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KEY DATES

19 April – Students return to school
27 April – Student Performance Appraisal Parents Meetings
1 May – School closed
29 May to 2 June – Half term holiday
16 June – Academy Awards Evening
27 June – Sports Day
5 July – Ark Sports Day
7 July – INSET day
15 July – Enrichment Day
15 July – Summer Fair
21 July – Term ends



Dear parents, carers and friends of the academy,

As you will read in this edition of the newsletter, we have had an extremely busy Spring term and have managed to achieve so much.

Some highlights for the term include the Poetry Slam event, where the community really came together to support our young people in delivering their messages through poetry. The event allowed the poets to compete for a space on the Globe Poets' team who are raising money to fly to San Francisco (USA) in July. The poets had worked hard preparing for the event and the performances were outstanding and hugely inspirational. A huge thank you to all the poets that took part. It was a truly memorable evening.

Spring term is a crucial time for our students as this is when they really focus on preparing for their exams. Year 11 and Year 13 have their GCSE and 'A' Level exams to prepare for. For them, the next 10 weeks are all about revision, exam practice and rest. My own daughter will be sitting her 'A' levels, so I understand how parents feel at this important time of the year. All we can do as parents is to ensure that our children are studying every night between now and their exams.

Primary children have their end of Key Stage tests at the beginning of May. I know our primary team are making sure that our children are prepared and feel confident about the tests. Finally, all other year groups have their end of year exams to prepare for. These are extremely important in making sure students show how much they have learnt, but also help to identify what they need to do to make even more progress in their studies. This is at the heart of what we at Ark Globe refer to as a 'Growth Mindset'.

Finally, Zareen Roy-Macauley, Year 13, has received an offer to study Human, Social and Political Sciences at the University of Cambridge. She is the first student from Ark Globe to receive an offer from Oxbridge. Her achievement was not just about her academics, but was a direct result of her wider extra-curricular activities and her leadership. Well done Zareen!

Once again, I thank you all for your continuing support of the work we do at Ark Globe and I hope you have a restful and enjoyable Easter Break.

Mr Matt Jones
Principal



TO UNIVERSITY LIFE

OUR FIRST EVER OXBRIDGE OFFER



We are celebrating the success of our Sixth Formers who have been offered places at prominent universities in the UK, including The University of Manchester, University of Warwick, King's College London, University of York and Imperial College London.

Another offer constituted a milestone for our academy; Zareen was offered a place at the University of Cambridge. With this, our Ark Globe Academy community are celebrating our first ever Oxbridge offer!

Zareen wants to study Human, Social and Political Sciences at the University of Cambridge and she says that it all came as a surprise to her. "I never expected I'd get in. With all of the opportunities that Cambridge could give, with the fact that I come from South East London, and being a black woman, going to Cambridge is a huge deal. I have Year 7s to 8s to 10s coming up and saying 'Wow! It's amazing; I want to do that too'. I am proud to be potentially representing a group that isn't often represented and often feel there is a long way to go in getting to where they need to be."

"Being a black woman, going to Cambridge is a huge deal."

Zareen, Year 13

Zareen says she thinks that she has flourished at Ark Globe, where she joined in Year 8: "Globe has just given me so many opportunities to speak, to really shine and get people to shine along with me. I don't think I could be in the position I am now if I wasn't at Globe. Being in this community where people are so outspoken, and supportive, definitely helped me."

Although she believes that they haven't yet fully processed the news, Zareen and her mother are over the moon with her being accepted to Cambridge.



Ester has offers from universities including the University of Manchester and the University of East Anglia. She wants to study for a Bachelor's degree in International Business Management and Economics.

Ester emphasises the support of Globe since Primary: "My teachers have not only helped me with my health condition, which has affected my education, but also with becoming the person I am now. They supported me in receiving speaking therapy and tailoring the schedule for my needs. They made sure that I would get to the point I needed to."

Ester says that her teachers set the bar higher, and planted faith in her: "Teachers usually have the best idea on which field would be best for us to choose. I could get to see a business environment and loved Economics as a subject. When we weren't very satisfied with my A level results, Ms Donachy, the Head of Sixth Form, advised me to choose Business Pathways. This changed my mindset completely; my confidence increased, I developed communication and leadership skills. I have been elected as Student Union President this year."

