



Careers Newsletter



Finishing the year strong — Celebrating student success in this final term!

As we reach the end of another successful year, this final newsletter reflects on a term filled with important milestones, achievements and memorable experiences for students across the school.

Our Year 11 students have shown great determination as they completed their GCSE examinations and we look forward to celebrating their hard work on Results Day on Thursday 20th August at Newhaven Gardens. We are incredibly proud of the resilience they have demonstrated and wish them every success as they take their next steps beyond school.

Year 10 students have also had an exciting term, taking part in work experience placements that have provided valuable insight into the world of work. Alongside this, students across the school have continued to benefit from a range of employer encounters, including visits, workshops and talks linked to subjects across the curriculum, helping them to better understand the opportunities their learning can lead to.

Year 9 students have reached an important stage in their journey by selecting their Key Stage 4 options, supported by careers guidance to help them begin thinking about future pathways and the types of work experience they may wish to explore.

Alongside these career-focused opportunities, we have also celebrated fantastic whole-school events such as Sports Day and Autism's Got Talent, which have helped build confidence, showcase talent and strengthen our school community. We are proud of everything our students have achieved this year and look forward to continuing to support them in exploring opportunities, building confidence and discovering futures that inspire them.

Dates to remember and signposting to Summer services

GCSE Results Day
Thurs 20th Aug 26
10am - 12pm

Careers Guidance
over the Summer
can be accessed by
emailing:
help-me-with-my-future@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Lots of exciting
opportunities
available over the
Summer for
students to access
via:
Young Greenwich
Youth Services

Academic year
2026/27 beings on
Wed 2nd Sept 26

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6th Form CV Workshops

21 Mar 2026

Our Sixth Form students have recently been focusing on preparing for life beyond Newhaven through a series of CV-building workshops designed to support their transition into employment. These sessions have encouraged students to reflect on their individual journeys, identifying the skills, achievements and experiences they have developed during their time at the school. From academic qualifications to personal growth, students have been supported in recognising the full range of strengths they can offer to future employers.

A key part of the process has been exploring the wide variety of opportunities students have engaged in, including work experience placements, enrichment activities and vocational learning. By bringing these together into professional CVs, students are gaining confidence in presenting themselves effectively and understanding how their experiences connect to future career pathways. This work has been an important step in helping our Sixth Form feel prepared, informed and excited about the opportunities ahead.



Plumstead Fire Station

22 Mar 2026

Year 7 students took part in an engaging visit to Plumstead Fire Station, organised in collaboration with the Heritage of London Trust. The trip gave students the chance to explore the station's rich history while learning about its ongoing role in the community. Built in 1907, the station is a striking example of Edwardian Baroque architecture and reflects a key moment in firefighting history, designed to accommodate both horse-drawn engines and early motor vehicles. A highlight was learning about the station's restored lantern, recently reconstructed using archival images, which once served as an important beacon within the local area.

During the visit, students enjoyed a guided tour, met firefighters and gained insight into careers within the fire service. They also took part in a creative activity, designing their own lanterns inspired by the original. Although the visit was cut short due to an emergency call-out, it was a valuable and memorable experience and plans are being explored for a follow-up opportunity to complete the visit.



24 Apr 2026



LSEC Bexley

Students recently visited London South East Colleges (LSEC) Bexley to support them in planning their next steps after Newhaven. The visit provided valuable insight into further education pathways, giving students the opportunity to explore a range of courses, facilities and career-focused programmes available to them.

By experiencing the college environment first-hand and speaking with staff, students were able to ask questions and consider their options more carefully. This visit played an important role in helping them make informed, confident decisions about their future education and career pathways.



Greenwich Theatre

Students with an interest in the theatre industry recently visited Greenwich Theatre for a backstage tour. The visit gave them a unique insight into how a working theatre operates, as they explored areas not normally seen by audiences, including backstage and technical spaces.

During the visit, students also had the opportunity to meet professionals working across a range of roles including lighting, sound, stage management and production helping students better understand the variety of career pathways within the theatre industry, encouraging them to think beyond acting and consider all available options.

Wembley Stadium

29 Apr 2026

As part of the Laser Leap project, a group of students had the exciting opportunity to visit Wembley Stadium for a behind-the-scenes tour of one of the UK's most iconic sporting venues. During the visit, students explored areas including the players' tunnel, dressing rooms and hospitality suites, while learning about the wide range of careers involved in running a world-class stadium. From event management and marketing to hospitality, media, security and facilities management, the tour highlighted that there are many different career pathways within the sports and events industry.

