Years 10 and 11 Spanish went on a weekend trip to Seville, where the sun shone brightly even in November. Our students had an amazing experience, discovering Spanish culture through visits to La Plaza de Toros and La Plaza de España. They also had the chance to see a live flamenco show! Thank you very much to Ms Papa, Ms Pecoraro, Mr McQuaid and Mrs Brown for accompanying the students and making sure this trip was the best it could be!

French Trip to Lille

32 students from Years 10 and 11 French went on a weekend trip to Lille, where the fresh smell drifting from local bakeries was ever so tempting.

Our students had a great experience, discovering French culture through visits to le Palais des Beaux-Arts, the cathedral Notre-Dame de la Treille, le Musée de l’Illusion, and Wazemmes Market. They also had the chance to taste French food and order pastries in a French bakery!

Thank you very much to Mrs Miezán, Mrs O’Sullivan, Mrs Thompson and Ms Lafrance for accompanying the students and making sure this trip was the best it could be!

On both trips, everyone had a wonderful time experiencing Spanish and French cultures outside the classroom and using the language they have been learning for five years in real-life contexts.

And a very big thank you to the GGS Trust for providing the funds to offer these incredible experiences to our students.

“It was an amazing experience and it allowed me to connect with the French culture in person instead of in class. My highlight of the trip was the market, where Miss let us go shopping for an hour and we spoke to locals and ate traditional food. I really enjoyed the museums as well and overall, the trip was so exciting and I’m so grateful I managed to go to France” Romaysa, Y10





FOOD PREPARATION & NUTRITION WORKSHOP

Year 10 Food Students Dig In with the “Know Your Onions” Growing Project



Our Year 10 Food Preparation & Nutrition students took part in a hands-on gardening session through the national Know Your Onions project. The initiative aims to help young people understand where food comes from, develop practical growing skills, and make stronger links between sustainability, healthy eating, and cooking.

During the session, students planted a wide range of fresh produce, including herb seeds, peas, jalapeños, potatoes, and a selection of other vegetables. Guided by our visiting horticulturalist, they explored soil preparation, planting techniques, and how different crops grow throughout the season. These ingredients will link directly to future practical lessons, where students will be able to cook with the produce they nurtured themselves.

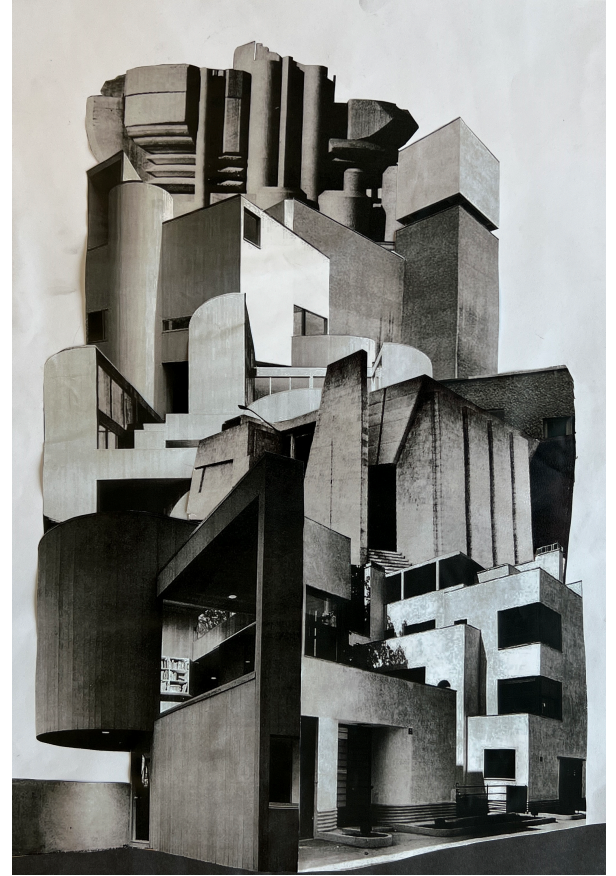
The group showed excellent enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the morning. Many students shared how rewarding it felt to grow ingredients from scratch and were excited to check on their plants' progress in the coming weeks.

