

Dear Parents,

It has been another outstanding year for Park House School and Tram House School.

Our focus has been on 'just enough support' and we have worked hard on understanding what this means for our pupils and how we integrate this mantra into the daily life at school. Both schools have embraced this and have creatively incorporated it into pupils' programmes. This has included building independent play skills, self-directed learning, transitions and the level of support in groups – amongst other personalised outcomes. We are proud of the efforts and are excited to see how we can develop this further in the next academic year using our own developed Independence Framework.

We have worked with a number of partnership schools, sharing ideas and good practice as well as developing links for future work. They have all acknowledged the strengths of BeyondAutism Schools and have been impressed by the commitment and energy of the staff teams. This is also reflected in the Good Schools Guide who came to both schools and gave them A+ ratings!

Both Park House and Tram House have a number of pupils graduating this year, with pupils transitioning to a range of different settings. We wish them all good luck for the future and every success in their new schools and post 19 settings. Graduation was celebrated in schools and ended with a well-deserved party, with great music and some even better dancing!

The teaching team continues to develop and has been strengthened this year with Catrin Bail passing her Teacher Training year with an overall grade of Outstanding. We are also very pleased to be introducing Leah Townsend into the teaching team as she will be beginning her training in September at Tram House School.

Tram House School's Sixth Form has been developing and growing over the last year and we were pleased to confirm that we will build on our partnership with South Thames College further from September, with the Sixth Form having a permanent base in the college. To ensure that this project is sustainable and of the highest quality going forward, we were delighted to have appointed Jordana Lyons as Sixth Form Project Lead. She will continue the work already done this year and is planning to make it even better!

The summer term has seen a number of community outings including trips to Battersea Park and Zoo, the Horniman Museum, Thorpe Park, Flip Out as well as continued work experience placements.

We welcomed Dr Robins from Hertfordshire University back to Tram House School to see how we've progressed with the Kaspar project – he was very impressed as we've exceeded his expectations! The project moves into its next phase over the next two terms so more news to come!

A thank you to the Park House Parent Forum who have organised different events throughout the year including the bake sale in December, the art activities in March and the summer fun in July. They have helped raise money for the Rainy Day fund as well as bringing our parent community together.

Lastly we want to thank you all for your continued support of the schools, we wish you all a very pleasant break and we are looking forward to the pupil's return in September.



Kieran Bird
Head of Park House School



Jon Ascot
Head of Tram House School



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Term Dates

Autumn 2019

Term starts: Thursday 5th September

INSET days 2nd to 4th September

Half Term: Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October

Term Ends: Thursday 19th December

Spring 2020

INSET days 6th to 7th January

Term starts: Wednesday 8th January

Half Term: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Term Ends: Friday 3rd April

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Visiting Post-19

If you're planning your child's next steps after school and would like to have a look at our Post-19 facilities, please contact David Anthony, Head of Post-19, on davidanthony@beyondautism.org.uk.

Instagram

BeyondAutism are now on Instagram, so follow us @beyondautism or visit www.instagram.com/beyondautism/ to see regular posts, updates and stories!

Staffing and Recruitment

We've had a number of staff join the team since Easter! A big welcome to the following ABA Tutors...

Reiya Mckenzie-Selassie, Jennifer Chetwood, Ariela Spalla, Lia Perry, Nevanah Ota-Kosenah, Geneviah Magrin, Monica El Ramey, Zoobia Ahmad, Sola Wynter, Rupert Bolton-Greem, Tamia James, Abdikahar Mahamed, Victoria Nikolaenko (Post-19), and Savannah Woods (Post-19)

We've also welcomed Nishat Sarwar and Inmaculada Ferrer as Teaching Assistants and Constantina Diamantopoulou (Outreach Administrator) and Amina Begum (Bookkeeper) have joined the charity team.

We are saying goodbye to the following ABA Tutors this term...

