

## Students unite for huge climate demonstration

OUR students stood united with their peers across the globe to fight climate change during a lunchtime protest.

They gathered in the playground to take part in the World Climate Strike, waving banners and chanting for an end to global warming.

The hour-long demonstration saw youngsters create chalk drawings and colourful anti-climate change banners as part of the Fridays for the Future protests.



Students made a stand against climate change with a lunchtime protest.

Students were inspired by Swedish schoolgirl activist Greta Thunberg whose climate protest outside the Swedish Parliament galvanised a global movement.

Year 9 student Emma said: "The ocean is full of plastic, we're burning fossil fuels, destroying natural habitats and intoxicating the Earth. We have to fix it."

"We wanted to stand today with our peers from across the world

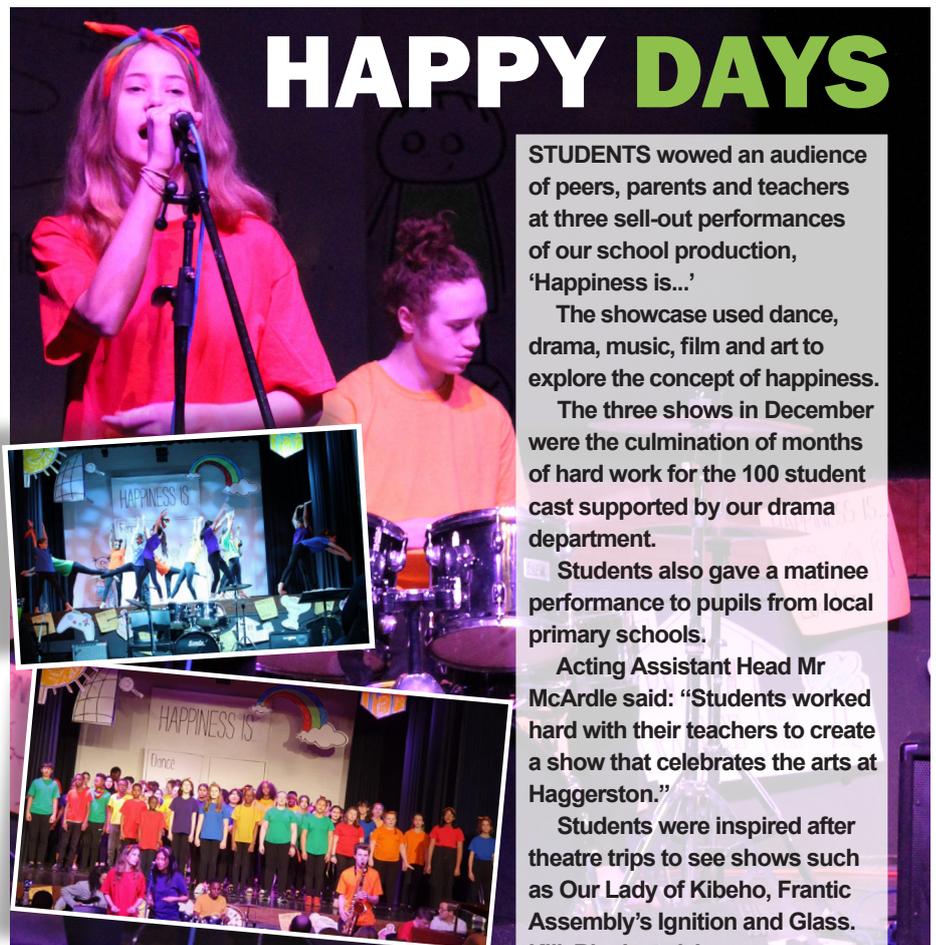
to fight the destruction of our planet and let the powers know we are not going to stay quiet on such an important issue."

Year 10 Joseph said: "We need to take action now. It is down to the young people to make the politicians sit up and listen."

"You hear about students who have had to take the day off school to do this and miss out on their education."

Headteacher Ms Emmerson said: "We want to support our young people in having their voices heard but of course their education is our priority."

"That is why we decided on a lunchtime strike so they can still share their views about this important and urgent issue."



STUDENTS wowed an audience of peers, parents and teachers at three sell-out performances of our school production, 'Happiness is...'

The showcase used dance, drama, music, film and art to explore the concept of happiness.

The three shows in December were the culmination of months of hard work for the 100 student cast supported by our drama department.

Students also gave a matinee performance to pupils from local primary schools.

Acting Assistant Head Mr McArdle said: "Students worked hard with their teachers to create a show that celebrates the arts at Haggerston."

