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KEY DATES

Tuesday 2 March, 5:00pm
Year 11 Parents Evening

Wednesday 4 March
or 11 March, 3:45pm,
Year 1 Phonics Parent meetings

Thursday 26 March, 6:00pm
Performance Faculty Spring Showcase

Thursday 2 April, Term ends

21 April, Summer Term starts

23 April, 4:00-5:00pm,
Academic Review Day

24 April, 8:30am-5:00pm,
Academic Review Day



Dear parents, carers and friends of the academy,

As you will see by reading through this Spring edition of our newsletter it has been an exceptionally busy term. We have been extending the leadership opportunities for our students to help them develop the character and skills to be successful after they leave us at Ark Globe Academy. Some of our secondary students have been helping our primary students with their reading. A new team of sports captains have been appointed to help organise and manage teams competing in our small schools sports competition and we have held our Year 10 prefect interviews, ready for them to take up their new roles in the summer term.

A high point this term was being recognised nationally by the Department for Education for the achievement of students who are or have in the last six years been entitled to a free school meal. The progress made last year puts us in the top 4% of all schools in England for achievement for this group of students. This, once again, is a reflection of the hard work put in by our children and adults in ensuring we get the very best exam results for our students.

During this term we have focused as an academy on developing a 'Growth Mindset'; the notion that ability is not fixed and that through hard work, learning from our mistakes and remaining optimistic we will achieve personal and collective success. I would urge you to support us in developing this in our children by praising them at home for completing their homework, for doing their revision for exams and for reading their books from the library. However, just as importantly is the message that mistakes are an inevitable part of being successful. It is an individual's response to failure that will dictate their personal level of success. With this in mind I would like to add how important it is that students revise thoroughly for their GCSE, A Level and end of year exams.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, students, family and friends of Ark Globe in making this academic year a highly successful one.



Mr Matt Jones
Principal



SOUTHWARK MP SIMON HUGHES CONGRATULATES ARK GLOBE ACADEMY ON **£5,000 GOVERNMENT AWARD**



Southwark MP and Justice Minister Simon Hughes visited Ark Globe Academy recently to congratulate us on our work in ensuring all pupils reach their potential.

Mr Hughes congratulated us on winning a £5,000 Pupil Premium Award after our school was named as one of the top schools in the country for helping disadvantaged students achieve good GCSEs results.

The MP met with our Principal Matt Jones and students, whose GCSE results rose last year despite a national drop, before visiting a history lesson and joining Sixth Form students for lunch.

Globe is one of only 140 schools nationwide to be awarded the Pupil Premium Award, which recognises outstanding use of Pupil Premium funding to raise attainment among disadvantaged students.

The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers. The 2015 Pupil Premium Awards recognise the schools that do the most to help disadvantaged pupils.

Mr Hughes also heard from students how we have used the Pupil Premium funding to provide personal mentoring and tutoring to students and extra teachers in the run-up to exams. Students also spoke about how the funding had allowed them to visit top universities like Durham and Southampton and get an insight into life at a leading academic institution.

The £5,000 award will go towards providing students at Ark Globe Academy with further educational opportunities and support.

Principal Matt Jones said:

“This award is a fantastic reflection of the hard work and dedication of all adults at Ark Globe Academy, who support our students on their journeys to university. A huge thank you to Simon Hughes MP for taking the time to visit us at Ark Globe and share in our success.”



Simon Hughes @SimonHughes Feb 7
Thank you @MattJones_Globe - was good to meet and discuss success of v impressive local school @ArkGlobeAcademy

Our pupils from all age groups have been excelling at the Ark Schools Maths Challenges.

From Year 2, Ayub, Hawa, Demaiya and Abdul were chosen to represent Ark Globe Academy. Ten schools from across the Ark network took part in the challenge and there were four challenges to complete together as a team. The projects were really fun and our team worked very well together, listening to each other and taking turns. Their favourite challenge of the day involved making an animal using different coloured multi-link cubes. Each colour cube had a value and once the animal was made, the value of all the cubes used had to add up to 100. This was really tricky, but the team worked together and got very close to 100 with a score of 89. Very well done to the Year 2 team.