Anna-Evangelia Nikitaki, Gintare Daunyte, Iliana Ziogka, Farzana Ahmed, Gemma Johns, Silvia Zumaglini, Latoya Giddings, Nasrin Khan, Jennifer Chetwood, Emily Childs, Pierre Raphael, Evgenia Ioanna Marantou, Polita Lopez Valle, Marta Rapp Wright, Sughita Shanmugam, Yara Sagau Valencia, Simona Galuccio, Victoria Epton, Claudia Bearman, Moriah Chedick, Monica Ricart, Charlene Edwards, Christina Weldai, Kate Farrow, Hussain Yassin (Post-19) and Tamara Rubio Cires (Post-19)

We are also saying goodbye to Annabel Willets (Cover Tutor), Catrin Price (ABA Instructor), Teresa Soto Renne (Outreach Tutor) and Michelle Frangos (Qualified Teacher).

We wish everyone the best in their future endeavours!

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Stakeholder consultation

This term we have been holding consultations with our key stakeholders, seeking their views and aspirations to inform our 2025 strategy. A big thank you to the parents who came along to our coffee morning in July. They took part in a World Café task to share their thoughts about the greatest need for children and young adults with autism and where we could have the greatest impact with our services. If you weren't able to attend but would like to contribute to the consultation, you still can via our website until the end of August. Please visit beyondautism.org.uk/haveyoursay and share the link with anyone you feel might be interested.

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Father's Day BBQ

Father's Day was celebrated in style at Park House and Tram House with dads being invited in for a BBQ and party. In typical British fashion the rain made an appearance at the Park House event but the sun shone long enough for everyone to enjoy themselves in the playground!

As well as a BBQ and party games, fathers had the chance to decorate t-shirts with their son or daughter.

Huge thanks go to Marks and Spencer's Southfields and Barnes stores for sending volunteers to cook the food and help serve. We're extremely grateful to them for giving up their time this National Volunteers Week.



Everyone Can Gaming Roadshow



Earlier this term a group of Park House School pupils went along to the Everyone Can Gaming roadshow. Pupils played different games and were

also given the chance to try out different Virtual Reality simulations.

Everyone Can Gaming create an inclusive, sociable environment for people with learning and physical disabilities to take part. Their assistive technology helps people to control their environment and enjoy gaming.

It was a great chance for our pupils to play together using the big screens and different consoles. Here are a couple of photos of the pupils enjoying their day!



Karen Sorab Awards

This year's Karen Sorab Award winners were announced after sports day for both schools. This year to recognise the growth of the services there were four student awards for different age categories.

Congratulations to Razzaq for winning the 5-11 years category for showing great determination on a daily basis. He can now communicate with staff requesting things he likes as well as seeking social interaction for comfort, enjoyment and help.

The 11-16 years category was won by Danny for showing a huge improvement in his behaviour this year. He transitions well around the school and is a happy and cheerful pupil. He is an asset to our school.

Josue was the winner of the Sixth Form category and he picked up the award for all of the hard work he has put in this year. He has mastered many targets and has worked on his transitioning. He is a star student at work experience and his social skills have improved so he now interacts with and plays games with his peers.

Also, well done to Iffah for winning the Post-19 category for showing great determination and perseverance in her communication and targets.

Congratulations to all of our winners!

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Jack Petchey Achievement Award Winners



The summer term started with a special assembly to announce the pupil winners of the Jack Petchey Award. The scheme is a reward and recognition initiative which enables schools to celebrate the achievements of their young people as well as receive additional funding.

Winners of the award receive membership to the Jack Petchey Foundation achiever's community as well as £250 for them to spend on something they'd like at school.

During the spring term, nominations were sent in by fellow pupils as well as staff. The Tram House School award was given to a pupil who has been a very good friend to his peers as well as dramatically improving his behaviour. He has also progressed significantly in his use of PECS meaning he can now

communicate more effectively. The Park House School award was given to a pupil who has made significant improvements in his behaviours around the school. His communication has progressed, and he can now speak in full sentences which has helped him to share how he is feeling. He is also playing and interacting more with his peers. "He has made major progress and is such a pleasure to watch around the school."



The Great BeyondAutism Bake Off

This term the schools held the inaugural Great BeyondAutism Bake Off! Mini competitions were held in each class with one pupil from each class going forward to yesterday's final taking place at the Anchor Community Centre in Earlsfield.



