



Dear Parents and Carers

Hope you are having a lovely summer break so far. We are grateful for the hard work and determination of our students. Whether they are working in the community, attending online classes, participating in enrichment opportunities, or receiving therapy, their commitment to their education and personal growth is commendable.

As part of the relocation process on June 5th, challenges were faced in adapting to change, but we appreciate the outstanding support from the staff during this period. We understand that continuous improvement is necessary, and we believe in the dedication of everyone involved in shaping the lives of our young people.

We want to wish our students and young people who have taken part in examinations for GCSEs, Functional Skills and/or Entry level exams a big well done for all their hard work and efforts.

We are privileged and proud to be working alongside some very special and talented individuals (young people, parents/carers, and staff). The dedication of our staff and the support of our parents/carers and local partners continues to drive CREATE forward. Some examples of this term included:

- **Examinations in GCSE, Functional Skills and Entry levels**
- **Enrichment week activities**
- **Celebration day for TC&S at Lambourne End (well done to the CREATE team for winning!)**
- **Graduation ceremony for year 11 leavers and 6th form leavers**
- **Arts week**

- **End of year Celebration assembly**
- **Sports day for CREATE in the Community.**

There will be further developments to the curriculum taking place in the Autumn term, we will keep you updated on timetables. Welcome back letters will be sent early in the Autumn term by Geographical Cluster leads if your young person is on the community programme and our Assessment Manager if on the assessment programme.

In July we celebrated our students' achievements at Graduation, followed by a Sports Day, which was memorable and enjoyable for all. These events not only foster team building but also create a sense of solidarity amongst our students and staff. We are proud to be an essential part of your child's success and we are grateful for the support and partnership we share with CREATE. Together, we can make a positive impact on the lives of these young people, enabling them to grow into confident and capable individuals.

Once again, thank you for being an essential part of our success. Your support and partnership make all the difference.

Key dates

- **GCSE Results day – 25th August 2023 from 11am**
- **Monday 4th September INSET Day: Staff training day and a non-student day**
- **Tuesday 5th September – Pupil Induction Day - Virtual parent/**

carer & student meetings with GCLs/TEPs/TIPs.

- **Wednesday 6th September – Start of term for all pupils: First student day back in the community with TEPs/TIPs.**

The school calendar can be found **here**:

Create in the Community's new Therapy and Life Skills Centre

This year we moved to 3 Queen's Road, Barking, IG11 8GD.



Staff Spotlight

Angela Marin

Therapeutic Education Practitioner

"Everyone that works in Create is a caring and supportive person; the TEPs are always willing to support new staff members. I have felt

very welcomed in my team and I want to thank the TEPs for all the guidance they have given me. You guys are awesome."



Julian Harvey Lyons

Senior Practitioner and DSL

"I have enjoyed my time here working at CREATE in the Community. It has been great to see students, parents/carers, and staff out in the community. I am CREATE in the Community's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). If there are any issues or concerns that young people may have about safeguarding it is important for everyone to know that they can speak to any member of staff in the first instance, but you can also speak to me."



Celebration Day 2023

TCES held its annual 'Celebration Day' at Lambourne End Centre, Tuesday 20th June. All schools and services participated in a series of team-building activities throughout the day.

It was eventful and competitive where our pupils demonstrated common themes of leadership, perseverance, communication, teamwork and building relationships. It was a great experience for everyone to participate and support one another.

It was a pleasure to see our pupils build and support each other. One of our TCES community values is that **'We never give up!'**. We always encourage our pupils to show positive attitudes and mindsets in what we do and when working together.

Our CEO and Proprietor, Thomas Keaney gave a speech to honour our pupils and staff to highlight their achievements for the day. To celebrate our pupils, medals were presented to each individual and trophies for recognising their achievements.

Huge thanks to Lambourne End Centre for having us. Well done to everyone, as well as to Create in



the Community for winning the 'Celebration Day 2023' title for the **'Overall Champions' award**.

