Serenity School Newsletter-Autumn 2

A Holistic Approach to Education and Childhood Development

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,
I wanted to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year. I hope everyone will take the time over the next weeks when school finishes to rest, to relax, to spend time with family and friends, and to give time to yourself.
The term ends on Thursday 21st December at 12pm with the Spring term starting at the normal time on 8th January 2024.
This year has been another extremely busy one and has given me some moments of reflection and has made me determined for an even better term next year. I want to thank you parents/carers for your support and engagement with the school. We will strive to do even better.
Many thanks to the team for taking the lower school students to see the Christmas pantomime and the upper school to the 02 cinema. A great time was had by all. Thank you again to the lower school students who with their teachers and parents went Christmas Carol singing at ASDA in Carlton. They are a credit to our school.
Don't forget that the final day of the term is non uniform day. Students and staff will wear their Christmas jumpers.
I am sure the students have shared the news of some of the staff members who have moved on. We are always sad to see some familiar staff members move on but, we want to wish them well and thank them for their great contribution to the Serenity School community.
In the New Year we will welcome new members of staff who will join our enthusiastic team.
I wish you and your families a restful holiday.

Ms M. Koza

Head of Upper School Message

As we reach the end of this term, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your unwavering dedication and hard work. Despite the challenges, our school community has shown resilience and perseverance. I am immensely proud of the achievements and growth we've witnessed.
Remember our doors are always open if you ever wish to meet and discuss any aspects of our school. We welcome your thoughts and your feedback.
Wishing you all a restful break and looking forward to continued successes in the new year ahead. Merry Christmas and happy holidays!

Kind Regards
Mrs Ochiama

Dates for your Diary

Term dates 2023 to 2024

Term three

- Term time: Monday 8 January to Friday 9 February 2024.
- Half-term holiday: Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February 2024.

Term four

- Staff Inset day Monday 19 February
- Term time: Tuesday 20th February to Thursday 28 March 2024.
- Easter holiday: Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April 2024.

Term five

- Staff Inset day Monday 15 April
- Term time: Tuesday 16th April to Friday 24 May 2024 (except May Day Bank Holiday on 6 May).
- Half-term holiday: Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2024 (spring bank holiday on 27 May).

Term six

- Term time: Monday 3 June to Wednesday 17 July 2024.

Lower school- Singing in ASDA

Highgrove and Nottingham class were invited to sing Christmas Carols at Asda's in Charlton in aid of supporting breast cancer awareness. We are proud to say we raised a total of £66.36.

They were amazing, well done to all!

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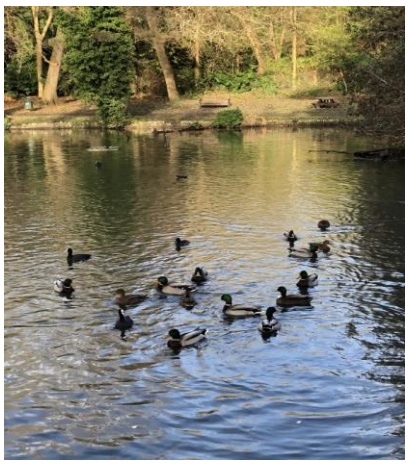
Lower school- In the community



This term in maths we have been learning about multilplication and divison, we have learnt that multilplication is the inverse of division and division is the inverse of multilplication.

During golden time on a Friday afternoon, Highgrove, like to go into the local community and support the animals. Both the animals and the children find this very therapeutic.

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Lower school- @The Ragged School

We have been reading a book based in the Victorian era.

So, we visited the Ragged School to experience how the Victorians lived and attended school.

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Upper School- Celebrating Students and Staff

Award winners this year are:

The Jack Petchey Foundation was set up by Sir Jack Petchey CBE to inspire and celebrate young people. Since 1999, over £160 million has been invested in programmes to benefit young people aged 11-25 across London and Essex.

We celebrated some of our pupils this term and a member of our dedicated staff who received the awards.

We are super proud of your achievements.

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Upper School- College link days

Our pupils in KS4 and KS5 take part in our college Link school program in Shooters Hill for VTCT - Hair & Beauty or City & Guilds - Motor Vehicles and Construction. They then complete the programme with a College Certificate from Shooters Hill, detailing the units they have completed from each vocational qualification.
This will be based on weekly attendance and completion of tasks as set by the teacher (engagement in lessons).