The theme for the competition was All About Me and pupils made their favourite treats. There were some terrific bakes, from caterpillar cakes, to pretzel rice crispie cakes and even spiced chicken and rice cupcakes.

There were a group of judges including Councillor Angela Graham, Karen Sorab (Chair of Trustees) and the Heads of Schools who tasted all of the bakes and crowned our very first BA Bake Off winner!

Congratulations to all of our pupils for some fantastic baking and in particular to our top three.



Mental Health Awareness Week 2019

At BeyondAutism Schools we take mental health very seriously, both for our students and our staff. During Mental Health Awareness Week we scheduled a number of activities (additional to the regular sessions) to promote health and wellbeing.



The schools have their own Mental Health Team who organised and ran the various events throughout the week. Students spent time in the local parks, had yoga sessions and enjoyed art activity time. Staff events ran on a similar theme with movie nights, zen time and yoga!

Our Mental Health Team are always available to provide information and support to anyone who needs it. It's ok to not be ok.



Sports Day 2019

Towards the end of term, both schools held their sports days. Pupils took part in a variety of activities from space hopper relays, to egg and spoon races and hook a duck!

Congratulations to all of the pupils who took part and especially to Red Class who won the Park House event and US3 who won the Tram House event.

Thanks go to the Parent Forum at the Park House event for arranging a summer fun day around sports day with art activities and games for the children as well as a raffle and second-hand uniform sale for parents with all proceeds going towards the Rainy Day Fund.

Thanks also to Octopus Giving for once more sending a wonderful group of volunteers to both days to help run the events, and then get competitive in the space hopper race!



Emergency Service Visits

This term Park House School have been lucky enough to be visited by both the London Fire Brigade and the police horses. Pupils were able to try on different bits of uniform as well as inspect the trucks.

With the Fire Brigade pupils were even able to try out the hose.

We're grateful to the services for giving up their valuable time to come into school and meet the children. The visit gave pupils chance to familiarise themselves with the men and women in uniform as well as the truck for when they see them out in the community.



South Thames College

This term marked the start of our collaboration with South Thames College. Our students have been attending the new space this half-term and are enjoying the new facilities.

With, college-style learning spaces, gym, sports hall, dance space and canteen this opportunity gives the students a new setting and a more age-appropriate college environment in which to learn and we're delighted with how well it's going so far!



A word from the charity

Tracie Linehan, CEO

Another academic year comes to a close and there is much to celebrate and reflect on. As an organisation we now employ around 170 people, all working to Empower People and Launch Lives. Our Early Years' Service has seen over 30 families a week, our schools have 84 pupils, our Post-19 has 8 learners and our Outreach team have worked with schools across London and the Home Counties. We are proud of everything we do and proud of the progress and achievements of our learners.

We are half way through Year 4 of the 5-year strategy and are on track with the targets we set ourselves:

- The second Post-19 hub will be in Wandsworth, we are just waiting for the correct planning category so that we can operate educational services from the premises
- The Research and Learning Hub is set to be launched in December this year with a cross-organisational project team working hard to establish it
- The Early Years' Service is set to expand in September, increasing the available sessions so that we can reduce the waiting list
- The Sixth Form have expanded into South Thames College
- I travelled to the USA for a 10-day trip to visit 5 different ABA providers. The information gathered, and the insights gained, will form part of the strategic thinking, taking BeyondAutism to 2025 committed to ABA

We want to reach as many children and families as possible and as such we are responding to the Government announcement for 37 new special free schools by considering applying for 2 in London, Kingston and Newham. We are using the expertise we have across our organisation to write the applications and are accessing the New Schools Network Development Programme. If we do apply, and if we are successful, we will be creating a new team to open the school/s ensuring that we have the capacity to deliver outstanding services.

Looking forwards, the entire staff team will attend a one-day Staff Conference when they return in September – this is a great opportunity to feel part of the organisation, to meet people from a variety of roles and to understand how what each individual contributes has a universal impact on people's lives.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer break and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Recent funding successes and updates

Quiz night – Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event. With the generosity of our guests, we exceeded all expectations and managed to raise over £16,000! Our children and young adults are thoroughly enjoying their new sports sets, sensory toys, gardening sets, and even Zumba lessons bought with the incredible donations to the Tree of Promises.

