

We hope you will agree that it has been a fantastic term, culminating in the Outstanding Park House School Ofsted inspection. This term has been packed with activities and exciting new projects. We began the academic year with an organisational staff conference that brought together all areas of the charity to learn about the wider impact that we are having as an organisation. Following this, the theme for our staff this year is to actively ensure that we are working as a part of a multidisciplinary team; working with various different departments/professions to ensure the best outcome for our pupils. Meetings have been taking place each week to make sure we are applying joined-up thinking and considering a multitude of approaches to teaching and learning.

We are delighted to have had several new pupils join the schools since September and we look forward to carrying out more informal assessments and open days for further potential starters.

Both schools are continuing to develop new strategic partners and have had visits from/to a variety of other SEN Schools and external organisations in order to share expertise and initiatives. This term the schools have had visits from Snowflake School, Hedgewood School, Garratt Park School, Employment Autism, Els for Autism, Swaffield School, Allfarthing Primary School as well as our continued work within the ABA in Schools Forum.

The usual plethora of extracurricular activities have continued and the pupils are enjoying: swimming, horse riding, football lessons, cricket lessons, skiing, yoga and Roots and Shoots placements. Trips to Walton Firs, The Science Museum, Kidzania, Winterville and a host of other exciting venues have taken place over the course of the term providing a range of experiences both factual and fun. Following a campaign run by Labour MP, Rosena Allin-Khan – pupils and staff also had the opportunity to see England vs USA at Wembley stadium (for free) where England won 3-0!

We have delivered an assembly at Eaton House the Manor School to thank them for raising an incredible £10,000 for us last year. Park House will continue to work with them this year, which we are all really excited about! We have also been raising money with collections held for Wear it Blue for MPS, Jeans for Genes day and Save the Children as well as collecting Harvest Festival food donations which were donated to a local food bank.

Therapists hosted the Allied Healthcare Professionals Forum as we continue to work collaboratively with similar settings, sharing ideas, best practice and ensuring our staff teams' professional development.

We've hosted several successful coffee mornings including one delivered by OTs on Sensory Diets, and also the most recent one for Tram House School discussing the exciting new Kaspar project.

Finally we are thrilled to be finishing the year with Park House School's production of 'Trolls' and Tram House School's production of 'Grease' and would like to thank Thomas' again for kindly allowing us to use their wonderful theatre.



Kieran Bird  
Head of Park House School



Jon Ascot  
Head of Tram House School



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### Term Dates

#### Spring 2019

Term starts: **Wednesday 9th January**

*INSET days 7th & 8th January*

**Half Term: Monday 18th February–Friday 22nd February**

Term ends: **Friday 5th April at 12:30pm**

#### Summer 2019

Term starts: **Wednesday 24th April**

*INSET day 23rd April*

*Bank Holiday Monday 6th May*

**Half Term: Monday 27th May–Friday 31st May**

Term Ends: **Tuesday 23rd July**

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### Visiting Post-19

If you're planning your child's next steps after school and would like to have a look at our Post-19 facilities, please contact David Anthony, Head of Post-19, on [davidanthony@beyondautism.org.uk](mailto:davidanthony@beyondautism.org.uk).

### Parent Facebook group

A friendly reminder about our parent Facebook group where we share useful reminders, events and news on a regular basis.

If you would like to join the group please contact Dan Thurman on [danthurman@beyondautism.org.uk](mailto:danthurman@beyondautism.org.uk).

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### Introduction to ABA course

The Outreach and Training Team will be running another Introduction to ABA/VB training course in March. The course will run on Friday 1st, Friday 8th, Friday 15th and Friday 22nd March. Visit our website for further details on the course: [www.beyondautism.org.uk/our-services/training](http://www.beyondautism.org.uk/our-services/training)

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### Staffing and Recruitment

We've had a number of staff join the team since last academic year! A big welcome to the following ABA Tutors...

