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# Outstanding young people



Sonia Zia

## Sonia Zia has been named as this year's winner of the Wandsworth Young Person of the Year Award

Sonia was in Year 7 at Chestnut Grove Academy in Balham when her mother was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer. As a result, she has had to take an active role in helping to raise her younger sister and juggle her family commitments with her studies. Despite these challenges, Sonia has far exceeded her predicted grades and gained a place to read languages at Oxford University. She has also been Head Student and a member of the Student Council, has completed her Duke of Edinburgh Award and spent four weeks completing National Citizens Service.

Other winners were:

- Rotary Award for making a major contribution to the community: Abigail Hooper
- Award for Outstanding Achievement: Betty Mitchell
- Award for Overcoming Adversity/Difficulties: Lauren Cooper
- The Award for Making a Special Contribution to Community Safety: Wandsworth Police Cadets
- Group award winner: Swop It Up
- Grant award winners: Caras and Band from Sainsburys/SW15 Music (pictured below)

The next round of nominations will open in the autumn. The scheme is sponsored by The Wandsworth Group of Rotary Clubs and the Wandsworth Community Safety Trust.



## Hate crime help line

Anyone affected by hate crime can contact a new 24-hour helpline seven days a week, every day of the year.

Run by Stop Hate UK in association with the council, it's a safe and independent place to talk about your experiences and to explore your options for how to take things further. Anyone can call and young people who have experienced or witnessed hate crime are encouraged to get in touch.

Call 0800 138 1625  
Text 07717 989 025



# Looking ahead

“ As we emerge from lockdown and the worst days of the pandemic are hopefully behind us, we are rolling out ambitious plans to help children catch up on the learning and experiences they have missed over the past few months.

And we're taking the opportunity to think of new ways to help all our young people, whatever their background, to work together to reach their full potential.

We've been working behind the scenes to set up our five-point recovery roadmap, including tutoring, opportunities to take part in art and sport, help to access technology and employment, and more mental health support.

And we're embarking on an exciting scheme to partner-up state and independent schools. We've had so much enthusiasm from schools that we're confident this will be a great success. It's not about one sector taking the lead – it's about different schools learning from each other. All children were affected by the pandemic and we want to remove any barriers between them so they can all recover from it.

Over the next few pages, find out more about our plans.

Working together we can all build a brighter future for our families.



**Cllr Will Sweet**  
Cabinet member,  
Education and  
Children's Services



## Next phase of school streets

Primary schools are being invited to get in touch with the council if they are interested in having a school street.

School streets mean the roads containing school entrances turn into traffic-free zones when pupils arrive in the morning and leave in the evenings. Wandsworth currently has 19 of them. Find out more at [wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolstreets](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schoolstreets)

Recently people living near school streets have been asked whether they support them, and councillors

will discuss the results in September and decide if they should be made permanent.

In the meantime, parents are being asked to make sure they park safely when they drop off their child – even if they are in a hurry. Don't park on junctions, dropped pavements or cycle paths.





# Getting back on track

The council has been working on its ambitious £2.6m five-point recovery plan for schools.

The aim is to get children back on track with their learning, help them regain the experiences they missed during the lockdown and make the most of the digital advances made during the pandemic.

## Tutoring and Mentoring

The council's been working with schools on their recovery plans, supporting the delivery of high quality teaching and learning, as well as running several new mentoring and tutoring schemes. Almost all Wandsworth state secondary schools have signed up

for the Government's summer school programme. This will help pupils transition into Year 7, build strong relationships and access opportunities including face-to-face support in English and maths and activities like team games, music, drama and sport.

## Healthy Minds

Wandsworth is working closely with partners like the CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health) services to make sure young people can access mental health support. Frontline workers like teachers and youth workers are being trained to identify

mental health needs and offer support to young people and families. Meanwhile a team of social workers is now working in targeted schools.

## Sport and Arts

Summer schools and holiday programmes are being targeted at children who may otherwise not have access to activities. See page 13 for more on our Summer Unlocked scheme. Libraries will also run targeted schemes and the council's arts team is working to help get children creative, including 'A Greener Picture' –

see more about that on pages 11-12.

## Access to Digital Technology

The council is working with schools and communities to provide digital support and reduce digital poverty. Devices and IT training are being provided through the Power to Connect scheme.

## Employability

A new team has been set up to track what jobs and training school leavers move into, plus the council runs a wide range of work experience, training and apprenticeship schemes.