This practical experience not only supports the curriculum but also encourages students to think more sustainably and to understand the journey from soil to plate. We are incredibly proud of their engagement, curiosity, and positive attitude — and we look forward to seeing the results of their hard work later this term.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS NEWS – ART EXHIBITION

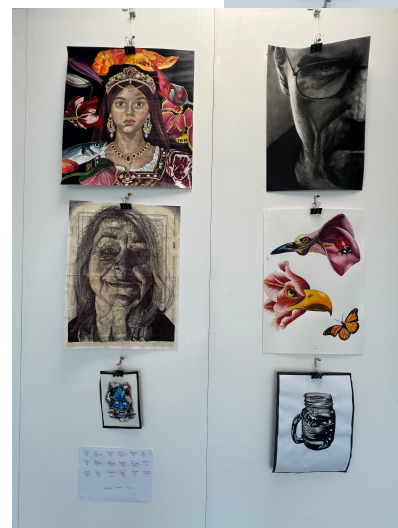
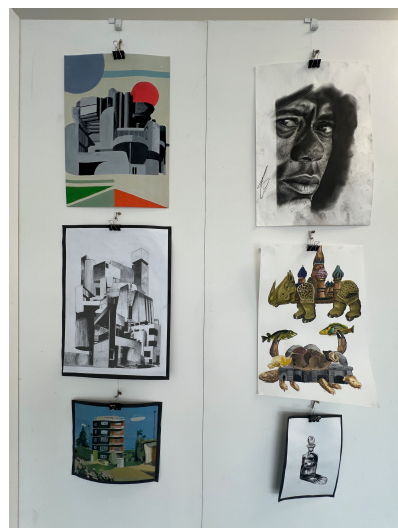
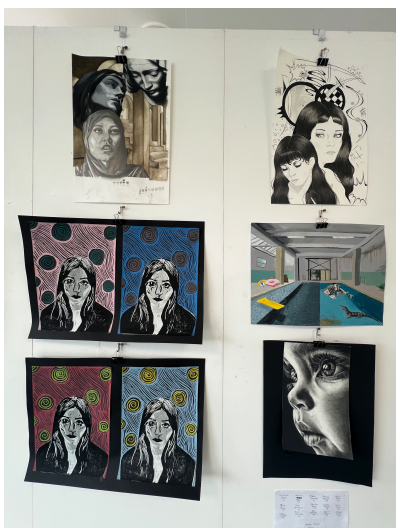
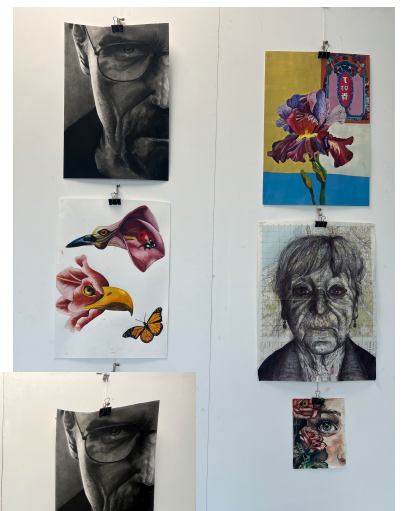
GGs Art displayed at The Art Pavilion



George Green's Art Department was delighted to take part in a celebration of Tower Hamlets' creative talent. This year, students from Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 exhibited drawings and paintings in the Reimagining exhibition.

The private view took place on Thursday 5th February and was a vibrant evening that brought together students, teachers and schools from across the borough. Awards and prizes were presented during the event, recognising the creativity and talent on display.

