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## Latest News

### London Citizens Racial Justice Conference

On Tuesday 6th July, students from LAE Tottenham and Highgate School led an impressive virtual Racial Justice Conference with over 200 students in attendance from local schools, including Highgate Wood and Harris Academy Tottenham. Tulin from 'Heythrop' tutor group who was a part of the event shared her experience saying:

"Emmanuel Gotor played a huge role in preparing us for this student-led conference, as our previous training sessions built our confidence. I am so proud of everything we have achieved in such a short space of time.

Personally, I found this event really insightful and it has helped me to better understand people who are facing racism. I have also learnt so much from everyone during this process and I feel even more energised and ready for us to continue this important work in September."

Students had the opportunity to ask audience questions to experts including Michael Olatokun, Catherine West MP and Royston John, who kindly gave up their time to support the event.

The event was facilitated by Citizens UK and as part of the end of conference reflection, everyone involved shared a word describing their feelings; the most popular being: 'hopeful', 'enlightened' and 'motivated'. Additionally, 100% of the audience pledged to recruit more people around them to help fight racial injustice, showing the impact this event had on those present.

# Speakers and Events

## **Chrysalis East Black Owned Business Event**

Chrysalis East held its first virtual LAET community event on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June. These events are designed to inspire and engage both current LAET students and parents, but also reach prospective students and parents in local feeder schools.

LAE Tottenham's inaugural event, hosted by Year 12 student, Rachael from 'Robinson' tutor group, saw four local black-owned businesses reflecting on their journey to setting up their own companies and discussing the impact of COVID.

Rachael commented on the event saying: "To be virtually surrounded by black business owners was uplifting and inspiring. I saw the talents of Tottenham, but also the potential in the young people of Tottenham to do the same. My peers and I continue to speak about the lasting impact of this event on us as the successors of Tottenham. It was an honour to host and I am thankful to the black business owners for instilling a seed of excitement and hope in me." The event was a great success and is still accessible online [here](#).

Chrysalis East's next event, 'Understanding Teenage Mental Health', will be held in October. The September newsletter will have details about registering or check the Chrysalis East section of the school's website.

## **A Visit to 'Three Raymond Buildings'**

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, a group of enthusiastic, aspiring lawyers attended a trip to the Barrister's Chambers 'Three Raymond Buildings', recognised as a leading chambers with an excellent national and international reputation.

Barristers, students and the head of the Chambers spoke to LAE Tottenham students, introducing themselves and their various pathways to law. Additionally, students had the opportunity to visit some secret spots relating to the profession, such as hidden gardens, churches in The Temple, and the Royal Courts of Justice. Visiting such sites sparked students' excitement for the legal world as they were able to see first-hand the physical structures which symbolise law and order.

When asked about the overall experience, Alvira from 'Oxford' Tutor group said: "When we finally arrived at the chambers, a hall was set with a long panel table, the walls were decorated with pictures of lawyers through time, chairs were set out and legal books waiting for each of us. These books were gifts, educating us on the legal system in The Secret Barrister, Fake Law and Court No. 1, The Old Bailey, and more. These will definitely be enjoyed over the Summer as I read around the law to prepare for my future career."

Overall, the experience for students was priceless and hopefully, with fewer COVID restrictions, trips like this can become a feature of LAE Tottenham's Law Society events.

*"The rich history of the buildings and the environment around us fueled my interest in becoming a barrister even more than I had anticipated. This added to the backgrounds of the barristers which made me question my certainty in becoming a solicitor, as I gained an insight into the life changing effects the role of advocacy can have on society.*

*It made me want to make a difference within my own society and thus made this occupation more appealing."*

**Sophie from Manchester Tutor Group**

*"I learned more about what lawyers do in their daily lives such as the cases they take on.*

*I also gained insight about the difference between a barrister and a solicitor.*

*This experience gave me more knowledge about the law industry, as a result I will now be able to speak more about it in interviews."*

**Rachael from Robinson Tutor Group**



## HSBC Financial Literacy Event

Students had the privilege of visiting the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium to take part in a financial literacy workshop run by HSBC.

The day started with the chance to sit in some of the best seats of the stadium, giving students a real sense of excitement for the fantastic opportunities which are open to them through the school's partnership with Spurs.

Students learnt about being sustainable consumers, the importance of saving and how to ensure safety whilst browsing the internet, making sure to be aware of any suspicious activity which could give rise to fraud.