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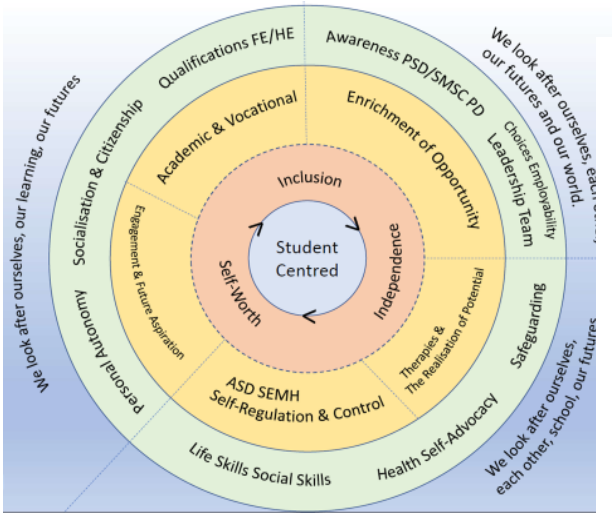
Investor in Me

Awards



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INVESTOR IN ME AWARD

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Physical Development	Leisure & Choices	Community & Environment	Vocational Learning	Core & Functional Skills	Personal Skills	Living Skills

My Own Target (MOT)

Curriculum Aims:	Formal Pathway (I / PA / Q / VT / FE / EMP)	Semi Formal Pathway (I / PA / VT / FE / EMP)	Nurture Pathway (CLS / CS / C&O)	Value to Students
	✓ 95+% Attendance ✓ 90+% subjects – G/B ✓ 90+% IEP ✓ 1000 B4L points ✓ Gold standard Employability ✓ 90+ partake MDT ✓ 90+% at PD events	✓ 95+% Attendance ✓ 90+% subjects ✓ 90+% IEP ✓ 1000 B4L points ✓ Gold standard ASDAN ✓ 90+ partake MDT ✓ 90+% at PD	✓ 95+% Attendance ✓ Achievement of Equals - Moving Up- achieving 3 strands ✓ IEP – G/B ✓ 90+ partake MDT ✓ Mencap – Program on track	End of Year Trip to PGL (2 day) Experience the End of Term Trips Personal Prize – Gold Catalogue Entry to The Tri Prize each half term. Potential to win the Crack the Code Prize Achieve Serenity Accredited Qual Award
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	✓ Attendance target ✓ 80+% subjects - A/G ✓ IEP targets developing ✓ 1000 B4L points ✓ Bronze standard Employability ✓ On track PSD Prog.	✓ Attendance target ✓ 80+% subjects - A/G ✓ IEP targets developing ✓ 1000 B4L points ✓ Bronze standard ASDAN On track PSD Prog.	✓ Attendance target ✓ Equals - Moving Up- achieving 1 strand ✓ IEP – A/G ✓ 80+ participation interventions ✓ Mencap – Program on track	End of term personal reward initiative/event Weekly small steps awards Personal Prize from Bronze catalogue Potential to win the Crack the Code Prize Achieve Serenity Accredited Qual Award

Excellence from Enrolment to Graduation

The children worked hard to meet the criteria of 'Invest in Me' this term. They are all working towards the following Awards. Children will get their prizes from the catalogue in the Summer Term.		
	Lower School	Upper School
Gold Award:	25	15
Silver Award:	18	10
Bronze Award:	20	24

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Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Merry Christmas everyone

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Explore your child's education and training choices.

