## Welcome to the All for Youth newsletter!

We hope you like our new logo, designed by Felix!

This inclusive newsletter is a way for you to share your voice with other children and young people across Westminster and Kensington and Chelsea.

In this June issue you can:

- Discover summer activities
- Find out about Tresham's mural at Church Street Library
- Read an article on deaf awareness by Michelle
- Read about our Supported Internship programmes
- and more...



We want to hear what you think!

Tell us what you think of the newsletter by filling in a short survey and be in with the chance to win a prize.







Are you interested in being a writer for our newsletter? We are looking for young writers to contribute to future editions of the newsletter. You could write articles or reviews, submit recipes, send in artwork and photos or recommend games, movies or places to go!

Email Marianna.lill@rbkc.gov.uk for more information about the 'News Crew' or visit our Participation and Young People's Voice Page.



# **Summer has arrived!**



This summer, fun activities and events will be taking place across Westminster and Kensington and Chelsea for 5 to 16 year olds as part of our Holiday and Food Programme, funded by the Department for Education.

These include summer camps, sports, arts, cooking, mentoring and leadership, and a wide range of activities for children and young people with SEND.

Free places and food will be provided to those who are eligible for free school meals.

To check out the activities on offer, visit the <u>Our City website</u>. Keep checking back as new events are being added each day!



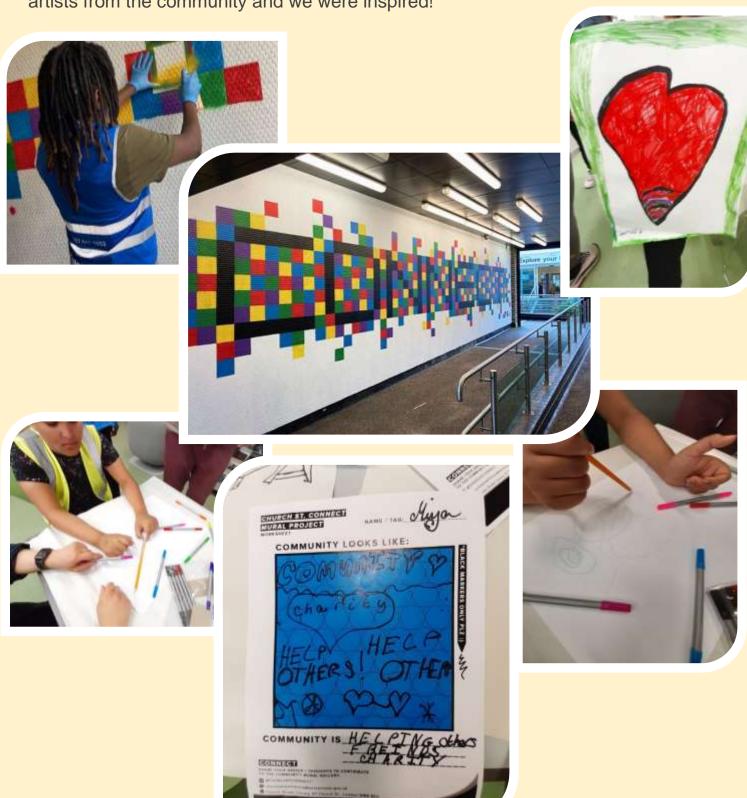


# **Tresham at Church Street Library**



Some of Tresham's Centre, young people joined forces with PiNs the artist and Westminster City Lions to create a mural at Church Street Library. They were involved in a two-day workshop where they combined ideas, drew sketches and finalised the design.

Jadore from Tresham said "it was fun and exciting to be involved in, we met different artists from the community and we were inspired!"



# **Deaf Awareness Week by Michelle**



Deaf Awareness Week is a worldwide event; this year, it was held on 4-9 May. Just like other special awareness events, each year Deaf Awareness Week is focused on a theme, in 2020 the theme acquired deafness - people who've lost their hearing later in life instead of being born deaf or with hearing problems.

Deaf Awareness Week is extremely important as many people do not understand what deaf people face or know how to communicate or help. It also tells people who are deaf or who do have hearing issues, that they are not alone and people are there to help.

Deaf Awareness Week teaches us how to communicate to people with hearing loss through the teaching of British Sign Language (BSL) which many completely deaf people use. There are many variations of sign language depending on where you live.

