Supplementary schools and out of school hours learning in Kensington and Chelsea

www.westway.org/supplementary-schools
At Westway Trust we are proud to support supplementary schools in the fantastic work they do and we have produced this leaflet to provide useful up-to-date information about supplementary schools’ education and other out of school hours learning providers in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC). As well as a brief history of supplementary education in the borough there is information about the benefits that pupils and parents say they get out of it.*

A directory of supplementary schools and other out of school hours provision, with a description of what’s on offer, can be found on page 12. There is a map showing the location of each school on page 15.

Learning without barriers

Supplementary schools offer extra tuition for pupils aged between 5-19 years. Meeting in term-time after mainstream school and at weekends, our schools are run by more than 18 community groups set up by parents throughout the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

Our schools help young people to increase their understanding, improve their grades and, most importantly, build their confidence in learning. They offer formal revision and booster lessons in English, Maths and Science, as well as a range of other subjects not always taught in mainstream school, including: mother tongue languages, storytelling, drama, IT, cooking, music, trips away, sports and fitness, and arts and crafts.

Each school is unique and offers a range of opportunities according to the priority requirements of the pupils and their parents and the particular skill sets of teachers and staff.

In RBKC, community languages taught include Arabic, Georgian, Tigrinya, Albanian, Amharic and Kurdish. Some of our supplementary schools have developed an even wider range of services and offer youth services, parent support and expertise on FGM issues**.

Supplementary schools are available to everyone, and anyone can attend, but we primarily offer places to those who can’t access other forms of extra tuition. Any supplementary school in the borough can join the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Partnership of Supplementary Schools. Follow the link to find out how to register your supplementary school.

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“I like being in class with my friends ...”

“Studying together brings many benefits – pupils from Gheez Rite Supplementary School.”

* Please note that although quotes are authentic, names to which they are attributed are pseudonyms to protect privacy.

**Female Genital Mutilation
The earliest supplementary schools in the UK, known also as community or complementary schools, can be traced back 150 years. In the modern era the first wave of supplementary schools were set up by the Black Education Movement in the 1960s. Their purpose was to provide extra support in mainstream subjects and to teach the history and culture of a minoritised community.

As new migrations of people arrived in the 1980s and 90s the movement expanded. There are now between 3,000 and 5,000 supplementary, complementary and madrassa schools in the UK*, which provide a range of learning opportunities for children and young people under the age of 19 in addition to their mainstream education. They are primarily parent or community-led.

In Kensington and Chelsea in 1995 a consortium of supplementary schools was set up to apply for funding and to establish a partnership. The successful bid enabled Westway Trust to take on a coordinating role to support the partnership, which includes:

- organising bi-monthly meetings
- coordinating joint funding applications
- planning a schedule of training
- support with quality assurance
- bridging with other organisations to increase extra-curricular opportunities
- providing access to classrooms for training and for new supplementary schools to start up
- providing curriculum resources.

“I think it taught me to be more sociable, it helps you. ‘Cos a lot of people came from different primary schools. You make new friends and that is huge … and you talk to a lot more people. So now at university it’s easy to talk and make friends. I think the interaction with others is very important.”

A past pupil

The opportunity to study collaboratively in an open and relaxed learning space improves pupils’ attainment and develops wider skills – students at Baraka Community Association.

*www.nrcse.wpengine.com/supplementary-education-the-nrc
Benefits of supplementary schools

Supplementary schools offer key benefits to both pupils and their communities. Above all they lay the foundations for children to progress in both mainstream school and later in their lives.

Improved learning

Our schools provide easy access to a wide range of resources not always available at home. When learning overlaps what is being studied in mainstream school children have more time and better opportunity to understand subjects. School homework becomes easier to tackle and new concepts less complicated to understand.

“What I’ve been able to do through here is amazing. I’ve done so much stuff ... it’s built my confidence.”

Farouk, past pupil

Improved attainment

Supplementary Schools offer individual support and opportunities for one-to-one learning with volunteers from local universities. Children are thereby more able to move up sets in mainstream school. Extra-curricular activities enjoyed at supplementary school enhance other skills children will later need in the workplace such as teamwork and presentation skills.

