

EMANUEL IN THE COMMUNITY

PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTREACH PROGRAMME

SPOTLIGHT

FEBRUARY 2024

We have an active community and partnership programme that involves pupils, staff, parents and the wider community. We are delighted to share some of the highlights of our activities this term.

TALK AND TEA FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR PARTNERSHIP AND OUTREACH PROGRAMME

If you would like to find out more about what we are doing in the community, please join us from **2.30 pm to 3.30 pm on the 8 March in the Library**. You will have the opportunity to see our Lower Sixth-led enrichment programme, Primary Ambitions, in action; hear from one of our partner schools about their Emanuel School experiences; find out about the breadth of our partnership and outreach programme and opportunities to get involved.

If you are able to drop by for a few minutes or join us for longer, we would be delighted to see you.

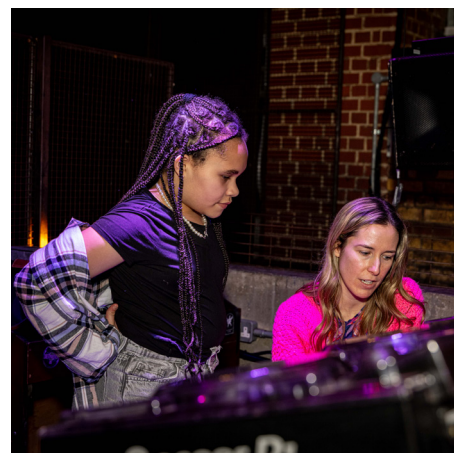
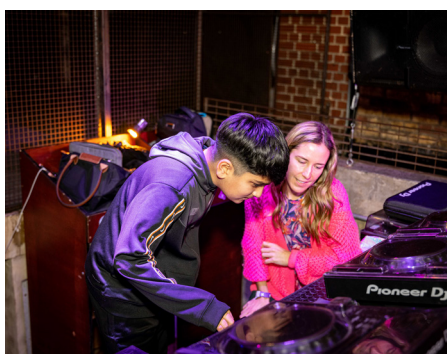
Please RSVP by **6 March** to Lisa.Irwin@emanuel.org.uk



WESTHILL PRIMARY HITTING THE DECKS AT FABRIC

Our Primary Ambitions DJs, Westhill Primary, had the opportunity to workshop and then perform for a very proud group of Westhill parents at Fabric on 2 February. After 5 weeks with our Lower Sixth pupils teaching them the basics, the children, aided by Miss d'Abo and Miss Dee, were amazing!

DJing is one of 19 modules we run as part of Primary Ambitions, our Lower Sixth-led enrichment programme for partner primary schools. Many of our partner schools are single form entry, with few, if any, specialist teaching staff. Opportunities for enrichment activities, particularly in art, music, drama and sport, are in high demand.



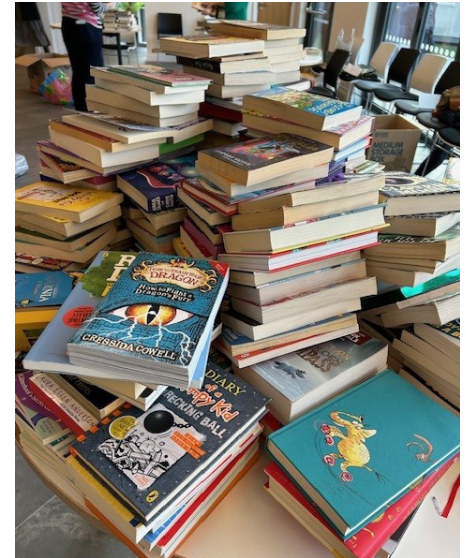
BOOKS BONANZA ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BOOK DRIVE

As always we were bowled over by the oodles of wonderful books donated to our recent primary school book drive. And, as always, thanks go to our wonderful parent volunteers who helped unpack, sort, and repack well over a thousand books – smiling and chatting throughout.

Many of the children in our partner schools have few if any books of their own. In partnership with the Children's Book Project, Children's Book Project | The power of ownership

(childrensbookproject.co.uk), we distribute our much-coveted books to our local partner schools. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide a book for every pupil from Reception to Year 6 in three of our partner schools. Amazing. Thank you for enabling us to provide the gift of reading!

Read on to see details of our next book drive in the Summer term. We will be collecting books for primary school pupils as well as young adult and teen fiction for HMP Wandsworth.



SECONDARY PARTNER SCHOOLS CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION CONVENTION

On Saturday, 27th January, Year 12 students from four of our secondary partner schools attended the annual 'Careers and Higher Education Convention'.

