

December 2021

Dear all,

I want to start by saying thank you to everyone for the warm welcome you have given me since I started as Headteacher in September. The pupils in our school really are talented and amazing and I feel privileged and proud to be involved in their education. The continued support of our parents and carers and the creativity and energy demonstrated by our staff team are a vital part of our pupils' successes so thank you to all of you too.

One highlight this term is our pupils' participation in a monthly football tournament with other SEND schools and winning all the matches! Well done to them. Other highlights that contribute so much to pupil development are peer mentoring, anti-bullying celebrations and completing our English-Speaking board sessions. The introduction of the extended Big Picture Curriculum this term offers pupils from Year 9 upwards extra subject options in Spanish and Humanities. I have to mention our fantastic Art department that continues to cultivate excellent artists-in-the-making achieving the highest grades in GCSEs in the summer. There will be further exciting curriculum developments in the new school term. Our school has a strong tradition of celebrating achievement and encouraging pupil self-esteem. Weekly Celebration Assemblies formally celebrate and reward achievements in class and outside of school. We are sad to say goodbye to Mr Rawlinson who stepped in as Deputy Headteacher this term and wish him well in his new role.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year! Stay safe over the festive period and we look forward to welcoming students back on 4 January.

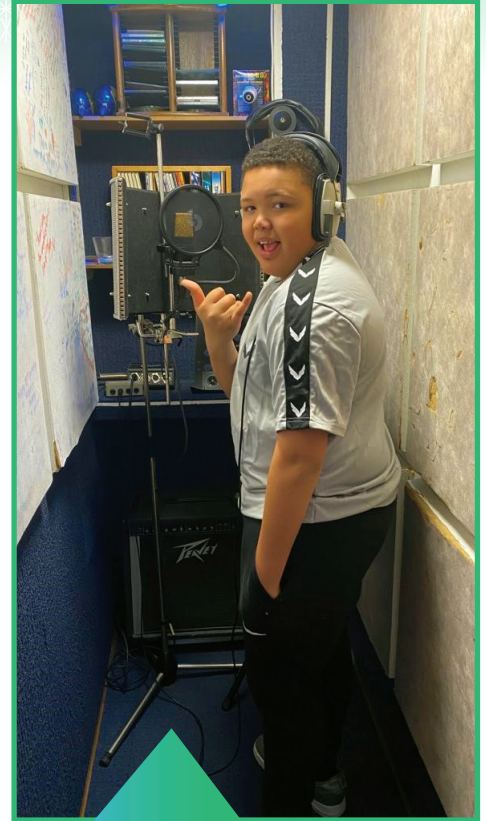
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NEWS AND SUCCESSES

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

This term TCES North West London has been taking the classroom out into the world, with some exciting community outreach work. A big thank you to outreach worker Ms Winnine, who has been working hard with pupils to build self-esteem and resilience through activities in the local community. Recently, these included visits to a nearby stables, where pupils came face-to-face with some four-legged friends, plus boxing and a fun music studio session! We can't wait for more projects like this in the future.



FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

This term our school has enrolled in an exciting football tournament put together especially for SEN students by FA Middlesex.

The tournament takes place monthly, giving every pupil the opportunity of taking part. The PE department is delighted to

see that our pupils are competing with other schools, gaining the opportunity to build up their resilience, teamwork and sportsmanship, whilst taking part in extracurricular activities.

TCES North West London attended our first tournament in October –

both the under 16s and under 14s won all of their games.

The monthly tournament allows pupils to practice for our TCES football tournament that happens annually – we hope the other schools are ready!

FANTASTIC WORK DONE IN ART!

This term, our dedicated TCES art teachers have seen amazing creativity from our pupils. After a school-wide project based on Black History Month, pupils made art based around the BLM raised fist icon, bringing ingenuity and creativity to their work. Our fantastic art room has been a workshop of discovery, and pupils have got to grips with a range of art styles and techniques, including lino rubber cutting and ink printing, clay modelling, digital sculpture making, and plaster casting. Next term is going to be equally ambitious, as our teachers begin to plan some

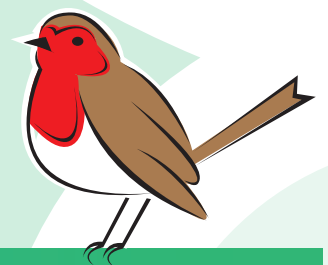
very exciting ideas and enrichment activities - watch this space!

As we close the first term of the year, pupils' art qualifications are well within view. Individual targets are being set and portfolio/sketchbook planning is underway. We look forward to seeing some more fantastic work produced in 2022.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2021

On Friday 10th December, TCES North West London staff and pupils dug deep to give to charity. We raised money for 'Save the Children' on our festive Christmas Jumper day! The day was made up of Christmas-themed activities and raising awareness for Save the Children and the work they do globally. We hope students and staff enjoyed the festive fun and are ready for the Christmas break!





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