



'Success for Everyone'

Newsletter

MARCH 2026

Career opportunities

Head of School's Message:

It has been a short but successful term for both staff and learners. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss your child's progress during our recent parent/carer consultation meetings.

At EMLM, we remain committed to supporting our learners in developing a growth mindset, showing respect and strengthening their ability to self-regulate. These skills are essential in helping them engage positively within the wider community. Our focus continues to be on encouraging resilience, motivation and pride in their learning.

Although we enjoy some unseasonably warm weather recently, it seems to have passed. As we approach the start of British summer time, please remember that the clocks will go forward by one hour at 2am on **Sunday 29th March** - Don't forget!

Just a quick reminder that school will be closed from **Friday 27th March 2026** and will reopen to learners on **Tuesday 14th April 2026**. I would like to wish you all a safe, restful break and a peaceful time of reflection to those observing Easter traditions.

Ms Fletcher

If you have any concerns or issues

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Achievement Certificates this month have been given to learners for:

'For your relentless effort in Maths practice and English test.'

'Confident reading and listening while keeping a smile on his face.'

'Successfully completing the lifesaving CPR training.' *'Completing Safe Tech Presentation.'*

'For having an amazing week from a work and behavioural standpoint. Well done and keep it up.'

'Attending school every day and doing all work set.'



Pupil Voice: **Drama at EMLM!**

Recently our Year 10 learners have been exploring the GCSE level plays of Blood Brothers and An Inspector Calls. They have been great at adopting their roles, reading in character, and using accents. Here is some of what they had to say:

I enjoyed that all of us had accents while we were reading.

I enjoyed following the actual storyline.

I enjoyed it being a group activity.

I liked how you could understand the characters better when we took turns reading it out loud. It was better than just reading in silence because it made it more interesting and easier to keep up.

A very experienced visitor was in the school during this time and commented on the high quality lesson which was worthy of a mainstream English class.

🕒 Attendance - Late arrivals...

Punctuality

EMLM school day begins at 9.00 and the Learners are required to be in school by then. If a Learners arrives after the register has closed at 9.10, they will be marked as 'late.'

Every Second Counts!

Careers Talk: Our learners attended an engaging careers talk which focused on work experience opportunities. Learners asked insightful questions and showed a strong interest in securing placements, particularly those who had previously missed out. It has been encouraging to see several learners now proactively exploring opportunities, demonstrating increased motivation and readiness to begin their work experience journey.

These careers talks are particularly important role for our learners – helping them understand the wide range of opportunities available to them in the future. By hearing directly from professionals, students gain real-life insights into different industries, the skills required, and possible career pathways. These experiences help to raise aspirations, build confidence, and support learners in making informed decisions about their education, training, and future goals.



Curriculum shout out...Food Technology

Our weekly Food Technology sessions, continue to engage learners in a meaningful and enjoyable way. Students are developing key practical skills in food preparation, while also building cooperation and independence. Many take great pride in sharing the dishes they have made with their families at home. Learners have revisited previously taught recipes alongside trying new dishes such as pancakes and cinnamon buns, helping to consolidate and extend their skills.

As part of the Food Enrichment Programme, selected KS3 and KS4 learners participated in their first plant-based cooking session on 18th March, where they prepared daal, flatbread, and salad. A particular highlight was seeing a learner who would usually avoid certain foods confidently try and enjoy the meal, demonstrating increased confidence and openness to new experiences.

Post 16 Careers event – Goldsmith University of London

Our Years 9–11 attended a post-16 careers event at Goldsmiths, University of London. This event supported our commitment to providing independent and impartial careers guidance. Learners engaged with a wide range of pathways, including apprenticeships, traineeships, and vocational routes, helping to broaden their awareness of future options.

As part of Careers Week, learners also took part in a variety of specialist workshops delivered by external providers, including:

Access Creative College – covering music, games, computing, and media

Christ the King Sixth Form – exploring A-Level and BTEC pathways

Santander – providing insight into careers in the banking sector

Capel Manor College – showcasing courses in animal management, floristry, horticulture, and environmental conservation.

Services to support families/carers:

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/socialcare/adult/disability-support/practical-support>

<https://lewishamfamilyhubs.org.uk/p/accessing-support/accessing-support>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

National Domestic Abuse helpline 0808 2000 247

<https://www.lewishamcfc.org.uk/parenting-support/>

[NSPCC - Artificial intelligence safety tips](#)

[Internet Matters - Using artificial intelligence: Facts & advice](#)

[Lewisham Local Card - Lewisham Local](#)

Lewisham Warm Welcomes 2025-26 [2025 WW Map](#)



Postcards home for...

'Changing his energy around to being positive when irritated by others.'

'Active participation during the cooking session.'

'For saying sorry for your language used towards another young person. Well done.'

'Attending school and doing all work set, well done CJ. Proud of you.'

Excelling in English and Maths Functional Skills mock exams.'

'Fantastic progress in learning since being at EMLM.'

'Concentrating and showing resilience during the English test.'

'Well done for your recent work,... It's hard sometimes to get going but keep up the good work! Almost time for your exams!'

KEY DATES

Date for your Diary

Spring Term 1

Monday 5th January 2026

School closed for Learners staff training

Tuesday 6th January 2026 -
Friday 13th February 2026

16th February - 20th
February

(Monday - Friday)

Half Term - EMLM closed

Spring Term 2

Monday 23rd February 2026 -
Friday 27th March 2026

Monday 30th March -
Friday 10th April
Easter Holidays

Parent Consultation Days

W/c 16th March 2026 &
W/c 23rd March 2026

Other key dates:

Children's Mental Health
Week

9th - 13th February 2026

Safer Internet Day
10th February 2026

World Book Day
5th March 2026

Red Nose Day
23rd March 2026