



**Globe**  
Academy

# AUTUMN

## NEWSLETTER 2015

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Dear parents and friends of the academy,

I am pleased to introduce you to the first newsletter of the year. We are now at the end of our first term as an academy that truly is 3–18 years, with students in Years 12 and 13, and the impact of having a sixth form on the rest of the school is very positive. Our younger students have excellent role models to look up to and take advantage of having older students to ask for advice about post-16 options and applying to university. The sixth formers also have the opportunity to practice their leadership, presentation and mentoring skills by running clubs for the younger students and helping in their classes so the whole academy benefits.

Once again we have had a very positive and busy term and the newsletter will give you just a taste of some of the events and enrichment activities that our students have taken part in. At the time of writing this newsletter, lots of rehearsals are still taking place from our nursery through to sixth form for the winter performances and I look forward to watching all of these. Remember to keep an eye on our website, twitter and Facebook page to view photos of these performances.

Our students have also been working incredibly hard in the classroom with all years sitting mock exams or assessments during which the focus of the students was excellent. Well done to all students for taking these so seriously.

We were very excited to host 'Ark by Night', a high profile fundraising event for our sponsor, Ark, that saw lots of high net worth individuals come to the school and be impressed by our fabulous students and buildings.

I would like to thank everyone who continues to support Ark Globe Academy; students, parents, business partners and staff to ensure we continue to improve and remain a place where our students feel safe and achieve.

I would also like to thank those staff who are leaving us at the end of term for their service to the academy.

Finally, I wish you all a restful, enjoyable and safe festive season and a happy new year.

**Mr Matt Jones**  
Principal



### KEY DATES

- 6 January  
Students return to school
- 11, 12 February  
INSET days
- 15–19 February – Half term
- 3 March  
World Book Day
- 17 March  
Spring into Life Concert
- 24 March – Term ends



After their first term at Ark Globe Academy we spoke to two of our Year 7 students, Jevantae Freckleton and Tola Shenaike.

**Hi Jevantae. Thank you for talking to me about your first term here. How did you feel before starting secondary school?**

I was feeling scared being separated from my primary school friends but the school and other students made me feel comfortable so now it feels like home.

**What has been your favourite thing about Ark Globe so far?**

My favourite activity was when I went on our Year 7 residential at Grangewater outdoor activity centre.

The best activity was the zip wire which was a challenge because I was afraid of heights.

**What is your favourite subject?**

English because it helps me to improve my grammar and learn new words.

**How would you describe Ark Globe Academy?**

Welcoming, enjoyable and it gives us lots of opportunities that inspire us.

**Hi Tola, you went to Ark Globe Academy primary before joining Year 7. What would you say is the main difference between primary and secondary school?**

The secondary school is bigger so it has more resources and we learn more subjects.

**What is your favourite subject?**

English because it is fun but you are learning lots.

**How would you describe Ark Globe Academy in three words?**

Fantastic, unique, amazing.

**“It feels like home.”**

Jevantae Freckleton, Year 7

# THIS TERM IN PICTURES



Fantastic artwork from Year 2.



We are continuing to collect food for the **local foodbank** every Tuesday.



The Year 10 **netball** B team.



We were excited to be awarded a **Silver Eco-Schools award**.



Our **first group of Kings Scholars** give their presentation on society.



Our **Environment Club** have been gardening to help improve the school environment.



Year 8 **football team** warming up.



You can now see the **history of the school** on our new timeline in the Pentagon.



Year 10 **football team** before a South London Cup match.

For more news and updates please follow us on Twitter @ARKGlobeAcademy and visit [www.globeacademy.org](http://www.globeacademy.org)

## BY NIGHT



The school was proud to host the main Ark fundraising event for the year which was held over three nights at the beginning of November. It was an immersive event that gave the visitors an opportunity to experience different scenarios that school staff face on a daily basis.

Our student leaders were used as guides for the event which was a fantastic opportunity for them to practice their networking and professionalism skills. There were even a few students that

managed to get business cards from the guests to use when trying to secure work experience placements in the future which, is a skill in itself.

We were also very proud that our spoken word group, 'The Globe Poets', were asked to perform at the event and received fabulous feedback.

The school looked fantastic and everyone was very complimentary of the students and buildings.

### PERFORMING THE LION KING

Continuing the tradition started last year, our Year 7 students gave a fantastic performance of the Lion King after just six weeks of rehearsals and run-throughs. The performance included songs sung by our Year 7 choir and brilliant soloists which had the audience clapping along. Congratulations to all students and staff involved, we look forward to seeing it again next year.



