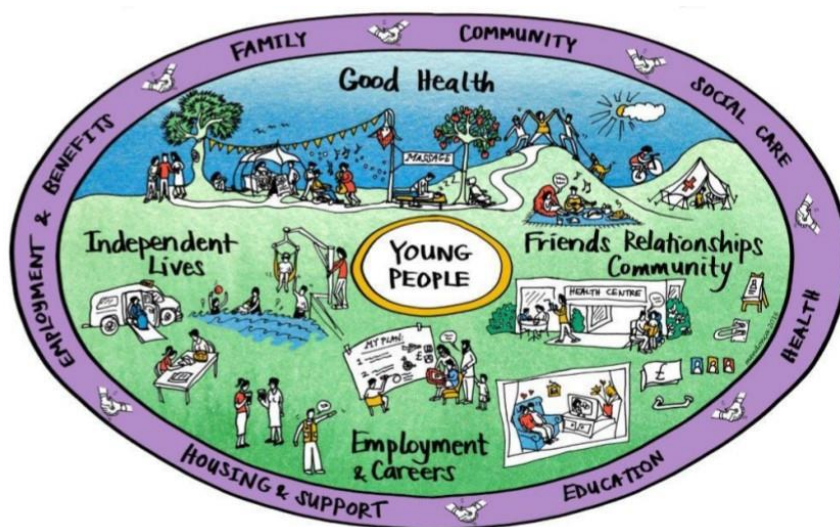


## Update on Coronavirus Testing

There were again NO positive test results in school this week. Home-testing kits were sent home with students on Thursday with a "how-to" guide. You can also view further information [here](#). We will be offering in-school testing to those with consent on Monday 19 April, after the Easter break.

## Preparing for Adulthood (PfA)



As a school one of our main aims is to support all our students to transition successfully into adulthood. We strive to support our young people, as well as their families, to develop clear targeted Preparing for Adulthood (PfA) outcomes that move them closer to fulfilling their aspirations for the future. To achieve these outcomes, we as a school have ensured:

- All curriculum subjects target aspects of all four of the PfA Pathways. For example, PfA and Personal Social Development (PSD) lessons, internal/external work experience, functional skills Maths and English.
- Students have access to a range of interventions with internal/external professionals such as Speech & Language Therapy (SaLT), Children & Adolescents Mental health Service (CAMHS), Wellbeing & Mental Health in Schools (WAMHS), Art Therapy, Counselling, School Nurse, Educational Psychologist, Occupational Therapy (OT) and many more.
- We link students & families with local community organisations like Young Hackney, SEND Hackney Information, Advice and Guidance Service (SENDIAGS), Hackney Independent Forum for Parents/Carers of Children with Disabilities (HiP), various youth groups such as Laburnum Boat Club, Hackney Adventure Playgrounds and KIDS.

Preparing for Adulthood will now be a regular section in our school's newsletter. We will share with you opportunities, activities and useful information linked to the four Preparing for Adulthood outcomes. This will hopefully help you to support your child to achieving their goals and growing up to be a happy, healthy & thriving adult.

Art club has started this term and students have been working on observational drawing techniques. Here they are using a grid to accurately draw from a photograph, then using different shading pencils to add tone and texture to their drawings. Great work Year 11! I can't wait to see these finished!



## A Day of Reflection

On Monday during Tutor time, students did a remembrance activity focusing on 'Hope'. Students were given a small card and envelope on which to write the name of someone they miss, along with a message. It could be someone who has passed away; it could be someone with whom they have lost contact; someone they haven't seen for a long time because of restrictions. A display was created using the envelopes.

**A Rainbow of "Hope" by James**



**Card display**



## Community Project

On Tuesday Aesha and Vijay in year 12 visited our local church, The New Testament Church of God Pentecostal, to spread a smile to our local community with some of the cards our students made for Comic Relief Day. The cards contain jokes and puns that hopefully will bring some joy to the elderly, isolated and vulnerable in our community.

The students wanted to take this opportunity again to thank the church for their kind contribution at Christmas. We thought this was all very fitting with a small stone plaque that is part of the church wall.

**Aesha & Vijay delivering cards**



*We would like to wish our families and friends a safe and Happy Easter.*

*All students return to school on Monday 19 April 2021*