One of the projects will put social workers in schools. **Maja Zafirovska** is Assistant Principal and Designated Member of Staff for Safeguarding at Burntwood School, which is taking part in the scheme:



We are delighted that Burntwood School has been selected to take part in this council-funded pilot project. We will have a social worker based in our school for two days a week until March 2022 in the first instance. The social worker will liaise closely with staff, parents, students and other professionals, with a view to offering tailored support to students.

“Sarah Gill, our School Based Social Worker, has been fantastic to work with. She has shown a proactive approach and professionalism when supporting our students. She has forged positive, trusting relationships with our students in the short time she has been here. We are looking forward to working together in the coming months to provide the most effective provision for our school.”



## Royal visit

In the last edition of Headstart we told you about Griffin School's new Life Changing Library - the school was one of six in the UK to be chosen by the Poet Laureate Cressida Cowell to get a new library space stocked with a thousand books.

The Duchess of Cornwall officially opened the new library last month and read *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. Cressida Cowell led a draw-along session and pupils performed a specially-written song.



# Working together

State and independent schools in Wandsworth are teaming up.

The partnership will make resources and opportunities open to all the borough's young people, and enable schools to learn from each other. The scheme formally launched last month and 48 state schools and 14 independent schools are taking part.

The scheme will pick up pace in the autumn, with around a thousand children taking part in joint projects. "We've been in discussions with schools since the start of this year and I'm pleased to say we already have a strong, creative partnership," said education spokesman Cllr Will Sweet. "The past 18 months have been testing for everyone, and I think we all agree it makes sense for us to pool our expertise and resources for the benefit of all our young people."

The project will focus on academic achievement, enrichment and raising aspirations. Children will get access to science, arts and sports facilities and to mentoring. There will also be a strong focus on professional development for teachers.

**Richard Byrne-Smith, headteacher of Hotham School in Putney said:**

“ It has been a pleasure to work with our colleagues in the independent sector to explore what we can do to bring our communities closer together as this demanding year comes to a close.

As educators, we all share similar values, and it has been deeply rewarding to build these new relationships for the benefit of our young people. ”



**Lisa Irwin, head of community partnership at Emanuel School, said:**



“ Through consultation with our partner schools, we identified several interventions to help close the gap for pupils whose education has been hardest hit by school closures. Feedback on the impact in the classroom is extremely positive. ”

**Renata Joseph, headteacher of Saint Cecilia's School, said:**

“ Saint Cecilia's is excited to work alongside primary, secondary and special schools, from all sectors in the local community. One of our 4 Greats is to nurture great partnerships, that we hope will be an opportunity for young people to learn from and with each other. ”







As part of the partnership, a cluster of Battersea schools is taking part in Ascent, running on nine Saturday mornings at Emanuel School. This gives lessons in core subjects to Year 5 children who are failing to meet national standards in literacy and maths. There are also interactive sessions in science, sport and the arts taught by Emanuel staff and supported by Emanuel student volunteers.

**Suzie Longstaff,**  
Headmistress at Putney  
High School and the  
Independent school lead  
for the Roehampton  
Cluster, said:



“ This is a fantastic opportunity for our young people in Wandsworth to work together and take increased ownership of their community role. The project very much reflects Putney High School’s “It Starts with Me” ethos and expands this to “It Starts with Us”. We’re seeing more and more how our students are actively wanting to find ways that they can make a tangible difference and our involvement in this project provides an opportunity to do just that. ”



## Clean Air Day

Air quality officers from the council go to Wandsworth schools to teach young people about climate change and what everyone can do to clean up the air. They also work with schools in Nine Elms to reduce pollution as part of the Business Low Emission Neighbourhood. Here they are on Clean Air Day visiting Griffin School.



# A Greener Picture: Photography and Climate Change



WANDSWORTH ARTS  
**FRiNGE**



**Pupils from 15 Wandsworth primary schools have been working with Wandsworth Council's Arts Team and artists from the Royal College of Art to represent the climate emergency through photography.**



They explored the theme of climate change through sculpture and cyanotype workshops and photographed their creative responses.

A selection of the images from A Greener Picture have been made into banners to be put outside Wandsworth Town Hall so that as many people as possible can see them and each participating school and all Wandsworth libraries will receive a printed book of the images. All images are also online in a digital exhibition as part of Wandsworth Arts Fringe 2021.

“As well as being an exciting way to show the work of young artists during WAF, A Greener Picture is part of our work to make the voices of young people part of our climate change pledge,” said environment spokesman Cllr Kim Caddy.

