

New River College

Autumn Half-Term One Newsletter

Welcome to NRC Medical's first Newsletter of this academic year!

We have had an exceptionally busy start to the term, as you will see from the images and stories shared below. The students have done so well managing the change to a new school, having a new Head of Centre and returning to school despite the challenges of the pandemic – they should all be feeling really pleased with their successes so far. Welcome also to those students who started with us this half term – it is wonderful to see you become part of our community.

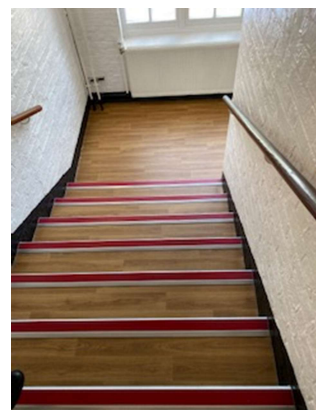
I would like to thank you all, personally, for making me feel so welcome since beginning in September; students, parents and staff have all been so kind and supportive and I am really enjoying getting to know you and worth with you all. I am looking forward to our adventures together, and the many achievements there will be along the way!

Sadly, we say good-bye this half-term to two members of our team: Chloe and Fran. Though I have only been here a short while it had been very clear how valued they both are by the students, staff and parents at the school. I am very grateful to them both for the impact they have had whilst working here; we wish them both the very best of luck in all their future endeavours.

I hope you all have a restful and safe half term – we look forward to seeing you all after the break!

Nicola,
Head of Centre

Our new temporary home at Copenhagen Street School:



The staff at Copenhagen Street have been so welcoming and we are very grateful to be able to share their site: the rooms are lovely and spacious and the views from the rooftop are spectacular!

Being on the top floor, however our legs get a good work-out and, thanks to our students in their Maths lessons it seems that going up and down the stairs every day is the same as climbing to the top of the Shard once a month!

In School

English Trip to The Globe Theatre on Bankside

On Wednesday the 13th October Year 10 watched 'Romeo and Juliet' at The Globe Theatre. Firstly, students went for lunch on the bank of the River Thames, and then joined other schools for a riotous and tragic modern performance of the play.



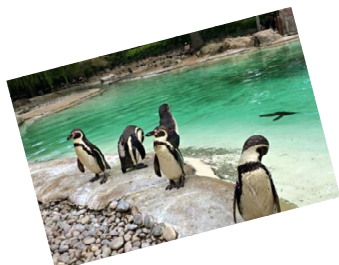
Students are studying Romeo and Juliet as part of their English Literature GCSE. They also wrote reviews; here are a selection:

'The play of 'Romeo and Juliet' would be considered at least a little old and dated now, since it IS 400 years old, perhaps only a little bit old. Most people would assume that this would have ruined its value as a play and made it terrible, if not boring. However, this could not be further from the truth. With a little bit of a modern setting, the story is brought to life yet again in The Globe Theatre.'

'Are you thinking of going to The Globe? I did and I enjoyed Shakespeare's theatre. Also, I went with teachers, and classmates. When I walked into the Globe Theatre I saw tall pillars. The pillars were red and gold and they stood out.'

'So, you're thinking of going to The Globe? Well, I'm here to tell you that the experience was rubbish. Just kidding it was amazing! The actors were very good and extremely engaged in their acting. However, you need to bring a cushion for this prolonged play as the seats we had to sit on were harder than a slab of metal. It was pitiful! The only, and I mean only, reason I stayed to watch it was due to the ridiculously well written script.'



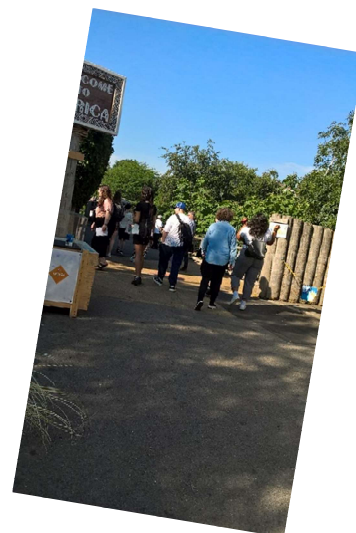


At the start of the term, students paid a visit to London Zoo!

Students from all year groups spent the morning observing and interacting with the animals. Favourites included the penguins, who were busy swimming and sunbathing on the beach.



Another highlight were the meerkats, who were interested to see who had come along and if they were willing to share their lunches...



Students enjoyed visiting the zoo so much, one student was also heard saying, "I wonder if I could get a Giraffe to take home?"

The monkeys provided a lot of entertainment, trying to leave the enclosure and follow the group back to school!



Adam's personal favourite was the tiger, who was happy to sit and pose for photos.

The group enjoyed an ice cream before bidding the animals farewell and heading back to school for a well-deserved lunch.



Animal Care and Horse Therapy

Students continue to enjoy options lessons on Wednesday mornings and students taking part in Animal Care have been working up at the stables, cleaning and caring for the horses.

The students have really grown in confidence not only with the horses, but within their skills to work with others; the staff there have been particularly impressed with how committed they have been in caring for the horses and supporting their rehabilitation - a superb start to their course!

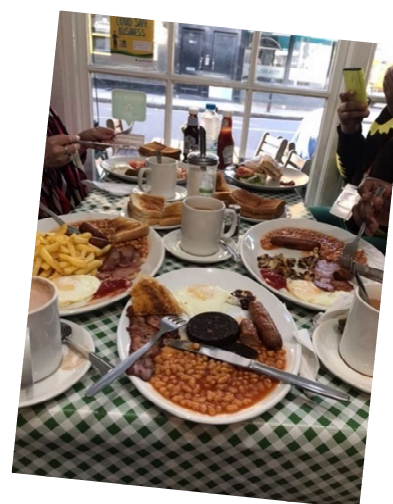


Pastoral Time

To support students with their pastoral development at school, all students are now part of a tutor group and over the past half-term they have been taking part in different team building activities to help them get to know one another. They also began their time together by going out for a tutor group breakfast, which was a really tasty way of spending time together, developing their social skills.