Years 5 and 6 were represented by Ilham, Masood, Farhan and Olivia. There was tough competition – especially from Ark Academy, the host school. Once again, the pupils had a series of challenges to complete, including code cracking, Chinese puzzles and a final intense round of ‘24’ where the children’s quick-fire skills were put to the test. Luckily, Ark Globe stormed through in the final round with a whopping 110 points (the highest of the competition!). We came in a very respectable second place and the children were awarded with medals. The pupils were excellent sports and represented Ark Globe brilliantly.

Our final group of students to compete in the Maths Challenge were the Year 7s. They had to complete a number of different group and individual challenges and did extremely well to come second.

Congratulations to all pupils who represented Ark Globe so strongly.

STUDENT VOICE: MATTHEW



Matthew is in our Year 11. He is passionate about maths and took GCSE maths whilst in Year 9 and got an A.

“It was amazing. All my hard work paid off. I was quite tentative when I went to get my GCSE results and when I received the envelope I was almost overwhelmed. It was an amazing experience!”

Maths is something that not everyone values but I think it requires you to be systematic, to think in-depth. I like that it’s step-by-step and you can show the complete way to solve a problem. It really develops your perception of how you look at things. You become a logical thinker.

Ms Liffe is my favourite teacher at Ark Globe. She is really dedicated to everyone getting an A* in maths. She listens to the students, caters to their needs and understands it’s ok to make mistakes as long as progress is made. Practice, practice, practice really does make perfect! I intend to do maths at A level and if it’s an option I’d like to use maths in some way in my career, perhaps as a maths teacher, but I’m also interested in being a lawyer or doing something in politics.

If someone was to say maths was dreary and boring I’d say give maths a chance! Think about how you can apply maths in real-life. If you like spending money and shopping you’re going to need maths!”



MAGICAL MUSICIANS

We want our students to have every opportunity to get the most out of specialist status in mathematics and the performing arts. Our ambition is for every pupil to fully participate in our music and arts programmes. Here is the latest news from our music department.

'ALL ABOUT THE BAND'

Talented students from Years 7–11 recently auditioned for places on the 'All about the Band' programme. The programme, organised and led by the Southwark Music service and the London Centre of Contemporary Music, is a nine week project where students from Southwark schools will meet and play in different bands each week. It will culminate in a final intensive weekend of rehearsals in March and a live public gig for friends and family at the Culture Space in Canada Water Library. 16 of our students have been chosen to take part in the project and we are looking forward to seeing their performance.

STUDENTS PERFORM AT THE SOUTHBANK CENTRE

Our Year 9 students have been working with professional musicians on their song writing skills in a number of workshops this term. This has led to a small group of the students performing their song at the world renowned Southbank Centre to members of the public and Primary Schools across Southwark. Their song was fantastic with everyone joining in with the chorus and enjoying the inspirational lyrics and instrumental. We are very proud of these students and all the others who learnt from this experience.

'SING INTO SPRING'

On 6 February our students joined with others from across the Ark network to 'Sing into Spring' at the annual Ark celebration. The day of singing involved choirs from across the Ark network of schools. This year our 15 SPARK and IGNITE members as well as our 40 strong primary choir attended a fun filled day of singing and learning.

USING MUSICAL TALENTS TO RAISE MONEY FOR CHARITY

Students from Year 10 and 11 BTEC Music have been raising money for different charities. From selling recordings of their own compositions,

organising an appeal concert and hosting a Year 7 talent show, they have raised money for Oxfam, Youth Music UK and the Ebola crisis. You can read more about David Olubowale, Daniel Main and Abdullahi Hassan's Charity CD for Youth Music at www.arkglobeacademy.org/node/24751

PRIMARY MUSIC NEWS

PRIMARY MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

This term we have seen the first of our Primary music scholarship students coming to Ark Globe for their instrumental lessons. The music scholarship gives FREE individual lessons with one of our specialist instrumental teachers. We have 20 primary students in Year 5 from six local primary schools taking part in the scheme and are looking forward to having them perform with one of our school ensembles by the end of the year!

