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Clapton's recently refurbished courtyard shines in the sun

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A FUN-FILLED HALF TERM

It's been a really exciting half-term here at the **HTSA**, with lots of news and events going on. This month's newsletter has some great features which we can't wait to share. It contains the winner of both the **HTSA** brownie-making competition and the debating competition, plus some pictures from our first in-person **TAPP** session since September. It also contains some of the wonderful artwork produced by our schools as part of the UFO **art project** with Tom Pearman, and more pictures from our schools' **social media**. This issue is full of pictures, and we just love to share what the **HTSA** and its schools are up to. We hope you enjoy!



FEEDBACK

We've had more wonderful feedback on the HTSA's courses since the last issue, and even managed to get some courses together **in person** for the first time since September! A huge thank you to everyone who made this possible. Here is what participants had to say:

'This was another very useful session in terms of practical outcomes, and was a great way to be reminded about the pleasure of teaching specific subjects.'

(Subject Forum)

'The trainer did really well to make it fun and interactive. Another very engaging session.
Thank you!'

(MLP participant)

'I found this session helpful and engaging. It gave me ideas that I could use straight away, and also showed me how children need to learn these concepts.'

(ITT participant)

'I found the coaching techniques really useful, as well as the opportunity to put them into practice. The course is adapted well for Zoom.'

(MLP participant)



'This was a superb training session. The multiple experiments were so valuable for thinking about how to teach children how to plan and carry out fair tests and explore science skills.'

(ITT participant)

'The highlighting of learning intentions and success criteria was very helpful when thinking about planning future lessons. The trainer adapted to our needs as learners/ teachers which was great.'

(ITT participant)





'This has been an incredible experience working with a wonderful, supportive group, and with such a genuine and caring leader who really believes in us.'

(SCP participant)

The practical tools were excellent and very useful. I found the practice backed up by theory useful, and there was lots of time and space for discussion. I loved the positive, trusting environment.

(SCP participant)



COMPETITION WINNERS

Remember the Easter brownie competition we ran over the Easter holidays? Well, we are very excited to announce the winner: **Erla-Kate**, who was representing **The Boxing Academy**!



Big congratulations to Erla-Kate for her wonderful Easter brownies! Here she is looking proud as punch of her yummy creations.

Her prize was this chef's outfit, which she is totally rocking! She definitely looks the part, and we just love it. Well done, Erla-Kate!



DEBATING COMPETITION

We had a fantastic turnout for the HTSA's **Debating Competition** with **Noisy Classroom**! Seven schools from the HTSA took part, and everyone did incredibly well. Lots of the students had no prior experience in debating, and to go from this level to competition-ready with just one workshop was such an achievement! This is doubly impressive considering that the competition was hosted online for the very first time, with schools participating in the workshops and the competition via **Zoom**. There were several nail-biting moments, including a tense wait to find out which schools would be facing off in the grand final. In the end, after a brilliant final debate between **Millfields** and **Rushmore**, the overall winners were Rushmore Primary School! A big **congratulations** to the Rushmore team, and to everyone involved. It was truly a group effort, and the work from Noisy Classroom, teachers, support staff and everyone else made it so worthwhile.



The competition day was run completely online, with the judges, debaters and spectators all tuning in from different places. One of our judges was in Lancashire!

Each debate team had taken part in one workshop previously before the competition. Some students had never even watched a debate before!