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Gabriel, Year 5 pupil

Comfortable learning space

Supplementary schools provide classroom environments where children can feel confident and where their peers will not judge them. Learning with friends provides children with the opportunity to study in a collaborative way and encourages the development of wider skills.

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Community cohesion
Supplementary schools allow children to develop friendships outside mainstream school and with other children from outside their immediate area or neighbourhood. It is also more likely that older, ex-pupils will stay connected to their communities through activities such as volunteering.
Supplementary schools help children understand their role in society and provide links to many other organisations.

Identity
Teaching children about the culture, community or faith in which they live provides them with the sense of belonging to their community or extended family and helps children understand how their cultural identities fit into wider society. It makes for self-confident children with a firmer sense of ethnic identity, which can be both hybrid and fluid.

“Lots of people come in from different areas and different cultures ... so you get to interact with different religions and age groups and to learn how they socialise.”
Group interview

Development of wider skills
Many of the activities help children and young people develop the knowledge, attitudes, skills and behaviours necessary to thrive in today’s interconnected world, such as problem solving, collaboration and communication.

“You gain many things from here; if I hadn’t come here I would have still been a very shy person, so it also builds your confidence.”
Ayoub, Year 6 pupil

“I’ve seen a difference in the way I understand English. Now I understand it more and I enjoy going ... and I’ve seen a difference in my levels at (mainstream) school.”
Ibraahin, Year 10 pupil

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Group interview

Friendships developed outside mainstream school can transcend social and cultural boundaries. Here pupils from First Georgian Supplementary School entertain the community.
What young people say ...

Pupils have said that the supplementary school environment allows them to be able to express themselves, ask questions and access individual support away from the distractions of home, such as television, phones and siblings. Young people have emphasised that friendship and having a safe learning space are important motivators and have a positive impact on learning and attainment.

"The teachers know a lot ... and they help us."

"It's not like day school. You can be yourself here and you can feel safe."

"I do four or five different subjects there."

"If you know the friends you have there and the staff you're working with and you're comfortable you don't mind getting something wrong because you know you have people to help you there."

Group interview

Case study

Mustapha accessed an opportunity to volunteer at the British Museum through his supplementary school. He describes the impact of working in the museum:

"It helped me a lot in terms of how I get along with others, meeting people I've never met before."

For Mustapha the experiences of volunteering at a world-class museum have developed his cultural capital through an improvement in self-confidence. The opportunity to put this experience onto his CV is likely to support his progression further.

Out of school ...

Many supplementary schools visit Hindleap Warren Outdoor Activity Centre, based in the Ashdown Forest in the heart of the East Sussex countryside.

Residential visits for four days during school holidays offer participating children and young people a range of supervised outdoor activities such as high-wire, forest skills, climbing and abseiling.
Directory of out of school hours learning

1. Al-Amana Supplementary School
   Saturday 10am-3pm
   All Saints Catholic College, 75 St. Charles Square, London W10 6EL
   Primary & Secondary 6-14 yrs.
   Arabic, Maths, English and Science
   Extra activities: Boys & girls clubs inc. football, boxing. Youth Centre, 19 Golborne Road, London W10 5NY
   For adults: Parenting programmes & mothers’ coffee mornings.
   Email: info@mscgw.org.uk  www.mscgw.org.uk

2. Almanaar Arabic School
   Saturday 9am-1.30pm
   MCHC Almanaar, 244 Acklam Road, London W10 5YG
   Primary & Secondary 4-15 yrs.
   Arabic
   Email: albasheersatschool@yahoo.com
   www.albasheersatschool@yahoo.com

3. Al Basheer Saturday Arabic School
   Saturday 10am-3pm
   Oxford Gardens Primary School,
   Oxford Gardens, London W10 6NF
   Primary & Secondary 5-17 yrs.
   Arabic & GCSE level
   Tel: 07403 344 178 / 07469 238 229
   Email: albasheersatschool@yahoo.com

