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KEY DATES

- 18 August 2016
- A Level Results Day
- 25 August 2016
- GCSE Results Day
- 22 - 26 August 2016
- New Year 7 Summer School
- 7 September 2016
- Term begins
- 19-23 September 2016
- Year 7 Residential
- 24-28 October 2016
- Half term
- 31 October 2016
- INSET days (school closed)
- 21 December 2016
- End of term



Dear Parents, Carers and friends of the Academy,

We have come to the end of another academic year and a very busy summer term. Reading through our newsletter you will see the huge range of opportunities offered to and taken up by our students. It is the sheer number and quality of the experiences our children have that happened outside of the classroom that make Ark Globe Academy an exciting place to be.

In this summer edition you will read how Ark Globe students have won an inter-school maths challenge against some of the best schools in the country, delivered an amazing musical performance at the Barbican Centre, shared in a community celebration of their academic excellence, met a Hollywood actor and built a rocket with a NASA astronaut.

I am delighted to share with you that this year we have our first group of Sixth Form students heading off to universities. This marks a significant point in our Academy's history and is something that I am sure will inspire future generations of Ark Globe Academy students. It is worth noting that 45% of our Sixth Form students have received offers to Russell Group Universities (these are the top 24 research universities in the UK), this is more than double the national rate of entry into these universities.

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 also anticipate excellent GCSE and 'A' Level results this August for our Year 11 and Year 13 students.

As we increase our popularity with parents and children in the local community we are oversubscribed for our Year 7 September 2016 intake and now have a waiting list of children wanting to attend our academy. Furthermore, we have a stable staff and leadership team to ensure that our high standards are maintained. We also have a wider community that shares our ambition and values in working together to help our children achieve their dreams. I feel extremely privileged to be the Principal of our academy.

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



MAGNIFICENT MATHEMATICIANS



Students from across the academy have been displaying their mathematical talents in competitions which saw them flourishing in the National Maths Challenge and the Ark Schools Maths Wrangle.

A number of students from years 7 - 10 competed in the National Maths Challenge which involved the students answering 25 multiple choice questions in one hour that required a variety of mathematical problem solving skills. To be successful in this challenge the students really had to think outside the box and quickly in order to answer them all in time. Of all the students across the country that compete in the challenge, the top 40% receive an award of bronze, silver or gold. The top 6% nationally achieve gold, 14% - silver, and 20% bronze. We are very proud that two of our students, Salama and Philip, both in year 8, achieved a gold award and Shameika in year 7 who achieved bronze. These are all fantastic achievements and we are very proud of them.

More recently, we also won the Ark Schools Mega Maths Wrangle which officially makes our students the best mathematicians in the Ark Schools network. Our secondary team came first against a tough field and the primary team came second which highlights the talents of our students from across the academy. Throughout

the one day competition, students competed in a wide variety of extreme maths challenges which displayed their mathematical talents but more notably, the teams were also awarded bonus cards by Bank of America volunteers for Kindness, Team Work, Resilience and Creativity. At the end of the day, our students were especially commended for winning a significant number of these bonus cards which is a real testament to our students' fantastic character!

Congratulations to all students who took part in the competitions!

GREEN FINGERS

This term, a group of 12 children from Year 5 and 6 have been visiting the community garden, 'Grow Elephant' on the New Kent Road on a weekly basis to learn all about gardening. Their green fingers have developed very nicely as they have enjoyed growing lettuces, tomatoes, pumpkins, sunflowers as well as other plants and vegetables. Their courgettes and rocket were particularly well grown and they have taken these home to share with their families.

THIS TERM

IN PICTURES



Football pundit **Garth Crooks** delivers an inspirational speech to Year 10 boys.



Nursery pupils visit the **Science Museum**



Students and staff enjoy a mixture of cakes to **help raise money for the victims of the earthquake in Ecuador.**



GCSE Music Students hear a performance by the **Multi-Storey Orchestra in an unusual setting.**



Year 1 pupils visit the **Wetland Centre.**



Year 9 Students attend a Science Workshop at **UCL.**



Congratulations to our **Jack Petchey Foundation Achievement Award** winners – Year 7: Nathan and Comfort
Year 8: Fabiana, Teleema, Lemuel, Chuka
Year 9: Nimo and Ofure



