



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October

### Weekly Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

It has been another really busy, positive week at TFA. We have enjoyed some brilliant Black History Month themed assemblies, as well as some visiting theatre productions from the Redbridge Drama Studio. We welcomed Year 11 parents in for their parents' evening, which was really well attended – it was great to meet so many of you in person.

As well as the usual messages, below is a lot of information from the many partner organisations we are working with this term, including Hainault Community Hub.

**IT Access** – please email [admin@theforestacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@theforestacademy.co.uk) if you are struggling for access to laptop or similar at home, and we can support in arranging a loan device.

**TFA Parent Safeguarding Sessions** – we will run 3 afterschool parent safeguarding sessions in the coming school year. They will focus on supporting your children to stay safe. The first session will focus on safe behaviour online, and safety tips from the Police. We will be joined by two schools police officers who will be able to answer questions and provide advice. The first one will be on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, from 4-5pm in the TFA hall**. More details will follow soon.

**Breakfast Club** – we are delighted to be starting a breakfast club at TFA. This is **free for all students**, and will run every day from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October onwards. Students need to arrive between 0800-0820, and they can then go to the canteen for a **free, healthy breakfast** with a range of choices.

There is no commitment – students can attend on whichever day they wish, but to help us plan ordering and staffing for the first few weeks, we would appreciate if you could fill in this [brief expression of interest](#).

**Parent Representative Governor Election** – details of the parent governor election were emailed to all parents yesterday. Please cast your votes by 23:59 on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

**Updated Covid Risk Assessment** is available [here](#), with minor changes based on updated government guidance.

**E-Scooters** – on the back page of this letter is a letter from the Schools Police team, explaining the law around E-scooters for your reference.

**Parent Support Group** – Below is some information on parent support from LifeLine Community Projects who we work very closely with as a school – including some support workshops.

**Hainault Community Hub** – we are working with Redbridge to support the new Hainault Community Hub – details of their programme at the youth centre, next door to TFA, are attached below.



**Black History Month** – our students have had some brilliant assemblies this week, delivered by Year 11 students about figures from black history who have inspired them. Our art department are running a BHM themed art competition – the poster advertising it is below.

**Finally** – **congratulations** to our Schools Police Officer, PC Halls, who has been nominated for a Metropolitan Police award for Schools Officer of the Year. We all really appreciate his hard work and contributions to TFA and the local community.

Please continue to park considerately of our neighbours when collecting students – waiting on the roads further away makes a significant difference to traffic and safe exiting from school at the end of the day.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I hope you have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Mackintosh  
Principal

**BHM PORTRAITURE COMPETITION**

**ART COMPETITION**

**Black History Month at TFA**

1. Choose an inspirational Black role model.
2. Use your artistic skills (Drawing, painting, collage ect) to produce an inspirational, unique and creative portrait of your chosen subject.
3. Hand your artwork into Miss Hart (Room 77) by October 14<sup>th</sup> for a chance to be included in our Black history month art celebration display and win some great prizes!!!

# #belonging



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Everyone has a story to tell, they just need a way to tell it.

Join us at Hainault Youth Centre  
for lyric and photography  
workshops about **belonging** in  
your neighbourhood.

Wednesdays at 4pm:

6th Oct 21– Idea jamming

13th Oct 21 – Lyric-writing

20th Oct 21 – Photography

~ Half Term ~ Time to bring your ideas to life!

3rd Nov 21 – Young People's Showcase & Celebration with pizza

Doors open 3pm - All welcome

Hainault Youth Centre, 116 Hunstman Road, IG6 3SY

Seize the chance to be part  
of a future arts showcase!  
Take to the floor and  
tell your story.

If you have not been to the Youth Centre  
before, please ask your parent/carer to  
fill in the Youth Service Registration  
form on the Get Involved page

[www.redbridge.gov.uk/young-people/get-involved/](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/young-people/get-involved/)  
You can also check out other Youth Service sessions and  
nominate yourself to be a Child Friendly Ambassador.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Every young person has a story to tell, they just need a way to tell it. Hainault Youth Centre will be hosting three workshops focused on exploring young people's sense of belonging to their neighbourhood – past, present and future. This will include lyric-writing, photography, and a final Young People's Showcase (with pizza) with some story-telling. As well as developing confidence and new skills, there will be an opportunity for your young person's work to be exhibited in a local community exhibition linked to the area. Finally, it's a great chance for your young person to get involved with many more exciting activities going on at Hainault Youth Centre.