The experience linked directly to the aims of the Laser Leap project by helping students broaden their understanding of future career opportunities and the skills employers value. Seeing these roles in action encouraged students to think about how their education can lead to exciting careers in a variety of sectors.

The visit was both enjoyable and informative, providing students with a memorable experience that inspired them to explore new possibilities for their future careers.





Our Post 16 students have been taking part in the STEM On Track project – an exciting, hands-on engineering programme they have been working on throughout the academic year.

Across the year, students have worked as a team to design, build and refine their own racing go-kart, applying real-world science, technology, engineering and maths skills at every stage. Alongside the build, they have developed key transferable skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, communication and resilience, while gaining valuable insight into careers within engineering and motorsport.

As part of this journey, students attended a test day at Whilton Mill Karting Circuit. This is an exciting opportunity for them to put their karts through their paces on a professional circuit, make final adjustments and experience the thrill of real motorsport ahead of the national finals in June.

Experiences like this play a vital role in helping students explore future pathways, building confidence and giving them a clearer understanding of the wide range of opportunities available within STEM industries. By engaging with real-world challenges and environments, students are developing skills and experiences that can support their next steps into further education, apprenticeships or careers.

We are incredibly proud of the commitment and enthusiasm our students have shown throughout the year and we look forward to seeing them take this important step on their journey to race day!



11 May 26



Year 9 Options

Throughout the week, Year 9 students took part in personalised options guidance sessions to support them in making informed decisions about their Key Stage 4 subjects. Working one-to-one with a Careers Adviser from Newhaven, students explored their interests, strengths and future aspirations, considering how different subject choices could support their goals. Discussions also encouraged students to begin thinking ahead to Year 10 work experience, helping them identify industries and roles they may wish to explore in the future. The guidance provided valuable support as students prepared to take the next step in their education and career journey.



BMX

Students continued to take part in weekly BMX sessions, developing their confidence, resilience and determination through a range of practical challenges and activities. As well as improving their riding skills, students were encouraged to set personal goals, manage risks and persevere when faced with setbacks. The sessions helped students develop transferable skills such as communication, self-motivation, problem-solving and teamwork, all of which are highly valued by employers. By stepping outside their comfort zones and embracing new challenges, students gained valuable experiences that will support them in their future education, training and career journeys.

GCSE's Begin

14 May 2026

The GCSE examination period began in May through to June, marking an important milestone for our Year 11 and Post 16 students as they began the culmination of two years of hard work, dedication and perseverance. After months of preparation and revision, students approached each examination with maturity, resilience and determination, demonstrating the knowledge, skills and understanding they had developed throughout their courses.

Staff were incredibly proud of the positive attitude shown by students during this demanding period. Their commitment to attending revision sessions, engaging with feedback and maintaining focus throughout the examination season reflected the effort they have invested in their studies. Students conducted themselves exceptionally well, supporting one another and approaching each challenge with confidence and determination.

These examinations represented more than just a series of assessments; they were an important stepping stone towards students' chosen post-16 destinations and future career pathways. Whether progressing to sixth form, college, apprenticeships or other training opportunities, students have worked hard to place themselves in the strongest possible position for the next stage of their journey.

We are extremely proud of everything they have achieved so far and look forward to celebrating their successes as they move on to exciting new opportunities in education, training and employment.

20 May 26



RMG Installation

Following workshops in school with artists from the Sounds of the Ocean project (Royal Museums Greenwich), students visited the museum to see their work featured in the immersive installation. The display combined sound, science and storytelling, showing how their ideas were developed into a professional exhibition. Students gained insight into the range of careers involved in creating the installation and reflected on the skills needed for these industries. This helped them understand how creative and scientific skills can come together in real-world settings and how their learning in school links directly to future education and career pathways.



11 Jun 26

Student Librarians

This year, Kings Park's student librarians took responsibility for managing a £175 budget to enhance the Sixth Form book collection. Demonstrating excellent teamwork, planning and financial management skills, they assessed the existing collection, identified gaps and considered how to create a more diverse range of books. After preparing in their student librarian sessions, they travelled independently by public transport to Waterstones in Greenwich, where they selected titles to appeal to a wide variety of readers. By carefully tracking their spending, they ensured that some of the book token remains available for future student librarians to use next year.

Year 10 Work Experience

15 Jun 26

Our Year 10 students completed their second work experience placements, gaining valuable insight into the world of work across a wide range of industries. This opportunity also provided students who have joined Year 10 throughout the year with the chance to take part in work experience and develop their understanding of different career pathways. From mechanics and leisure to childcare, retail and architecture, students developed key employability skills such as communication, teamwork, time management and professionalism. Many students also discovered new interests and gained a clearer understanding of what different careers involve on a day-to-day basis.