Congratulations to our exhibiting artists: Rowan-Evie, Amari, Aminul, Darcey, Eliana, Fahmida, Fleuryne, Freddie, Grace, Ionut, Nabila, Rudy, Sara, Iqra, Mehreen, Rei, Jahid, Jumana, Rumi, Saima and Tabitha.



MUSIC SHOWCASE



On Tuesday 24th March, over 50 students took part in our Music Showcase. The event included performances from our strings and woodwind ensembles, GCSE Music students, and a live rap performance. The evening finished with a joint item involving our Year 7 Singing Group, Vocal Project, and Jazz Ensemble. It was amazing to have so many students from different groups perform together. Well done to everyone who performed and thank you to everyone who attended in the audience.

Thank you to GCSE Photography student Sanjida for providing the photos of this event.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS NEWS – MUSIC

Soloist Evening

Congratulations to all 22 performers who took part in this year's Soloist Evening, featuring 11 junior and 11 senior musicians. The event showcased an incredible variety of music, from Bach cello suites to self produced rap performances and a traditional Albanian song on the çifteli.

Huge congratulations to our award winners:

Juniors:

3rd Place – Zara-Mei Burrell (Voice)
2nd Place – Sophie Young (Voice)
1st Place – Isha Khan (Voice)

Seniors:

3rd Place – Alex Young (Piano)
2nd Place – Zak Burrell (Violin)
1st Place – Abigail Peters (Piano)



Thank you to our Year 10 GCSE photographers - Sanjida, Maisha and Saara - for capturing these wonderful images.

A special thank you to the GGS Trust for generously donating two wonderful trophies, and to Mr Coote for adjudicating the evening.

Our thanks also go to Mr Ward, Mr Samways, and Mr Bevan for their hard work in organising this event.

The whole of Year 7 came together on Friday 13th February for our annual singing assembly. As well as performing as a full year group, every tutor group showcased a solo performance of their chosen song. Repertoire included Don't Stop Me Now, Happier, This is Me, Three Little Birds, Umbrella, Wonderwall, and Defying Gravity.

A huge well done to every student in Year 7 for taking part and demonstrating such brilliant teamwork and creativity.

Special congratulations to our winners:

3rd Place – 7F
2nd Place – 7B
1st Place – 7G



Well done to all involved for an amazing event!

Music Workshops



Talkaoke Interactive Workshop

A number of pupils in year 8 took part in an engaging Talkaoke workshop, an interactive, discussion-based experience where pupils shared ideas, debated challenges facing society, and explored issues that matter to them and their communities.

This event was delivered in partnership with Spotlight and researchers from Queen Mary's University. The thoughts and contributions from our pupils will directly inform ongoing research for The Heart Project, Young People's Health and Art in East London. Well done to everyone who took part.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS NEWS – MUSIC

Royal London Hospital Music Performance

Our students travelled to the Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel to perform the Foyer. A range of music was played, covering genres and styles from Rock, Jazz and Classical.

The performances were well received and it was great to see members of the public stop and watch our talented young people, many also went of there way to compliment staff on how impressive our students are.

For the performance we were awarded the title of Honorary Friends of the Hospital and given a cash sum to go towards improving our department



Congratulations to our students, who practiced tirelessly to deliver a diverse programme of music for hospital staff and the public, gaining valuable experience performing beyond school and demonstrating the power of music as a force for community good. #strongertogether

Feedback from the Hospital

“ Today gave us another enjoyable treat by welcoming back a group of twenty-two teenage musicians from George Green's School (Isle of Dogs). The programme had lots of variety, and each of the performers showed off their talents with confidence, and drew enthusiastic applause from the many listeners who passed by or chose to stay and listen to the music. It was clear that plenty of rehearsing, thought and preparation had gone into their musical choices, and each pupil enthusiastically supported all their peers when they weren't playing themselves. The atmosphere generated by their performances was lively and joyful.