Year 6 pupils take part in the **STEM festival.**

CELEBRATING SUCCESS EVENING

CELEBRATING THE SUCCESSES OF OUR STUDENTS



On Friday 17 June we held our first annual 'Celebrating Success Evening', which brought us together as one academy to celebrate the successes of our students from primary through to sixth form. The evening recognised the students' achievements in a variety of areas but all students awarded have consistently demonstrated the values we believe are fundamental for achieving excellence inside and outside of the classroom. The event was a celebration of the highest levels of professionalism and growth mind-set, values we believe are the foundations of achieving our mission of preparing our students for university and to be leaders in their community. The evening was opened with a short speech from Hollywood actor, David Harewood who had been filming a BBC documentary with our students beforehand and was then hosted wonderfully by students from year 5 to year 13. The evening also included a number of fantastic performances from students which once again displayed the wealth of talent that we have amongst our student body. This will now be an annual event and we hope that all students will make it their ambition to be on the list of award winners next year. Congratulations to all students who won awards we are very proud of you all for being such excellent ambassadors for Ark Globe..



ARK SCHOOLS DEBATING COMPETITION

Five children from Key Stage two were lucky enough to be selected to take part in the Ark Schools Debating championship, held in the English Speaking Institute in London.

The children spent the day being mentored and observed by members of the British debating team. Ark Globe Primary won their first two debates which meant they qualified for the semi-finals as one of the highest scoring teams. After a fierce final debate, where our pupils showed great determination, skill and team spirit, they were narrowly defeated by the team who went on to win the competition. One of our team members, Anthony, was also awarded Speaker of the Competition - a fantastic achievement. Well done to the whole team; Farhan, Mahad, Anthony, Roselyn and Hanan.



Primary students prepare for their debate



Students take their place in the Boardroom at Arma Partners at the Shard as part of Futures Week

FUTURES WEEK

Monday 4 July was the start of our second Year 10 Futures Week. The whole week was planned to provide students with an opportunity to begin to think about what they want to do as soon as they leave school and further in the future.

The week began with a visit to the Imperial War Museum which enabled students to develop their social and cultural capital by gaining a deeper understanding of the society that we live in and some of the values that represent Britain.

The rest of the week then focused on visits to universities, companies and attending workshops on developing individuals' skills, completing applications and personal statements and apprenticeships. These workshops were delivered by a variety of people and organisations including; ULAS, The Access Project, Into University, Inner Drive and Southwark Apprentices. A small group of students also worked with two young budding entrepreneurs on developing new concepts and listening to their experiences in networking and pitching ideas. The students were also given the opportunity to visit some top companies in their offices, one of which was in the Shard, which gave them a real insight into the world of work. We would like to thank all companies and universities who gave up their time to support this week without whom it wouldn't have been possible to run.

What did the students say?

"During the week I learnt about how first impressions really count and the importance of making it a positive one"

"Futures Week has made me feel more confident about what I want to do when I leave Ark Globe Academy. I wasn't really sure about going to university after Sixth Form, but now I know that there are a lot of courses on offer that I can do. This week has helped me to focus on my end goal to become a lawyer."

"My favourite visit was the Arma Partners in the Shard – it was very professional."

PERFORMING ARTS ROUND UP

ARK SCHOOLS MUSIC GALA

On Tuesday 12 July students from across the academy took to the Barbican stage along with hundreds of other pupils from Ark Schools at the annual Ark Schools Music Gala.

The theme of this wonderful event was 'A night of dreams' and we know that many children's dreams came true when they stood on stage and performed with energy and passion for their families, friends and school staff. It was a particularly special year as it is the first time in three years that Ark Globe have had the opportunity to perform their own individual piece. The students from across the primary and secondary school made up our first ever Globe orchestra and performed - 'Dreams', a mash up of three songs based around the theme of the evening - Sweet Dreams by the Eurhythmics, Sweet Dreams by Beyonce and Insomnia by Faithless, arranged by our very own Head of Performing Arts, Mr Whitehead and every student standing on stage in their pyjamas did Ark Globe proud. However, a special mention must go to Eline in year 5 who sang a solo during the first verse of another mass voices choir performance, 'Feeling Good'. She sang beautifully.

The students committed to countless rehearsals over the months in the run up to the event and produced what was the highlight of the year for the music department.

We were proud and excited to be invited to perform as part of the Gala and cannot wait until we see what the Gala 2017 brings...



YEAR 6 PERFORM BUGSY MALONE

Year 6 continued to work hard once their SATs were over but this time on the stage to make sure their performance of Bugsy Malone was ready for the audience to enjoy on 7 July. Rehearsals took place daily to ensure the singing, dancing and acting looked perfect and Ms Sanders worked tirelessly in the art room to ensure the set was just right. Everyone's hard work paid off as the performance was brilliant. The children were passionate about putting on a great show and in the end they did it. Congratulations to everyone involved!



SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

On 14 and 21 June, students from year 7 to year 10 took part in auditions to be part of the national 'Shakespeare Schools Festival'. Twenty eight successful students will now be performing 'Julius Caesar' at the Albany Theatre, Deptford on November 15 2016. Congratulations to all the students who successfully gained a role in the cast. More information about tickets will be shared soon!

BRILLIANT BIKEABILITY

This term there has been cycle training for years 3, 4 and 6. The pupils were taught by qualified instructors from Cycle Confident who also hold free bikeability courses throughout the summer in some Soutwark Parks. The pupils in year 3 and 4 completed their level 1 training for two days in the playground where they learnt how to ride a bike safely as well as having their bikes serviced. Pupils in year 6 however, completed a week long course leading to the level 2 qualification. This initially involved riding in the playground to gain confidence and skill before moving onto our local roads. All the pupils had a great time and learnt many new skills about being safe on our roads which is particularly important as the summer holidays are now upon us. Well done to all those riders who gained their certificates, let's hope you all ride safely!



Year 12 join International Space School Educational Trust's (ISSET) Mission Discovery

During the week of 11-15 July, year 12 science students along with Kirsten in year 9 had an opportunity to be part of ISSET's Mission Discovery programme, which was held at King's College Guy's Campus. During the week, we worked with NASA Astronaut, Michael Foale, Rocket Scientists and NASA personnel in various activities such as building a rocket for an "eggstronaut". To build the rocket we were given paper, scissors, ruler, pen and a budget of £2,000,000 and the aim was to land the eggstronaut safely to the ground, without damaging it, from the third floor of a building. The team who was able to land the egg safely and spent the least amount of money was the winner. My team was able to land the egg safely but it cost us £1,200,000 compared to the winning team who only spent around £800,000. Although we didn't win, it was exciting to watch how the other teams made their rockets to support the eggstronaut. All throughout the week, we had various lectures from Professors in King's College about how microgravity affects skeletal muscle and bone density, hydrostatic pressure and heart rate, and how certain chemicals affect our body. Most of the lectures helped us design a unique and interesting experiment, which could be carried out in the International Space Station (ISS). On the Wednesday of the week, we had to think of different possible experiments that we could do and narrow it down to three experiments but my team was able to pick the best one, which was looking at how enzyme works in microgravity. Our experiment was inspired by several professors and it was finding out how microgravity affects how Calpain (an enzyme) breaks down Casein (a protein substrate). We linked this to muscle atrophy, which is probably the major problem that astronauts face when they stay in microgravity for a very long time. We had to present our final idea on Friday 15 July. Teams were split up in three different rooms and teams in the same room had to present and compete with each other - this was like a semi-final where they chose team(s) to go through the finals. Five teams, including mine, got through the finals where four teams consisted of one student from Ark Globe. The finalists had to present again, but this time, it was in front of everyone. It was nerve-racking, but everything paid off when my team came first runner up. Overall, it was a very exciting and interesting experience as we got to collaborate with people from NASA and to see what kind of things they do in the International Space Station.

Written by Arabelle Santiago, Year 12 .



SPORTS DAYS

The last few weeks have seen students from year 4 to year 10 displaying their sporting prowess on the athletics field and track as they competed in the Ark Schools and our own sports days.

The primary pupils took to the track first when 30 children from our primary school went to compete in the annual Ark Sports Championship at the Linford Christie Arena. The children competed within their year groups against pupils from five other Ark primary schools trying to earn as many points as possible. Throughout the day, there were lots of different events from a 60m Sprint to an Obstacle Course. Every child showed great team spirit and resilience throughout the day and this resulted in the children scoring lots of points for the school which led to some amazing victories. A special congratulations must go to the years 4, 5 and 6 relay teams who all won their 800m relays and our year 4 children who won the most points out of every school that competed.

It was not only on the track that the pupils shone but their behaviour throughout the day was impeccable and earned them lots of positive comments.

On Monday 27 June, it was the secondary students' time to shine when students from years 7 to 10 visited Croydon Arena for Ark Globe Academy's annual Sports Day. The day was fantastic with all students displaying great perseverance and growth mind-set across all events which included a staff v student

relay. Throughout the day the following students showed particular talent and they were awarded Sports person of the day in each year group: year 7, Abu Fofana and Fatimah Ahmed, year 8, Mohammed Fofanah and Shanae Johnson, year 9, Dellani Udi and Answer Ogbonnaya, year 10, Hameed Roleola and Bianca Alexander. Congratulations must also go to McKinley School who were the overall Sports Day winners for the second year running with 19,390 points to Elbrus's 17,170. Well done to all staff and students for making it such a fantastic day!