The experience has been an important step in helping students think about their future pathways and make informed choices as they move into Year 11 and beyond. Employers provided positive feedback on students' enthusiasm, maturity and willingness to learn. We are proud of the way our students represented the school. Work experience continues to play a vital role in building confidence and ambition and we look forward to supporting students as they reflect on what they have learned and plan their next steps.



18 June 26



Author Visit

Carnegie Medal-winning author Anthony McGowan visited our KS3 students to discuss his writing journey and his novel, *Birdlands*. Through an engaging and honest talk, he shared the challenges and successes that shaped his career, encouraging students to recognise the value of storytelling, empathy and finding people who support them. Students enjoyed the opportunity to ask thoughtful questions during a lively Q&A, gaining insight into the work of a professional author and the creative writing process. The visit encouraged them to value their own experiences and voices, showing how stories can build confidence, connection and understanding.

24 Jun 26



Year 11 & Post 16 NRA's

We were proud to celebrate the achievements of our Year 11 and Post-16 students at their NRA celebration. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognise how far they have come, celebrate their individual successes and wish them every success as they move on to further education, training, employment, and new opportunities.

We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and look forward to seeing what the future holds for each of them.

Congratulations to all of our leavers, we wish you every success in the next stage of your journey!

Autisms Got Talent

01 Jul 26

Students from across the borough came together for Autism's Got Talent, a wonderful celebration of creativity, individuality and achievement. The event provided students with the opportunity to share their talents, celebrate their successes and build confidence in front of a supportive audience.

Taking part helped students develop valuable skills that are important for future careers, including communication, teamwork, organisation, resilience and the confidence to present themselves to others. These skills are highly valued by employers across a wide range of industries and will support students as they continue their education and explore future pathways.

The event also highlighted the importance of recognising and celebrating neurodiverse strengths. Every student has unique abilities and talents and opportunities like this help young people understand their potential and the many different routes available to them.

A huge well done to all students who participated, supported others and helped make Autism's Got Talent such an inspiring and memorable event.



Sports Day

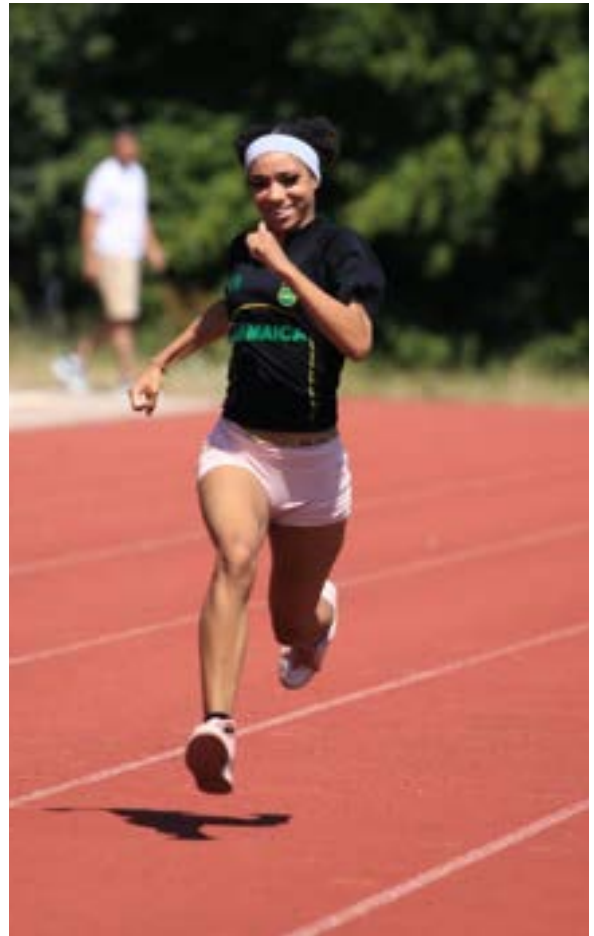
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Sports Day is about much more than races and competitions, it's an opportunity for our students to develop valuable skills that will benefit them throughout their education and future careers.

By taking part, students demonstrated teamwork, communication, resilience, determination and the confidence to challenge themselves. Whether competing, supporting their peers or helping to organise events, everyone had the chance to contribute and feel part of the school community.