#### THE CAST

Josiah Roberts-Lawanson - Old Simba  
 Syeda Alam - Mufasa  
 Abdulsalam Giwa - Young Simba  
 Ayo Osisami - Rafiki  
 Ebi Miene - Tiki and Muconda  
 Rocco McHugh - Zazu  
 Abdul Jalloh - Scar (Performance 2)  
 Shameika Isaacs - Scar (Performance 1)  
 Tatiana Alcobia - Nala  
 Roberts Ayodeji - Timon  
 Rahim Conteh - Pumba  
 Shaily Begum - Safina  
 Ibrahim Fofana - Ed (Hyena)  
 Christopher Onyejekwe - Banzai (Hyena)  
 Alice Alexander - Shenzi (Hyena)  
 and the Year 7 choir.

# STUDENTS ENJOY 'COMMUNI-TEA' WITH LOCAL POLICE

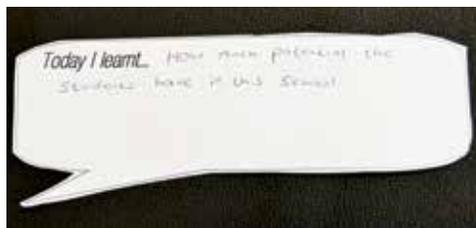


In the summer of 2015 Ark Globe students welcomed elderly members of the local community to help combat social isolation through the medium of an afternoon tea.

This term our students welcomed the local police for a community breakfast to build on their positive relationships and breakdown stereotypes between the young people of Southwark and the police. Eight officers from the Safer Transport Team, the Local Policing Team and Met-Track joined 21 Year 9 students to find common ground, discuss key issues about the borough and to explore what Elephant & Castle could look like in 50 years time.

Guests enjoyed breakfast together and worked through a conversation menu to help both students and police appreciate what it is like being in the other's shoes. Great conversations were had and important issues were covered to help give students a greater understanding of what the police do to keep them safe. Students also shared what it's like being a young person growing up in Southwark and the challenges it presents.

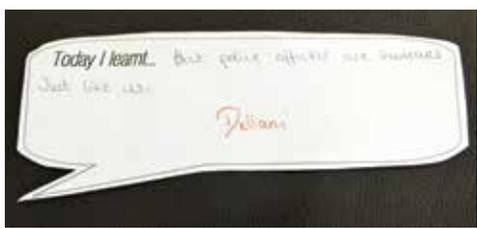
John Powell MBE, former superintendent and founder of Met-Track said: "Today I learnt that engagement with young people is key to establishing positive attitudes towards the police."



Khaleed, Year 9 said: "Police are our friends and they need our help to keep us safe."

Adedamola, Year 9 said: "I learnt that the police are nice and they work really hard to make us feel safe in our community."

Ark Globe Academy is committed to being an active member of its local community and the 'Communi-tea' forms part of an ongoing project which engages students with members of the community. The school is working with Fellows from the organisation 'YearHere' to create meaningful and lasting links with the local area via initiatives such as the 'Communi-tea' and Southwark Foodbank.



## MASUMA AKTHAR, YEAR 7



Masuma Akthar from Year 7 writes:

On Monday 19 October 2015, girls from different secondary schools were given the chance to participate in a workshop called 'Greenlight for girls'. This workshop started with one email from a lady working in an insurance company who was rather disappointed that she was the only female working in her company. She wrote that something must be done. After that, she was bombarded with emails. The decision was made that a programme should run for girls to open their minds and drown in an ocean of curiosity.

Quite cleverly, science and sports are combined in this programme; there is a lot of science behind sports, you just have to think carefully. Rugby is the sport that was focused on at the workshop with Aaron Cruden from the All Blacks rugby team attending as the guest for this event. All the girls asked for his autographs and pictures. There were three sessions, which the girls attended.

### Safety

When playing rugby, you need to stay safe and get yourself ready for a match. Rugby is a physical sport. To avoid injuries there are certain things you must do or wear. Firstly, you must wear a mouth guard. By wearing this, you will avoid your teeth being knocked out. Secondly, you must wear a scrum hat to help prevent any head injuries. Finally, you must wear special rugby boots. These boots have studs underneath them, they avoid any slipping or skidding, however it also increases speed when you are running.

### Warm ups

Warming up is another way of preparing yourself for a rugby match. In addition, if you do normal muscle stretches for a certain amount of time, you will avoid any muscle injuries. Nevertheless, you also must do typical jogging or sprinting. This is vital because when doing such activities more blood and oxygen flows around your body to get ready for any sport, not only for a rugby match. These activities also increase your heart rate.

### The Haka 360

The Haka 360 is a 3D experience of the All Blacks Haka. The Haka is a sort of dance performed at the beginning of an All Blacks rugby match used to intimidate your opponents. Most importantly, it shows your respect for your ancestors, your family and your friends. You show how much you respect the earth you stand on. Give your opponents a challenge to face you.