Students were inspired after theatre trips to see shows such as Our Lady of Kibeho, Frantic Assembly's Ignition and Glass. Kill. Bluebeard. Imp.

### THE REVIEWS ARE IN...

Year 10s Sinem and Hazel give their views on Happiness is...

The thrilling school performance of 'Happiness is...' generated lots of ideas about what that word means.

It explored different perspectives and showed us how everyone understands happiness in different ways.

There were so many standout performances from across the year

groups - you could see the effort that had been put in by everyone to make it enjoyable and fun!

A couple of star moments came from Maud and Mitzh, who gave confident, powerful singing performances, and also from the choir and drummers who provided lots of energy.

## LAW INSIGHT

YEAR 12 students stepped into the dynamic legal world during an exclusive Raising Aspirations Day at Clifford Chance.

Students spent the day attending different talks, tours and team building activities at the global law experts' office in Canary Wharf.

Student Chahinez said: "The different solicitors swapped tables every few minutes, so we asked them why they chose to get into law."

Student Nishal said: "We found out that there are lots of different routes into law and also loads of roles that aren't just being a lawyer."

## TASTY INITIATIVE

SAVVY business studies students found a sweet way to raise money for charity with a lavish school bake sale.

The Year 13 sixth formers chose to do a fundraiser for the Events Planning module of their course, and raised more than £210 for charities including Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Student Natalie said: "It was very intense but a great learning experience and it was really rewarding to have made money for amazing causes."

Student Florinda said: "As we were raising money for the Spanish trip, some of the language teachers made us tortillas and Cuban biscuits."

## LEADING THE WAY

THE leaders of tomorrow are prepared for success with our pioneering Student Development Scheme.

The Future Leaders programme encourages sixth formers to develop their communication skills by supporting the new Year 7 cohort with their transition from primary school.

Year 12 student Chloe said: "We provide encouragement and company by joining in their friendship groups, playing and leading 'friendly' sport competitions."

"This position as a Future Leader gives me aspiration to be things I have never considered and I love the endless skills I am gaining."



## CAMPING TRIP IN THE FOREST

STUDENTS got back to nature camping out in Epping Forest to complete their bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. An incredible 75 students have signed up for the programme led by Mr James. They will be tackling the silver next term.



Emily Tracy Artist  
@EmilyTracy8

Replying to @HaggerstonSch

It was a great trip!



# Artists open the door to success



Fatim, Amida and Naile proudly display some of their artwork with friends.

BUDDING artists Fatim, Amida and Naile had their work displayed at a renowned London gallery recently.

The Year 13 students created installations using discarded doors, which were exhibited at the Peer Gallery in Hoxton at the end of September.

They also took part in workshops and met famous figures from across the art world as part of the Peer Ambassador Programme.

Fatim said: "We were assigned an artist called Rebecca Moss to mentor us, and we got to experiment with all kinds of recyclable

materials and visit galleries.

"It's been such an incredible experience. My confidence and knowledge of art has increased so much because I have spent lots of time at the gallery.

Amida said: "I actually submitted two pieces for the exhibition. The first was a doorbell created from a meme and the second was an interactive door which had a light go on when you knocked on it.

"Before going on the Peer Ambassador Programme, I wasn't sure what I wanted to study at university, but this experience has inspired me to go to art school."

YEAR 10 students looked at the Olympics legacy in East London by surveying residents of Newham about their quality of life.

The geography field trip saw Year 10 pupils quiz those living in the East Village area near to Stratford following London 2012.

Head of Geography Mr Tranter said: "The students visited sites around Stratford including the new residential areas of East Village to judge what these living spaces were like.

"They were able to appreciate the changes that have been going on in this area over the last 100 years and evaluate how much of an impact the Olympic Games had."

The trip was also notable for the exemplary behaviour of our pupils travelling to their field trip which prompted an email to the school from a member of the public.

In the message, the unnamed person praised Haggerston pupils for their "outstanding" behaviour onboard a train.

It read: "I was just on the train from Haggerston to Highbury. I thought it was odd that at 9.40am, two teachers from your school were on the train and not in school.

"When I looked round the train I could see a large number of your students dotted around in small groups. I then understood the teachers were fielding a school trip.

"The students' behaviour was so outstanding it even took an ex teacher time to work out. I don't know much about Haggerston School but it is clearly lovely."

# Students praised following field trip



**EARLY** risers are given a great start to the day with a free hot or cold breakfast thanks to our partnership with Magic Breakfast.