Doors open at 3pm, with #belonging workshops running 4-5pm on Wednesdays, on the following dates:

- 6th Oct 21– Idea jamming
- 13th Oct 21 – Lyric-writing
- 20th Oct 21 – Photography
- (Half Term – Time to bring their ideas to life!)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 21 – Young People's Showcase & Celebration with pizza

Workshops will be run in partnership between Hainault Youth Centre and the London Borough of Redbridge Community Hubs Programme. Hainault Youth Centre is next door to Forest Academy at 116 Hunstman Road, IG6 3SY

If your young person has not been to the Youth Centre before, please fill in the Youth Service Registration form on the Get Involved page [www.redbridge.gov.uk/young-people/get-involved/](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/young-people/get-involved/)

Contact Neeta Kanagaratnam for any questions regarding these at [Neeta.Kanagaratnam@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:Neeta.Kanagaratnam@redbridge.gov.uk)

Many thanks,

Community Hubs Team



# Champion Support Network

Real parents, real problems, discovering real solutions, together.

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## How to be a VIP Parent.

As our children grow so do our parenting styles. For our teenagers we move to preparing them for adulthood.

VIP parenting is about how we communicate a VISION for our child, build the foundations of their IDENTITY and help them towards finding their PURPOSE.

This workshop will give practical tips in parenting teenagers.

*"I enjoyed learning different skills and techniques because as a parent I always questioning myself 'Did I do it right?'" – VIP Parent*

**Wednesday 13 October 2021 7.30pm – 8.30pm**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/179938239117>

## Who is this for?

### Parents!

Parents/ carers who need a friend or someone to bounce ideas off.

Parents and carers who need a bit of support or guidance through a parenting issue.

Anyone caring for a child aged 11 - 25

*It's an opportunity to get any support you can, because no parent can say I can manage all on my own.*

*There are times when you may need someone to come in and give you that help. And if a another parent can be our champion, be there to help us, my god take it, it's worth it. - Leah*



### Message from Metropolitan Police

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are writing to you in relation to the current police approach and enforcement regarding the unlawful use of E-Scooters. Officers are focussing on the unlawful use of all types of E-Scooters in a bid to improve user and pedestrian safety and road casualty reduction.

As you may know, it is currently illegal to ride any type of personally owned E-Scooter in any public place. We understand that buying a E-Scooter can be tempting, especially as they are so widely available now and are legal to buy/sell. However, the only place an E-Scooter can be used legally by anyone is on private land with the land owners permission. The reason for this is that E-Scooters are, for the purpose of current legislation treated as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act and are subject to the same legal requirements, including:

- The driver must have a full driving licence
- The driver must have an insurance policy
- The vehicle must have been taxed
- The vehicle must have an MOT certificate

It is not currently possible to get the above for privately owned e-scooters, making them illegal to use in public spaces.

You may have seen various pilot schemes being run across the country for the rental of E-Scooters and there are currently several which have started in parts of London. These pilots schemes are subject to exemptions as they are part of a Government trial and do not extend to the use personal scooters, even in the designated areas of the trials.

If your child is found using an E-Scooter on a road, pavement or any other public place such as parks, car parks etc, they face having their scooter seized by police and could be subject to prosecution under the Road Traffic Act for offences such as, but not limited to:

- Driving otherwise than in accordance with a driving licence (6 to 8 Penalty points and up to £100 fine)
- Driving without Insurance (3 to 6 Penalty points and up to £300 fine ).
- Driving / Riding other than on a road (Fixed penalty notice and up to £50 fine)
- Contravening a cycle lane (Fixed penalty notice and up to £50 fine)

There may also be circumstances where offences are committed by parents, such as Permitting to drive without valid insurance or permitting to drive other than in accordance with a driving licence which could result in the parent being fined and given points on their own driving licence. The offences relate to any age of rider and it is irrelevant whether they are at an age where they can apply for a provisional licence or younger.

We are seeking your support in our approach to this initiative which is primarily aimed at safeguarding children as well as other members of the public/road users by reducing the unlawful use of these E-Scooters.

To find out more, visit [www.met.police.uk/e-scooters](http://www.met.police.uk/e-scooters)