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17 August 2017 A-level Results Day

24 August 2017 GCSE Results Day

21–25 August 2017 New Year 7 Summer School

6 September 2017 Term begins

23–27 October 2017 Half Term

30 October 2017 Inset Day

8 December 2017 Inset Day

20 December 2017 End of term



Dear parents, carers and friends of the Academy,

We have reached the end of another academic year and a very busy summer term. Our summer newsletter is packed full of the opportunities and experiences offered to all our students. The range and quality of experiences our children are exposed to make Ark Globe Academy an exciting place to be.

In this summer edition you will read about many excellent events such as Sports Day, celebrating success at our Awards Evening and Reception Nature Trips, plus much more. We also had a visit from The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan; I know many children and parents were excited to meet him outside our school gates.

Ark Globe continues to go from strength to strength. We continue to achieve fantastic academic outcomes for children as evidenced by our primary SATs results. I would like to acknowledge the extreme effort and skill or our staff, alongside the dedicated support from our families in achieving such impressive results.

I am also extremely proud of our Year I3s who will be leaving us to attend university. Every single student in our Year I3 has received an offer from a university, with two out of three students receiving offers from Russell Group Universities (the top research universities). We are truly living up to our mission statement of 'Preparing our students for university and to be leaders in their community'.

In my 5 years as Principal, I have had the pleasure of working with so many wonderful parents, family members and staff to make Ark Globe Academy a school of first choice for local families. Our popularity with parents and children in the local community continues to grow and we are again oversubscribed for our Year 7 September 2017 intake. I hope my next 5 years as Principal are just as rewarding as we continue to support our children in fulfilling their ambition and to realise their dreams.

Finally, I want to thank you as parents and carers of our children. Without your support and commitment to our academy, and to me personally Ark Globe Academy would not be the special place it is today. I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Yours faithfully,

Matt Jones,

Principal



■ £1,550 RAISED BY OUR STUDENTS =

AT THE 'ART FOR ARK' AUCTION





Sandy (Year 13) and Sara (Year 9) raised a total of £1,550 for our Art department at the 'Art for Ark' auction.

Their artworks were selected by Saatchi Gallery to be sold at the auction, where the standard of entries was exceptionally high. Sandy and Sara were invited to the Gallery in Duke of York Square, West London, along with their art teacher Ms West. They attended an afternoon tea reception for the student-artists and guests there had a chance to meet them before the auction started. Students enjoyed the afternoon tea and the opportunity to see their work hung in such a fantastic space, and the guests were blown away by the talent they saw. Sandy's work is titled "Baby Trump" and Sara titled her work "Fictional Character". Both pieces of artwork met an extremely positive response from the guests.

The 'Art for Ark' auction was arranged in partnership with Bank of America Merrill Lynch, and all the money raised in the auction will go back to the schools' Art departments.

Many congratulations to Sara and Sandy for such an achievement!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A GLOBE EXAM INVIGILATOR?

Any parents who are interested please get in touch with Val Lucas at v.lucas@globeacademy.org

WE CELEBRATED SCIENCE WEEK



Science Week 2017 at our Primary school was a great success. Throughout the week students took part in a variety of experiments, learning about static electricity, the physics of successful structures and how to create a balloon kebab without popping it!

However, the highlight of the week was a whole school assembly with Dan Sullivan, Education Director of Empiribox. Dan demonstrated how much sugar is in a can of coke with a combustion reaction and showed students how to keep water in a bucket swung over his head whilst teaching. Dan had two student assistants: Issah from Year 6 and Amanda from Year 3. The students enjoyed watching and participating in the experiments and celebrated Science Week thoroughly.



ARK GLOBE ACADEMY ENSEMBLE IMPRESSED ON THE STAGE

Our instrumental ensemble were proud to perform at a fundraising gala for the charity Place2Be, which works to improve the mental health and emotional wellbeing of children in the UK.

The ensemble received a huge thank you from the Place2Be team, and they commented on how our ensemble had set the scene beautifully. A member of the charity's team, Denise Yeats said "The ensemble was truly fantastic! We received lots of great comments from the guests. They played a big part in making our event so successful."

Their teacher, Mr Kinnair was also very proud of the students, as they showed an incredible resilience and team spirit during the performance.



