



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

It has been an exciting first term of the new academic year in Post-19. We have welcomed many new students and staff members, as well as starting to work with new partners in the community. We are now supporting 7 students from 6 different local authorities; we currently have one student vacancy which we expect to be filled in the New Year.

There are many highlights from this term, but several stand out when I think about our values and aims in Post-19. We strive for all members of Post-19 to be 'active citizens', and I was delighted to see the response to our foodbank appeal, and the generosity of students, parents and members of our Post-19 community. Empowering our students to take part in vocational and employment opportunities is one of our key aims, and seeing students participate in work experience has been overwhelmingly rewarding for both the student, provider and Post-19 staff. Finally, our work around social, moral, spiritual and cultural values has seen some impressive outcomes. Our Instructor, Lisa Curtin organised a successful trip to the Imperial War Museum to commemorate Armistice Day and 100 years since the end of WW1, as well as art projects in the Hub. During October and Black History Month, staff and students created a display representing 'identity' using handprints and a hand drawn tree. To finish the term, students are attending a theatre production of Aladdin!

We have welcomed new and returning staff members this term. We started the year welcoming back Russell Irving as our full time ABA Supervisor, working alongside Sofia Rey. Tamara Rubio Cires returned to BeyondAutism as a Post-19 ABA Tutor, and Ryan Nosworthy joined us from Park House School. New faces included Dominic Gatward, Ana Anton, Conor Lusted and Enebery Wilson as new Post-19 ABA Tutors, Francesca Sharkey as our Administrator and Elizabeth (Lisa) Curtin as our new ABA Instructor. These excellent additions made a positive contribution to an already strong team.

The service and charity will be closed during the Christmas holidays. Our last day is on Friday 21st December and we will reopen for students on Wednesday 9th January 2019.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Kind regards,

David Anthony

Head of Post-19



Black History Month

For Black History Month Lisa and Ana worked together in constructing a tree to celebrate Black History. A trunk and branches were carefully cut out and together with the students they made and painted leaves using their hand-prints to represent individual identities and to embrace diversity. The finished piece now adorns splendidly our classroom wall.



Important Dates

Autumn 2018

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

Spring 2019

Term starts: Wednesday 9th January

INSET days: 7th & 8th January

Spring IEP meetings: Thursday 17th January

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

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

Summer 2019

Term starts: Wednesday 24th April

INSET day: 23rd April

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Half Term: Monday 27th May–Friday 31st May

Term ends: Tuesday 23rd July at 12:30pm

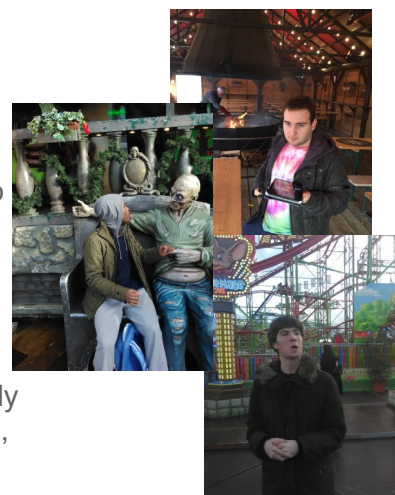
Living our Values

One of our values at Post-19 is to 'be seen' and be an 'active citizen' and giving back to those in our community is part of this. So to celebrate the October harvest Post-19 worked with the Trussell Trust who operate foodbanks to provide food for those in crisis. The food was kindly provided by staff members in Post-19 and those at Yarrow Housing and with the help of one of our students the food was loaded into the van of one of the Trussell Trust drivers.



Festive Celebrations

We are all getting very excited about the fast approaching holiday season, particularly the exciting trips in the last couple of weeks of term. In the first week of December Lisa organised a group visit to Winter Wonderland. Whilst the weather didn't treat them kindly, they managed to enjoy the breaks in between showers and look around the stalls and interact with the different characters. This week we have booked all the students a visit to the renowned Wimbledon theatre to see a production of Aladdin, starring Paul Merton. This will be a relaxed matinee performance which will allow our students to fully benefit from the joys of live theatre alongside their tutors, with a few chuckles thrown in!



Remembrance Day

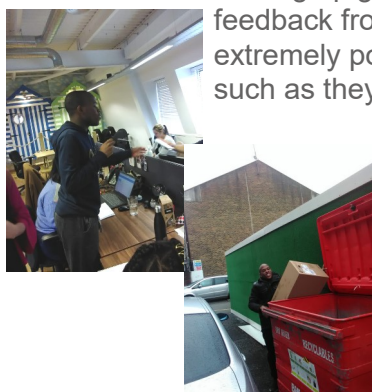
In conjunction with the Armistice Centenary, our Tutors took several of our learners out to visit the Imperial War Museum. This was to be a photography-focused trip. Several of our students really got into the aircrafts and gave us a few stunning shots and angles whilst others enjoyed going to the café for large cups of hot-chocolate and snacks to ward off the cold weather! Following the trip, a couple of our students tested out their ten-pin bowling skills at Namco Funscape at County Hall and later took in some of the breath-taking views at the London Eye.

