

## What a Year .... We came, we saw and we conquered.

Reflecting back to this time last year, Bolder was a mere plan on paper, yet to be realised: No students, no staff. But my goodness, what a year we have had! The students have just been magnificent from the moment they walked through the Academy gates. Embracing all the opportunities that they were offered and what opportunities they have had! University visits, camping, numerous sporting events, house competitions and access to expertise from Sky to name just a few.

The staff too have just been phenomenal, again grasping every opportunity or experience that has been offered. Always going above and beyond for the students and, always open to new ideas. It is because of them that Bolder is the exceptional Academy that it is.

We are kind, we are strong, we are brave and, "A Bolder Future does await ....."

### Winners All Round – Academy Games Mark

A huge congratulations to our PE Team who have not only brought us great PE and Sport throughout the year but also, managed to achieve the Silver School Games Mark.

The Games Mark is a government led award scheme which recognises school for their commitment to development of competition across their school and the community.



### Saying Goodbye

It is with huge sadness that we are saying good bye to the following staff: Susan Blomley – Bolder couldn't have asked for a better Science teacher in its first year. Susan throughout the year has brought Science to life not only because of her enthusiasm and deep care for the students but, also because of her passion for the environment. Susan you will truly be missed and we wish you every success as you channel your boundless energy into a new career path.

Sian Cadogan – Sian has supported us in Bolder's first year by providing specialist music teaching one day a week. We always knew that her permanent school may ask her to increase her hours and that's exactly what they did! Thank you for the music!

Aoibhinn McKenna – Aoibhinn has been passionate about instilling a love of sport with every student – thank you! We wish her all the very best as she returns to Ireland

### Action Stations – Building News

We are delighted to share with you the great news that the s106 legal agreement has now been signed by all parties. This means that the building project can now proceed - full steam ahead!

To ensure progress is maximised, we will continue to work very closely with the Department for Education and, the building contractor, Bowmer and Kirkland, to ensure the project is managed effectively. We are still looking at a completion date of Summer 2021.



Some of you have also been in contact with me about the new Tesco proposal (to develop houses). Just to let you know that we have been in touch with the planning authority who have given assurances that any proposals would not impact on the Bolder project or its timeline.

We will of course keep you up to date with any further developments.



### Amey Challenge

On the 18th of June, six Bolder students participated in the London Amey Challenge Cup, which is an engineering competition specifically for girls. The scenario facing the teams was that of a bridge collapse, and the challenge posed was to design a new bridge to meet the needs and budget of the client. Despite their opponents being in year 8 and year 9, our girls came a very, very close second and deserved every bit of the praise they were given by the judging panel.

They were kind to each other and displayed amazing teamwork; they showed strength as they flexibly took into account the changing demands of the client; they displayed true bravery as they each presented to a tough panel of judges. They were an incredible credit to Bolder and everything it stands for.





## Sports Day Success

What a brilliantly bold sports day we had! We saw huge numbers of students participate in the field and track events. And, of course no sports day would be complete without the obligatory teachers 'vs' students race. Mrs Blomley and Ms Swidenbank managed 50 metres each, luckily Mr Bones and Dr Leach made up for it .... It was a victory for the staff.



## Results

1st Pankhurst 2nd Malala 3rd Curie



## First Aid at Bolder



Back in 2009 St John's Ambulance carried out a survey where more than 1,500 school children took part, of which, 7 out of 10 said they would not know how to help in an emergency. Bolder Academy has taken the proactive step of providing First Aid training to all of our Y7 students who are now well placed to know what to do if they encounter those situations.



Emergency situations can occur at any time, and in any location. Our first aid training programme has promoted a safer and healthier environment for everyone.



## Governing Board News

The Bolder Governing Board is an engaged and effective group of eight members, including two elected parent governors, with a wide range of experience and backgrounds, which you can read about on the school website. We regularly undertake training and recently held our first self-evaluation session where we agreed that Bolder Academy's first year had exceeded all expectations.

Bolder's success can be evidenced not only by positive feedback from the Department for Education (DfE) and other external reviews but also by student, parent and staff surveys. Governors have visited the school to see for themselves our school values demonstrated in high academic standards, a broad and rich curriculum enhanced by our partners at Sky, and the individual personal development and excellent behaviour of students. Our new cohort of 180 Year 7s is oversubscribed even leading to our first admissions' appeals! Bolder's reputation is clearly spreading fast!

This fantastic first year is hugely due to the hard work of Ms Swidenbank and all our inspirational staff who will be joined in September by more talented teachers; I know this, having had the privilege of joining their Induction Day in June.

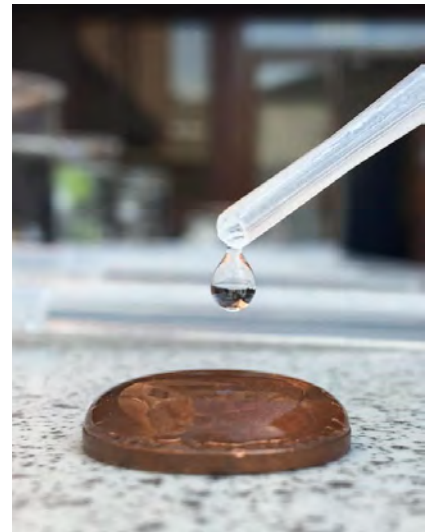
We are pleased to let you know that the Section 106 agreement has at last been signed by all parties, which gives the green light for the building work to start on the new Bolder premises in MacFarlane Lane.