Explore careers

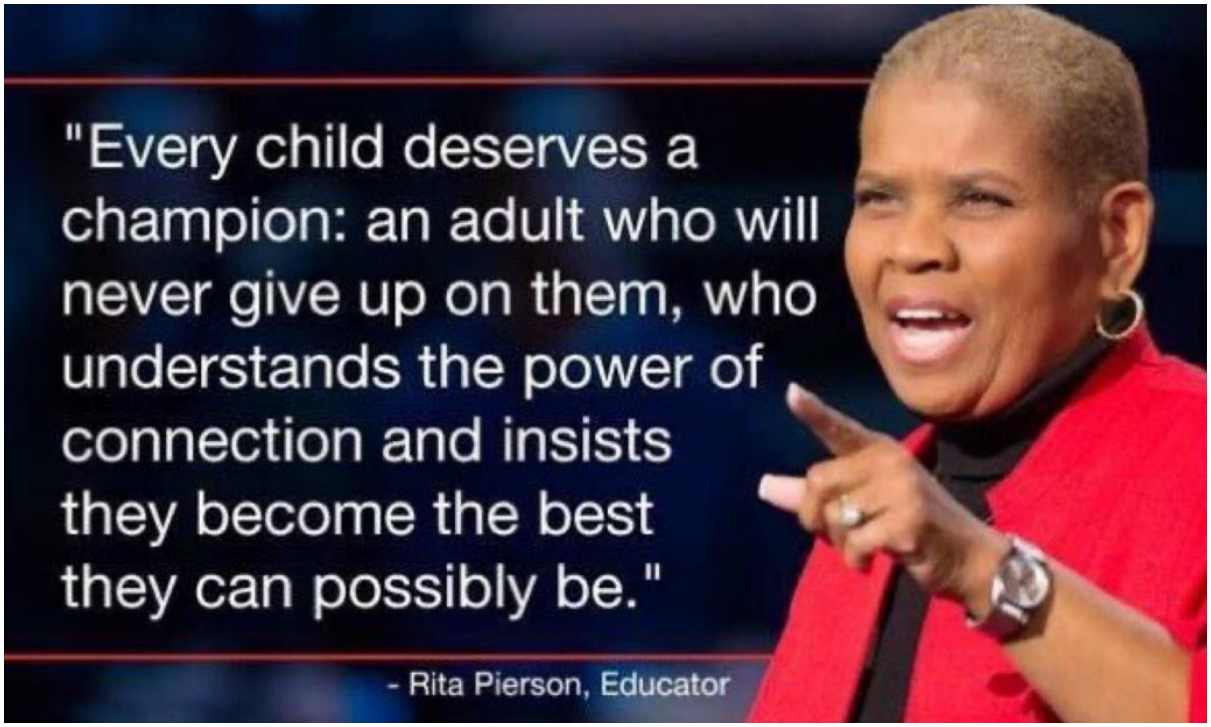
Browse through lots of different jobs to get ideas about the type of job they might like or see the many ways they can get their dream job.

Chat to an adviser

A careers adviser can help you work out which choice is best for you. If you'd like to chat or get advice about your future, there are many ways to speak to an adviser.

Special educational needs

You can view advice if you're disabled or have special educational needs, such as autism, attention deficit disorder (ADHD) or dyslexia.
It may help you choose what you'd like to do next.



SIGNPOSTING FOR SUICIDE AND SELF-HARM

NHS Choices
nhs.uk
Provides a wealth of information on treatments available through the NHS.

The Mix
themix.org.uk
Essential mental health support for people aged under 25.

Childline
childline.org.uk
A free, private and confidential service for children and parents.

Young Minds
youngminds.org.uk
The UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health.

Harmless
harmless.org.uk
Useful resources and confidential support for people who self-harm.

Samaritans
samaritans.org
Offering emotional support for everyone, 24 hours a day.

SIGNPOSTING FOR PTSD

NHS Choices
nhs.uk
Provides a wealth of information on treatments for PTSD available through the NHS.

NAPAC
napac.org.uk
NAPAC offers support for all types of childhood abuse, including physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect.

ASSIST trauma care
assisttraumacare.org.uk
Information and specialist help for people with PTSD and anyone supporting them.

Young Minds
youngminds.org.uk
One of the UK's leading charities fighting for children and young people's mental health.

NSPCC
nspcc.org.uk
The UK's leading children's charity. Working to prevent abuse, help rebuild children's lives and support families.

PTSD UK
ptsduk.org
Dedicated to raising awareness of post-traumatic stress disorder – no matter the trauma that caused it.

SIGNPOSTING FOR GENERAL MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS

NHS Choices
nhs.uk
Provides a wealth of information and guidance on all mental health conditions.

NSPCC
nspcc.org.uk
The UK's leading children's charity. Working to prevent abuse, help rebuild children's lives and support families.