It was a huge success, and we look forward to Celebration Day in 2024!



Student Council

Through our student council, we believe our students' voices matter, and everyone has a voice to be heard. We aim to develop and model teamwork, leadership, and communication skills.

All students are invited to apply!

How to apply:

- Step One: Identify a role you would like to do on the Student Council.
- Step Two: Create a PowerPoint presentation expressing your interest in the role and send it to Jack Briggs, please email: jack.briggs@TCESpupil.co.uk.

To include:

- 1) What role are you interested in?
- 2) What skills and qualities do you possess?
- 3) Why would you like this role?

Your Voice Matters

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YOU'RE INVITED!
TO JOIN OUR STUDENT COUNCIL

EVERY STUDENT HAS A VOICE TO BE HEARD

We are excited to announce that Create in the Community is putting together our Student Council and you are invited to be one of its founding members. This is because you have demonstrated a hardworking attitude and the TCES Community Values.

The primary needs for a Student Council member are:

- To work with other students for the collective benefit of all.
- To give pupils an opportunity to have their say, be able to voice concerns, make recommendations, request resources, and ask questions.
- To collaborate with senior staff directly to suggest, gather, and work towards positive outcomes for our Create in the Community service.
- To work with the student population, listen to and value their views and present these to staff during council meetings.
- To present student council-related items during assembly from time to time.
- To develop and model teamwork, leadership, and communication skills.

Other information:

- Meetings will run for fortnightly, approximately 45 minutes and we will try to schedule meetings, so they don't interfere with learning time.
- You might feel more comfortable typing responses or making voice recordings rather than speaking live.
- Meetings will be held at our Therapy and LIFE Skills centre; however, we do understand if pupils would rather join virtually via Teams.

Student Council is going to be a crucial step for all pupils at Create in the Community, please help us make it the best it can be for all its members.

Email: Admin.Create@TCES.org.uk
Tel: 01708393150
Website: www.tces.org.uk

Create Art Show Extravaganza

TCES Create in the Community Art Exhibition was held at The Hive in Barking on Monday, 17th July. It was an incredible experience for everyone involved. A bigger display of our students' artwork is a moment we can all be proud of.

On the project *'Conflict and Resolution'* our students worked with our Drama Psychotherapist, Raquel Bent. This project adds an extra layer of depth and creativity to the art show. It's impressive to see how our students and our psychotherapist worked together to explore these themes and present them through their art. Animations, storyboards, textures for sensory, and graffiti art showcased the diverse talents and interests of the art students. Such an exhibition allows for a deeper appreciation of our student's hard work and the progress they have made from the Spring to Summer term.

"With this artwork, I have done it to do flowers because with me and flowers I'm free, like new beginnings are coming." – Art Student

We are looking forward to our next Art Showcase! TCES



Create in the Community are committed to nurturing and celebrating the artistic talents of our students. Such events not only inspire

our students but also contribute to the overall growth and positive atmosphere within our educational community.



Arts Week

Art Week at CREATE in the Community offers extra activities for pupils attending at Barking and within the community.

We organised another Graffiti Art workshop this term, which was exciting for our students. For a group exercise, they experimented with stencils on t-shirts and baseball caps. The final piece will be displayed at our Barking hub permanently.



Our students were offered a cyanotype workshop where pupils engaged with sensory objects and shapes. KS3 students found

inspiration in tattoo designs, graffiti tags and street art. There was also a 'Trainers' competition where three prizes were awarded to three of our art students. The first prize winner saw



her artwork transferred onto a pair of white trainers.

The Morph animation project required students to create a design to build a 3D scale, decorate the landscape, and produce a

structure using their animation pics.

Congratulations to all our winners for their outstanding work produced during TCES Art Week 2023!