Today's playlist was as follows:

Senior Strings (4 violins, cello and piano accompaniment - played two pieces) incl. Opening of Dvorak Symphony No. 9 (From the New World) - recorded here
Woodwind - Saxophone and 3 flutes
Year 7 Vocal Project (seven vocalists): "Seasons of Love" (also known as "525,600 minutes") and "Counting stars" (by One Republic)
Accompanied vocalist (with bass guitar, acoustic guitar and cajon) - "About a Girl" (by Nirvana)
Piano Solo - Abigail P. (performance of the pianist's own composition)
Accompanied vocal solo - Isha - "All I ask" (by Adele)
Accompanied vocal solo - Abigail W. - "All of me" (by John Legend)
Accompanied vocal solo - Natalie - "Stay" (by Rihanna)
Vocal solo - Alisha - "Emotions" (by Mariah Carey)
5 Boys' Jazz ensemble (two pieces) - for Trumpet, Trombone, Bass guitar, Cajon and Piano
Thank you to all the talented musicians - and your teachers - who volunteered to play in the hospital and share your skills with the patients, staff and visitors in the foyer.

You were a credit to your school, and were ambassadors who demonstrated the high quality of the music-making generated by the George Green's music department.”



EXPRESSIVE ARTS NEWS – MUSIC

Music Workshops

Our jazz students have recently enjoyed two exceptional workshops from world leading institutions:

28th February

Students took part in an exciting session led by musicians from the prestigious Royal Academy of Music, gaining insight into improvisation, ensemble skills, and performance technique.



11th March

This was followed by a fantastic workshop delivered by professional musicians from Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club, one of the world's most respected jazz venues.

This workshop formed part of an ongoing series of workshops where musicians from Ronnie Scott's have been working regularly with George Green's School musicians.

Both sessions were hugely valuable experiences, and our jazz pupils are now eagerly looking forward to their upcoming trip to Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club later in the year.



Upcoming Music Events

**Tuesday 24th March
Music Showcase**

**Wednesday 24th June
Matilda the Musical**

**6th–8th July
Music Tour to Belgium**

An evening celebrating the breadth of music at our school, featuring performances from our string ensemble, steel pans, jazz ensemble, vocal project, plus solo acts including DJing, rapping, and singing.

We are delighted to be hosting Matilda, brought to life by our talented cast and creative team.

Our musicians look forward to representing the school on tour, performing at a range of exciting venues.

Year 9 School Challenge 2026

H2GO GGS Team secures 2nd Place among 24 London Teams

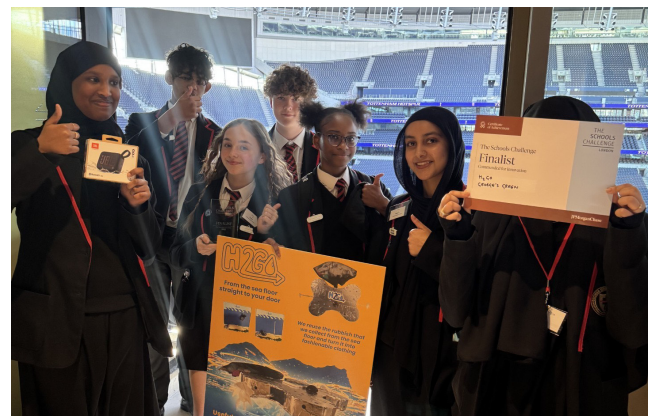


16 Year 9 students participated in a STEM challenge with JP Morgan Chase over the last 5 months. They created a solution to water waste/ pollution, built a real prototype in a professional design studio as well as presentation boards and branding for their company. Our two teams presented their 7-minute projects at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in March, where they did an incredible job. One team- H2GO came 2nd place out of 24 London teams. Following this our students had a celebrations session at the JP Morgan office on the 24th of March.