The free drop-in service was launched this academic year and provides pupils with breakfast foods such as cereal, toast and fruit between 7.30am and 8.30am every morning.

Year 7 Jake said: "The Breakfast Club means I don't worry about getting a meal before school."

Year 11 student Dorcas said: "I travel from Clapton. So if I get to school for 7.30am, I can have my breakfast and get on with revision."

## WOODLAND WONDERLAND



**YEAR 7** students got the chance to bond with their new classmates on an action-packed team building camping adventure.

They took part in fun activities such as orienteering, woodcraft and the zipwire during the two-day trip to Marchant Hill, in Surrey, in October. They slept in log cabins, told spooky stories and sang songs by the campfire while making new friends.

Year 7 Winifred said: "We got to go orienteering, climbing and try woodcraft, it was great fun.

"Sharing a cabin with new people meant we got to know each other and make new friends."

Fellow Year 7 Karell said: "The most fun part of the weekend was meeting new people who you wouldn't usually talk to and doing activities together."



Charlotte @MissC1986... · 07/10/2019

My son Ross had the best weekend away with his new secondary school, thank you so much @HaggerstonSch #ProudParent

## Reactions come under scrutiny

**PSYCHOLOGY** sixth form students will observe the reaction of members of the public in live experiments.

They have been tasked to conduct their own observations to learn about bystander behaviour in manipulated trials.

Year 12 Kaddy said: "This has been an exhilarating experience as we have been given the chance to form a hypothesis, decide on the sampling method and manipulate the variables.

"It is a good way to understand the research process and assess the different techniques and methods in conducting an observation."



Headteacher  
Ciara Emmerson

# Another hugely rewarding year

As well as working hard for their first DPR assessments of the year, students have been busy rehearsing the school production, playing in sporting fixtures against other schools and getting ready to cast their votes in the school election!

There have also been a number of trips this term. Year 8 students took part in a workshop by artists Hunt and Darton at the Barbican Centre, A-Level literature students attended a lecture on Rossetti and the Pre-Raphaelites by Dr Avery from the University of Westminster and Year 9 students tackled London's environmental problems through JP Morgan's School's Challenge with Imperial College.

We have formed a close partnership with London Metropolitan University which will enable us to provide a chance for students to experience university life.

These are just a few of the opportunities students have been involved in and it is a testimony to them

that the school is often complimented by the public and event organisers.

In December, our Year 10, 11 and sixth form historians will depart for Berlin on a three-day trip to see first-hand the places they have been learning about.

We have increased the trips we offer to students and this was something which our Headteacher's Ambassadors identified as one of the improvements they were most appreciative of when I met them last month.

Finally, we will be holding our celebration assemblies over the next few weeks, recognising the fantastic efforts of our students over the past term. We will also be emphasising the importance of rest, recuperation and spending time with family and friends over Christmas. I hope you all have an opportunity to do the same during this busy period.

I wish you a happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



## OBSERVING LESSONS

HAGGERSTON School has partnered with one of the top universities in the country to help train the next generation of language teachers.

As part of the scheme trainee teachers at University College London spent the day with Haggerston staff and students observing classes.

Teacher Mr Johnson is one of the programme's alumni and now works at the school. He said: "It's obviously a great chance for them to see all the pedagogical stuff in action, but also to ask career-based questions."

# Planning for the future

STUDENTS learned about their post 16 options and got a boost to their career prospects at our recent Futures Fair.

Guest speaker Olamide Duyile from the Sutton Trust, kicked-off with a motivational talk about GCSEs and educational pathways. She also discussed her project Made in Hackney which is helping students from the area access top universities and careers.

Students also got guidance and support from their tutors in special mentoring sessions which took place in October.

Sixth form colleges were also in attendance to give advice on the range of



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academic and vocational courses on offer to students.

They heard about the Social Action and Build Skills for Work and Life project run by the National Citizen Service.

## Union looking to make improvements

MEMBERS of our Student Union have been canvassing their peers and staff to find ways of improving the school.

In discussions with their fellow students, they discovered design technology and history classes had been a hit. They found teachers were pleased with the way Year 9 students had approached their exams and Year

13s had done well in their languages speaking exam.

Student Union lead Mr Rowe said: "Our Student Union has been on an exciting mission this term gathering feedback from students and staff.

"We are compiling this data and engaging with a programme of feedback training as well."

# Trey shows the way with award

A STUDENT who scored top marks in his GCSEs after fleeing his homeland following a violent hurricane has won the Headteacher's Jack Petchey Award.