STUDENT VOICE

Interview with Zharinck Lopez Aguirre ('Char'), year 10, Head volunteer at Ark Globe Library.

You are the Head Volunteer in the library, entrusted even with training other students. Tell us a few things about yourself. Clearly, you enjoy reading so let's start there. *What is your favourite book or your favourite genre?*

I really like fantasy novels because a good fantasy book transports you to another place. It's hard to decide on a favourite book but if I had to choose one I would say the Waterfire saga.

If you could choose to be part of any fantasy world, which would it be?

Without a doubt I would choose Narnia because it's magical, there will be good and evil everywhere wherever you go but..... Narnia it's just the land of wonder where trees sing and animals and people talk so who wouldn't like Narnia?

How much time a day do you spend reading?

I read on the bus, during Learning Family Time and when I get home. When we have time after school in the library, we read the Narnia series with Ms Maret.

How often do you go to the library?

I pretty much live there.

What made you volunteer to work there?

I've always liked reading and I love books so initially I just wanted to be around them. I also wanted to learn more about authors and classic novels and what better place to do that than the library? Also, the library is a safe place for me. I enjoy spending time with people who share my love for reading and I found them in the library among the other volunteers. It is also a place where you can help people with their studies or finding books they would like. And above all, by working in the library you always find hidden lovely books that would perhaps go unnoticed.

A cliché sort of question but I have to ask, if you had to convince a student who doesn't read to do it on a regular basis, what would you say? How do you feel reading helps you in life?

I think that every time you open a book you have a chance to learn something new, a word or phrase or idea. When you read something you empathise with the character and it teaches you about

yourself because you ask yourself: what would I do? That's the great thing about reading, it makes you wonder.

Wonderful answer. And what are your plans for the future?

I'm thinking about journalism but anything that involves books, reading or writing is on the table. I would also like to travel and visit the places I've been reading about.

The Library at Ark Globe Academy

The library at Ark Globe Academy is open to all students Monday to Friday from 8am-5pm. Apart from its main function as a resource centre, where the students can read, borrow books, complete their homework and do research on the computers, the library also serves as a safe environment for all students who feel the need to retreat to a quiet and friendly place.

The library also runs the Accelerated Reader programme for the school, where students have the chance to take quizzes on the books they read. Years 7-9 classes also have a chance to do this during their library lessons once a week.

There are a number of clubs that take place in the library during lunchtimes and after school to which everybody is welcome these include; a Homework Club, Book Club, Creative Writing Club and a Silent Reading Club..

OUR NEW STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to our new Head Boy, Eduard and Head Girl, Memunat, Deputy Head Boy, Halil and Deputy Head Girl, Deborah, who started their roles this term. Due to the high standard of competition interviewing for the roles of Head and Deputy Boys and Girls this year we have created a team of Senior Prefects;

Almira Isik, Cheyanne Rochester, Ruby Cresswell, Zoish Unwalla, Serigne Bitey

They will be supported by a number of prefects in year 11 and the Student Councils in each year group.

Congratulations to all students selected.

CELEBRATING OUR FIRST YEAR 13 COHORT



Ark Globe Sixth Form has become very quiet in the final weeks of term as we have now bid goodbye to our first ever cohort of Year 13 students.

On the 29 June 2016 our wonderful year 13 students gathered together for their graduation meal at the Hilton Hotel in London Bridge.

It was a truly special evening where staff and students were able to join together over a delicious three course dinner and celebrate their time at Ark Globe Academy, reminisce over the past seven years and look forward to the exciting opportunities and university life that is ahead of them. 100% of students have offers from good universities and 45% of students have offers from prestigious Russell Group Universities. One hardworking student also has an offer from top city finance firm Deloitte to train as an Indirect Tax Consultant.

The Class of 2016 are our first ever group of sixth form students to graduate from Globe and head to the bright lights of university and we are so glad that they pioneered the way for future generations. We look forward to them returning as alumni and inspiring Globe students to do the same.

We wish them all the best as they move on and we will continue to stay in touch and support them in their next stage of education.

Good luck for results day on 18 August!