Back in the hub, to continue with the remembrance theme, Lisa handed the students paint-brushes and paint and together they made a beautiful poppy wreath constructed entirely out of egg-boxes.



Work Experience

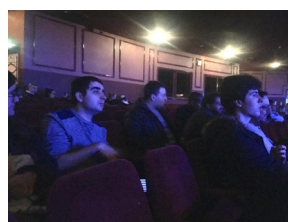
This year's work experience story starts at Specialist Works, a dynamic media agency based in Islington. Our student started his one morning a week there in early autumn and the staff have set him to task, filling the fridges and fruit bowls, replenishing their food cupboards and delivering letters around the facility. On one occasion he assisted in a large organised event by making up goody bags. The feedback from the staff has been extremely positive with comments such as they 'love working with him' and that 'he's doing great!' We are excited that he will continue with this placement into the New Year.



Aladdin Pantomime Trip

Into the last week of term, our learners went on a trip to see Aladdin at the New Wimbledon Theatre. All students travelled there on public transport and some went for a pre-theatre lunch at Nando's.

After lunch they went along to the theatre where they saw Aladdin starring Paul Merton. They were very engaged and seemed to really enjoy the show.



A word from the charity

Tracie Linehan, CEO

At BeyondAutism we are dedicated to delivering excellence – we started this academic year with our first staff conference, bringing together 150 staff from across the organisation. The day was opened by 2 parents and the CEO of Yarrow, setting the scene, keeping children at the centre of everything we do. This term the senior management team, with the trustees have started the journey to form the strategic direction to 2025. I will be seeking parental and other external stakeholder input through a series of workshops across 2019.

We are committed to Applied Behaviour Analysis – sharing best practice at a number of conferences nationwide we have been able to raise awareness of the positive impact “ABA the BeyondAutism Way” has on each and every individual we meet. We continue to support staff members in pursuit of master’s degrees and have a trainee teacher developing their practice at Park House School. Very exciting – Karen Talty, ABA Consultant, has achieved BACB ACE status for BeyondAutism – this means that we can provide a wide array of CEU events to BACB (Behaviour Analyst Certification Board) certificants and we will aim to deliver Registered Behaviour Technician (RBT) certification to tutors that meet the criteria.

We are respectful – facilitating the pathway for 2 of our Post-19 learners to hold the keys to their own front doors, with the right support and their “ideal week” established. Our Early Years’ Service continues to grow, empowering parents with the skills they need to communicate, engage and play with their child. We are getting to the point where we need to consider expansion for additional groups so that we don’t need to turn people away.

We are proud to challenge – engaging with national debate, always seeking to say something *more* interesting through social media and our website. We are developing strong partnerships with Local Authorities challenging perceptions of ABA and challenging service delivery models.

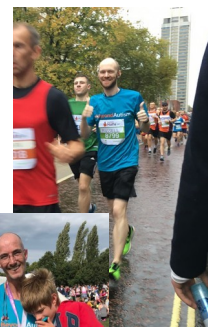
It has been a busy term, ending with the Ofsted inspection at Park House School. We have much to be proud of, not least the progress and achievements of our pupils. I hope you have a pleasant break and enjoy the festive holidays.

Partnerships

We’re delighted to announce that Eaton House the Manor School have extended our charity partnership for this academic year. They have been a fantastic support for the charity over the last year raising over £10,000 through different events like bake sales, ‘breaking the rules’ days and sponsored walks.

Events

- Congratulations to Andrew Robertson for completing the Kingston Marathon and raising a fantastic £3,400 for the charity.
- In October we had a group of runners in the Royal Parks Half Marathon who braved the torrential rain and raised £3,500. Runners included Mark Grady and Post-19 Supervisor, Russell Irving.
- To see how you can get involved in our different challenge events in 2019, take a look at our website: <https://www.beyondautism.org.uk/support-us/events/>.
- Quiz Night – **save the date!** Our annual quiz night will take place on Wednesday 1st May. Further information will be sent out in the New Year.



Fundraising Team Changes

At the start of the December the Fundraising Team has grown! We welcome Pippa Day into the charity office in her new role as Fundraising Officer with Dan Thurman moving over to Marketing full-time.

We hope you all have a wonderful festive period and look forward to welcoming you back in January!