YEAR 6S' BRILLIANT RESIDENTIAL

After working so hard for their SATs our Year 6s had a great week at their residential in Norfolk. They were lucky enough to have fantastic sunny days whilst they were there which made their activities even more enjoyable. Not only did they go on a boat, make charcoal and enjoy themselves at the beach, but also took part in a variety of activities including crate stacking, raft building and an aerial runway.

The students had another day of fun overcoming their fears which ended with an amazing Bat walk. Before packing up ready to go home they stopped off at Thetford Forest — a giant adventure playground.

YEAR 10S VISIT THE SWAMINARAYAN HINDU TEMPLE



13 of our Year 10 students took a trip to one of London's seven wonders, the Swaminarayan Hindu Temple in Neasden, which is known as a masterpiece of exquisite Indian design and workmanship.

Unaisah (Year 10) explained how wonderful the trip was: "When we visited the Swaminarayan Temple we were fortunate enough to witness the Hindu ritual called the Arti. We were warmly welcomed and the complexities of Hinduism were explained to us by the various attendants. The carvings in both wood and marble were stunning. The most amazing thing about our trip was that the temple was assembled by volunteers from the local area. It was beautiful and tranquil."

Religious Education teacher, Ms Opeku, who led the trip, was very pleased with how students enjoyed their time in the temple and appreciated this special experience:

"The students continuously expressed their gratitude for being given the opportunity to be in a magnificent place of worship. They were overwhelmed by the beauty of the place and engaged enthusiastically in all the activities planned."

As part of their studies in Religious Education on beliefs and practices, the trip offered the students the chance to access first-hand information on a place of worship and to observe worship, which is already being utilised in their discussions in lessons. Besides this, the students attended a workshop as a part of the exhibition in the temple, and they highly impressed the facilitators with their intelligent questions and active engagement in the discussions.

■THIS TERM === IN PICTURES



Sadiq Khan with our Sixth Formers, who were amongst the first time voters at 2017 general election.



Our new Year 7s enjoyed an elephant toothpaste experiment as a part of the **Taster Days.**



Our **Prom** King and Queen!



The **Ark Music Gala** brought together Ark musicians from different schools.



Our winners were each presented with a **Jack Petchey** medallion to celebrate their achievement this year.



Year 10s had a week full of meetings and workshops at their **Futures Week.**



Kirsten's (Year 10) academic essay on health inequalities in the UK was published in prestigious The Scholar magazine.



Ester (Year 13) ran a very successful fundraising campaign for Raleigh International and will volunteer in Nicaragua!





Ghana's Education MinisterDr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh
and his team visited our school.



Lilla (Year 11) represented 5 different characters from the circus in her performance for her **GCSE dance exam.**



Year 9s successfully completed a 'Homes for Cathy' project with Wandle Housing Association, and they are determined to fight homelessness in their communities and beyond.

■ENRICHMENT DAY:≡

FUTURES AND PROFESSIONALISM



Students across the secondary school enjoyed their second Enrichment Day of this academic year, which focused on 'Futures and Professionalism'.

Throughout the day students had the opportunity to take part in a variety of trips and workshops. Year 12 students visited a variety of government buildings and had discussions on the functions of Parliament and the Civil Service, and spent time observing debates in the House of Lords and House of Commons. They also learnt how government seeks to make services more easily and digitally accessible both for the public and Civil Service, and were joined by a security specialist for an event relating to technology and security. Year 11 students focused on stress relief and mindfulness, with seminars led by Ms Sookun, particularly exploring techniques for managing stress and time pressure in exams, and learnt the role of attention in memory and managing distractions.

Other sessions at Ernst and Young with the EY Foundation and Brands2Life introduced our students to the world of work, to employers, and the skills and attitudes employers are looking for. Year 9s went off to University of East London, London Metropolitan University, Goldsmiths and University of West London for the day to meet with Student Ambassadors, have campus tours and

Taster Sessions. They also had a dance workshop at Goldsmiths. Year 8s and Year 7s focused on money in sessions led by young enterprise and professional volunteers as well as MyBank, a UK based charity, and Lloyds Bank. In "Learn to earn" and "My Money, My Choices, My Future" they learnt about personal and family budgets, and opening a bank account.

The trainers and guests of the day all commented on the professionalism, engagement and inquisitive nature of our students. The day was a huge success and enjoyed by all students.







■WELCOMING OUR ■

NEW YEAR 7



We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 in September.