Read below our students' ideas :

Team H2GO: (Sahra, Aliza, Zaeem, Halima, Stanley, Abigail, Poppy, Hazirah)
Product: H2BOT (2nd Place)
A hydro powered bot that cleans plastic from the sea bed and turns this into sustainable clothing-tacking water pollution

Team Hydrox (Iris, Emile, Hafsa, Isha, Abdul Khalid, Ebrahim, Abdul)
Product: Crest
A device that identifies the location of leaky pipes in hard to reach areas- reducing water waste and saving millions of pounds worth of water lost in London.trip was so amazing.” Aaliyah Y10



National Careers Week 2026



During National Careers Week in March, we invited a range of professionals from different sectors to speak to all our students, helping to raise aspirations and provide insight into a variety of careers.

- Monday: Doctor- NHS
- Tuesday: Engineer- Canary Wharf Group
- Wednesday: Pilot, SSE Energy, Barclays Financial Crime
- Thursday: Project Manager and Work Experience
- Friday: Engineers- Atkins Reali

Trees for Cities



Trees for Cities is a UK charity that creates green spaces in urban areas to improve lives, air quality, and biodiversity. They run school projects like Healthy Playgrounds and Planting Healthy Air, teaching children about nature through edible playgrounds and outdoor classrooms.



SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT

Fantastic news for our Year 8 Girls Basketball Team that competed in the Tower Hamlets Basketball Competition on February 2026 and were crowned Champions.

Their results were:
8 wins , 1 draw and 0 losses!

Congratulations to

- Natalie
- Ranim
- Eba
- Qamar
- Elouise
- Rahma
- Jasmine
- Sophie



Top 10 in Attendance Whole School

Spring Term 1

8E	95.70%
9G	95.40%
11A	95%
11C	94.60%
7G	94.50%
7D	93.90%
10F	93.70%
7F	93.60%
10A	93.50%
8B	93.40%

Spring Term 2

7G	96.20%
10A	95.90%
8E	95.30%
10H	95.10%
11A	94.60%
7C	94.10%
9F	94.10%
11F	94%
8D	94%
9E	93.90%

Top 20 Performing Students Whole School

Spring Term 1

Amiya 9C	73
Abigail 9G	70
Anifa 9G	70
Eshaan 7F	69
Abdullah 8G	62
Alisha 9D	58
Habiba 9E	57
Hanifa 9G	57
Faiza 7F	54
Daniyal 8F	52
Aaliyah 10H	51
Aayah 9C	51
Ayyoub 9G	51
Alfie 9C	50
Fatma7A	50
Aaryan 9F	48
Evie 8G	48
Akif 8G	47
Abdul 9A	46
Abdallah 9G	45

Spring Term 2

Igor 9E	55
Habiba 9E	54
Takrim 9A	46
Luiza 7F	45
Mateo 9A	45
Aleeza 7F	44
Amanah 7F	44
Mahira 7G	44
Miia 7G	43
Tanzil 9F	43
Anifa 9G	41
Elina 9G	39
Faiza 7F	39
Zahra 9E	39
Amiya Ali 9C	37
Eshaan 7F	37
Rovan 7G	37
Anas 7G	36
Joy 7G	36
Maria 7C	36



SIXTH FORM NEWS

Business Students Fundraising Events for UNICEF

Year 13 students organised and delivered their own individual events as part of Unit 4 – Managing an Event. Each student planned, promoted and ran their event independently, demonstrating their event management and organisational skills. The events were very successful and together the students raised over £500 for UNICEF.

The purpose of the project was to allow students to apply their learning from Unit 4 by planning and managing real events. The scope included event planning, budgeting, promotion, risk assessment and evaluation.

The students supported UNICEF, raising funds for children in need around the world.



Year 12 Student Initiative to Raise Funds for Clean Water



Our Sixth Form Students call our community to action by uniting together to raise money for children who do not have the same opportunities as us.