We look forward to welcoming many more financial literacy presentations in the future, to support all students with wise financial decisions.



## LAE Tottenham's Art Exhibition

This year LAE Tottenham's Y13 artist's 'End of Year Exhibition' is testament to their resilience and creativity in such adverse circumstances.

The Art corridor has been transformed into an immersive experience, displaying outcomes including painting, animation, film, mixed media, sculpture, and tackling issues as broad as the identity of Muslim women, nostalgia, heritage, and organic growth in nature.

Lead teacher of Art, Ms Honess said: "We are so proud of our students and know they will use this creativity in their various different career paths as they move forward from their time at LAET. Three of our cohort have secured places at some of the UK's best creative destinations, to study Architecture and Animation and a Foundation Degree."



# LAE Tottenham's Culture Festival

The inaugural LAE Tottenham Festival of Arts, Literature and Culture took place on Wednesday 7th July. The day imbued LAET with a spirit of creativity as the varied workshops including drumming with the Balimaya Project, a Rap Workshop from Breakin Convention, and Poetry workshops with Anthony Anaxogorou and 'Poetry Versus Colonialism' all explored different aspects of the shared culture at LAET.

The day also saw film directors Sarah Gavron ('Rocks') and Kevin Macdonald ('The Mauritanian', 'The Last King of Scotland') interviewed by LAE Tottenham's alumni Anisah Qauser and Sarah Ben Edeh, both currently studying English at Oxford University.

The audience enjoyed a thought-provoking eye opener into creative careers as well as talks from Gordon Catherwood on Hamlet and author Rosalind Miles on the Women's History of the World. The day ended with the dramatic and humorous performance of a French play on the terrace, performed by LAET's very own Year 12 French students. This was followed by a fascinating panel discussion led by student president Rachael, in which panellists discussed the importance of the Arts.



# Twitter Highlights

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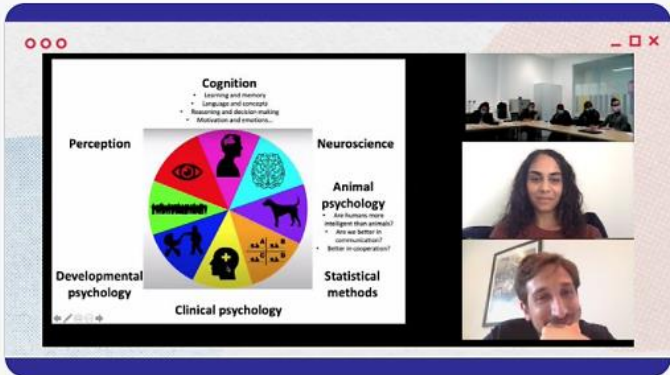
**Highgate School** @highgate1565 · 21h  
 Our 1st student-led Racial Justice Conference is underway, jointly organised between Highgate School and the @LaeTottenham. Exploring themes of language, under-representation, allyship and more, with students and staff from other local schools.



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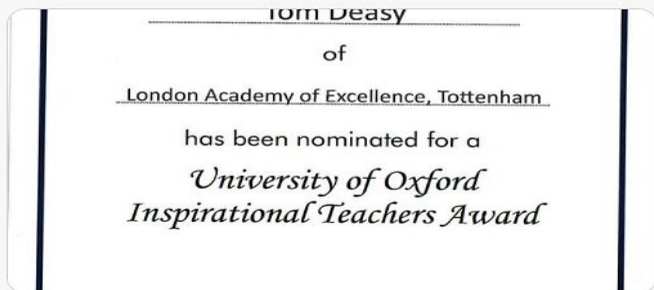
**The Politics Project** @PoliticsProject · Jun 30  
 Thank you to Y12 students at @LaeTottenham and @GabrieleChierc1 from @CambPsych for yesterday's #DigitalOutreach session. Great discussion between students and academic on adolescence and decision making. I hope that it has inspired many to apply to @Cambridge\_Uni 🎓👏



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**LAE Tottenham** @LaeTottenham · Jun 16  
 We are pleased to inform you that Mr Tom Deasy has been nominated for a University of Oxford Inspirational Teachers Award! @UniofOxford

Fantastic news!  
 #inspirational #school



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# Looking Ahead

Date	Year Group	Details
Thursday 08 July	All Students	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 10 August 7am - 4pm	Year 13	A Level Results Day
Thursday 12 August	Offer Holders (Prospective Students)	Enrolment Day
Thursday 02 September	All Students	Start of Term