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## Dates for the diary



15–19  
May

Walk to School Week

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May

Empty Classroom Day

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June

World Environment Day

10–18  
June

Bike Week

3–9  
July

Catch the Bus Week

July

Prudential RideLondon Freecycle

For more dates, visit [stars.tfl.gov.uk/about/diary](http://stars.tfl.gov.uk/about/diary)

# Air audits to protect pupils

Fifty schools in our city's most polluted areas are set to get a major boost.

As part of bold and ambitious new plans to tackle air quality, funding has been announced for 'air quality audits' for primary schools in districts that exceed legal limits of nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>). The audits will identify where new hard-hitting measures are needed to protect pupils from poor air quality.

To support this, we want pupils to play an active role in improving the air quality around their school and beyond. We are working with all London boroughs to help schools deliver pupil-led air quality projects through STARS, encouraging them to organise themed campaigns and initiatives that support active, responsible and safe travel on school journeys.

With World Environment Day on 5 June, it gives schools an obvious focus for events, too.

Young Londoners are already coming up with new and interesting ideas for tackling air quality around their schools. Why not share your successes and see how you are contributing to cleaning up London's air. Visit [stars.tfl.gov.uk](http://stars.tfl.gov.uk)



**CLEANER AIR  
FOR LONDON**



## More online help for schools

Check out the latest online information about how schools are being supported in the Capital.

The resources follow the wish that every child in London should have the best possible chance for happiness and success by making the most of the opportunities available in our city.

**London Enterprise Advisor Network** – a funded programme connecting businesses to local schools. Email [EnterpriseAdvisers@london.gov.uk](mailto:EnterpriseAdvisers@london.gov.uk)

**Mayor's Education Conference 2017 Report** – read the conference report at [london.gov.uk/educonfreport2017](http://london.gov.uk/educonfreport2017)

**Annual Education Report 2017** – read the report at [london.gov.uk/edu-report-2017](http://london.gov.uk/edu-report-2017)


**GLA Schools Brochure and newsletter** – read this and sign up at [london.gov.uk/schools](http://london.gov.uk/schools)

# Winning designs for STARS celebration


A big 'thank you' to all the schools who entered our STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) 10 year anniversary competition to design a logo for this landmark event.

There were many fantastic entries and we have now picked the three winners and a runner up!


Congratulations to:

 Lena from Our Lady Queen of Heaven in Wandsworth (overall winner)




 Arnas from Corelli College in Greenwich (secondary winner)



 Morwena from Barnes Primary in Richmond (primary winner)



 Max from Barnes Primary in Richmond (runner up)



## Inspiring activities at stars online

The dedicated STARS website features more than 115 activity cards which give guidance for activities to promote active, responsible and safe travel in your school. Thirty of these are new and we'd like to know what special activities you are running at your school. Check it out at [stars.tfl.gov.uk.Explore/Idea](http://stars.tfl.gov.uk.Explore/Idea)

Get ideas for your own campaigns and initiatives, or showcase what your school has already done to help others. More than 5,000 stories have already been shared London-wide.

You can share your experiences by making your information 'public' when submitting your STARS stories.

**Are you a SEND school (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)? We would like to hear what you've been doing in your school. Send your examples to [stars@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:stars@tfl.gov.uk).**

**Make the most of STARS online. Why not showcase your STARS stories by adding a weblink to your school social media feed or website?**

## Free bus and tram travel for Year 7 students

From the age of 11, children can apply for an 11–15 Zip Oyster photocard to receive free travel on buses and trams in London. Please remind your Year 7 students who don't already have a photocard. Their parents/guardians can apply for them online at [tfl.gov.uk/photocard](http://tfl.gov.uk/photocard). Please note that a £15 admin fee will apply.

## Continuing reduced rate travel in London for Year 11 students

Your students in Year 11 will have an 11–15 Zip Oyster photocard that expires on 30 September 2017. In order to continue receiving reduced rate travel, they will need a 16+ Zip Oyster photocard. Their parents/guardians can apply for them online at [tfl.gov.uk/photocard](http://tfl.gov.uk/photocard) from 1 August 2017. They shouldn't apply before this date. Please note that a £20 admin fee will apply.

# On your marks...

Get free school resources to celebrate this summer's major athletics events.

The World Para Athletics Championships (14–23 July) and the IAAF World Championships (4–13 August) are coming to London and you can use the sporting occasions as an educational opportunity with Starting Blocks.

Starting Blocks is an online hub offering cross-curricular athletics-themed materials. They are suitable for children aged 4 to 15.

The three themes are:

### 'A Summer of World Athletics'

This introduces young people to athletics in PE and sport

Register for free at [schools.london2017athletics.com](http://schools.london2017athletics.com)

### 'The World in One City'

This focuses on the nations which will be competing and their unique cultures using Maths and numeracy

### 'Faces of the Summer'

This uses English and literacy to showcase the people who will make the events memorable, including athletes, their support teams and volunteers



# Spring into Summer

Join our free guided walks weekend, Spring into Summer, on 20–21 May

More than 40 walks will be taking place, from short strolls to challenging hikes, all starting and finishing within easy reach of public transport and led by experienced guides.

They are a great way to get active and explore the spectacular views and sights that London has to offer.

To book a free place, visit [www.walklondon.org.uk](http://www.walklondon.org.uk)



## Make London your stage

Calling all musically-minded youngsters!

Does your school have talented musicians who would like to perform?

Entry is now open for Gigs, the Mayor of London's annual busking competition, which has been showcasing young musical talent since 2009 at some of the Capital's busiest and iconic locations.

Successful acts not only get the chance to perform in front of thousands, they also have access to a range of other opportunities through the Busk in London programme.

There are prizes up for grabs, too, including a TfL busking licence, studio time, industry training and equipment.

Enter now! Full details can be found at [london.gov.uk/gigs](http://london.gov.uk/gigs)

# Spotlight on Camden

## Healthy School Streets trial for St Joseph's School

Many schools suffer from parking, congestion and other road safety issues outside the school gates which can make walking and cycling a less attractive option for pupils.

Cars can also cause noise and inconvenience for local residents near schools and ultimately affect air quality and people's health.

Camden Council has introduced a trial at a local school to give children a safer and more pleasant journey each day. It has closed Macklin Street, Holborn between 08:30 to 09:15 and 15:15 and 16:00 every school day so pupils at St Joseph's School can walk or cycle to school.

### What is a Healthy School Street?

The Healthy School Streets trial is one of Camden Council's initiatives to make the streets outside schools safer at the start and end of the school day and to discourage driving to school.

### How does it work?

Road signs indicate that the streets are closed and bollards are raised and lowered by school staff.



Camden Council staff are also helping schools to reduce the number of car journeys by providing pedestrian and cycle training, incentivising walking and cycling, and running events to raise awareness of the problems.

Early signs show that the road closure, combined with events and initiatives, particularly in relation to stopping parents parking at the end of the street, have cut car journeys to the school by two thirds!

Camden council has cut car journeys to St Joseph's school by two thirds during this trial.

There are many benefits including less air pollution in the area and more exercise for both children and parents, making them fitter and healthier.

Read the details at [camden.gov.uk/HealthySchoolStreets](http://camden.gov.uk/HealthySchoolStreets) and consult your borough officer to find out if you could have a Healthy Street outside your school.