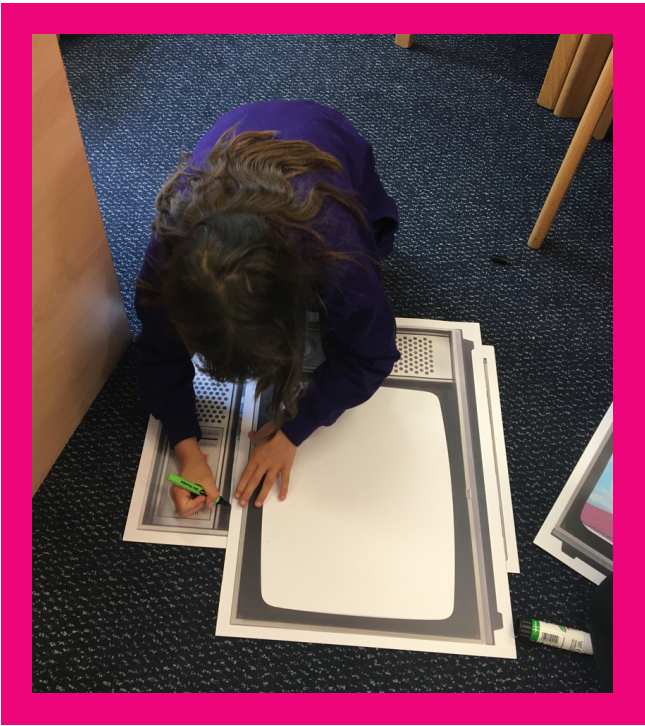


Here are the finalist teams from **Millfields** and **Rushmore**. Special congratulations should also go to **Priscilla Tasinda** from **St Scholastica's Primary School** and **Ajani Akinfenwa** from **Nightingale Primary School**, who were selected as the Star Debaters of the day! Congratulations to them all.

ART PROJECT

Lots of our schools have also been busy creating some amazing art pieces as part of our project with local artist **Tom Pearman**. Here are some examples of their artwork. We are so impressed!







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SUMMER CELEBRATION

1st July 2021

The **HTSA** summer celebration will be happening outside at the [Hackney School of Food](#) on **Thursday 1st July (16:00-18:00)**.

This will be a brilliant opportunity to congratulate of this year's delegates from the **HTSA's** programmes, and enjoy a drink and some delicious food from the School of Food's kitchen. We will

be presenting certificates from the programmes, and celebrating the achievements of the **HTSA's** schools during a particularly difficult year.



The event will be **Covid-safe** and socially distanced, and is sure to be a lovely time for all involved! Event attendance will be by invite only due to Covid regulations. Invitations will be sent out this week, with a request to RSVP by **Friday 22nd June** so that we know numbers.

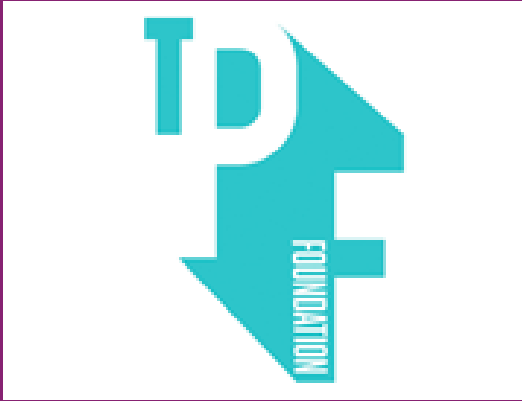


We can't wait to see everybody there.
Make sure you've saved the date!



OTHER NEWS

FREE PHOTOGRAPHY OFFER



The Photography Foundation are running a free series of events during the summer for young people and families in Hackney. You can click on the picture for more information, and to see the dates and types of events they are hosting. Check it out!

GALLERY

Here are some of our **favourite** images from the past few weeks!



The HTSA held an in-person art forum for the first time in over a year! Participants got creative and tried out many different techniques to use in their own schools.



Wentworth children released their beautiful butterflies into the wild!



Randal Cremer children went on a walk in the woods!

Stormont House Sixth Formers did their Duke of Edinburgh expedition!



Benthal managed to have a Covid-safe sports day in classroom bubbles.



Kingsmead watched 'Hamlet in a Suitcase'



We hope you have enjoyed this issue of the HTSA newsletter. Please do get in touch with Niamh with any feedback, potential features or general thoughts. It's very much welcomed!