These students and their families have already had the chance to take part in Taster Days and joined us for a tasty Summer Year 6 Barbecue, both of which were a huge success! Students really enjoyed the Science experiments and learning about our Culture Pyramid on the Taster Days. At the Barbecue event, we very much enjoyed hosting our new students and their families and friends. Our instrumental ensemble took to the stage with some amazing tunes and our street dance crew wowed the guests with their special performance.

Our new year 7 students will meet once again at the Summer School on 21–25 August before the new academic year starts.

If you have any questions about starting in September please email admissions@globeacademy.org

FREE FULL EYE EXAMINATION FOR OUR STUDENTS

We are pleased to inform you that our local optician is now providing a free eye test to all our students, their siblings, parents and carers. If you are interested in getting a free full eye examination, please contact the Specsavers Walworth Road branch (SE17 IJE) on 0207 277 3200 and provide the code "GlobeA8303" to obtain the offer.

Please note that this offer is valid until December 2017.

SPRING SHARING — STEP INTO DANCE



As part of the festival Spring Sharing, two of our dance groups performed at Bacon's College. The two dance groups were a contemporary dance group and a Street dance crew, 'The Groundbreakers' and both were supported by a team of hair and makeup artists! They performed to an audience of around 200 people, and they were extremely professional and demonstrated outstanding resilience

From the Spring Sharing's performances, groups were chosen to go on and audition for the Step Into Dance end-of-year event and I0th year anniversary celebration: Step LIVE! 2017. We are very pleased to announce that our Street Dance group 'The Groundbreakers' were successful in gaining an audition for the next stage, and then guaranteed to make it into the final of Step LIVE! 2017. This will help our students to gain some amazing experiences at such a big event. Congratulations to all of these hardworking performers!



■PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS =

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES



Our Professional Pathways students had a busy term including a variety of enrichment activities and trips.

Some of them had a fantastic trip to the Bank of England Museum, where they explored the history and role of the Bank of England in managing the British economy. This trip helped them to consolidate what they have learned in lessons about the different factors influencing economic policy. Year 13s were particularly interested in learning about policies for the economy. This was also a preparation for their university life, as many of them will be studying Business and Economics at university starting this September.

Year 12 Business Pathways students benefited from two business trips and several workshops in these companies. The students had a special session with Bouygues UK's project manager, which helped them to write their assignment. Year 12 students also went to visit Accenture, which specialises in digital technologies consultancy. On a further trip, Year 12s got to watch Bloomberg's Head of Diversity and Inclusion speaking about unconscious bias.

Another successful trip was made to the University of Brighton. They attended a bespoke careers day at the university with four workshops. They met experts within the field of sport and worked alongside students from the US as a means of networking for future prospects. Students were also taken on a tour of the Eastbourne Campus to see the vast array of equipment and facilities on offer to students at the university. Year 10 Sports Professional Pathways students attended this trip as well.

Joe Sutton, coach and pre-academy co-ordinator of Arsenal FC gave an inspirational talk to our Year II Sports Professional Pathways students and Sixth Formers. The Arsenal coach talked about his personal journey, his experience in football and how he set his eyes on coaching. He also talked about the different departments and career paths within Arsenal and wider sports industries. Joe's biggest advice to our students was to be eager about development and being coachable on every level of their future career. The talk was thoroughly enjoyed by our students.

■ ARK GLOBE ACADEMY ■

SPORTS DAY 2017









We had a splendid Sports Day in June with lots of new 'Globe records'! Here is a summary of the day written by our PE teacher Ms Davess-Humphrey.

The start of a week had never brought so much excitement and anticipation as the students arrived at the playground in preparation for Sports Day at Croydon Arena. Sharing thoughts on who would be the winners of each event and most importantly would McKinley win the title for the 3rd year running or would Elbrus have what it takes to sneak the Trophy!

The sound of the clapper signalled the start of the first race with the Year 7 students braving the 70m hurdles. Some students fell during the race but true to their resilience and determination, all competitors powered on and crossed the finish line. The atmosphere around the stadium was electric. The roars from the stands symbolised the strong support for both Elbrus and McKinley students. Also in the far distance you could hear the new chants of the Year 7s getting into the competitive spirit.

As we all know records are there to be broken and wow was it a day for this! There were some outstanding results on the day across all the year groups but most notably the Year 7s. Congratulations to all our record breakers!