So how can you help? Stay open-minded and interact with deaf people, they are people just like you and me. Try to learn some BSL or finger spelling; it can really make a difference as while lip reading is useful, a survey shows that even the most amazing lip readers still miss 40% of what it is being said.

If they are lip-reading, sit somewhere with minimal distractions, have good lighting, and just relax and act normally. Over-acting or raising your voice can really intimidate someone with a hearing aid, just speak clearly and how you would with a friend. Hearing is something most people take for granted that some people do not have and wish for. Because of our privilege, we must use what we have to our advantage and educate ourselves and others and make a difference.

For deaf support services for young people, visit:

The Royal Association of Deaf people website

The Buzz – the only website for deaf young people aged 8 to 18 in the UK!

The bi-borough inclusion service





# **Council news**



Welcome Angel and Faisa, our two new Inclusive Apprentices joining Westminster City Council after they successfully completed the council's Supported Internship programme!

The Westminster Supported Internship delivered in partnership with City of Westminster College and RBKC Supported Internship delivered in partnership with West London College are recruiting 12 young people to join us in September 2021.



For more information and how to apply for the Westminster Supported Internship programme check out this page.

For more information and how to apply for the RBKC Supported Internship programme check out <u>this page</u>.

Applications close on Monday 5 July 2021.

Contact Rachel for more information: Rachel.edwards@rbkc.gov.uk

## Do you like photography?

If you are aged up to 23 years old living, working, or studying in Kensington and Chelsea, why not enter the 'Sights and Sounds of Gen Z' Photo Competition. Your work could be displayed in Kensal Canalside as part of the Kensington and Chelsea Summer Festival. The theme is people and places that have an affinity to you and Kensington and Chelsea.

- You can submit 1 photo
- The photo needs to be in portrait orientation
- You must be under 23 years of age

Send your name, age and connection to Kensington and Chelsea along with your photo to <u>jarellefrancis@gmail.com</u> with GEN Z EXHIBITION in the subject line. The closing date is Sunday 4 July 2021.

Please note that if your photo has a visible face in it, the subject(s) must give their permission and be aware that it could be used in a public display.

# **Kensington Queensmill School**



This September, a new special school will be opening its doors to children and young people with special education needs in Kensington and Chelsea.

The News Crew spoke with Andy Nowak, the new headteacher.

#### What will the school be like?

A safe and welcoming place for young people, who are valued for who they are.

## How many pupils will attend?

It will open with 52 students and eventually over the next two years there will 80.

### What ages will the pupils be?

3-19 years.

### What is your vision for the school?

It will become something new and bold, where children and young people can thrive.

### How have young people been involved?

Young people were on the panel in my interview, and this panel was the toughest.

Manu asked, "what would the perfect teacher be like?"
George asked, "what motivates you?"
Jamie asked, "what are you going to do to make your pupils happy?"
Stevie asked, "how you could benefit the school?"

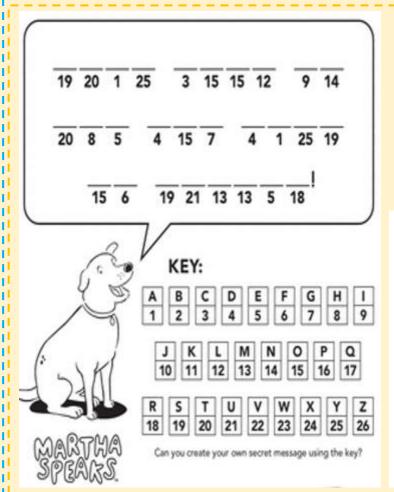
I am both honoured and excited to open Kensington and Chelsea's first special school and cannot wait to extend many warm welcomes to pupils, their families and the community in September.

For more information about Kensington Queensmill, visit their website.

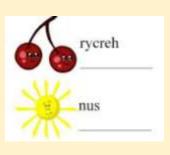


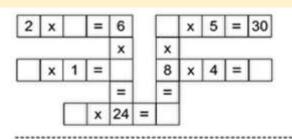
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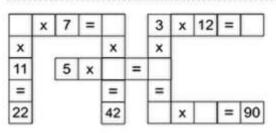
Send us your favourite game ideas!



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Thank you to everyone who helped us write this edition!

Email your images, stories, recipes, games, reviews, photos, artwork, or poems to: Make sure you look on the Local Offer for Westminster and RBKC to find out about activities for young people. Don't forget to check Our City and City Lions websites too!

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Kensington and Chelsea Council Young People's Voice Page