PRIMARY MUSIC CAMP

Preparations are also being made for our very first primary music camp which will be taking place from 6–8 March. We expect a large number of Year 5 students from our local primaries to visit us for three days to experience a musical extravaganza of performing, composing, meeting lots of new friends and having fun. The three day camp will culminate with a final celebration performance for friends and family to be held in the Pentagon.

OFF WITH THEIR HEADS

Year 2 had an exciting trip to The Tower of London recently which linked to our literacy and history topics on The Great Fire of London and Guy Fawkes. We were fascinated to see the spot where Guy Fawkes was imprisoned for treason. The Tower of London has a gruesome history and we also saw where Guy Fawkes was tortured. The friendly Beefeaters helped to show us how close the Great Fire of London had got to the Tower and they explained to us how the Tower had been protected from the deadly fire. We ate lunch in one of the ancient towers and pretended to have a Tudor feast! After lunch, we admired the Queen's stunning crown jewels which she wore to her coronation.

THIS TERM IN PICTURES



Our fantastic **Buddy readers** who read with our primary children every week.



Year 2 at **The Tower of London**.



Ukulele time for our Year 6s.



Our **fantastic dancers** have been creating and performing dances based on the Matrix.



Our brass players are **raising the roof with their talent**.



Our girls demonstrate their sense of **social responsibility** by volunteering at a Soup kitchen in Elephant and Castle.



Yaa, Year 12 pitches her ideas for radical changes at a **Cabinet Office** workshop.



Year 10 drama students enjoyed a workshop with the **Young Vic Theatre** before watching 'Tree'



Attention to detail in our art Year 11 mock exam.



The Great Globe Staff Bake Off took place this term and **raised £116 raised for The National Autistic Society**.

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

HOW DO WE PREPARE STUDENTS FOR JOBS THAT DON'T YET EXIST?



Sky App development challenge teaches students next-generation software skills.

Forty Year 10 computing students accelerated their future employment potential by taking part in the Sky Formula 1 App development challenge. The challenge provided an exciting opportunity for students to experience the world of computer technology in a real-life context whilst developing an in-car application for Formula 1 racing drivers.

Students were trained by a team of Sky computing graduates to plan, design and test the application – developing and ensuring the code was fully functional and user-friendly. The computing students were also each given an iPad for the day with specially designed artificial intelligence software to predict their future profession, with guidance on how to achieve their career goals.

To add to the excitement, students also had a half hour Q&A session with a Sky Executive responsible for 500 staff. Questions from students ranged from “How do I get to where you are?” to “What course do I have to do to become a Sky computing graduate?” The students also learnt that the Sky work experience programme is open to them.

Mr Koramoa, Subject Leader ICT said: “The trip empowered students with the knowledge they need to plot their pathways

to future employment in a range of creative technology fields. Their careers will take place in a world dominated by software and the high-quality training from Sky, combined with the students’ curiosity and fantastic tenacity, has shown them that everything is possible with hard work and the right attitude. They can be leaders in the world of technology.”

Joel, Year 10, said: “It’s good to see the different types of careers that are out there. There are so many jobs that you don’t even consider for a lifetime career. This puts it all into perspective that you can be paid to be creative.”

During the day students also toured the Sky village, exploring the full Sky operation, and a few lucky students were able to sit in the Sky presentation hot seat, see a ‘live’ news broadcast and tour the computer network control room.

The day finished with a grand presentation of the finished Sky Formula 1 application and a discussion about necessary qualities for students to become leaders in the community.