Natasha Maysa Clementson, Victoria Epton, Niamh Brennan, Simona Gallucio, Beatriz Morales, Dominique Barrett, Rachael Borland, Charlene Edwards, Kate Farrow, Henrique Maria Cunha, Molly Legg, Farzana Ahmed, Bola Alabi, Yara Sagau, Laura Vazquez Garcia, Francisca Tinoco de Faria, Ana Maria Caicedo Marin, Polyxeni Fragkioudaki, Francesca Moore, Oliver Hennings, Rochelle McLeary, Lauren McLean, Alanna Clogher, Silvia Zumaglini, Latoya Giddings & Olivia Whiteford.

We also welcome Cat Bradly & Mansi Rajadhyakasha (ABA Supervisors) to the team.

Louisa Aghedo joined the HR Team in November and Leonie Rimmer and Corrine Matheson have joined as School Administrators with Maria Stanek joining as school cleaner.

There have been a number of internal moves as well. Rich LeRoy has become Deputy Head for the schools. Ryan Nosworthy has joined Post-19 with Monica Ricart and Daniela Pisani joining Early Years. Charlie Feigen and Ashi Aktar have become ABA Instructors. Pippa Day has moved over to the charity team to become Fundraising Officer with Dan Thurman becoming Senior Marketing Officer.

We are sadly saying goodbye to the following ABA Tutors this term...

Guila Gloria, Fatima Marzia, Timea Balogh, Valeria Accardo, Alexia Del Greco, Lisa Roberts, Noelia Gomez, Fatima Ali-Hassan, Suzana Stoyanova, Javier Roman Lopez, Michael Sullivan, Chloe Presland, Maria Acosta, Perre Raphael & Joshue Madera.

We are also saying farewell to Ina Rubil-Smith (Cover Tutor), Edna Fernandes (ABA Instructor), Hannah Lynch (Senior SaLT), Beatrice Brobbey (HR Advisor) and Sahdia Abbas (School Administrator).

We wish Emma Price (Head of Pastoral) all the best as she goes on maternity leave in December.

### Bikeworks

This term a group of Tram House School pupils completed a 5-week cycling programme with the help of Bikeworks.

Bikeworks have designed a variety of bikes that enable people of all ages and abilities to access a cycling experience.

The course took place in Garratt Park just behind Tram House School where the pupils are able to ride the bikes around the small track.



### Road Safety Day



Road Safety is an essential skill for our pupils so this half-term Park House School held a Road Safety Day. The pupils went on short walks in the community working on their road awareness skills and implementing safe practice on the roads.

There was a big focus on building our learners' independence whilst out in the community so the walks included various different types of crossing and pupils took prompts from the red and green men for when to stop and go.



### Sporting Events

In October Park House School and Tram House School took part in an Inter-School Boccia Tournament at Burntwood School in Earlsfield. The competition, organised by Enable Leisure and Sport, was run for Special Schools in the Wandsworth region.

Having attended the tournament for the first time last year, Boccia has become a much more regular activity for our pupils and one which they enjoy thoroughly.

Our pupils played competitively and there was a great sense of sportsmanship across all of the matches. Well done to all who took part and we're looking forward to coming back next year with a new team!

More recently pupils from Tram House School took part in a swimming gala organised by Enable Leisure and Culture at Balham Leisure Centre. Our pupils competed in different races from backstroke, to front crawl and the relay where the team finished 3rd.

Well done to everyone involved across the competitions!



### Still to come this term...

**In the final week of term we have our fabulous Winter Productions to look forward to!**

Tram House School's interpretation of Grease will be taking place on Tuesday 18th December and Park House School's performance of Trolls will take place on Wednesday 19th December.

Both productions will start at 1pm and are being held at Thomas' Clapham (Broomwood Road, London SW11 6JZ) who have kindly let us use their facilities again this year.

We look forward to welcoming you all to the productions this week!

### Black History Month



BeyondAutism Schools' pupils celebrated Black History Month in October by exploring the sounds of reggae.

To mark the occasion, Broken Connection came into the schools to play for the pupils. The band played a variety of reggae classics from across the genre. Broken Connection are fast becoming a pupil favourite having played for them several times before.

As well as listening to the music, the pupils picked up instruments and microphones to play and sing along with the band.