### Attacks/Tackles

In a rugby match, there are a lot of tackles made by rugby players. For a perfect tackle, you must attack below your opponent's centre of mass (your abdomen – your tummy). This leads to your opponent falling over because they have lost their balance. The best place to tackle is the thighs.

'Greenlight for girls' is an inspiration to all young females which will hopefully change the way they think about science.

# WOMEN OF THE WORLD

## MENTORING EVENT



Five lucky Year 11 girls had the opportunity to attend a speed mentoring event whilst taking in the skyline of London on the London Eye as part of the Women of the World festival.

The girls all had the chance to spend 15 minutes interviewing women from a number of sectors including; the Conservative Minister for Health, a musician and a journalist.



### STAGE BUSINESS

Ten sixth form students have been taking part in the new education project 'Stage Business' run by the Old Vic Theatre. The project provides the students with the opportunities to develop skills that are essential to being successful not only in the theatre but in any industry. They are also given the opportunity to practice using their new skills

by running workshops themselves for 11–14 year olds. To kick off the programme the students were given the opportunity to attend a performance at the Old Vic of a new play, 'Future Conditional', starring Rob Brydon of BBC's comedy, 'Gavin and Stacey'.

# CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH



We celebrated Black History Month in style again this year, with students from the secondary school taking part in musical, dancing and spoken word performances to tell the story of Black History around the globe. The assembly was opened by students and staff saying: 'We are here from all corners of the globe. We are all different and yet we are all the same. We are one, big international family at Ark Globe Academy!' in English Portuguese, Spanish, Krio, Twi, Bengali, Turkish and Yoruba all of which are languages spoken at Ark

Globe Academy. The students were then taken on a journey around the globe to learn about black history on each continent. The assembly was finished by our special guest and alumni, spoken word poet, Caleb Femi performing his own work 'Children of the Narm' which tells a personal story of the African residents of Peckham. It was a fantastic performance and gave all our young spoken word poets some inspiration for their own works.

## MAKING THE LEAP

A group of Year 9 students were invited to an event in October hosted by the charity 'Making the Leap'. 'Making The Leap' has teamed up with Southwark Council to launch a project that aims to raise the aspirations of Southwark schoolchildren. In October they hosted an event at Kings College London that brought representatives from several of the prestigious Russell Group universities together to inform, motivate and inspire pupils to consider working hard enough to apply to their institutions. The university students were encouraging the school students to believe that they can be all that their talent and hard work will allow them to be.

University students at the event came from Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, Leeds, Kings College London, Sheffield and the London School of Economics and our students enjoyed asking these students all about life at university.



# MATHS LESSON



Year 10 students were taught a Maths lesson with a difference on Wednesday 18 November when Group Head of Marketing from HSBC, Chris Clark, visited the school and invited them to join the 'Board of Directors' for 'Ark Bar'.

The students then looked at Maths in action in a business scenario when they had to decide which percentage of their profit they would put towards marketing and the affect this would have on their profit in the future. There were a range of answers from the different 'Boards' from risk averse strategies to more aggressive tactics.

The students also had the opportunity to ask Mr Clark some questions about his career with questions ranging from, 'what was your first job in marketing?' to 'how did you get into sales and marketing?' and 'what do you think makes you successful?'

Mr Clark said to the students; 'opportunities come along and you grab them'. He got his first sales and marketing job by taking advantages of the different opportunities that were given to him. To answer the question, 'what do you think makes you successful?' Mr Clark said he took the advice from two successful men: John Paul Getty, an oil tycoon and incredibly successful businessman in the 1940s and 50s, who said: 'Get up early, work hard, strike oil' and Theodore Roosevelt, an American

President who said: 'I don't care how much you know until I know how much you care'.

Finally, Mr Clark gave the students useful tips for preparing for interviews: 'do your homework properly before applying for a job, research the company before attending the interview, be yourself as much as you can and have questions to ask the interviewer at the end of the interview'.

Chris Clark came in to teach the lesson via a programme with the education charity Teach First which sees senior professionals offer to teach a guest lesson at one of their partner schools, giving students the opportunity to understand the real-world application of their subject knowledge from an industry professional.



"Get up early, **work hard,** strike oil."

## PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS



This term we were very excited to launch our Professional Pathways qualification being taken by 10 of our Year 12 students. The students are working towards a Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma in Business – this can give them up to 420 UCAS points. Alongside their studies in lessons, students are also getting the opportunity to network with business people from different industries and gain first-hand experience of the working world. They are also studying a professional project management qualification (PRINCE2).