Students worked hard to fill all spaces in every event, competing back to back and offering encouragement to peers when the demands were high. Students who out performed the others

on the day were rewarded and recognised for their commitment and success with the accolade of 'Overall Sports Men and Women'. And the students were:

Year 7 Girl: Paris Keenan

Year 7 Boy: Alie Sesay

Year 8 Girl: Tola Shenaike

Year 8 Boy: Jevontae Freckleton

Year 9 Girl: Shanae Johnson

Year 9 Boy: Divine Ayangbola

Year 10 Girl: Answer Ogbonnaya

Year 10 Boy: Mayowa Bayode

With so many highlights of the day, it was hard to choose an individual moment, however the final race of the day was quite exceptional this year. Staff at Globe turned out in their masses to field four strong teams; they would be up against Year 9 and 10 squads as well as the prestigious EADP students (who are in Year 7). All of the staff teams had set the pace very high at the start and they looked like they were the team to catch. However out of nowhere the Year 10s came storming through only to pip the staff at the finish line and take gold! Students of the EADP ran an exceptional race finishing 3rd against students three years older than themselves.

The day wouldn't have been possible without the support and commitment of staff and students so a massive thank you for making the day so special for the PE Department.

BUSINESS DAY



Our Year 6 students enjoyed their day of work experience with our Business Support Team. They welcomed guests at the Reception, labelled envelopes for letters to parents, helped our Finance and Facilities managers, and assisted the Reprographics department.

Sufiyan said: "My favourite thing was working with Premises, using walkie-talkies and going to the boiler room, because there were lots of boilers and pipes. We also got to see the roof, which was amazing!"

Ayah said that she had the best day: "I didn't have a favourite part because everything was so fun and interesting to learn. We put labels on envelopes, went to Reception and answered phones and welcomed guests. I enjoyed everything and had an amazing day."



ANNOUNCING OUR NEW STUDENT LEADERS



Congratulations to our new Head Girl, Lauren Lopez and Head Boy, Mayowa Bayode, Deputy Head Girls, Brenda Irabor and Unaisah Khan, our Deputy Head Boy, Alhoussen Dossou-Yovo. They will be supported by a number of prefects in Year II and the Student Councils in each year group.

Congratulations to all students selected.

CATERPILLAR TO BUTTERFLY

Our Nursery class observed the cycle of a caterpillar changing into a butterfly.

They started with the scientific explanation of how this phenomenon happens. After that, they placed the special kits in their classrooms so that it would be possible to observe the transformation, which they found very exciting.

The Nursery class was also inspired by their daily observations in their art practice, and filled their classrooms with paper caterpillars, cocoons and butterflies as they had been taking a look at the metamorphosis. Finally, they said 'goodbye' to the butterflies when they hatched out of their cocoon and were released into the nursery garden.









CELEBRATING SUCCESS EVENING

RECOGNISES ACHIEVEMENT



We had our second Celebrating Success Evening in June, which brought us together to celebrate the successes of so many of our students from Primary all the way to Sixth Form.

The evening recognised our students' achievements in a variety of areas — from progress to leadership — whilst also reinforcing our academy's culture of excellence both inside and outside of the classroom.

The event was filled with stunning performances by our students; 'Bouncers' performed by GCSE Drama students, 'Stranger to the Rain' sung by Lauren Lopez, 'My Definition of Love' poem by Barbara Oluokun, performances by the Ark Globe Orchestra and Choir and much more.

The performers and student presenters were praised by all of the guests. Awards for progress in various subjects, for literacy, G-Points, as well as Sportsperson of the Year, Team of the Year, Globe Growth Award, Head of School, Teacher and Staff member of the Year, Student Leadership, University Award and Principal's Award were given to students at the event.

Students who won awards have consistently demonstrated the highest level of commitment, professionalism and most importantly, an exceptional growth mindset.

We are very proud of all of the award-winning students for being such excellent ambassadors for our academy.

RECEPTION ENJOY GETTING CLOSE TO NATURE





Our Reception class had several trips this term to observe and learn about nature. They had a day out at Surrey Docks City Farm and the Royal Parks Foundation Education Centre nestled in the heart of Hyde Park.

In Surrey Docks City Farm, they were very excited to be surrounded by animals, flowers and plants, as well as to feed the animals. They fed goats, sheep and lambs. The class also enjoyed petting the farm's five little orphaned lambs.