See more at [wandsworthfringe.com/whats-on-2021/a-greener-picture-photography-and-climate-change](http://wandsworthfringe.com/whats-on-2021/a-greener-picture-photography-and-climate-change)





# Zecure app

## Helping Wandsworth's children travel safely

Download the free Zecure app. If you feel unsafe all you have to do is press a button or shake the phone and the app will alert an emergency contact such as a parent.

You can also use it to let your parents or carers know when you have left school and arrived home safely.

Zecure is a UK-based tech company which helps businesses and people all around the world stay safe at work and in their local communities. Zecure has worked with Wandsworth Council and the police to make the app available for free to Wandsworth school children.

You can download Zecure now from the IOS or Android app store. To register use the six letter code specifically for Wandsworth: **WANSAF**.



## Summer is unlocked

The free programme of activities and lunches returns during the summer holidays. It's eligible for children aged four to 19 on free school meals and is run by the council with funding from the Government's Holiday Activities and Food Programme. Children with SEND can access it up to the age of 25. Wandsworth's scheme is one of the biggest in the country. Children can go to their youth club or other local venue and take part on activities including:

- Sport
- Drama
- Cooking
- Dance
- Art

They will also have access to tuition to help them catch-up post-lockdown and will get a free lunch.

**To find out more speak to your school or email [wandsworthunlocked@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:wandsworthunlocked@wandsworth.gov.uk)**



# Summer listings

This is just a taste of what's going on. For lots more activities, visit Thrive Online Wandsworth at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/thriveonline](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/thriveonline)

### How to be listed

Send details to: [headstart@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:headstart@wandsworth.gov.uk)

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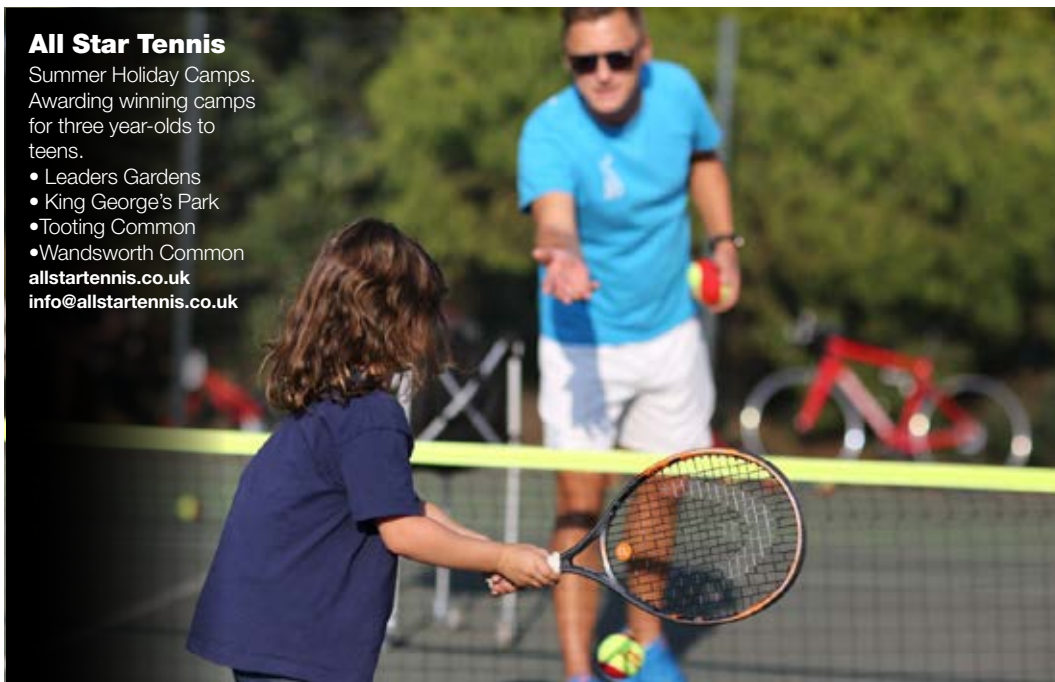
## All Star Tennis

Summer Holiday Camps. Awarding winning camps for three year-olds to teens.

- Leaders Gardens
- King George's Park
- Tooting Common
- Wandsworth Common

[allstartennis.co.uk](http://allstartennis.co.uk)

[info@allstartennis.co.uk](mailto:info@allstartennis.co.uk)



## AFC Wimbledon Foundation

**July 16-August 26**

Fun and friendly environment for boys and girls aged between 4 - 16 to develop their football skills.