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Ester, Year 13

After graduating from university, Ester would like to work abroad and come back to London in a managerial position. "This is such a big dream for someone with my background, and as a female too. Becoming the CEO of a big company... This is how I see myself in the future." says Ester.

Our Sixth Formers are an inspiration for all our students. As much as we celebrate the firsts in our school, we are also very proud of all our students for securing places at these important UK universities. We are certain that they will be an asset to their future universities and contribute to their communities immensely.

Congratulations to all students for their well-deserved offers!

YEAR 12 STUDENTS RECEIVE MARSHALL WACE PRIZE



Current Year 12 students were awarded a £100 prize for demonstrating exceptional achievement, progress or commitment in the last academic year.

The students who completed their GCSEs last year were awarded the prize in a celebration assembly in front of current GCSE students to demonstrate that hard work and dedication pays off at results day!

The prizes are designed to build a culture of recognising and rewarding achievement across the Ark network, as well as helping students to purchase educational materials to support their Sixth Form studies.

Rochelle received her prize for the most improvement made by a pupil during their school career, she got 4 A*, 4As and 5Bs in her GCSEs and displayed an immense growth mindset and professionalism towards her studies.

Well done to all those students who received a prize!

FIRST LADY OF UGANDA VISITS

We were very fortunate to have a visit from Janet Museveni, the Ugandan First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports. She was visiting the UK to learn more about our education system. The First Lady was impressed with the school and extremely complimentary about our children.

THIS TERM IN PICTURES



Our Year 1 primary children had a wonderful day at the **Sea Life London Aquarium** discovering colourful sea creatures



Some outstanding dishes from **Year 11's catering assessments**



14 students from Year 7, 8 and 9 competed in the **Step into Dance Battle**



Our Year 7 **Elite Athlete Development Programme** students focusing on their javelin technique



Uganda's First Lady and Minister of Education & Sports, Janet Museveni, visited our school as a part of her UK trip to explore equality and quality in education



Our Year 9 students at **Dulwich College**, preparing their collages for a public exhibition



Our Year 12s graduated from their **7 week coaching programme at Kings College London**



Barack Obama's picture with Ark Globe students from 2011 was selected as one of the most iconic images from his Presidency



Year 2 produced some **amazing projects** as part of their topic 'Space'



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GREASE IS THE WORD

PERFORMANCE SUCCESS!



Students at the Academy wowed the audience with an all-singing, all-dancing Grease production.

Set in 1959 at the famous Rydell High School the cast went all out with t-bird jackets, 1950s hair styles and even a moving “Greased Lightning” car!

The sell-out show was filled with enthusiasm and energy with every cast member putting their all into every single scene. The audience laughed out loud at Kenickie’s guitar singing scene and were truly in awe of Sandy’s solo performance.

There was American style theatre food on offer to the audience which was made, prepared and sold by students, with popcorn, burgers and fries available to purchase.

Congratulations to all students and staff involved in the performance and a huge thank you for putting in so much hard work to produce such a brilliant show!



PRIMARY VISITS THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT



Our Year 4 students were fortunate enough to visit the Houses of Parliament as part of their curriculum. The students had the opportunity to view the inside of Westminster Palace as well as seeing the House of Commons in action.

As part of their visit the students were able to participate in a voting workshop, which demonstrated the British Value of Democracy. They were divided into 'political parties' and they presented their parties' manifestos to the group. Following these, there was a mini ballot election! The winners even got to form their own 'House of Commons'.

The day was enjoyed by all and we're sure that some of our students will be the future of the real Houses of Parliament!

YEAR 6 POETRY SLAM

Year 6 students have been developing their poetry writing and spoken word performance skills. The secondary school held their first Poetry Slam last year, and this year primary students have been taking to the stage!

Poetry Slam is performed without props, costumes, or music, and the work that the children have produced has been of an exceptional standard. Sixteen students in total were chosen to perform to Miss Rigby from the Secondary English Department in a final slam.

