



'Success for Everyone'

# Newsletter

JULY 2026

Celebrating Success

## Head of School's Message:

As we reach the end of an exceptionally full academic year, I would like to reflect on the journey we have shared as a school community. This year has brought new beginnings and fond farewells, as we have welcomed new learners and colleagues while also saying goodbye to others who are moving on to their next chapter.

**"Every step forward, no matter how small, is part of a journey worth celebrating."**

I want to extend my sincere thanks to our learners, who remain at the heart of everything we do and make our EMLM family so special. I am also deeply grateful to our dedicated staff for their ongoing care, commitment and hard work in supporting our young people. To our parents, carers and wider partners, thank you for your continued encouragement, trust and support throughout the year. We are proud of the progress, achievements and experiences our learners have shared, and we wish every member of our community who is moving forward into something new every success for the future.

**Ms Fletcher.**

If you have any concerns or issues

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## Postcards home for...

'excellent work in English Creative Writing.'

'remembering to say please and thank you and for starting to apply himself to his work.'

'excellent participation in Maths while also demonstrating a new level of focus. Very proud of you.'

'persevering even when the task seemed difficult.'

'improving attendance recently and for completing all work to a high standard.'

'amazing attendance through the term.' '...working hard to produce work of a good standard.'



**Y11 Destinations** - EMLM staff provide comprehensive support to Year 11 learners as they prepare for their next steps. This includes accompanying learners to college open days and careers fairs, helping them update their CVs, and supporting them to research and explore career pathways that match their interests and aspirations.

We are delighted to share that this year our learners have secured progression opportunities at a range of further education providers, including Shooters Hill College, Lewisham College, Orpington College, and South Bank Academy. Several students will be pursuing vocational pathways in construction and the building trades, while others have successfully secured apprenticeships, including opportunities to train as electricians.



## 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!**

## 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](#)



### Creative Reset Art Development Workshop

On 8<sup>th</sup> July, our learner participated in a Creative Arts programme facilitated by a visiting Artist where they explored Art through a guided discussion on identity, street art, respect and ambition. This was followed by the use of team-building games. Blindfolded Mural Sketch Relay was a very popular choice especially where each team guided a chosen teammate to draw an image using their words only.

The learners were now eager to get started with the **Graffiti Typography Workshop**. Each learner picked a personal word and learnt different techniques such as Bubble, Black and White and Wild Style lettering that best represented that word. After several practice attempt, they then produced their final piece.

The second session focused on producing a **Sketched Canvas Painting**. The learners chose from a selection of reference images to lightly trace onto canvas and then paint. Here are some of the images they produced.



### Celebrating Success

As we come to the end of another successful academic year, we are incredibly proud of everything our learners have achieved. This year has been about much more than qualifications; it has been about building confidence, developing resilience, overcoming challenges and preparing for the future.

Many of our learners have embraced valuable careers education and work experience opportunities, adapting to new environments, developing workplace skills and growing in confidence. Their willingness to step outside their comfort zones has been recognised by employers and partners, who have praised their enthusiasm, determination and positive attitudes.

Our learners have also worked hard towards nationally recognised qualifications. Many have successfully completed Functional Skills assessments in Mathematics, English and Speaking, Listening and Communicating, while others have taken GCSE examinations. We are extremely proud of the commitment, perseverance and resilience they have shown throughout the examination period.

Attendance has improved significantly for a number of our learners this year. For many young people who have previously experienced disrupted education or barriers to attending school, every improvement represents an important step towards achieving their full potential. Their progress reflects the hard work of the learners themselves, the support of their families and the dedication of our staff.

As we say goodbye to our Year 11 learners, we celebrate not only what they have achieved during their time at Education My Life Matters but also the exciting journeys that lie ahead. We are delighted that the majority of our Year 11 learners have secured a positive destination, whether progressing to further education, beginning an apprenticeship or entering employment. We wish them every success as they take the next step in their lives and look forward to hearing about all they achieve in the future.

Congratulations to all of our learners for a fantastic year. We are immensely proud of every step of progress they have made and look forward to welcoming many of them back in September for another year of learning, growth and success.

### KEY DATES

*Date for your Diary*

### Summer Term 1

#### INSET DAY

**Monday 13 April 2026**  
(School closed to learners)

Tuesday 14 April 2026 -  
Friday 22 May 2026

#### Spring Bank Holiday

**Monday 04 May 2026**  
(School closed to learners)

#### Half Term

Monday 25 May 2026 -  
Friday 29 May 2026

### Summer Term 2

Monday 01 June 2026 -  
Friday 17 July 2026

**17.07.26 - School closes at**  
**2pm**

#### INSET DAY

**Monday 21 July 2026**  
(School closed to learners)

#### Other key dates:

**Work Experience**  
**Year 10 & Year 11**  
**27.04.26 - 01.05.26**

**Mental Health Awareness**  
**Week - 11.05.26**

**15.06.26 - Art Week**

**10.07.26 - Reports to Parents**  
**and Carers**

**Open Afternoon for**  
**Parents/Carers**  
**16th July 2026**