We're incredibly proud of our GGS Sixth Form students who have organised a fundraising initiative in support of UNICEF, helping to provide clean, safe water to children around the world. Please support their efforts and donate if you can: https://justgiving.com/page/ggs-unicef-for-every-child-2026?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020

Every contribution makes a difference.
#ForEveryChild





SIXTH FORM NEWS

Year 12 students visit to KPMG

Our Year 12 students recently visited KPMG last term, gaining valuable insights into the world of business, finance, and professional careers. The visit gave them a firsthand look at workplace culture, career pathways, and the skills needed to succeed in the corporate world.



Explore more about our Sixth Form career trips, work experience placements, and apprenticeship opportunities in the Sixth Form Careers section of our website. Click on the link below:

[Sixth Form Careers](#)





SIXTH FORM NEWS

Year 12 Trip to Clifford Chance

30 sixth formers had the opportunity to visit Clifford Chance, leading law firm. Here they networked with senior lawyers from the firm gaining an insight into their legal career journeys as well as vital advice and guidance. Students also found out about pathways into law, work experience and had a tour of the impressive building



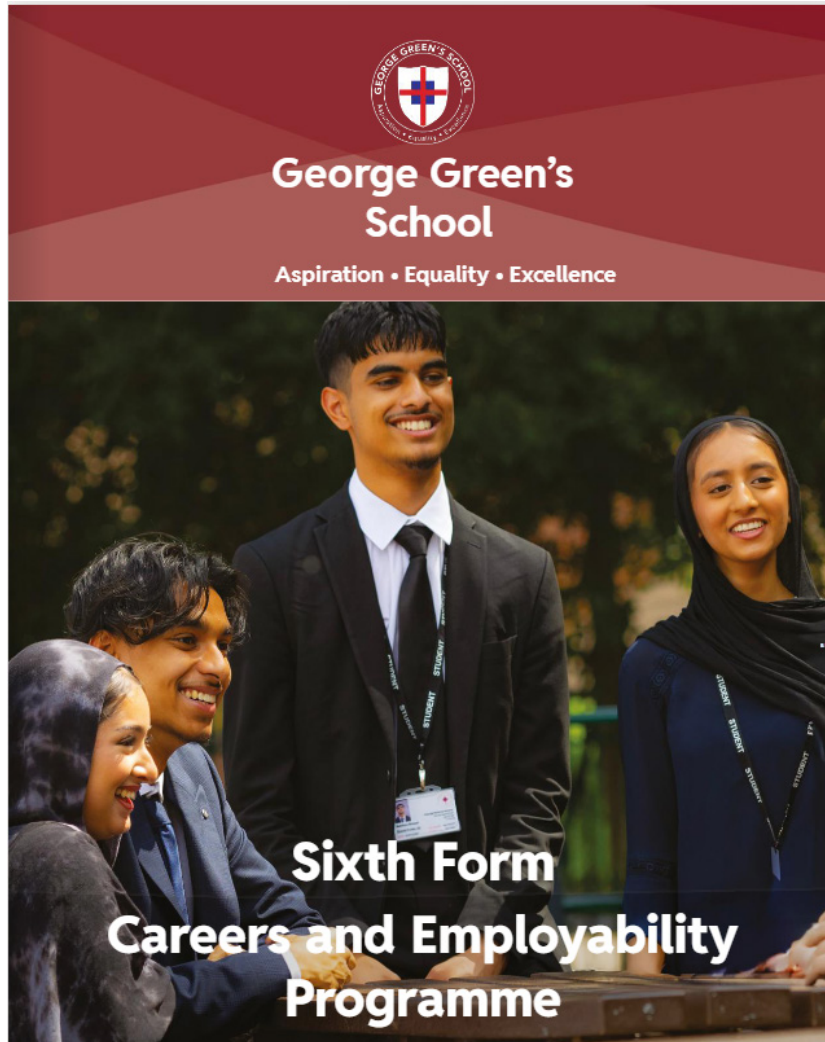
Year 12 Visit to Canary Wharf Group

Our Year 12 students visited Canary Wharf Group, Europe's largest urban developer, based at One Canada Square. During the visit, students took part in activities with employers, developing their networking and communication skills, and enjoyed an impressive tour of the renowned marketing suite showcasing a model of the entire Canary Wharf development.