The poets were outstanding and it was an extremely tough decision to choose only four winners. Miss Rigby said that the students had a natural talent for writing poetry and has invited them to participate in a workshop with Globe Poets. The winning four were: Keaun, Victor, Tasmia and Racheal. Congratulations to everyone who participated!



STUDENTS THRIVE AT ENRICHMENT DAY

Students from across the secondary school had the opportunity to take part in a variety of enrichment activities in the first enrichment day of this academic year.

Our enrichment days allow students to learn through a wide range of activities, both in and outside of school, and provides a platform for them to build upon their existing skills and knowledge. Students develop personal and professional skills that prepare them for university and to be leaders in their community.

Whilst some students went out on schools trips, others took part in workshops ranging from poetry to parkour. Some of our secondary students got to present news at the Sky Sports studios.



AN EVENING DEDICATED TO 'TRUTH'

The award-winning Globe Poets spoke out for the 'Truth' and competed at their Poetry Slam event in February. The Poetry Slam, with an audience of over 400 guests, was a wonderful evening and one of the largest events the school has ever hosted.

The Slam was held to choose the team that will travel to San Francisco this summer to compete at Brave New Voices — the largest international youth poetry slam in the world.

18 extraordinary young poets performed in front of the reputable judges; Young Poet Laureate for London and Globe alumni Caleb Femi, Lead Practitioner Holly Rigby, and Year 13 Globe Poets Zareen and Aneesha who were in the 2016 team. The audience listened with rapt attention to every word uttered, and unconditional respect was given to every young poet on stage.

Globe Poets have prepared for this evening for six months. Besides perfecting their poetry and performance, they took up the role of organising the event, designing social media announcements, a film and posters. They also designed an online fundraising campaign for their trip to San

Francisco. Their campaign was backed by 95 supporters and raised an incredible £8,515! This amount is 106% of their initial target.

We now have our team of eight young poets who will be representing London at Brave New Voices 2017. Congratulations to Brenda, Barbara, Tatiana (Year 10), Halil, Shekeem, Aaron, James (Year 11) and Tasnima (Year 13) whose poetic truth-telling wowed the audience of students and supporters. They took on challenging political issues from gentrification to Islamophobia, as well as personal stories of love, loss and family relationships.

Ark Globe Academy has a history of creating extraordinary poets. Caleb Femi said "Globe Poets are a rare phenomenon. To think some of London's most inspiring and talented young poets stem from the school I went to as a boy make me very proud indeed."

Last year, Globe Poets were the first ever team from London to compete in this international event, and travelled to Washington DC.

CANDY CLAW ON DISPLAY

Students from Year 10 and 12 participated in a series of workshops to produce artwork that was displayed at London Bridge. Candy Claw, a project run by King's College London, was commissioned for the Science Gallery London's MOUTHY season.

Joanna Brinton worked with students in workshops which were related to cosmetic dentistry, aesthetic medicine and self-image. As part of these workshops students were able to see and experiment with dentistry tools, take impressions with them and use these to create pieces of art in relation to our mouths, identity and aesthetics.

Students were able to experiment with new art techniques and explore various themes. The artworks were named Candy Claw and displayed on the Science Gallery London hoardings on Great Maze Pond.



THE MYTHS AND REALITIES OF BEING A MODERN SPY



It is not every day that Sixth Formers get to learn about international espionage.

Dr Alex Mehta from Judicium Education was invited to the academy to speak about his visit to MI6's iconic headquarters in Vauxhall, where he met "C", the Head of Service (who is known as "M" in the Hollywood movies) and "Q", the Head of Technology. He shared his experiences and what he has learnt about the Secret Intelligence Services (SIS) with our students.

"The students were very excited but unsure what to expect before the talk," said Matt Jones, Principal. "There was a perception among the students that MI6 only recruited from certain schools, universities and backgrounds, so for them to hear that wasn't the case was a revelation. Social justice is one of our core values, and part of our culture at Ark Globe Academy. The talk explored the opportunities which are available at SIS for our students; provided they work hard."