If you would like to speak to anyone at school, your child's Tutors are a good place to start – please see their details below for those parents who don't already have them:

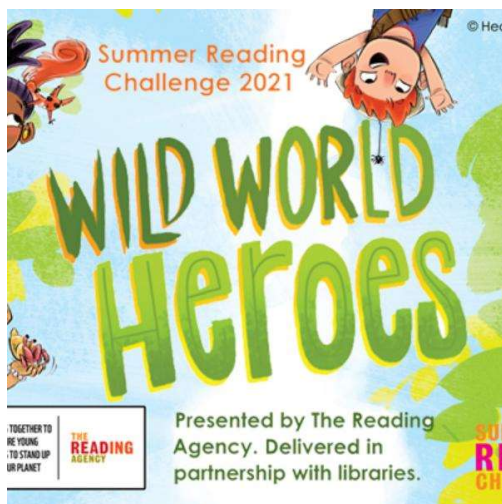
Tutor Group	Tutors	Contact details
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Home Education



Students learning from home have been very busy this half term. Not only taking part in school trips and visits, but exploring a range of new topics and skills, as well as building on existing ones too!



Over the summer, one of our home learning students also took part in the Islington Reading Challenge, successfully completing the entire challenge! This is an amazing achievement, congratulations!

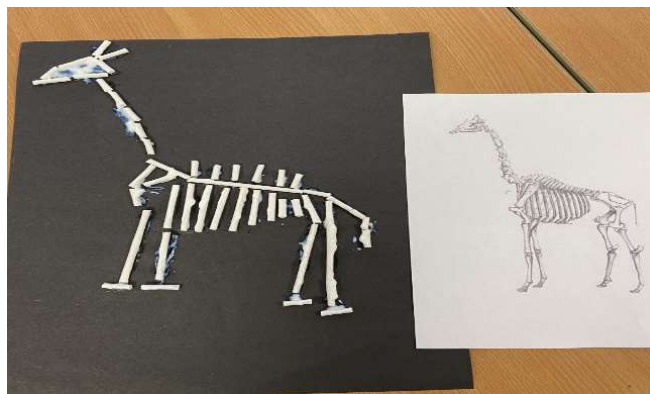
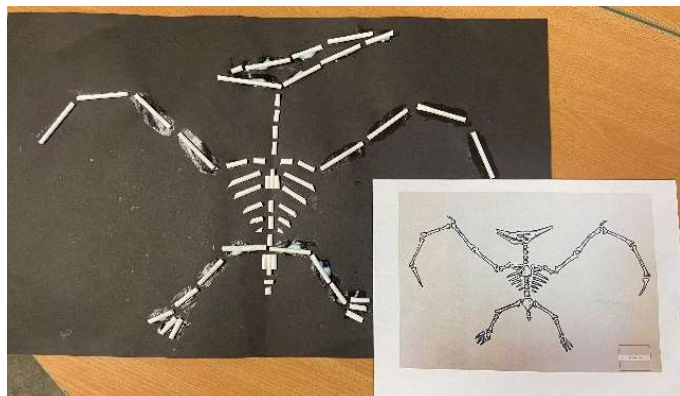
All the students were able to celebrate and share your success on the last day of term, with a lovely assembly.

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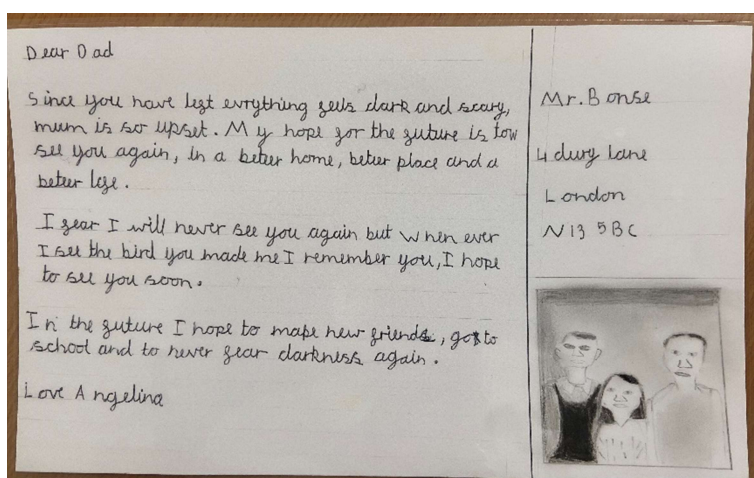
This half term we have been learning across different subjects under the themed topic of 'Humans'. We have been looking closely at the human skeleton and the different bones, which allow us to function as beings



We also looked at other organisms and their skeletons and created a 'Funny bones' art display.



We focused on the stories 'The Arrival' and 'Refugee Boy', highlighting economic migration and seeking asylum due to conflict / war. As part of this, children were able to write postcards from the perspective of the family member left behind in their own country, while the other family members went to seek their fortune.



Half term Activities

Please visit the following websites for some ideas of things to do over the half term – lots of free, fun activities to keep you busy. Whatever you do get up to, enjoy and please stay safe!

<https://ourcity.org.uk/>

<https://www.kidrated.com/things-to-do/things-to-do-in-islington-for-kids-and-teenagers/>



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