Mind
mind.org.uk
Promotes the views and needs of people with mental health problems.

Young Minds
youngminds.org.uk
The UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health.

SAMH - Scottish Association for Mental Health
www.samh.org.uk
Support for anyone with mental health problems in Scotland.

SIGNPOSTING FOR EATING DISORDERS

B-EAT
b-eat.co.uk
Beat is the UK's leading charity supporting anyone affected by eating disorders.

National Centre for Eating Disorders
eating-disorders.org.uk
Everything you need to know about eating disorder treatments, information and professional training.

SEED
seedeatingdisorders.org.uk
Support and empathy for people with eating disorders.

NHS Choices
nhs.uk/eatingdisorders
Comprehensive information and guidance relating to eating disorders.

Anorexia and Bulimia Care
anorexiabulimiacare.org.uk
Providing on-going care, emotional support and practical guidance for anyone affected by eating disorders.

Scottish Eating Disorders Interest Group
www.sedig.org
Scotland's charity for supporting, connecting and informing anyone who is affected by eating disorders.

SIGNPOSTING FOR BULLYING

NSPCC
nspcc.org.uk
The UK's leading children's charity. Working to prevent abuse, help rebuild children's lives and support families.

Childline
childline.org.uk
A free, private and confidential service for children and parents.

Young Minds
youngminds.org.uk
The UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health.

Kidscape
kidscape.org.uk
Our mission is to provide practical support, training, and advice to challenge bullying and protect young lives.

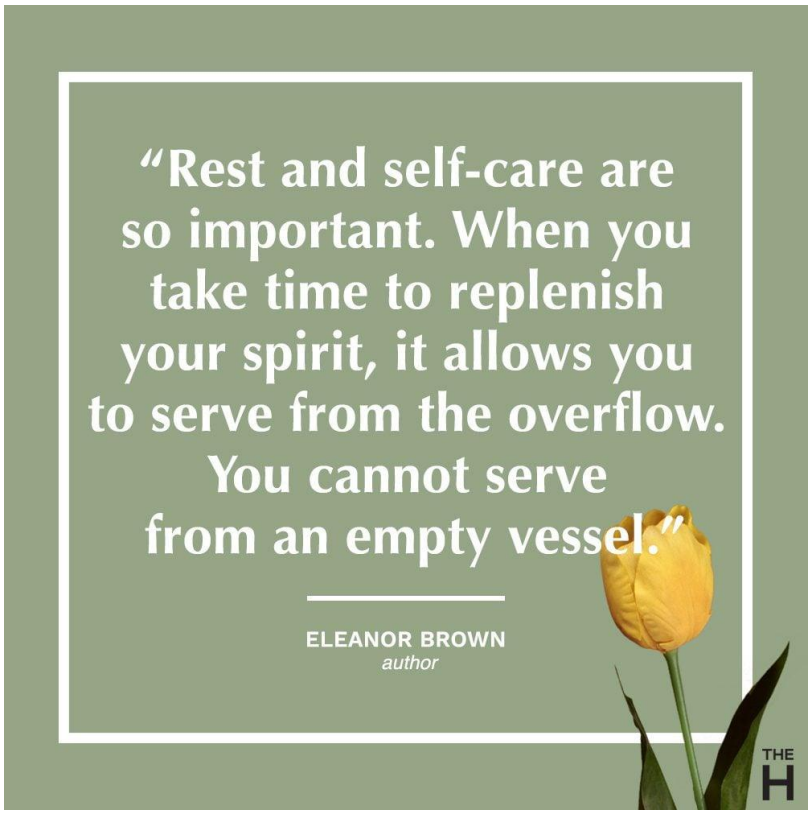
SIGNPOSTING FOR DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Adfam
adfam.org.uk
Support and information for family and friends for people with drug or alcohol problems.

Alcoholics Anonymous
alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk
National network of local alcoholics to help recover from alcoholism.

Drinkaware
drinkaware.co.uk
Aims to reduce alcohol misuse and harm.

DrugWise
drugwise.org.uk
Provides drug information which is topical, evidence-based and non-judgemental.

FRANK
talktofrank.com
Offers free confidential drug information and advice 24 hours a day.

We are with you
Wearewithyou.org.uk
Services for people who are dependent on drugs and alcohol, and their families.