As Alex explained, human relationships are at the heart of SIS; empathy and trust. "Being able to connect with another human being is the cornerstone of the Service" said Alex; to a packed group of over 50 enthralled students. "Car chases and fist-fights are great for the big movie screen. But the reality is very different".

"I don't think I'm the 'Oxbridge-type'" said one student "Would I still be eligible to apply?" "C is looking for talent" replied Alex. "He doesn't care what university you went to, or what school or background. But if you've got the ambition, tenacity and drive he'd like to hear from you".

Dylan, Year 12, was surprised. "Alex spoke about the diversity within MI6 which I didn't expect. The different ethnic groups and genders. They are normal people like me and you. Of course grades count, but it's more about what SIS can develop you into. A spy is anonymous and could look like me."

Alex then discussed the work of SIS in more detail particularly around counter-terrorism, counter-proliferation, cyber-security and overseas conflict and instability. Given the diversity of threats facing the UK, it was clear that SIS welcomed a more diverse workforce to counter that challenge.

Ishmed, Year 12 agreed. "James Bond is not a good representation of a real spy. In fact, he's the complete opposite of what an effective spy really is."

"It was fantastic to see so many Sixth Form students attend this talk, which shows their depth of interest and appetite for knowledge," said Principal, Matt Jones. "A lot of myths were exploded this evening and a career that seemed completely out of reach to many students, was suddenly made far more realistic. After university, our students could definitely make a positive contribution to SIS in the years to come. Students at Globe are now aware of the opportunities available in the Service, and as educators, we'll be reinforcing that message here in school. A lot of eyes were opened this evening, and perceptions shifted."

CELEBRATING READING

ON WORLD BOOK DAY



World Book Day is one of the most excitedly awaited events at the academy. Our primary pupils and their teachers came to school dressed up as their favourite book characters. We had Maleficent, the witch from Hansel and Gretel, Harry Potter, Fantastic Mr Fox and many more with us on that day! Our pupils enjoyed a range of book-related activities aimed at raising the profile and enjoyment of reading.



PRIMARY STUDENTS BECAME THEIR HEROES FOR A DAY

All of our primary pupils took part in Health Heroes Day to raise money for Health Poverty Action Charity. Students and teachers came to school dressed as their favourite heroes and raised funds for a great cause!

Health Heroes Day encourages students to celebrate the work of real life Health Heroes, learn about how their real life superpowers improve health and tackle poverty and learn how we can support them to bring about health rights. Students and teachers raised an incredible £256 on the day. Thanks to everyone who participated!



CELEBRATING OUR CULTURE PYRAMID



Last year we launched Ark Globe Academy's Culture Pyramid. The Culture Pyramid identifies our purpose, beliefs and values and reinforces the high expectations we have for all members of our community. It is designed in a clear, simple and memorable way so that it can be easily understood.

Since its launch, it has met with an extremely positive response across the community and from visitors.

Sami, Year 10, says that she finds the Culture Pyramid really effective: "The values, especially 'Relationships' have made me realise that I can and should email my teachers to catch up with work if I missed the lesson or to get materials to revise from. I didn't use to do this before, but because of the Pyramid I am reminded to. I think having a relationship with your teachers is important; they shouldn't be there just for one hour during your lesson, but from Years 7-11!"

Sami also mentions how the Culture Pyramid helps her to be a better person. "I have to have integrity. Before if a teacher said I was talking, I would say it wasn't me. Now I just say 'sorry'. I think it is important to learn this now so I can carry on this trait at university, in my career, and when I have a family. Globe is really helping me be a better person, not just for the 5 years I am here but with things I can use for the rest of my life."

A VIRTUAL EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA WITH GOOGLE



Our Primary had an extraordinary day in March with a visit from the Google Expeditions team. This is a new app developed by Google to open up the classroom for an immersive learning experience and a new tool to help schools demonstrate their teaching. They brought 60 phones, 60 Cardboards and two tablets to run the Expeditions from. Using a tablet, teachers were able to lead the class on a virtual reality field trip.