Careers and Employability Programme

Discover how our school equips students with the skills and experience for the world of work through mentoring, paid internships, apprenticeships, work experience, and university support. Read through our pages below to see the opportunities our Careers Programme offer to our Sixth Form Students. You can also visit our school website for more on [Sixth Form Careers Programme](#).





COMMUNITY SPIRIT

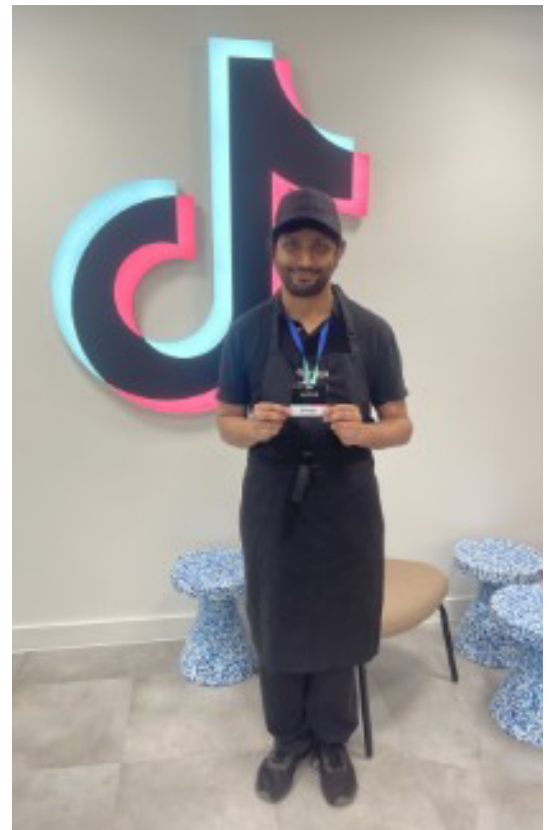
Tower Project JET Partnership

Another cohort of Tower Project apprentices have finished their apprenticeship at George Green's School.. They will now work with Tower Project Disability Employment Advisors to apply for work in their chosen fields. We wish them Good Luck! It was a pleasure having them in our team. #aspirationequalityexcellence



Amazing Achievement

Congratulations to Mohammad who finished the Tower Project Apprenticeship at George Green's School in July and has now secured a job as a catering assistant at TikTok HQ.



Fresh Food and High Standards at George Green's School



Our Catering Team has been praised following a recent visit from Cohesion Consulting, who support the Mayor's Universal Free School Meals Programme delivered by Tower Hamlets Council.

The programme ensures that all pupils up to the age of 16 in Tower Hamlets have access to a free, nutritious school lunch.

During their visit, the consultants observed the daily work of the school's kitchen team and highlighted the strong standards being maintained and the continuous improvement in food quality.

The team prepares the majority of meals fresh on site each day, using quality ingredients, wholegrain breads and a wide range of aromatic herbs and spices. In addition to serving over 800 students at lunchtime, the kitchen also supports a breakfast club and mid-morning break service for staff and students.

The recognition highlights the dedication and professionalism of the catering team, led by Chef Manager Mihaela Stones, who continue to work hard to provide nutritious, freshly prepared meals that support students' health, wellbeing and learning

In their feedback following the visit, the consultants said:

"As part of Cohesion Consulting's ongoing relationship with the Tower Hamlets Mayors Free school meals programme, we had the great pleasure in visiting George Greens School earlier this month. We found the team to be fully supportive of the programme and have delivered a year-on-year improvement in their food standards. We observed fresh cooking using an amazing array of aromatic herbs and spices with minimal use of convenience products. We congratulate Mihaela and her team in their ongoing improvements and the standards being met."

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Happy Spring

Wishing our School Community a Wonderful Break

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school
on Monday 13th of April 2026.

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