Thanks to Broken Connection for coming in and playing for (and with) the pupils and helping us celebrate Black History Month with their music!



### Carols at Clapham Junction

At the beginning of December members of Song Club from Park House School and Tram House School went along to Clapham Junction to sing carols and Christmas songs for the passing commuters and travellers. It was a wonderful afternoon and the members of public all had smiles on their faces as they passed the group. As well as the pupils singing, the charity held a collection which raised £166. This money has gone into the Rainy Day Fund where it will directly benefit the pupils.



### Park House School Ofsted Inspection

*'The quality of teaching is excellent. Staff are highly skilled and reflective. They are adept at making changes to their teaching strategies in order to meet pupils' ongoing needs'*

We are delighted to announce that following an Ofsted inspection earlier in December, Park House School is Outstanding in all areas. This is a fantastic achievement and one which reflects the hard work put in over the last few years by our staff and wider school community. We are committed to providing the best possible education for our learners and this report highlights our efforts towards achieving this.

We are extremely proud with the outcome of the inspection and will continue to work hard to improve our school to give our pupils the best education possible.

A full copy of the report can be found on our website: <https://www.beyondautismschools.org.uk/about-us/ofsted>

*'Pupils are exceptionally well cared for. Safeguarding arrangements are strong and pupils' well-being is paramount.'*

## A word from the charity

### Tracie Linehan, CEO

At BeyondAutism we are dedicated to delivering excellence – we started this academic year with our first staff conference, bringing together 150 staff from across the organisation. The day was opened by 2 parents and the CEO of Yarrow, setting the scene, keeping children at the centre of everything we do. This term the senior management team, with the trustees have started the journey to form the strategic direction to 2025. I will be seeking parental and other external stakeholder input through a series of workshops across 2019.

We are committed to Applied Behaviour Analysis – sharing best practice at a number of conferences nationwide we have been able to raise awareness of the positive impact “ABA the BeyondAutism Way” has on each and every individual we meet. We continue to support staff members in pursuit of Master’s degrees and have a trainee teacher developing their practice at Park House School. Very exciting – Karen Talty, ABA Consultant, has achieved BACB ACE status for BeyondAutism – this means that we can provide a wide array of CEU events to BACB (Behaviour Analyst Certification Board) certificants and we will aim to deliver Registered Behaviour Technician (RBT) certification to Tutors that meet the criteria.

We are respectful – facilitating the pathway for 2 of our Post-19 learners to hold the keys to their own front doors, with the right support and their “ideal week” established. Our Early Years’ Service continues to grow, empowering parents with the skills they need to communicate, engage and play with their child. We are getting to the point where we need to consider expansion for additional groups so that we don’t need to turn people away.

We are proud to challenge – engaging with national debate, always seeking to say something *more* interesting through social media and our website. We are developing strong partnerships with Local Authorities challenging perceptions of ABA and challenging service delivery models.

It has been a busy term, ending with the Ofsted inspection at Park House School. We have much to be proud of, not least the progress and achievements of our pupils. I hope you have a pleasant break and enjoy the festive holidays.

### Partnerships

We’re delighted to announce that Eaton House the Manor School have extended our charity partnership for this academic year. They have been a fantastic support for the charity over the last year raising over £10,000 through different events like bake sales, ‘breaking the rules’ days and sponsored walks.

### Events

- Congratulations to Andrew Robertson for completing the Kingston Marathon and raising a fantastic £3,400 for the charity.
- In October we had a group of runners in the Royal Parks Half Marathon who braved the torrential rain and raised £3,500. Runners included Mark Grady and Post-19 Supervisor, Russell Irving.
- To see how you can get involved in our different challenge events in 2019, take a look at our website: <https://www.beyondautism.org.uk/support-us/events/>.
- Quiz Night – **save the date!** Our annual quiz night will take place on Wednesday 1st May. Further information will be sent out in the New Year.



### Fundraising Team Changes

At the start of December the Fundraising Team has grown! We welcome Pippa Day into the charity office in her new role as Fundraising Officer with Dan Thurman moving over to Marketing full-time.