These experiences help to build a sense of belonging, encourage positive relationships and develop employability skills that employers value highly. Learning to work with others, cope with setbacks, celebrate success and step outside of your comfort zone are all important qualities that can be transferred into the workplace.

At Newhaven, we recognise that every opportunity, both inside and outside the classroom, helps prepare our students for adulthood. Sports Day was a fantastic example of how developing confidence, resilience and teamwork today can support success in future education, employment, and independent living.



Mediorite Project

15 Jul 26

Students from our Assessment Centre took part in an exciting Music Video in a Day workshop delivered by Mediorite.

Working alongside professional filmmakers, students explored every stage of creating a music video, from storyboarding and acting to filming, directing and editing. In just one day, they created their own finished music video while developing valuable skills in teamwork, communication, creativity and problem-solving.

The workshop also gave students an insight into the wide range of careers within the creative industries, helping to open up new opportunities and show how their skills can lead to exciting future pathways. A huge thank you to Lucy, Charlie and the team at Mediorite for an inspiring experience!



Royal Borough of Greenwich Careers Support

As students complete Year 11 or post-16 study, they will already have received support from Newhaven School and should have plans in place for their next steps. However, it's completely normal for plans to change or for questions to come up over the summer. The Royal Borough of Greenwich offers a range of free careers support as an additional service for young people who may need further guidance.

From one-to-one advice and CV support to help exploring courses, apprenticeships and employment opportunities, their expert teams are available to support you. This service can be accessed throughout the summer, so if you need extra help, reassurance, or want to review your options, support is there when you need it.

What We Provide:

- Impartial Advice: A one-on-one session to discuss what you want to do next.
- Pathways for Everyone: Information on college courses, practical training and local opportunities.
- Practical Support: Help with understanding how to get onto a course or into training for September.

Appointments Outside of School:

We understand that meeting at school doesn't work for everyone. We offer appointments at The Woolwich Centre and Greenwich Local Labour and Business (GLLaB):

- When: Tuesdays

How to Request an Appointment:

Please send an email to help-me-with-my-future@royalgreenwich.gov.uk using the details below:

- Subject: IAG - Year 11 Appointment
- Information to include: Your name, school, and a contact number



Young Greenwich Youth Services

The Young Greenwich offers a wide range of free activities, support and opportunities for young people across the borough. Their services are designed to help you stay active, build confidence, develop new skills and connect with others in a safe and supportive environment.

Over the summer, Young Greenwich provides an expanded programme of activities, making it a great option after finishing Year 11 or post-16 study. You can get involved in a variety of sessions such as sports and fitness activities, music and creative arts workshops, gaming and social clubs, cooking sessions and local trips and outings. There are also opportunities to take part in group projects, volunteering and programmes that help build teamwork, communication and leadership skills.

In addition to activities, Young Greenwich can also offer support from youth workers if you need someone to talk to, guidance around wellbeing, or help finding positive next steps. Whether you want to try something new, meet new people, or simply have something structured to do over the summer, there's something available for everyone.

You can find out what's on in your local area and how to get involved by visiting:
<https://www.young-greenwich.org.uk/>





Wrapping up the year and preparing for what's next

As we close another busy and successful year, our focus now turns to supporting our Year 11 and Post 16 leavers as they prepare for their next steps beyond school. Results Day will take place on Thursday 20th August at Newhaven Gardens and the Careers Team will be in attendance to offer any support or guidance students and families may need with enrolment, course choices or college applications.

To ensure a smooth transition into post-16 destinations, our Transition Mentors, Sue Ford and Sharon McBain, will continue to support all of our leavers in their new placements through to December. They will be visiting students in their colleges and training providers to offer regular check-ins and support, while also maintaining contact with staff at these settings to monitor attendance and see how students are settling in. Both members of staff have dedicated work mobile phones so that students can access support directly if needed and these contact numbers will be shared with students to ensure help is always available should they require it.

While we celebrate the achievements of those moving on, we are also looking forward to another exciting year ahead. When students return in September, we will continue to deliver a programme of inspiring careers activities, employer encounters and experiences designed to broaden horizons and help students explore future pathways with confidence.

As always, we welcome any recommendations or support from parents, carers and employers who would like to contribute to our careers programme. Whether through work experience placements, workplace visits, workshops or sharing professional insights, your involvement helps us provide valuable real-world opportunities that inspire and prepare our students for the future.

Finally, we would like to wish all of our students and families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break. We hope it provides an opportunity to rest, recharge and celebrate the many achievements of the past year and we look forward to welcoming students back in September for another exciting year ahead.

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Thank you for reading!