Football Tournament 2023

TCES held its annual inter-school football tournament at Brentwood Centre, Wednesday 24th May. Teams from TCES North West London, TCES Create in the Community, and TCES East London competed in rounds, qualifying for the final. These



annual competitions offer TCES pupils an opportunity to connect with their peers, build relationships, encourage leadership skills and work together in a competitive setting.

Encouraged by a vocal crowd, teams from TCES East London school and TCES North West London school contested tight finals in both age groups, with TCES North West London narrowly winning both, to take the trophies home.

To celebrate our pupils, medals were presented to each team member and individual trophies to the 'players of the matches' in recognition of their participation and success in the competition.

It was a huge success, and we look forward to our next annual Football Tournament in 2024! Congratulations to all the teams, as well as to TCES North West London School for winning the overall competition.



Family Council Cross-Company Lunch

On Wednesday 12th July 2023, TCES held its first inaugural cross-company family council lunch, marking an important milestone for our organisation. Parents and carers from various schools and services came together to partake in a delightful 3-course lunch, providing them with an opportunity to reflect on their experiences with the family council over the past year. Events like these provide a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to connect, share their experiences, and contribute to the improvement of services and support within the organisation.



Our family council has created a strong network of support, allowing individuals to connect, share their challenges, and celebrate their successes together.

Parents and carers of all TCES pupils are welcome to join their school or service's Family Council, in which they can actively participate in all elements of their child's school life and connect with other parents/carers of complex ASC, SEND, or SEMH pupils.

JOIN THE FAMILY COUNCIL

- **Get involved.**
- **Make a difference.**
- **Have a voice.**

For more information view [here](#)

Graduation Day

TCES Create in the Community proudly celebrated Graduation Day 2023 on Tuesday 18th July. The event was a testament to the success of TCES' commitment to change and development throughout the year. The dedicated staff and hardworking pupils were acknowledged and thanked for their outstanding performance highlighting their accomplishments.

The graduation ceremony was thoughtfully organised both on-site and virtually within the community, ensuring everyone participated and shared this momentous occasion.

The ceremony was special with heartfelt words shared by teachers about their students. The



relationships we have formed with our students are sincere and genuine. It is clear by the continuous great work our students produce.



The occasion was bittersweet as the community bids farewell to our graduates, they are yet to embark on new journeys in their lives.

TCES Create in the Community promises to cherish the memories of all our graduates who had become an integral part of a close-knit community. We look forward to celebrating our graduates in 2024!

Enrichment week – last week of term

Well done to all young people, parents/carers and staff who participated in and enjoyed Enrichment Week on the last week of term.

Activities included:

- Flip out
 - Visit to London Zoo
 - Visit to the Science Museum, Central London
 - Cinema trips
 - Bowling
 - Top golf
 - Go-karting
 - Tour of Wembley
- and many more...

Sports Day

This was a time for our students and staff to get active and compete against one another in a series of circuits and games. It was a brilliant day full of energy and competitiveness. Organising events like this is a great way to promote teamwork, communication, and overall well-being among the participants.

Before the games commenced, housekeeping rules were presented by our Pastoral Care Coordinator, Jack Briggs. It ensures that everyone understands what behaviour is appropriate and helps create a safe and respectful environment for the participants.



The day consisted of engaging in a variety of activities, from throwing foam javelins to dodgeball, time speed circuits, and football games. This allowed everyone to participate in activities they enjoy and challenged them in different ways. It's fantastic to see as the day progressed, both staff and students demonstrated sportsmanship and teamwork.

To close the day, we presented medals and shared final messages from our Group Wellbeing

Coach, Ben Green. Events like these are not only fun but also contribute to a sense of community and well-being within the school or organisation. It's commendable to see such initiatives being taken to promote a healthy and active environment. Well done to everyone for participating!



Joint Geographical Cluster lead for the East

"This year has come with many changes for students and staff. I am proud on how far they persevered throughout the year, overcoming these challenges. I would like to give a special mention to all our students that sat their GCSE's and functional skills exams".

Parminder Rathore, Senior Teacher.

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