Aspire Centre, Southfields

<https://afcwimbledonfoundation.com/holiday-courses>



## Chelsea Soccer Schools

**July 26-Aug 27**

Football courses for young people at Chestnut Grove Academy and Battersea Park

[chelseasoccerschools.co.uk](http://chelseasoccerschools.co.uk)

## Crazy Camps

**July 26-August 27**

Activities including sports, lazer tag, Nerf wars and go-carts, depending on venue

- Tooting Bec Athletics Track
- Ernest Bevin College

[Crazycamps.co.uk](http://Crazycamps.co.uk)

## Multi Sports Holiday Camp

**July 22-Sep 2**

- Floreat Wandsworth Primary School, Garratt Lane
- Earlsfield Primary School, Tramere Road

[www.amsportsacademy.co.uk/camps](http://www.amsportsacademy.co.uk/camps)

## Stage Coach Summer Holiday Workshop

**August 2-6**

Brandlehow School, Putney

[stagecoach.co.uk/putney](http://stagecoach.co.uk/putney)

## Strings Club

**July 26-July 30**

Educational music holiday club  
Sellincourt Primary School, Tooting

[thestringsclub.org](http://thestringsclub.org)

## Online events from Wandsworth Libraries

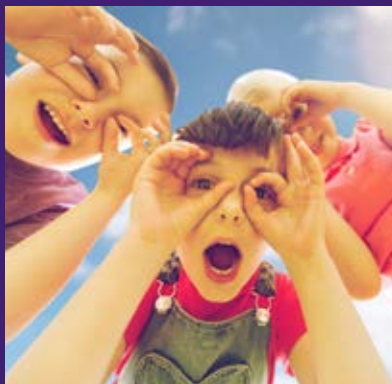
Log on to access a wide range of events for babies, toddlers and children including rhymes, songs, stories, author readings and more

**Search for Wandsworth Librarians on Facebook.**

## Activ Camps

Multi-activity camps for children aged 4-14

- July 12-Aug 20: Emmanuel School, Battersea Rise
  - July 26-Aug 27: Graveney School, Welham Road
- [activcamps.com](http://activcamps.com)



## PYE Summer Camps 2021

July 27-August 19

Summer activities for nine to 16 year olds run by the charity Parallel Youth Enterprise in partnership with the Met Police. Featuring music, dance, computers, video, arts and crafts, beautician, hair care and more plus sports and off-site trips.

St Cecilia's C of E School, SW18  
wandsworth  
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\*THAT LIKE OR GO TO SCHOOL IN WANDSWORTH, BATTERSEA, KENNINGTON, BUCKHURST & TRINGHAM

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## Sport in the Park 2021 August 3-6 (provisional dates)

The annual scheme run by the Battersea Crime Prevention Panel returns to Battersea Park to keep kids entertained and out of trouble during the summer holidays

[Batterseasummerscheme.org.uk](http://Batterseasummerscheme.org.uk)

## Support for SEND

Parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities can find out about activities and support available in Wandsworth on the Local Offer website.

Visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer)

Summer listings

# When to get your child's jabs



Wandsworth's vaccination schedule, accurate as of June 2021

Age of your child	Diseases protected against
Two months old (two injections and one oral dose)	1st dose - Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b and hepatitis B (DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB) 1st dose - Meningococcal B (MenB) 1st dose - Rotavirus
Three months old (two injections and one oral dose)	1st dose - Pneumococcal (PCV) 2nd dose - DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB 2nd dose - Rotavirus
Four months old (two injections)	3rd dose - DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB 2nd dose - MenB
Between 12 and 13 months old - within a month of their first birthday (four injections)	Booster Hib/Meningococcal C (Hib/MenC) Booster - PCV 1st dose - Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) Booster - MenB
At 18 months (one injection)	*2nd dose - MMR
Three years four months old or soon after (one injection)	Booster - Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and polio (DTaP/IPV)
Two and three year olds (nasal spray, routinely given at general practice)	Influenza (each year from September)
Children in reception class and in school years 1-7 (given at school)	Influenza (each year from September)

\* Please note that Wandsworth operates to an accelerated MMR vaccination schedule, 2nd dose of MMR is given at 18 months to encourage and improve local immunisation uptake.

For more information visit: [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/immunisation](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/immunisation)





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