

Our School Newsletter

Summer 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a year it has been and what a fantastic final term we have had at TCES North West London school. Our pupils have shown themselves to be resilient in the face of all the challenges of the pandemic but also successful, hardworking and capable. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support and encouragement too.

We say goodbye and good luck to another cohort of pupils as they take their first steps into the world beyond school. They will be missed but we are excited for them and to see what their futures hold. This year has seen the opening of our first Enterprise Centre in the form of The Hub café, our Sixth Form learning centre and TCES North West London hosted our first cross schools Art Exhibition which was a huge success and showcased the amazing talents and skills of our pupils across TCES.

Congratulations to the record number of pupils who sat their GCSE exams this summer, and for record-breaking results in English Speaking Board, where all candidates who entered passed. I am very proud of our amazing pupils for excelling in all areas. I wish all our pupils and families a happy and fun summer break and look forward to seeing many of you back in September, refreshed and ready for the exciting challenges of a new academic year.

**Ishamar Blake, Head of School
TCES North West London**



When I first started TCES 22 years ago, I was determined we would never give up on a pupil. This year has undoubtedly tested many of them but having seen all the hard work and successes of our pupils, I am incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

In particular, to have seen such positive results in our recent Ofsted inspection is a brilliant reflection of our children's attitudes and to achieve a rating of Good with outstanding features in Behaviour and Attitudes, and Personal Development, is a real achievement under the new Ofsted framework. The help of our parents, carers and families is vital in shaping our school and building the self-esteem and talents of our pupils. We are grateful for your support.

Whether your child has recently graduated, or is returning to continue their TCES journey, I am proud of the role they have played at TCES North West London. Enjoy your summer, and I hope to see you soon.

Thomas Keaney, TCES CEO and Schools Proprietor

A SUCCESSFUL CELEBRATION DAY!

TCES Celebration Day, on Wednesday 6 July, was a fun-filled end to the year, and a celebration of the hard work of all of our pupils and staff. Our TCES North West London pupils performed fantastically, winning prizes and doing themselves proud in all categories.

Pupils from three TCES schools and services - TCES Create Learning and TCES North West London as well as

East London - took part in a range of activities at Stubbers Activity Centre in Upminster. Our pupils got involved in canoeing, worked in groups to complete team building exercises, and threw themselves into a day of fun and games.

The occasion ended in a special awards ceremony for all TCES staff and pupils, with a medal and certificate for every pupil who attended. TCES North West London



pupils won the Courage and Determination Champions award, given to the school that showed the most bravery, facing their fears and excelling at scary activities.

Along with TCES East London, TCES also won the British Value Champions, awarded for working together, listening to one another, showing respect and manners and keeping each other safe.

TCES East London won the award for performing the best throughout Celebration Day 2022, but we're hoping to win next year! Congratulations to all our pupils, for your amazing teamwork and attention given to all the activities.

"The most important thing is that everyone here participated," said TCES CEO Thomas Keaney in his speech during the awards ceremony. "This event was always about bringing people together and inclusion."

What a fantastic event! We can't wait for next year's Celebration Day. Well done to everyone who took part, we hope you enjoyed yourselves.



SPORTING SUCCESS AT THE TCES FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The TCES Inter-School Football Tournament was held on 25 May in the Brentwood Centre in Essex, with TCES North West London School facing off against teams from TCES East London and TCES Create Learning. In a series of matches, our pupils tried their best and, we hope, enjoyed themselves. Two teams from North West London competed, with fantastic results.

It was a fun, successful day of football – and one of our TCES North West London teams were the overall

winners! Congratulations to everyone who won Team of the Year.

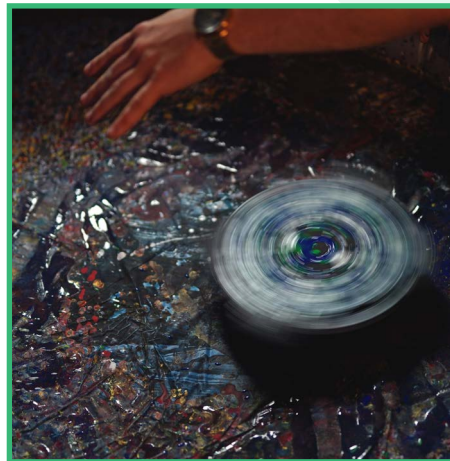
We are so proud of both teams for playing so well and putting in effort to work together as a group. Well done to Javan Simeon-James, who won the Golden Boot for Top Goal Scorer!

Thank you to everyone that took part, including the TCES PE teachers for organising, and congratulations on your sportsmanship.



ARTS WEEK

Our yearly Arts Week was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to get involved in art, in a variety of forms. Our pupils really engaged themselves with all kinds of art. Throughout the week, we worked on a range of projects, including dance and creating animated flicker frames. Using a canvas spun around in the middle of our art department paddling pool, we had a go at creating exciting spin paintings.



We also had a go at a range of musical activities, including an acoustic lyric workshop, as well as practicing dance for a special performance on the last day of Arts Week. This week was a great way to flex our creative muscles, and we hope our pupils learnt that there are many different forms of art and they are all capable of creating it.

VIPS SAMPLE SWEET TREATS IN THE HUB

After the Hub, our TCES North West London community café, opened earlier this year, we have loved welcoming special guests to enjoy our pupils' art displays and try our homemade food and drinks.

Member of the London Assembly Onkar Sahota, and local MP Rupa Huq both visited the Hub in June, where they met TCES North West London pupils. Our pupils are able to use this space to demonstrate their real-world skills. It was great to

see our hard-working young people serving hot drinks and snacks as part of our LIFE programme.

Both of our special guests enjoyed discovering what our specialist provision means for our pupils, and Rupa Huq MP was especially impressed with the blueberry cake she sampled!

We're excited to see what else our intrepid Post-16 pupils can do with the Hub.



NORTH WEST LONDON GETS A SPECIAL VISITOR

On the 29th June, Christian Foley, star of YouTube and social media paid us a visit. Christian is a musician, poet and spoken word artist who, throughout the day, held special workshops about rap, poetry and expression. Our North West London pupils tried out tongue-twisters, before Christian held a special assembly later that day. After sharing stories about his life and work, he surprised our leavers with an improvised rap, based on their names. We hope it was the special send-off they deserved!



We wish you all a happy and restful summer break and look forward to welcoming pupils and parents back on 6 September for Induction Day.