Painting the Park House playground – Recently, we fundraised for some special outdoor paint in order to create new, interactive designs outside. We loved seeing how the children reacted to their colourful new space when they returned from their holidays. The 'mirror me' game and our very own go-karting race track have both proved extremely popular! Thank you to Helen Robertson for coming up with the design and for the admin team for making it happen.

Defibrillator for Tram House School – Tram House school now has its very own defibrillator secured at a heavily discounted cost through an NHS scheme. We now have one at each school.



M&S Father's day event & grant – A huge thank you to Marks and Spencer's Southfields and Barnes stores for sending volunteers to cook the food and help serve at our Father's Day event, and for providing a generous £500 grant. We're, again, extremely grateful to them for giving up their time during National Volunteers Week.

Sensory garden – We are delighted to share the news that over £10,000 was raised in order to renovate the garden. Throughout the May half term and in the weeks following, essential maintenance works were carried out and new apparatus (chosen by our EYFS teaching team and pupils) have been installed in the outdoor area. With beach huts, sand pits, water play, mirrors and chalkboards, the aim was to create a vibrant and engaging environment for our pupils to learn and play! Special thanks go to The Hedley Foundation and Span Trust who provided generous contributions towards the cost of the project. Thanks also go to Andrew Robertson, a BeyondAutism parent, (and his supporters) for running the Richmond Marathon earlier in the year and subsequently raising more than £3400 towards this project.



Early Years – As well as Children in Need, and the Big Lottery Fund, the fundraising team are thrilled to have recently secured a repeat grant from the Edward Gostling foundation to go towards the cost of running the Early Years’ project.

Parent Forum Summer Fun Day – We would like to offer an enormous thank you to Parent Forum for giving up their time to organise a fantastic summer fun day for our pupils. The morning included messy feet-painting, giant bubbles, games and snacks and much more. We’re delighted to say that the jumble sale and raffle they organised also raised over £180 for the charity- thank you to all those that contributed.

Partnerships

We have recently been named as Charity of the Year for Rebound Gaming Hall, a restaurant based on Garratt Lane. Keen to partner with a local charity making a real difference, Rebound has agreed that for every menu item (including brunch) ordered with a price ending in 50p, Rebound will donate the 50p to BeyondAutism to support our work in the community. In the future, we hope that the partnership will lead to further exciting initiatives including hosting fundraising events and work experience placements. We look forward to seeing how the relationship develops.

One way to support us

We are very lucky to have a number of followers that repeatedly support our charity through regular giving. One such example of this is Payroll giving, arguably the most tax-effective/cost-effective way to donate! Payroll giving donations are taken before tax, which means BeyondAutism receives more of your donation and it costs you less. For every £1.00 that you give it will only cost you 80p, and if you're a higher rate tax payer it will only cost you 60p (please see the table for a breakdown.) If you have ever considered payroll giving or would like to know more; please talk to a member of your HR/payroll team or get in touch with us: fundraising@beyondautism.org.uk

If you chose to do so, you can also set up regular donations directly through our website here: beyondautism.charitycheckout.co.uk/donate#!/, or via standing order. Please get in touch if you’d like more information.

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Events

An enormous thank you to all of those that have taken on challenges and those that are about to! We would like to celebrate the below successes – we are so grateful to you:

- Pat raised 100km London 2 Brighton: £552.50
- Team Vitality 10k: Claire, Teresa, Imogen, Josue, and Jukka T collectively raised: £1002.87
- Heilco Van Der Ploeg raised £1546.79 through running the London marathon

In memory of Jonah, ‘Team Fox’ consisting of 10 runners will be completing the RPHM on the 13th October 2019. We hope you will join us in wishing them the best of luck with their training.

Coming up we also have the Thames Bridges 25km Trek (September 7th 2019) – thanks to those that have already signed up. If you would like to get involved, please contact Pippa for more information.