The Sky Computing graduates said that this was one of the best groups of students they’d had and that their coding was awesome.

Thank you to Mr Coker for making this fantastic trip possible.

ARK ART COMPETITION

One of our very talented Year 6 pupils has recently produced this amazing piece of art work which will feature in an Ark art auction alongside many famous pieces from artists such as David Hockney and Henry Moore.

The auction will take place at the famous auction house Sotheby's and they have agreed to include some primary age pupils' work. Syeda in Year 6 used the theme of 'Dreams and Aspirations' to produce a fabulous piece of art using a range of media based on her hopes for her future which include graduating, helping save the rainforest and becoming an architect!



VOLUNTEER POLICE CADETS

The Metropolitan Police has joined in partnership with Ark Globe Academy to establish a Junior Volunteer Police Cadets Programme for pupils in Year 6 throughout the borough of Southwark. The programme will teach the pupils life skills, social responsibility and help them build positive relationships with the police. The junior cadets will be led by senior volunteer police cadets and cadet leaders who have been coached and trained in mentoring and leadership to provide positive role models to their younger peers. This is a very exciting programme and 12 of our pupils have been lucky enough to be chosen for it.

ACCESSING UNIVERSITY



We are committed to providing our students with the best chance of gaining the qualifications, skills and confidence needed to access university or a career of their choice. All our pupils visit different universities at least once a year from Year 7 through to Sixth Form. With these visits we break down the barrier that only certain people can go to university and allow our students to see the opportunities available to them if they work hard.

Our Year 8 students visited Kings College University recently to learn more about university life. The students toured the campus and saw the quality and variety of facilities available. The trip also enabled them to understand how much bigger in size a university is to a school and how this would impact their learning styles in comparison to learning at school. After the tour our students spent time with current university students who gave them a more personal insight into university life. The day was completed with an interactive seminar led by history students on the causes of World War I.

Our students had a wonderful day, behaved in an exemplary fashion and came away knowing that the university door is wide open for them.

YEAR 5 VISIT LONDON ZOO

As part of their topic on Antarctica, Year 5 visited London Zoo to find out more about penguins. The pupils found out how penguins adapt to their harsh environment and how the scientists keep warm in the Antarctica. The pupils also carried out research on other animals such as gorillas, hippos and giraffes. Did you know giraffe's tongues can grow up to 50cm long and they can even lick their own ears?





Interviews for Year 10 prefects took place with teachers, staff from Ark, Year Here, our Head Boy, Head Girl and their Deputies.

We are passionate about providing our students with the skills they need to become leaders in their community. Our Student Leadership programme creates a wide range of opportunities for students to take responsibility. The positions within the programme include; Monitors and managers, Student Ambassadors, Prefects, Music prefects, Sports captains, Head Boy and Head Girl and student councillors. Each day the Student Leaders represent their peers and practice their leadership skills.

This term, our Year 11 prefects had the opportunity to practice their interview skills when they took part in interviewing the new Year 10 prefects. This was a fantastic experience for everyone involved giving all pupils the chance to experience an interview whether being the interviewer or the interviewee. We look forward to welcoming our new Year 10 prefects on board.

We also appointed our first set of sports captains who will have the very important job of selecting the teams for the inter-school competitions and to organise them on the day. They are in charge of the team sheets, team tactics and if they are not playing themselves, will be at all competitions cheering their team on. In the summer, the sports captains also help to organise and run the School Sports Day.

Our Student Leaders also work with the primary school pupils in a mentoring programme. 25 Year 9 students visit the primary school each week to help younger pupils with their reading. As a consequence, the primary pupils have hugely benefited and their reading has improved greatly. The Year 9 students have been able to practice their mentoring and leadership skills.

STUDENT VOICE: Q&A WITH OUR HEAD GIRL, ZAREEN



Hi Zareen. Tell me what you have learnt from being Head Girl?

I have learnt patience, responsibility and that when you are in a leadership position all your actions affect others. For example, I know that if I am late it would set a poor example to the other students.