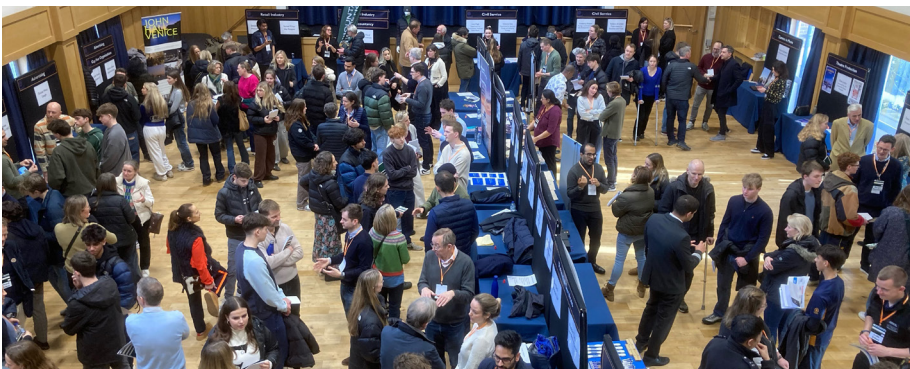
It was a great opportunity for them to engage, side by side with Emanuel pupils, with over 20 universities and professionals from a broad range of industries including law, finance and medicine, as well as careers in film and TV, music and advertising.

In addition to the opportunities to network, there were a series of talks. Popular choices with our secondary school visitors were the University of Exeter's presentation on "Advice for applying to competitive universities", applying to medical school and the University of Bath discussed "Economics, management and business courses".

The partner school children loved the opportunity – one pupil from Burntwood School, holding an armful of university catalogues and leaflets declared 'This is the best event ever'. So, we are certainly hitting the mark.

INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS NEEDED

As part of EmpowHER, the girls' football programme we run in partnership with Fulham Football Club Foundation, participants attend workshops, have 1-2-1 mentors and have access to inspirational speakers in addition to football sessions. That is where you come in! If you would be happy to share your experiences, with the aim of inspiring and motivating these girls to stay in education and fulfil their potential, we would love to hear from you. Talks can be short pitch side chats on Thursday evenings at our Blagdons sports ground or 30 minutes-plus during school holidays. We are extremely flexible!



ASCENT – SUMMER TERM PUPIL AND PARENT VOLUNTEERING

Ascent, our summer school booster programme for Year 5 partner primary school children who are not yet reaching national standards in English and Maths, is now in its third year. The programme runs every Saturday morning in the summer term with lessons taught by Emanuel teachers ably supported by pupil volunteers from Years 9, 10 and 12. The final two sessions of the programme are full days. We have planned a trip to the Science Museum on 8 July.

The programme is a great way for pupils to fulfil their DofE volunteering requirements. It is also fabulous for Lower Sixth pupils in preparation for their personal statements. We are always on the look out for parent volunteers too – if you are available to support the Science Museum trip on the 8 July, we would LOVE to hear from you.



SUMMER TERM CRICKET AND BOOK DRIVE – 24TH APRIL

We collected some fantastic cricket equipment for Norwood School cricket club, founded to support children in the refugee community, at the recent EPA second hand uniform sale. Much needed pads, pads and balls are going to be put to great use this week. Thank you again for your amazing generosity. If you find you have any further equipment or clothing you no longer need – the club needs everything - please save it for the 24 April. In addition, we will be collecting **young adult and teen fiction** for HMP Wandsworth on the 24 April too. Please bring your donations to the security gate on the 22, 23 and 24 April so that we can sort and rehome.

If you are available to help us unpack, sort and repack cricket equipment and books ready for delivery from 9.30 am to 11.30 am on 24 April, that would be amazing. If you are interested, please let us know.



For more information on our community partnership and outreach activities, and to volunteer for any of the initiatives, please contact Mrs Irwin, Head of Community Partnerships and Outreach: Lisa.irwin@emanuel.org.uk

MINIBUS DRIVING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As you know, we run numerous community partner activities here on site and further afield. Many of our partner schools struggle to participate without our support. When possible, we provide our Emanuel School minibuses and we are always on the lookout for drivers. If you have a clean driving licence, have been driving for two plus years and are interested in volunteering, we would love to hear from you. You do not need a special licence to drive a minibus – the category B licence we all require to drive our cars is sufficient. You will need a DBS check and then an induction – both managed by the school.



VOLUNTEER READING PROGRAMME

We are looking for more volunteers for our parent volunteer reading programme at our partner schools. We ask for a weekly commitment of an hour during the primary school day during our term time. Volunteers are DBS-checked; have safeguarding training and reading tips and techniques. Key requirements are a love of reading and a sense of humour. A willingness to give out stickers is a definite plus! Volunteers attend an induction session and are then assigned to pupils who need additional support.