KEEP IN TOUCH

Year 11 and 13 students who have left the academy are invited to keep in touch through **futurefirst.org** – if you have left and want to sign up please contact Sarah Donachy, Head of Sixth Form at s.donachy@globeacademy.org. This will allow us to support you with any issues and invite you to activities and opportunities you might benefit from such as work experience and careers talks.

ALUMNI

Globe Sixth Form students will also continue to receive support from the academy as they work through their degrees. Students who commit to returning to support the school with parents' evenings, reading programmes and other community service will be able to get a range of support from phone calls and email mentoring to visits and supporting the family they leave.

This is part of our commitment to making sure our students are able to lead the way and leave a legacy and we hope the pilot of this on-going support will help to build a longer lasting Alumni network.



Students mark the 77th Anniversary of Kindertransport

On Friday 1 July there was a special train running from London Liverpool Street Station to Harwich commemorating the 77 year anniversary since the Kindertransport's initial release.

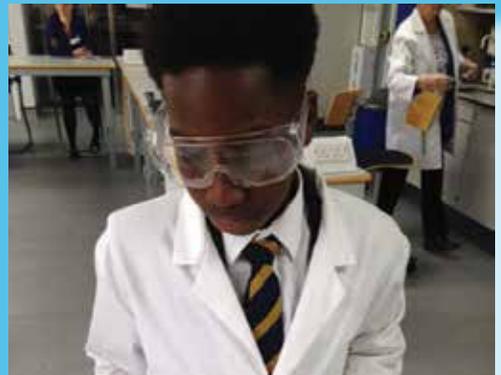
This journey included a vintage bus ride, a service of thanksgiving and remembrance in St Nicholas church and a screening of the Kinder's (children's) journey and arrival to Britain at the Electric Palace Cinema Harwich.

A group of selected students from Ark Globe, accompanied by Humanities teacher Ms Dhesi, were given the opportunity to talk to a couple of the Houlocaust survivors who explained, described and recalled that moment of their lives as their 'rite of passage'. The more they talked, the more the students became engaged with this historical event. As the pupils and Ms Dhesi discussed the event between themselves they came to the conclusion that they couldn't imagine being in the shoes of those Jews, being taken away from home, never seeing your parents again, having to enter a foreign land, confused as the speech coming out of the people's mouths was unfamiliar and also having to start again, away from home. This was a difficult transition as they would never be able to see their loved ones again and even if they did, years lost could never be repaid.

WRITTEN BY GRACE ZOKOURI, YEAR 8

ARK SUPER SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Creative, co-operative and curious are three qualities a scientist must have in order to successfully respond to questions about the world around them. Here at Ark Globe Academy, four of our pupils, Elias and Thomas, year 7 and Kazeem and Sohar, year 6 reflected all three of these attributes when they attended the annual Ark Super Science Challenge on Thursday 16 June. Motivated by the tasks set before them which included separating materials, exploring the behaviour of live insects and building a roller-coaster out of straws and plastic cups. Our young scientists expertly navigated their way through the series of challenging experiments, displaying high levels of ingenuity and resilience. Collaboratively working with pupils from other Ark schools, Elias, Thomas, Kazeem and Sohar acted as excellent ambassadors for our school and keenly embraced every opportunity to further their scientific skills and knowledge.



A FAMILY CELEBRATION

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SUMMER FAIR

On Saturday 16 July we held our second Ark Globe Academy Summer Fair. It was another fantastic celebration of our school and local community.

Once again, there was a range of colourful stalls and games that filled our playground including some new additions to last year such as 'Hook a Duck', 'Guess the weight of the cake', which was made by our Attendance Officer Miss Orumbie and transfer tattoos as well as the popular ones from last year including face painting, where our multi-talented teachers showcased their skills and 'Soak the Teacher' complete with stocks. Thanks go to Mr Bonser, Vice Principal for stepping up to the plate this year and putting his head in the stocks. Our students also got involved again, creating and running stalls themselves, selling items that they had made and displaying their musical and dance skills.

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: Fulham FC, European Electronique, Itec, Hilton Docklands Riverside, White Hall Clothiers, CPR, Frantic Assembly, Brakes, AVSS and Chelsea FC.



WELCOMING OUR NEW YEAR 7

September will be an exciting time for our new year 7 pupils as they embark on the start of their secondary school journey and we are looking forward to welcoming them to the school. We are pleased that we have already met many of them and their parents at our Transition days and our Year 6 Barbecue in June, both of which were huge successes. Over the summer we have our year 7 Summer School to look forward to which will give us the opportunity to get to know each year 7 better. If you have any questions about joining the school email info@globeacademy.org.



Our Year 6 Barbecue in June