What advice would you offer to a Year 7 child joining Ark Globe?

I can only go on my own experience but I have learnt that you will make friends by being yourself. You don't need to try and fit in and force yourself to be different to whom you really are. I also advise that you need to work hard right from the start of joining secondary school. Everything you do in Year 7 will affect what you can do in the future.

How would you describe Ark Globe Academy?

The teachers really want to see each and every student succeed. They display a fervent passion for their job and are very ambitious. As students, we then bounce off their ambitions. Throughout the school we can see where we are progressing to and each student has a role model in the older students. This creates a real community feel which is also portrayed in the diversity of the school. No matter what religion, race or sexuality everyone is accepted and treated as an equal.

Why did you want to be Head Girl?

I have had the aspiration since Year 6 to become Head Girl as it felt the natural thing to do. I think I have the ability to lead people and an understanding of others. I also wanted to make myself and my family proud of me.

Miss Rigby is one of our fantastic English teachers. She graduated from her initial teacher training year with Ark Teacher Training in July 2014.

Below she writes about how the Barsbaric Spoken Word Poetry Collective now known as Globe Poets came about.

“Last year, as I walked into a classroom, I saw a Year 9 student performing poetry in front of the class. Straight away I could see that she had a natural talent for spoken word poetry, so I approached her and asked her if she wanted to develop it further. I had an idea to create a spoken word collective with the students at school, so I asked this student if she wanted to help me set it up. As a few more students got involved, it appeared that I'd tapped into a well of poetic creativity at Ark Globe. A few weeks later the Barsbaric Spoken Word Poetry Collective was born and has now developed into Globe Poets.

The English Department let me lead the group, but having seen how enthusiastic and organised the students were, we decided to facilitate it together. After holding assemblies, doing readings and creating a lot of buzz in the school, we finally got a group of students who are incredibly passionate and talented – in both writing and performance. And amazingly enough, that's when we heard about the Poetry Slam, an event hosted by Ark at the Roundhouse in Camden. It's where students from across different Ark Schools get together and showcase the poems and performances they have created. With the Poetry Slam just a few months away, we worked incredibly hard to get ready. The effort the students put in was amazing; we worked during lunch breaks, after-school and at the weekends.

At the slam, the group performed a poem called No Vote, No Voice. It was just a great example of how these students see the world; they know exactly what needs to change if we want to live in a fair and equal society, and they're not afraid to shout about it. **Their hard work paid off, Barsbaric won the top prize in the Poetry Slam and I was thrilled!**

These are a group of students who have so much potential. I've got massive ambitions for them and can't wait to see how they do. **I remember one of the students asking me if they should be the next Poet Laureate, and I answered 'why not!?'**

This has been just one of many great things to happen to me during my Teacher Training. Teacher training has been a lot of work, but the support has been incredible. The people at school and the experts from Ark have made the year not just bearable, but a pleasant experience. I'd encourage anyone with a fundamental passion to change society to become a teacher. Education is the place to start. What's more, unlike my old job (a social justice campaigner), you get more wins on a day-to-day basis. You see the change that you're making. This is what motivates me and keeps me going. **Every day I feel inspired.**



PUPILS VISIT STAMFORD BRIDGE

Twenty five Year 9 and 10 students went on a trip to Stamford Bridge (Chelsea FC's home ground) recently as part of an enterprise scheme linked to the Premier League. Students had to devise and pitch ideas to increase the number of families attending home matches. It was a great experience for the students and they will now be entered into a national competition.

ELBRUS VS MCKINLEY SPORTS

At the start of November we launched 'Elbrus vs McKinley', a year-long sports' tournament between our two small schools in Years 7-9.

Students and staff are competing against each other in five different sports across the year, with the winning team earning points for their small school. At the end of the year we will announce the winners of the first Ark Globe Academy Elbrus vs McKinley Cup!

This term the students and staff played basketball, and football. The next challenge is table tennis.