All of our primary pupils went on the expedition, led by their teachers. Some of them virtually went to Antarctica and did 'animal spotting'! Some of our students were very happy to see elephants and crocodiles via virtual reality devices! They enjoyed the day thoroughly, and had the chance to see these environments a little closer.

FIRST MARTIN WILLBOURN CUP AWARDED



The first Martin Willbourn Cup football match took place between the Sixth Form students and the staff. It was a great match, with some hefty tackles from the Sixth Form students and some great saves from Taylor 'the cat' Bellamy.

Though the Sixth Form won 10–6, all agreed that the score was not important as the game was, recognising the great service that Martin Willbourn provided Ark Globe Academy. Mr Willbourn retired last year from Ark Globe Academy after 27 years of dedication to our students and the wider community.

SIXTH FORM ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Our Sixth Form organises regular enrichment activities to increase our students' knowledge of the career paths and opportunities available to them after they leave school. We invite people from different backgrounds and professional fields to speak to our students. Recently Barry Matthews, lawyer for television channel ITV, spoke to our students about different pathways within law, his daily responsibilities and the challenges of working for a television channel. He discussed internship opportunities at ITV.

Two Ark Globe Academy alumni and White Hat hosted a talk about apprenticeships. White Hat, a company that matches the right students with the right businesses, gave our students tips on presenting themselves to businesses, and how to choose the right job. They emphasised the importance of networking while learning the job. Tyrique, a Globe alumnus, presented his experiences as an apprentice at Globe. He talked about his biggest achievements, and how he passed Level 2 in Business Administration.

It was also great to listen to Globe alumnus Shahena's success story. Shahena was headhunted by NatWest after her apprenticeship period in Deloitte. She gave a splendid presentation to our Sixth Formers about how she adapted herself to a business working environment and what she learned from her apprenticeship.

SIXTH FORMERS ATTEND SPEED DEBATING WORKSHOP

A group of our Sixth Formers spent an afternoon in the Houses of Parliament for the Political Speed Debating Workshop and a Tour of Parliament.

As part of the workshop students had the opportunity to meet a variety of people who work in Parliament. These included Baroness Grey-Thompson (Crossbench Peer, Paralympian and Motivational Speaker), Lord Bird (Crossbench Peer, Founder of the Big Issue Magazine) and Neil Coyle (Labour MP, Work and Pensions Committee, Constituency MP for Ark Globe Academy). After the workshop, Sixth Formers spent some more time with Neil Coyle, as they continued discussions around housing, welfare, work and funding. All of the students who attended enjoyed this very productive day.



THE GREAT DEBATE

Students that attend the Debating Club demonstrated how politically and socially aware they were with another amazing 'Great Debate'. Students held a debate on the topic "Is Britain Sexist?". All the students worked really hard to prepare even if they didn't agree with the side they had been allocated.



During the debate each side exchanged their points of view, even putting Mr Jones on the spot about equal pay at Globe!

It was a great way to end the first part of the spring term, well done to all those who participated.

MOVING TO SECONDARY



If you have a child moving from primary to secondary school this September it may feel daunting. We understand this and therefore run a series of events designed to ease the transition to our secondary school.

PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS

April–June 2017

New starters are visited in their current schools so that we can understand their individual educational needs.

ADMINISTRATION EVENING

Thursday 18 May 2017, 4:00–6:00pm

On this evening parents/carers complete the school's admissions forms with the support of our administration team. It also gives another opportunity to meet some of our staff.

BARBECUE

Thursday 8 June 2017, 5:00–7:00pm

A barbecue for Year 6 parents and children to give them an opportunity to meet other parents and teachers as part of a fun event at the school.

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TASTER DAYS

Tuesday 20 June and Wednesday 21 June 2017

At our Taster Days children can meet their teachers and classmates, experience a typical day and get used to the school environment. They are fun days designed to make children feel safe and secure at Ark Globe.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Monday 21 August to Friday 25 August 2017

An opportunity for Year 6 to get a further taster of the subjects they will study at Ark Globe Academy. It gives your child an opportunity to begin to form new friendships ahead of September. This also helps the school to ensure that children are assigned to the correct ability groups right from the start of the new term.