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## Latest News

### Chrysalis East Begins!

Chrysalis East is LAET's outreach programme, aiming to support access to our sixth form and improve university progression for school students in Tottenham. Building on Highgate's successful Chrysalis model, the programme will centre around **academic enrichment**, **university preparation** and great **careers guidance**, as well as academic interventions to raise attainment.

The programme has been established with generous support from investment firm Rokos Capital Management (RCM). This donation is part of their response to the murder of George Floyd in 2020 and the Black Lives Matter protests that followed. You can read more about RCM's motivation for providing the funds to establish Chrysalis East [here](#). Chrysalis East will work with LAET's four feeder secondary schools; Duke's Aldridge Academy, Gladesmore Community School, Park View School and Woodside High School. Eventually, the programme will expand to also include Tottenham Primary schools.

Chrysalis East key objectives are:

- To increase the number of Tottenham students achieving GCSE grades 7, 8 and 9.
- To increase the number of students from feeder schools eligible to enrol at LAE Tottenham.
- To improve rates of university progression for students from Tottenham.

The programme will include workshops, seminars, after school clubs, summer schools and visits run by LAET teachers, the Chrysalis East team, the careers team and LAET students.

### **Want to get involved?**

There will be many ways to get involved over the next year.

This summer we will be looking for enthusiastic volunteers to support running our summer schools for children in Years 7, 8 and 9. From the Autumn term, there will be chances to get involved with running clubs and activities for secondary and primary students. In summer 2022 we will also be recruiting "Chrysalis Fellows", salaried, year-long positions for Year 14 students to work as part of the Chrysalis East team.

## **Speakers and Events**

### **TATE Real Workplace Challenge**

We are very proud of the dedication students have shown to their extracurricular opportunities during March. A notable experience is having the pleasure of Tate working with LAET students on a Real Workplace challenge, mimicking the process the team at Tate would go through before a 'Lates event' takes place. Y12 students took on the challenge of designing a 'Tate late event', to complement the works of artist Lynette Yiadom Boakye.

A few students from each group were chosen as representatives to present their ideas to the Tate panel which included Judith Comyn, Head of Audience insight at Tate. The team at Tate were very impressed with what students came up with. Comments included: 'Really Impressed with the amount of effort and energy,' 'Good attention to detail,' 'Confident'. Thank you to Judith and team for providing such an amazing experience for students at LAET.

### **Haringey Citizens Virtual Workshop**

The students in the citizens group at Highgate School & LAET came together to lead a round table discussion on racial justice, where members of the community, including Catherine West MP, took their time out to join this discussion with students. Tulin from 'Heythrop' tutor group commented on the event saying: "Personally, I've benefited significantly from attending the student-led racial injustice roundtable where we spoke with various community leaders such as MPs, religious leaders, teachers and more.

It was a really insightful evening, hearing from people I would never have had the chance to meet otherwise. I've learnt a lot from such a humbling experience and have gained soft skills which I am ever grateful for. Looking ahead to the future, I can't wait for the Mayoral Accountability Assembly this summer, where we'll see the real action take place."

# Wear Red Thursday

On Thursday 25th March, a group of Year 12 students, Rachael, Sacdiyo, from 'Robinson' tutor group, Alvira and Sabrina from 'Oxford' tutor group, successfully held a charity event at LAET to advocate for survivors of sexual assault, and raise awareness of sexual harassment.

Within four days of working on this project, they accumulated support from students through social media, using the hashtag **#wearredthursday** to promote the cause. In addition to asking students and staff to show their support by wearing red on the day, the event also consisted of a thirty-minute presentation and discussion in each tutor group about the definitions of sexual harassment, assault, consent, as well as an exploration of the causes behind rape culture and the advice of a male and female survivor.

Alvira, from 'Oxford' tutor group who helped to organise the event said: "The day was also a great opportunity to raise funds to donate to The Survivor's Trust Charity, so that the events within the walls of LAE Tottenham could have a wider, meaningful impact on society. Everyone was encouraged to continue these important conversations with an open mind and consideration for other perspectives, as social stigma and silence are central to the issue of sexual mistreatment."



## Extended Project Qualification

Huge congratulations to our Y13 EPQ cohort who achieved record results this year! Of the 32 students who undertook the project, 69% achieved A\*-A, 91% achieved A\*-B and 100% achieved A\*-C. The projects submitted varied enormously in scope and style with titles ranging from 'Has colonialism impacted black-British identity?' to 'Is love a biological, psychological or cultural phenomenon?' and 'Is dentistry as important as medicine?'

In a year when museums, galleries and libraries have been closed, these students are to be commended for their independence and drive when completing their projects in the face of great adversity!

# Twitter Highlights

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**Haringey Citizens** @HaringeyCitize1 · Mar 24  
 "It is not hope that leads to action, but action that leads to hope." 100+ @HaringeyCitize1 leaders have been involved in action in last 2 weeks. @HTTottenham @mhmethodist @CEChavurah @LaeTottenham. This is how pple felt after borough assembly with @DavidLammy & @CatherineWest1



Highgate School and 9 others

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**St Catz, Oxford** @St\_Catz · Mar 23  
 Our flagship Catalyst outreach programme is expanding! We're welcoming @Dukes\_N17, Gladesmore Community School, @KelmscottSchool, @LaeTottenham & Woodside High to a new schools hub, collaborating to raise aspirations for #university @UniofOxford

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**Haringey Citizens** @HaringeyCitize1 · Mar 10  
 Thanks to the amazing @HaringeyCitize1 leaders who made this evening such a huge success! 65 organised people with a plan for action! @CEChavurah @highgate1565 @LaeTottenham @HTTottenham @SPAHacademy @HolyTrinityN17 @thewillowN17 @mhmethodist @Nlondoncitizens @CitizensUK

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# Looking Ahead

Date	Year Group	Details
Thursday 01 April	All students	Easter break
Monday 19 April	All students	Start of term
Thursday 29 April 6-7pm	Year 12	Optional parental workshop: Law, Humanities and Social Sciences