Here are all the results:

Basketball – Year 7 Competition –
Wednesday 3 December 2014

ELBRUS WIN

Basketball – Year 8 Competition –
Tuesday 9 December 2014

MCKINLEY WIN

Basketball – Year 9 Competition –
Wednesday 10 December 2014

MCKINLEY WIN

Football – Year 8 Competition –
Tuesday 27 January 2015

ELBRUS WIN

Football – Year 7 Competition –
Wednesday 28 January 2014

ELBRUS WIN

Football – Year 9 Competition –
Monday 3 February 2015

MCKINLEY WIN

**THE CURRENT SCORE IS
ELBRUS 3 – 3 MCKINLEY 3!**



STUDENT VOICE: FABIANA, A SPANISH STUDENT TALKS ABOUT HOW GLOBE HAS HELPED HER FEEL SECURE



At Ark Globe we have students from all over the world. Students who have English as an additional language benefit from extra support until they reach expected standards in English. Careful assessment and a combination of small induction classes and one-to-one teaching ensure that all students have full access to our learning opportunities. There are also lots of fun groups where the students can get together and make new friends!

One of our students Fabiana joined us in September 2014 having moved from Spain to London only one month before.

Fabiana says that all her teachers have made her feel secure here and have been really helpful in making sure that she is not held back just because English is her second language.

She attends the English as an additional language clubs where there are always members of staff available to offer her help with her learning.

Currently reading *Oliver Twist* and acting out parts of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, she is outstanding in all lessons and aims to be in the top set for all subjects before the end of the year.

In the future she hopes to go to university and become a lawyer.

STUDENTS HEAR THE WORLD'S ELITE PERFORM



Our students joined other children from across London at the Royal Festival Hall to watch the London Philharmonic Orchestra play at the GCSE Bright Sparks event. Students witnessed the world's elite perform pieces from some of the most famous composers in history such as Mozart, Haydn, Berlioz, Liszt, Rachmaninoff and Saint-Saens.

Our Year 10 GCSE students are also working with members of the London Philharmonic on a composition collaboration project called Horizons. This will result in them performing on stage at the Royal Festival Hall on the 25 March.

TOP BUSINESS PEOPLE INSPIRE OUR SIXTH FORMERS

Our Sixth Form students have been attending masterclasses lead by professionals from different industries to increase their knowledge of the varied careers available to them.

They have already heard from a high court judge and a biologist and future masterclasses include speakers Katie Allen, Economics reporter from The Guardian and Meriel Jeater, Curator at The Museum of London.

MOVING TO SECONDARY

National Offer Day for secondary schools takes place on 2 March 2015. For our Year 6 Globe Primary children and their parents moving to secondary school may feel daunting. We understand this and therefore run a series of events for all our new Year 7 children designed to ease this transition and help all children feel happy, safe and secure.

A secondary place at Globe is guaranteed for all our Year 6 children.

If you would like to discuss further please call Martin Willbourn on 020 7407 6877 or by emailing m.willbourn@globeacademy.org

Open morning and Parents' evening

An opportunity for Year 6 to visit the school and have questions answered.

5 March 2015

Primary school visits

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

April-June 2015

Administration evening

Parents/carers complete the school's admissions forms with the support of our administration team. It also gives another opportunity to see the school and meet our staff.

20 May 2015

Barbecue

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.

10 June 2015

Taster Days

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 Globe.

23 and 24 June 2015



Summer School

An opportunity for Year 6 to get a further taster of the subjects and work they will study. It also gives children 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.

17 August–21 August 2014

Year 7 Residential Trip to an adventure activity centre in Essex

A fun-packed enrichment activity where children have the opportunity to try new activities with their Small School and teachers.

Week commencing Monday 21 September 2015

“Students of all ages show excellent attitudes to learning. They say they enjoy coming to the academy, and their behaviour is outstanding.”

Ofsted, October 2014

An Ark school