

Summer Newsletter

2018

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic year for the Post-19 service, building on the successes of our pilot year. The last 12 months have been full of 'wow' moments, and I have been delighted to see how well our students have engaged in their community based learning. All of our students have spent time in the community, completing either work experience or leisure and sports activities, as well as increasing their independence around traveling, shopping and dining out in restaurants and cafes.

The Post-19 service launched its Advisory Board this year, with our first meeting taking place in June chaired by John Crawford, the CEO of Yarrow Housing. The Advisory Board is an important part of ensuring the development of the service continues to grow in the right direction. Currently members include Denise Largin, CEO of The Camden Society and Sonia Simon, Care Service Manager from Yarrow Housing. Following this initial meeting, we are excited to see how the Advisory Board develops in the new academic year.

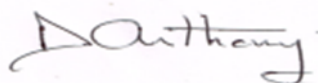
One of my personal highlights this year has been the feedback from our Tutors when working in the community. All of the staff have spoken about how our students have become active citizens of their communities, making connections with local businesses and services. It is not unusual for one of our students to be stopped in the street and have a local say hello or ask how they are getting on. One of our aims for our students is for them to have a sense of belonging in their community, and be an active part of society.

In our final weeks of the term, it was a pleasure to join our students on their end-of-year trip to Brighton. The trip was organised by our partner, Yarrow. All of the students who attended enjoyed lunch on the Pier, a trip to the Sea Life centre and ice cream overlooking the sunny beach and sea. Even though the journey was a little longer than expected, our students managed the trip extremely well.

In September, the Post-19 service will be able to welcome 8 students. All of our current students will be returning and they will be joined by new faces from both Tram House and other schools. During the new academic year, we have plans to open a second Post-19 Hub, like our location on Goldhawk Road. We are currently researching locations and expect our next location to be south of the Thames.

I am very proud of the achievements our students have made this year, and extremely excited to see what will happen in the new academic year. I hope you and your family have a relaxing and enjoyable summer break, and I look forward to welcoming you back in the new academic year.

Best wishes,



David Anthony

Head of Post-19



Partnerships

In September we will be looking to grow the number of partnerships we have with external providers. Our relationships with other organisations this year has ensured our students have an individual timetable that is full of variety and opportunities to learn the vital skills we need to teach. This year's links have included Yarrow Housing; The Gate; The Elgar Centre; The Macbeth Centre; Arch Climbing; Roots & Shoots and The Camden Society.

If you are aware of any local provisions you think may be beneficial to one of our students, let us know by emailing David and we will see what opportunities are available there.



Important Dates

Summer 2018

Term ends: Wednesday 25th July at 3:30pm

Autumn 2018

Term starts: Wednesday 5th September

INSET days 3rd & 4th September

Parent/Carer meetings: Wednesday 3rd October

Half Term: Monday 22nd October–Friday 26th October

Term ends: Friday 21st December at 12:30pm

Spring 2019

Term starts: Wednesday 9th January

INSET days 7th & 8th January

Half Term: Monday 18th February–Friday 22nd February

Term ends: Friday 5th April at 12:30pm

Staffing Update

I am delighted to inform you we will be welcoming a number of new staff members to the Post-19 service in September. Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to Jubran Khokhar. Jubran has worked with BeyondAutism since 2015, and will be leaving to focus on his BCBA studies as well as working on home programmes. Jubran has been a fantastic Tutor and Instructor in both the school and more recently the Post-19 service. We wish him all the best for the future.

From September, the Post-19 service will have two ABA Supervisors. Sofia Rey, our current BCBA Supervisor will continue to work part time and will be joined by Russel Irving. Russell is returning to BeyondAutism after working in the schools previously. He has a wealth of experience within ABA and VB and will be an asset to the service. He will be working full time within the Post-19 Hub and we are delighted to have him join our team.

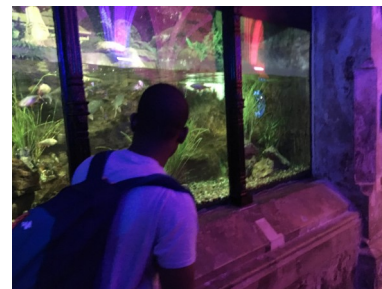
Elizabeth (Lisa) Curtin will be joining the Post-19 service from September as our new ABA Instructor. Lisa is currently working towards her BCBA and will be joining us from Tree House School. Lisa is very experienced within ABA and will be working full time with our students and Tutors.

All of our Post-19 Tutors will be returning for the new academic year. They will be joined by some new faces, including Enebery Wilson and Riziki Mabuye. Both Enebery and Riziki are experienced in working within education and with older learners. I am sure they will receive a warm welcome from our community.

Finally, the Post-19 service will have a dedicated Administrator starting from September. Francesca Sharkey will be joining us at the Post-19 Hub and helping to organise the administration related to running the service. Francesca will be in regular touch with our parent community regarding annual reviews, parents evening and other activities taking place within the service.

Brighton Trip

This month the students from Post-19 were invited to join service users from Yarrow on a trip to Brighton. It was a fantastic opportunity which our students thoroughly enjoyed. Our journey to Brighton was a little longer than expected, but as soon as we arrived we headed to the famous Brighton Palace Pier! It was a busy day on the Pier, but all the students managed the crowds well, working our way through the amusement arcades and ice cream stalls. We had lunch at the end of the Pier, overlooking the sea front and beach. After lunch we headed to the Brighton Sea Life Centre, where students and staff walked through the aquariums and exhibits. Our students were able to walk through a glass tunnel, where sharks, fish and turtles swam overhead! The aquarium trip finished with an opportunity to observe the sea horses and star fish roaming the large tanks. We then rounded off the day with ice cream and ice lollies, sat relaxing on the Pier watching people enjoy the afternoon sun.



Head of Post-19, David Anthony, speaks at Yarrow Housing's Registered Manager's Network meeting

Earlier this term our Head of Post-19, David Anthony, spoke to a packed room at Yarrow Housing's Registered Manager's Network meeting in Hammersmith. David's presentation covered 'Education and employment: ensuring young people have choice and control' a topic that is at the heart of everything we try and achieve at Post-19.



We hope you all have a wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September!