Now in the sixth form, Year 12 Trevaunshae managed to achieve excellent grades in his exams despite only arriving in London from Anguilla two years ago.

He moved to live with family in Hackney after Hurricane Irma ripped through the Caribbean island, flattening homes.

Headteacher Ms Emmerson said: "I have chosen Trey for this award because he has overcome considerable personal challenges.

"He has exemplified the qualities of aspiration and character which are at the heart of our mission as a school. He has worked hard and shown fantastic resilience but he has also done so with grace and humility."

Year 13 Reyhannisa won an award for her diligence and support of her fellow students, while Wenxin was honoured for her commitment for progressing in class despite a language barrier.

Alongside certificates, students are also awarded £250 which they donate to a subject department.



Trey has been praised by Ms Emmerson.

## SCIENCE FEST



BRIGHT science students got ahead of their learning by taking part in practical experiments at the Salters' Institute Festival of Chemistry. Held at University College London, activities included, watching ice cream being made with liquid nitrogen and making Aspirin.

## COOL CASTLES

YEAR 7 students showed off the beautiful history homework inspired by the role castles played in maintaining law and order in medieval England.

## PRIDE DESIGNS



OUR Youth Pride Network have been looking at the significance of the different Pride flags and creating their own logos. The group of around 18 students meet each week to work on projects, socialise and plan events at the school.

## HISTORY FUN

YEAR 7 and 8 students have been creating designs for pottery inspired by their Latin and Roman learning in history class.



## BARBICAN BREAK

Students have been inspired to host their own pop-up café at the Barbican Centre following a workshop by artists Hunt and Darton.

## UNIVERSITY CHANCE

HAGGERSTON sixth formers have been preparing for life at a top university with fortnightly trips to Queen Mary's University.

The three Year 12 students attend university style lectures in maths and problems solving while getting the chance to quiz current students and talk to professors.

Year 12 Tanvir said: "The programme allows us to work with other Year 12 students to discover new ways of tackling problems and challenging each other.

"Our time at the problem-solving classes have been really helpful and will benefit me for when I apply to the top universities in the UK."



## CAREER ADVICE

OUR students learned more about college, universities and apprenticeships during a visit to the Skills London 2019 careers event. Year 12 Leslie said: "There was a wide range of institutions to meet with. It really helped get an insight into the career I want to get into. It helped me to explore my hidden potential, develop useful skills and set my goals."

## ACTOR AGREES TO SCHOOL VISIT



AMERICAN actor Wendell Pierce was so impressed with our A-Level drama students that he agreed to visit the school.

Students watched the Selma star in Arthur Miller's classic play *Death of a Salesman* at the Piccadilly Theatre recently.

And after meeting students backstage, the performer who starred as Bunk Morland in the acclaimed HBO show *The Wire*, agreed to visit Haggerston.

This newsletter went to press before he was due in on December 16. Please check our social media pages for updates.

## HEATED DEBATE

STUDENTS held hustings in assembly and debated as the school held a mock poll on the same day as the General Election. There was heated discussion on issues as varied as renewal of Trident, the abolition of Inheritance Tax and the introduction of free broadband. Please check our social media pages to discover who won.

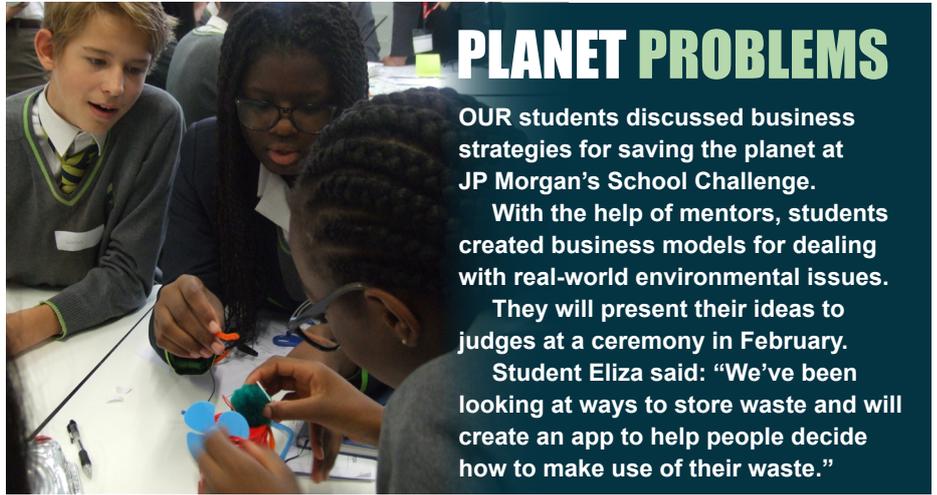
## PLANET PROBLEMS

OUR students discussed business strategies for saving the planet at JP Morgan's School Challenge.

