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Latest News

Chrysalis East

Chrysalis East exists to support progression to highly-selective universities for students in Tottenham. Working in partnership across a network of local schools, this new programme includes academic enrichment, intervention, university preparation and careers guidance.

Chrysalis East will see LAE Tottenham supply independent school-standard teaching in its four Tottenham feeder schools – Duke's Aldridge Academy, Gladesmore Community School, Park View School and Woodside High School.

It follows an existing Chrysalis programme model delivered by Highgate School in the west of Haringey since 2008, becoming a year-round programme with more than 20 Highgate teachers working on projects with over 40 partner schools.

We have secured a generous £3m donation to fund the programme in full for the next five years. We also have strong partnerships in place, including a strategic commitment from LAE Tottenham and Highgate, as well as support from partner schools.

The project aims to enhance the academic outcomes for higher ability students and increase the proportion of Tottenham school leavers going on to the most competitive university destinations and employment. The programme activities are varied and flexible depending on the needs of schools and students. Ranging from early years through to sixth form, they include: clubs, enrichment days, masterclasses, mentoring and summer schools.

Speakers and Events

On Tuesday 13th October, we welcomed South African political activist, Mr Paul Joseph to deliver a virtual talk to students at LAE Tottenham as part of Black History Month. Year 13 student, Raahil from 'Pembroke' tutor group conducted an interview with Mr Joseph, whose courageous role in South Africa's anti-apartheid struggle is truly inspirational.

Mr Joseph's memoir starts with his childhood in the slums of Johannesburg in the 1930s. His political awakening and activism began as a 15-year-old Indian in a racially segregated school. It continued with his commitment to the fight against an oppressive regime.

In 1956 he was one of the 156 people accused of high treason by the apartheid government alongside the late Nelson Mandela and held in prison following the Sharpeville Massacre.

LAE Tottenham would like to truly thank both Paul & his wife Adelaide Joseph for sharing their life struggle for human liberation under apartheid.




Careers Guidance

The Autumn term has been a busy one for Year 13 students. As UCAS applications are due, students naturally spend more time thinking about their future careers and alternative routes after A Levels. A number of Year 13 students had the opportunity to receive bespoke 1:1 careers guidance from staff at Highgate School and virtual talks from guest speakers such as Josy-Baroness Boakye, as they consider the increasingly popular apprenticeship route.

Year 12 students have also started thinking more deeply about their career options and 23 students were successful in gaining a place on the prestigious 'Careers Accelerator' programme. Their tailored mentoring sessions begin after half term.

About Me



Name: Josy-Baroness Boakye

Age: 29

1st Job: Waitress / Cashier [Emirates & Wembley]

Undergraduate: Law LLB


2nd Job: Accenture - Marketing

3rd Job: Accenture - Tech Consulting

Masters: International Business MSc

Current Job: EY - Financial Services Consulting

'Side Hustle': Owner of an Event Centre in Ghana



What would I say to my younger self?

- Your Undergraduate Degree does not define your final career
- You do not know all the careers in the world
- Experience. Experience. Experience
- Don't be scared of rejection
- University is more than just a degree
- You can always **pivot**

Black History Month

LAE Tottenham held a series of celebration for Black History Month during the week of Monday 12th October, organized by Year 13 student Raahil from 'Pembroke' tutor group.

She said: "This year we focused on 'Hidden Black Figures', taking a look into the history that we are not taught in school, amplifying those who have implemented change, however big or small. I made a presentation on Henrietta Lacks, whose cells were essentially stolen and used to treat diseases such as polio and HIV, taking a sneak peek into the hidden history of the development of modern medicine. On Tuesday 13th October, I had the honour and privilege to interview Paul Joseph and his wife Adelaide, anti-apartheid activists, who have dedicated their lives to dismantle and educate people on systematic racism. It was fascinating and shocking listening to their experiences as people of Indian descent living in South Africa during a period of such extreme racial segregation. It was very difficult to even imagine what Paul went through especially when he spoke about his time in solitary confinement and under house arrest. Both Paul and Adelaide also gave us an insight into their lives and the racism they faced when arriving in London. It was very humbling and quite extraordinary to hear their stories first hand.

Finally, to echo the spirit of the black history month celebration, Friday 16th October was a cultural day to pay homage to people of African and Caribbean descent. It was so nice to see everyone in such bright colours and the energy that radiated the whole day was amazing. During lunch, we played music in the canteen and I have to say, the Year 12s brought an energy that the Year 13s could not duplicate. I am overall delighted with how the week panned out and I hope that others felt the same."



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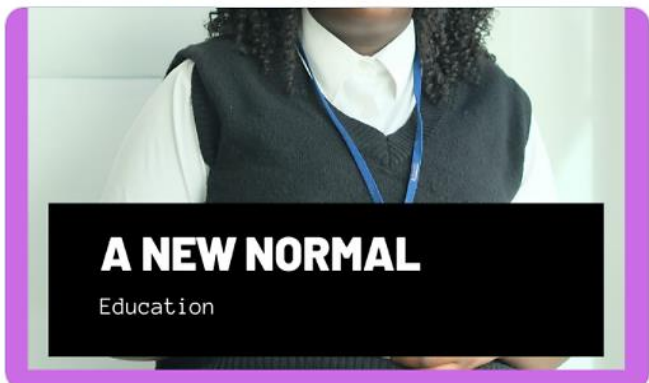


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Looking Ahead

Date	Year Group	Details
Thursday 05 November 6-8pm	Open to the public	Virtual open evening for prospective students/parents
Monday 16 November 6-7pm	Year 12 Parents and Carers	Optional parental workshop - Behaviour and independence in 6th form: rules and routines
Thursday 19 November 6-8pm	Open to the public	Virtual open evening for prospective students/parents
Monday 30 November 6-7pm	Year 12 Parents and Carers	Optional parental workshop - Understanding teenage mental health