The companies we have been working with this term are Bloomberg, Bouygues UK, JP Morgan, Teach First and many more.

### CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 13 November, Ark Globe Academy Primary raised a whopping £294 for Children in Need, a charity that supports children across the UK. Children and teachers came to school dressed as their favourite heroes and took part in activities throughout the day to learn more about the charity and how the money we raised can help others. Once again, a massive thank you to those children who made a donation to this great charity!



### DIGITAL ENTERPRISE WORKSHOP

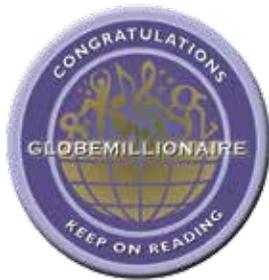
A group of Year 11 girls went to a girls' talk event with digital enterprise entrepreneurs.

They told us their story on how they created their businesses and our students were able to ask the panel questions which enabled them to consider their career options for the future.

All were inspired from the event and went away considering their own business options.

## VISIT TO THE RAGGED SCHOOL MUSEUM

Year 5 visited The Ragged School Museum in Mile End, which allowed the children to experience a glimpse of life as a Victorian child. The children were taught in a Victorian classroom by a very strict Victorian teacher, who even checked the cleanliness of their hands! As well as this, the children had the opportunity to explore items that would have been found in a Victorian home.



### 'GLOBE MILLIONAIRES KEEP ON READING'

Congratulations to our Globe Millionaire, Nigel Boakye in Year 10 who has read 1496093 words, voluntarily this term. Everyone else, students and staff; Keep on reading!

### PRIMARY PUPILS 'GO4IT'

On Friday afternoons Ark Globe Academy Primary is buzzing with excitement as all pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 'Go4it' and take part in activities that allow them to develop skills learnt outside of the classroom. This term pupils have taken part in 18 different activities such as sewing, ballet, puppeteering, baking, netball and 'city trekkers', an activity that takes pupils off for a walk around the city to see the wonderful sites London has to offer. Each pupil gets to vote for which activity they would like to do and if they don't get their first choice first time round, they will do it the following term. Year groups are mixed up so Year 1 and 2 work together, 3 and 4 and 5 and 6 and this helps to ensure that the pupils and staff all get to know each other which creates good relationships between everyone. Every activity has a specific skill the adults feel the children should be taught and the activities offered will be different every term so we look forward to seeing what will be on offer next term!

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### SIXTH FORM 'KNOWLEDGE SERIES'

Thursday afternoons are 'Knowledge Series' afternoons for the Sixth Form. Each week someone from a different workplace comes to Ark Globe Academy to give a presentation on their current role and how they got there. This gives the Sixth Formers an opportunity to find out more first-hand about the wide range of careers available to them when they leave school or university. So far this academic year the Sixth Formers have heard from the following careers: a PR Agent, a Sports presenter, a Creative Graphic Designer, a Head of Community Development, a Lawyer, a Baroness and a CEO. Next term we are looking forward to hearing from an architect, an engineer and a pharmaceutical associate to name but a few. The most interesting fact learnt from these talks so far is that there are 103 different career options within the property industry.

### SIXTH FORM – FIRST ROUND OF STUDENTS MAKING THEIR UCAS APPLICATIONS

We are very excited to have our first round of Ark Globe Academy students completing their university application forms with a couple of students already being offered conditional places at Sheffield and Bristol universities. This is a historical moment for the school as these students are our first cohort to leave Ark Globe Academy and go straight to university.

### GRANGEWATER TRIP

Our Year 7s had a wet but wonderful few days at Grangewater Outdoor activity centre for their residential trip in September. The Year 7 residential runs every year to help students to get to know each other and the staff better away from the classroom environment. The students took part in a range of activities such as raft building, wall climbing, abseiling and whizzing down a zip wire. These activities allowed them to develop their team building and problem solving skills and for some overcome fears of heights.

### SPORTS UPDATE

Students have been representing the academy across all year groups in a range of sports this term including: basketball, netball, football and athletics with some teams scoring an impressive number of goals in one match.

# SUPPORTING ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



The week beginning 16 November was anti-bullying week in schools throughout the UK. At Ark Globe Academy Primary, we learnt about how to cope with bullying and who to go to if we have any worries. The Junior Leadership Team led a great assembly for the whole school about the impact of bullying and why we should not do it and lots of children created anti-bullying posters to be displayed around school. On the Friday of that week, everyone came to school dressed in blue to raise money for a charity that supports victims of bullying, Bullying UK.



## KEEP UP TO DATE

Do you follow us on Twitter and Facebook? We regularly post our latest news on both these sites so please do visit and like the pages to keep up with all the happenings at Ark Globe Academy.

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