With the help of mentors, students created business models for dealing with real-world environmental issues.

They will present their ideas to judges at a ceremony in February.

Student Eliza said: "We've been looking at ways to store waste and will create an app to help people decide how to make use of their waste."



# Going the extra mile for Spanish experience



Students enjoyed a cultural visit to Spain last year.

STAFF and students have joined forces to raise £3,900 for a sixth form trip to Spain.

Staff will run the Victoria Park half marathon over the Christmas break while students have held bake sales. They have also designed and sold Christmas cards.

If they reach their £1,300 target, the City of London Livery Company for Chartered Accountants has kindly agreed to triple the funding to meet the target.

On the trip sixth formers will travel to Valencia where they will live with host families and attend a language school so they can be fully immersed in the language. Every student

who attended last year's trip to Andalucía scored 100 per cent on their speaking exam.

Teacher Mr Johnson who is leading the fundraising said: "We are so proud of our staff and students all pulling together to fundraise.

"The impact on students who attended last year is huge, every single one got maximum marks on their language paper.

"By staying with host families and spending time in the language school students will be expected to speak Spanish 90 percent of the time."

To donate please visit [justgiving.com](http://justgiving.com) and search for James Johnson.

# SPORTS REPORT



The Year 7 football team.

## HEAD of PE Mr James reflects on an exciting first term of sport...

Our dedicated young athletes have got this academic year off to a flying start with nail-biting football matches, citywide basketball competitions and a spectacular netball victory.

Our Year 7 footballers have already shown masses of school spirit, winning their first London Cup game, with Rowan scoring an impressive goal from 20 yards out.

Not to be outdone by their younger peers, the Year 8 boys' football team has been strengthening their squad by welcoming new players and putting the hours in on the training pitch. Their first match awaits.

The female football stars also had their moments to shine, with three of my girls' teams playing in the London Cup.

Meanwhile, following their borough championship win last year, our u14s basketball boys' team are hoping to retain their title while our girls are also fighting for the title.

We have also entered the Junior NBA Co-Ed Schools competitions which will see our teams competing against players from all across London.

With boys' and girls' teams in every year, there are over 40 Haggerston basketballers slam-dunking their way to triumph by attending two of Mr Danchie's regular training sessions.

It's been a particularly momentous term for netball, with the Year 7 and 8 team beating their Petchey Academy rivals 3-2.

The team is going from strength to strength thanks to the guidance of Miss Dentandt and the leadership of newly-appointed captains Frida and Christine.

Year 9 captain Lexi is helping her team get extra training for their upcoming Hackney Tournament, while the Year 10 team is preparing for their Petchey Academy match with the help of their captain Amoy.

Haggerston is so proud of its dedicated sportspeople for their perseverance, team ethos and enthusiasm.

## GROUP EFFORT

YEAR 10 history students have reported a marked improvement in their exams after ditching their textbooks in favour of group revision.

Instead of the traditional methods, students worked collaboratively on group-planning practice exam questions, with some excellent results.

Year 10 Kidus said: "This was the highest grade I have achieved in a history exam and revising together prepared me well."

## THEATRE THRILLS

SIXTH Formers enjoyed a theatre trip to see Tanika Gupta's adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's *A Doll's House* at the Lyric Theatre in Hammersmith.

The production helped students gain an understanding of the historical context of the novel for their English Literature A-Level.

The next big trip will be a Hamlet workshop at the University of Warwick in January.

## OPEN EVENING

WE welcomed over 300 families to our Open Evening. Primary school pupils took part in taster classes and met current students.



Sulekha Yusuf Hassan  
It was a lot of fun!