If this is your first newsletter, we warmly welcome you to Bolder, and to everyone, parents, students and staff, we wish you a highly enjoyable and very restful summer break.

**Andrew Dodge, Chair, Bolder Academy Trust**

## Science Fair

Bolder's first Science Ambassadors ended the year with a spark, a burst, a fountain and frozen fabulousness as they welcomed parents and invited guests in to school to participate in a mini science extravaganza on Thursday the 4th of July.



The ambassadors planned, prepared and delivered an array of engaging demonstrations, challenges and experiments. They demonstrated bravery and strength when interacting with their guests, and explained the science with energy and confidence.



The atmosphere was simply wonderful - thank you to all who supported the event by joining us and to the science ambassadors for being amazing!



## London for Free



## Stuck for things to do?

The list below has ideas of places that you can visit for free in London. We have linked different places/museums to different subject areas as visiting them will enhance your studies.

### Humanities

The British Museum  
Geffrye Museum  
Imperial War Museum  
The Ragged School Museum



Museum of London  
St Paul's Cathedral  
Guildhall Art Gallery and the Roman Amphitheatre  
Discover free-walking tours of historical sites



Museum of London, Docklands

### Science and Maths

Bank of England Museum  
The Wellcome Collection  
Science Museum

The Natural History Museum  
The Grant Museum of Zoology  
The Horniman Museum  
Barbican Big Adventure  
Mudlarking Along The Thames  
Box Hill. Take the 465 from Kingston to Mickleham  
<http://medicalmuseums.org/>

### Languages

Comedy café (free Wednesdays)  
<https://todolist.org.uk/free-tickets-in-london/>

### Art/Drama/Music

Crystal Palace Dinosaurs



Street performers Covent Garden  
St. James's Piccadilly - Free Lunchtime Recitals  
St. Olave's - Free Lunchtime Recitals  
Tate Modern/Tate Britain ☑ National Gallery  
National Portrait Gallery  
Somerset House  
Whitechapel Gallery  
V& A Museum  
Kingston Museum  
Wallace collection  
Acklam Village Market (Music venue)  
Royal Academy of Music Museum - <https://www.ram.ac.uk/museum>

St James Piccadilly lunchtime recitals <https://www.sjp.org.uk/lunchtime-recitals.html>  
St Martin-in-the-Fields lunchtime and evening concerts - <https://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/whatson/?category=212>  
Choral Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral - <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/choral-evensong-at-st-pauls>  
Choral services at Westminster Abbey - <https://www.westminster-abbey.org/worship-music/servicetimes/choral-services>  
Trinity Laban free events - <https://www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/whats-on?>

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Royal Opera House Live at Lunch events - <https://www.roh.org.uk/recitals/live-at-lunch> ☑ Sir John Soames Museum

### Parks

Richmond Park  
Bushy Park  
Olympic Park



Kensington Palace gardens  
Hyde Park  
Hampstead Heath  
Highgate Cemetery

### Miscellaneous

National Maritime Museum  
The Chocolate Museum  
Fulham Palace & Bishop's Park  
Deen City Farm  
Vauxhall City Farm  
Sky Garden  
Portabello Market  
Camden market  
Spitalfields market

### Useful websites

<http://golondon.about.com/od/londonforfree/tp/FreeThings-To-Do-In-London.htm>  
<http://www.timeout.com/london/things-to-do/freelondon>  
<http://www.londonforfree.net/>  
<http://www.newlondon-tours.com/daily-tours/royallondon-free-tour.html>  
<http://www.visitlondon.com/tag/free-attractions-in-london#tcS3OLH4TFSC8oTR.97> <https://www.yeovalley.co.uk/yeokens/spend/>  
<https://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/family-activities/31-free-things-to-do-with-kids> <https://www.timeout.com/london/kids/101-things-to-do-in-London-with-kids-free-activities>

## Tile Barn Residential

What an amazing experience for our students! Lots of bravery, strength and kindness was needed to get through all the tasks at the event which was a huge success!

Our students learnt about team building as well as developing their independence through new challenges. Well done also to our fantastic staff members who gave up their personal time to support and organise the event.

Pictures speak louder than words, so get a taste of the event with these wonderful memories.





WELCOME TO YOUR  
NEW  
RESTAURANT  
SERVICE BY  
ABM

A new vibrant look Restaurant and a range of freshly prepared, innovative, seasonally influenced menus will be offered at breakfast, morning break and lunch services. At abm, we firmly believe in delivering a fresh, nutritious meal service that provides students with excellent choice, quality and value that meets their needs and exceeds expectations.

## AN UNCOMPLICATED, FRESH APPROACH TO FOOD

### Fantastic Food

Our aim is to serve great, fresh food using the very best of seasonal ingredients to create amazing, innovative and exciting dishes.

### Awesome People

It's not just the food that is important, it is the whole meal experience. Our team are proud of the food they serve. That's why you will experience a friendly, smiling, polite service. It is a recipe for success.

### Great Offers

Look out for promotions, deals and special offers.

### Value for Money

'Meal Deals' will provide a range of value for money offers including a freshly prepared main course and pudding for £2.27. In addition, our tariffs across our menus offer excellent value for money.



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