At the Royal Parks Foundation Education Centre, the students searched for animals that call Hyde Park 'home' and learned all about the wildlife that surrounds them as part of their habitat topic. Their discoveries were led by a team of experienced Environmental Educators within the Centre as well as their class teachers. Our students found so many exciting creatures including centipedes, worms and woodlice under the logs and newts and water beetles in the pond.

A FAMILY CELEBRATION:

OUR THIRD SUMMER FAIR







On Saturday 15 July we held our third annual Ark Globe Academy Summer Fair. Following the success of previous years, it was a fantastic opportunity to welcome our whole community into the school and celebrate our achievements together. Together we raised £5,959.58 which will further enhance our academy's facilities.

There were lots of fantastic stalls and games, including performances from our students, a cup and saucer fairground ride, bouncy castle, a barbecue, international food, raffle and much more! Mr Whitehouse, Ms Taylor and Mr Simpson volunteered at the stall 'Get the teacher' this year, and Fulham FC led the 'Beat the goalie' activity. Face painting, photo booth, helium balloon stalls and the bouncy castle were as popular as in previous years! This year we enjoyed having a fairground ride and popcorn and candyfloss served in our playground, which gave the event a real fair quality. We would like to thank all our staff for their hard work in supporting the event and our event supporters for their generosity that contributed to the success of the fair: Advanced, ANZUK, BFI, Brakes, Clarkes Florist, Coca Cola London Eye, CPR London, Cubix, European Electronique, Facilicom, Fulham FC, Harte, Inventry, ISCC, London Bridge Quarter, Mazars, Mirrorsmith, Mondrian Hotel, Schools Plus, Redstor, Schools' Buying Club, Tesco, Velocity, XMA.







ACADEMY MOCK ELECTION

As a tradition of our academy we had our mock elections just before the General Election. The mock election was organised to help our students to understand the different political parties and electoral system in the United Kingdom. The engagement by the students and discussions that took place were fantastic.

Election slips were given to students, and they had the chance to vote in their Learning Family Time. On the same day, the students counted up the results. Once the results were shared with the whole school, students discussed how it compared to the actual results and why it's important to vote.

The mock election was a true success throughout the academy.

■ HEAR FROM OUR ALUMNI: ■

CHARLIE BERRY



Charlie Berry joined Globe in Year 7 and left as one of our first Sixth Form Alumni to go directly to university from Globe. He has just finished his first year studying Geography at the University of Birmingham.

"I've always had a passion for Humanities and a lot of this was because of the teachers. Every lesson we were talking about current events and we could express different opinions. At that time, I started to enjoy the way that I could start seeing the world a bit differently. These were great lessons and great discussions, which showed me the holistic nature of the subject which involves Economics, Biology and Psychology as well."

Charlie chose Birmingham through the university's residential in the summer of Year I 2:"I saw the advert in the Sixth Form area and applied. Through the impact and the connections I made during the residential, they offered me an unconditional offer. I am very pleased that I will be working as a student ambassador this summer, and help the next generation at the residential." He also won a bursary from Ark Schools, which is worth £9,000 for three years of his university education. "I had a chance to win the Ark bursary to help with my academic needs and getting involved with societies."

Charlie has a very exciting activity lined up for September: He will climb Kilimanjaro! "They say that most people get a degree and what you do in-between those three years defines you. I thought that I was going to choose something big and would climb Kilimanjaro, which relates to Globe. As a Geographer, I really want to explore the world — I want to climb mountains, do scuba diving, and more." He is now preparing mentally and physically for the climb.

Charlie says that he still keeps in touch with his friends and teachers at Globe, where he claims to have found his confidence. "To be selected as a deputy Head Boy, to be chosen to represent the school in various projects certainly raised my confidence. At Year 10 I did a TFL project, at Year 12 we had a cabinet office project — these helped us to develop different skills, like interpersonal and communications skills. Now I quite like public speaking and giving presentations."



"Over my 7 years, Globe always made sure that they instilled the confidence in us that we can get what we want. This has been there all the way from the mission statement down to teachers' teaching. I became more independent from the Sixth Form. I was given so many opportunities to develop all of my skills, and also just to have fun."

We wish the best of luck to Charlie on his climb on Kilimanjaro and his studies at Birmingham.

An Ark school