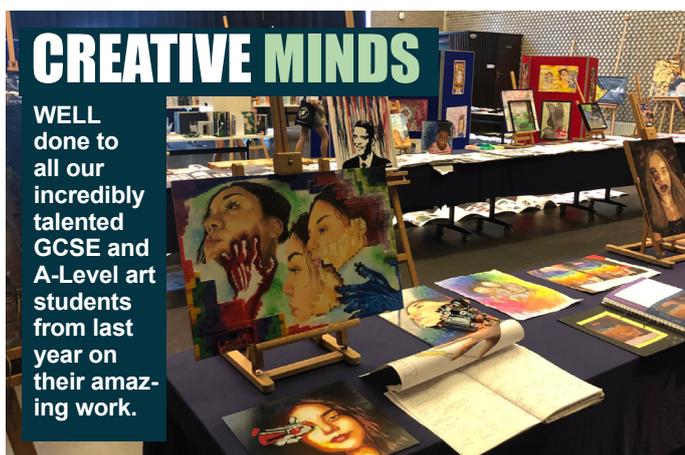
## DANCE DELIGHT

GIFTED young dancers have been preparing a dazzling routine with help from the renowned Step into Dance company. Under the instruction of professional dancers, students have been creating a piece to perform at the end of term Christmas school show.

## GUEST SPEAKER

YEAR 11s heard from speakers such as MP-turned-priest Jonathan Aitken at an interfaith forum on the subject of crime and punishment at St Paul's Cathedral.

STUDENTS have been working on the perfect Christmas gifts for their families in Design Technology class. Year 10 students have made pine photo frames while Year 7 made fleece hats and phone stands. Year 8s designed tote bags, while Year 10 art textiles students made stamps for block printing and in food and nutrition they have crafted apple swans.



## Diversity in science

THE contribution of ethnic minority, female and LGBT scientists was recognised at an event attended by students. Our A-Level chemistry students listened to a talk and debates on the contribution of scientist from underrepresented groups at the Diversity Challenge. Year 13 student Reyhannisa said: "(Because of the event) it felt like a career in science was not impossible and it made us feel motivated to continue with our passion in science."



OUR Year 7 and Year 8 students have been creating papier mâché bowls for their Happiness is... exhibition which will run alongside the school production.



OUR Headteacher's Ambassadors discussed school improvement over pizza with Headteacher Ms Emmerson.

# THE BRIEF



YEAR 10 girls set their coordinates for success with the help of personal mentors appointed by the charity The Girls' Network. At the end of October, 10 specially selected students attended a mentor-matching event where they were each assigned a female industry professional to coach them. The mentors were selected based upon the students' field of interest with the aim of supporting them to excel in their chosen industry.



WE are delighted to announce following our recent governor election Jochen Driessle has been voted our new Parent Governor.

Jochen said: "I am excited about becoming Parent Governor at Haggerston and would like to thank everyone who placed their trust in me."

"I look forward to making a positive contribution to the school by working with the Haggerston School team, to the benefit of all our children."



THE Haggerston Jazz Quartet performed at a music festival at the famous Hackney Empire. Students Louis, Marley, Conaire and Faithful performed Happy People by Kenny Garrett and Tenor Madness by Sonny Rollins.



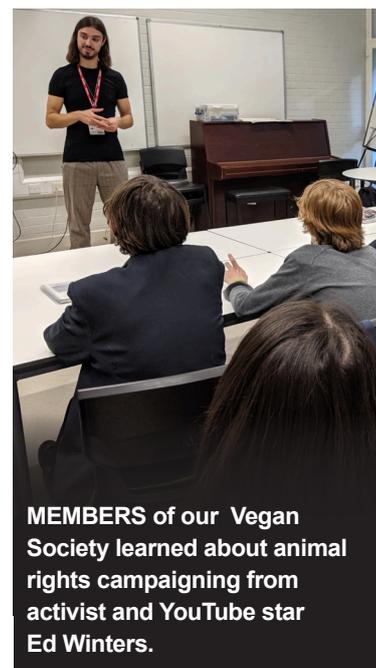
THE autobiographical story of activist Malala Yousafzai being studied in English class has proved inspirational for our Year 7 students.

I Am Malala tells the often harrowing true story of the girl who was shot by the Taliban after standing up for rights of girls to an education in her homeland of Pakistan.

Year 7 Olivia said: "This book inspires me because Malala is very confident and stood up for what she believes in."

Year 7 Lily said: "It was an insightful view into the life of a girl fighting for female education."

Student Casper said: "Malala was not afraid to stand up for what she loved, her freedom to be educated."



MEMBERS of our Vegan Society learned about animal rights campaigning from activist and YouTube star Ed Winters.



BRAINY Haggerston girls built their own websites at the Hackney schools Coding Challenge Workshop.

The foursome created a mental health and wellbeing page using coding programme to design web pages and embedded pictures and videos.

Student Eliza said: "We enjoyed competing against other schools and although we didn't win, we made lots of new friends and had a lot of fun."