

Spring Newsletter 2023

Message from Katie (Assistant Head)

As we approach the Easter holidays, I just want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support to Post 16. We continue to develop relationships with the local community and organisations. Special thanks to the **Rotary Club**, for their fundraising events and donations for the college, which included a second quiz night, and **B & Q** for their flowers and trees. We have held our first Leaver's event (Alumni) and we also continue to develop the Ealing SEND Hub with **BEE** and other schools. We are having a summer fete on 8th July and invite the Springhallow and Ealing community along for a fundraising day full of fun! ***Have a lovely Easter break***



Message from Sarah, Pathway 1: Some students continued their tennis coaching programme with **Getset4tennis**, whilst others visited **Westside Young People's Centre**, where they played air hockey, snooker, table tennis and badminton and used the art room to get creative. Students have also carried out market research into cafés in Greenford and worked as a team within a budget to create their own menus which were digitally designed. One student created a professional logo for 'Springhallow Post 16 Café on digital software.

Pathway 1 worked as chefs to serve Pathway 2 by greeting them, taking orders and serving food and drinks. Pathway 2 meanwhile, used this as a social skills opportunity to practise ordering from a menu, chat about different topics of interest and pay for their meal using fake money. All students have had the opportunity to think about careers by visiting the careers fair at Springhallow school, learning about jobs in the Greater London Authority, police, construction and carpentry, film industry and hospitality. They have also been looking into supported internships by **Project Search** (Delta Hotel by Marriott in Heathrow) and **Ealing Green** (University of West London).

Message from Trishna, Pathway 2: We have been busy working hard towards exams week. Congratulations to all of Pathway 1 and 2 for taking part in some real and practise exams. For World Book Day, Pathways took part in 'decorate your class competition'. Fantastic effort from all the students

All students travelled to St. Mary's University in Twickenham participating in lessons such as history, MFL, PE, Maths and Science to collaborate with trainee PGCE students.

In February, two students presented to a range of professionals at our annual autism conference sharing their experiences of Autism and enrichment. We are very proud of Jacob and Toufik for their contributions. A massive thanks to our guest speaker Andy Smith from **Spectrum Gaming** about his experiences living with Autism and inspiring us with sharing his personal experiences. As Ealing SEND Hub, the two Projects run by **BEE** this term were on financial capability and HS2. These projects have been a great success for the students as they have met a range of employers and understood about different careers by visiting **Natwest Bank** and the **HS2 Euston site**.



Message from Estine, Pathway 3: This term our topic has been "Our Community". We accessed various parts of our community on foot to give students the opportunity to learn about our surroundings and environments. This helped improve our student's road awareness and develop their travel skills. We were lucky enough to visit **Yeading Marina**



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and met the manager who travels to work by boat every day. We visited **Shurgard storage** and were able to interview the assistant manager. He explained his job role to our students and how self-storage works. Students also interviewed staff members at **Mayfield primary school** and learnt about their job roles within the school. They have kindly agreed for us to use their “Bus library next term”.



We had our first **Post Office** trip and met Sue who has been working at the post office for 40 years. We are hoping to do another trip to our local postal sorting office to learn about parcel distributions, processing and post. Pathway 3 and 4 students attended a science show at school and were taught about light, where it comes from, how it travels and how we see it. We did a visit to **Gunnersbury Park** to get some inspiration to help student at the main school with their garden build day. Students loved supporting their peers with the development of a sensory garden. We visited **St. Mary’s University Chapel** and were able to learn about the history of the church. Pathway 3 won a £50 Amazon voucher, which was used to create a sensory reading corner in class. Lastly some of our students attended the **BEE project**, they visited various sites e.g. **Euston station, Uxbridge bus depot** etc. that complimented our topic for this term very well.



Message from Athina, Pathway 4: It has been another exciting term. We celebrated **LGBTQ+ History Month** with a focus on "Behind the Lens", to recognise and celebrate the lives and professional accomplishments of many people within the **LGBTQ+** community, promoting inclusion and diversity. For Children’s Mental Health Week, we connected with friends, peers and colleagues in a whole school assembly, taking part in a laughing yoga wellbeing session. For Comic relief, **Red Nose Day** students danced, sang, painted faces and had a cake sale raising **£75!** Special thanks to Toufik for



organising and running the quiz and Rebeka for the face painting!

In Pathway 4, we have been learning how to make oven pasta during catering lessons and we started doing some chair yoga sessions together with Pathway 3, focusing on our wellbeing. Pathway 4 students were invited to John Chilton’s school to use their café to buy snacks. It was a great opportunity to practice communication, social skills and money skills in a different setting. Some students also took part in an afro hair workshop in the main Springhallow School, learning how to look after and style their hair.

Recruitment: We currently have a vacancy for a Family Support Worker. Please check our website for further details.

Friends of Springhallow: We would like to reach out to parents to join Friends of Springhallow to represent Post 16 and support with us any events and fundraising. Please express interest to Katie or email Post16@springhallow.ealing.sch.uk

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