

THE HAMLET HERALD



'Outstanding learning, within a glittering curriculum, where everyone matters'

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NOTE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

The Roman god Janus after whom January takes its name has two heads: one facing backwards towards the year preceding and one facing forwards looking at the year ahead.

It is rewarding and important to consider progress the children have made. Stepping back and spending time thinking about how a child has developed in their learning or character is important to show them that change is possible. At times, we underestimate how much our children desire improvement, progress and knowledge.

The response to our assembly on 'New Year's Resolutions' demonstrated this passion for personal improvement even in our youngest. As adults we have a responsibility to moderate and temper these drives; no Hamleteer should be concerned with calorie restriction or setting unrealistic goals. But, introducing simple healthy habits can have huge benefits on health, happiness and our positive sense of self.

We challenged pupils to set SMART targets for themselves and promised to revisit this later in the year. Check in with your child to see if they chose something to work on.



SCHOOL FUND

Have you paid yours yet? Please log on to ParentPay and ensure you are paid up for the Spring term (and Autumn!) to enable the incredible menu of trips and visits to continue: see the key dates sent out with this email.

Your charge for this term is £25 (or you have the option of paying the full year in one go), but please do consider paying an optional top-up to support those families unable to do so.

Despite, the School Fund payments we do receive, there is always a short fall which we have to cover from school budget, so please do make sure you are up to date with payments. Thank you in advance.

KEY DATES

Monday 13th January

Clubs restart

Tuesday 14th January

Music Mentor visit to Charter North, 9:30 to 11:15

Wednesday 15th January

Primary Admissions Deadline (see page 2)

Y6 Parent and Carer SATs Café 8:45-9:30am

TERMLY HOUSE POINTS

Ruby Fire	Sapphire Air	Topaz Water	Garnet Earth
60	91	90	79

SMARTPHONE FREE SCHOOL



We would like to thank you for your support in our efforts to remove smartphones from the school environment. We know from our Summer survey that most of our adults would like to see the age at which children are able to access smartphones and social media increase. With every parent who adds their voice to the voluntary smartphone free community, the impact of peer pressure reduces.

Whilst we need to be mindful about our human inclination to be suspicious of new technology since our survey and rule change the steady stream of evidence around harmful impacts of mobile devices has continued. An interesting one can be found here:

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/news/teenagers-problematic-smartphone-use-are-twice-likely-have-anxiety>

Following the Christmas break, we would also like to remind parents and carers that pupils are prohibited from bringing smartphones on site. If your child does have a smartphone, please ensure they leave it at home to prevent confiscation.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Sumayyah Sawar and Matthew Ridley to the Hamlet Team.

Sumayyah will be teaching 5F for the whole of January, whilst Matthew joins the music team as our new guitar teacher.

FINAL CALL FOR ADMISSIONS

An incredibly helpful way you can support the school, at no financial cost, is to advocate for new entrants.

Please be aware that **Wednesday 15th January** is the deadline for admissions to Dulwich Hamlet Junior School for the Year 3 cohort arriving in September this year.

If you know of anyone who is either at Dulwich Village Infant School currently or whose child is in Y2 and looking to change settings, please check they are aware of this key deadline.

Also, if you are a current parent or carer of a child with a sibling in Year 2, please do not forget that you need to apply via this route too.

The pan-London admissions website address is <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

COMMUNITY SENIOR LETTERS

We are delighted to continue our engagement with the Community Senior Leaders charity, who we have been working with since 2019.

This year, thanks to the wonderful Assistant Head team, the work has been integrated into our PSHE Curriculum, ensuring high quality letters are shared with our nursing home partners. School councillors Maliyah and James had the honour of taking the letters to the post office.



Missed your flu vaccine?

**Live or attend school in the boroughs of
Lambeth or Southwark? Aged 4-16?**

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and
protect yourself this winter!

Saturday 11 January, 10:00 - 14:00
Big Yellow Flexi Offices, SE5 7SW

Saturday 18 January, 10:00 - 14:00
Big Yellow Flexi Offices, SE5 7SW

Saturday 25 January, 10:00 - 14:00
Big Yellow Flexi Offices, SE5 7SW

**Our clinics are walk-in, so no need to
book an appointment.
Call 020 8614 5495 for more
information**

South Area - Multi Ward Meeting

Monday 13 January 2025
6pm – 9pm

Kingswood Arts, Seeley Drive,
Kingswood Estate, London, SE21 8QN



Council Budget 2025/26

Community Safety

££ Project Pitch meeting ££

**Focusing on applications that have been submitted
to our 3 funding streams:**

- **Neighbourhoods Fund 2025/26**
- **Cleaner Greener Safer 2025/26**
- **Devolved Highways 2025/26**

**Join councillors from the five South Area wards to
hear about applications that have requested funding**

Applicants have 3 minutes to pitch their project

**Venue: Kingswood Arts, Seeley Drive, Kingswood
Estate, London, SE21 8QN**

Community Champion: Cllr Andy Simmons

Empowering Communities Development Officer: Fitzroy Lewis

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Have your say

 Southwark
Council

**Free* 15 week Learning Unlimited course for adults
interested in becoming Teaching Assistants
Award in Support Work in Schools**

Wednesdays 9.30am – 12.30pm

From 26th February to 25th June 2025

We will contact you after you register to arrange an assessment time.
This course will be delivered online using Zoom



What will I get from attending the course?

- The knowledge and skills required to become an effective teaching assistant
- The City & Guilds Award in Support Work in Schools (Level 2)
- The opportunity to progress to the Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools or to apply for work as a Teaching Assistant
- Find course FAQs here - <https://www.learningunlimited.co/what-we-do/training/itt/faqs/>

How much does it cost?

*The course is free but there is a non-refundable registration fee of £60.

To apply for a place on the course use the link below to complete the online form:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/award-in-support-work-in-schools-tickets-1142525467429>

All applicants should have level 2 English.

Please note you will need to complete a portfolio which will require quite a lot of homework.

Places are subject to completion of application form and assessment.