4. An-Nisa Community Empowerment
   Primary 5-11 yrs.
   Arabic: Saturday & Sunday 9.30am-12.30pm & 1-4pm
   Earls Court Community Trust (ECCT)
   1A Nevren Place, London SW5 5NR
   Maths & English: Wednesday 4-7pm
   Chelsea Theatre, 7 World’s End Place, King’s Road, London SW10 0DR
   Extra activities: Boxing, Wednesday 4-5pm & 5-6pm, Chelsea Theatre
   Coffee mornings, Wed 9-11am, (subject to change).
   Earls Court Community Trust Contact: Sara Elomari 07955 183 147
   Email: anisagroup@outlook.com

5. Arabic School of Arts & Language
   Saturday 10am-1pm (term-time only)
   Chelsea Academy, Lots Road, Chelsea, London SW10 OAB
   Primary & Secondary 3-16 yrs.
   Arabic to GCSE level & Art
   Contact: Ouma Alemadi 07595 183 147
   Email: solebanon@hotmail.co.uk

6. Baraka Community Association
   Monday & Wednesday 5.30-7pm
   Saturday 2.30-4.30pm
   Canalside House, 383 Ladbroke Grove, London W10 5AA
   Primary & Secondary 6-16 yrs.
   Maths, English, Science
   For adults: Parenting skills & exercise classes
   Contact: Abdullah Ali
   Tel: 020 8964 0606 or 07949 727 322
   Email: barakayouth@tiscali.co.uk
   www.barakacommunityassociation.com

7. Dadihiye Supplementary School
   Friday 5-7pm
   Supplementary Schools Resource Centre, 7 Thorpe Close, London, W10 5XL
   Primary 5-11 yrs.
   Maths & English
   Contact: Dahabo Essa
   Tel: 020 8960 4133
   Email: dahabo.isse@dadihiye.co.uk
   www.dadihiye.org.uk

8. Gheez Rite Supplementary School
   Saturday 10am-3pm
   Kensington & Chelsea College, Womrington Road, London W10 5QQ
   Primary & Secondary 5-16 yrs.
   Arabic, English. Extra activities: Maths & English, Mon & Wed 4-7pm, SSRC, Football, Fri 4-6pm WSC.
   Contact: Mohamed Benrahma
   Tel: 07950 421 845
   Email: dalgarnoschool@yahoo.co.uk
   www.dalgarosupplementaryschool.org.uk

9. Eritrean Parents & Children’s Association
   Saturday 9.30am-3pm
   Golborne Youth Centre, 2A Womrington Road, London W10 5QW
   Primary & Secondary 5-18 yrs.
   English, Maths, Arabic, Science
   Extra activities: Art, Drama & Taekwondo
   Contact: Jamal Ibrahim & Saeed Abdulrahman,
   Tel: 020 8964 5535
   Email: epicaschool1@gmail.com or zbest1123@gmail.com

10. Ethiopian Women’s Empowerment Group
    Latymer Christian Centre, 116 Bramley Road, London W10 6SU
    Primary & Secondary 5-16 yrs.
    Homework Club. Call the Centre for times
    Tel: 020 8969 2608
    Extra activities: Computer & English classes & coffee morning, Tuesday 9-11am
    Contact: Senait Eyob
    Email: eweglondon@gmail.com
    www.eweg.org.uk

11. First Georgian Supplementary School
    Saturday 10am-2pm
    Latymer Christian Centre (1st Floor), 116-118 Bramley Road, London W10 6SU
    Primary & Secondary 3-16+ yrs.
    English, Maths, Science, GCSE Science & English, History, Georgian language, History, Georgian Dance, Breakdance, Music
    Extra activities: Folk art club. First Georgian provides immigration advice in collaboration with Armazi Legal Immigration company.
    Contact: Liana Jikia-Gogritchiani
    Tel: 020 8964 0184 / 07865 044 805
    Email: gogritchiani@aol.com

12. Midaye School
    Tuesday 5-8pm & Thursday 4-5.30pm
    Supplementary Schools Resource Centre, 7 Thorpe Close, London W10 5XL
    Primary & Secondary 5-16 yrs.
    Maths, English, Science
    Contact: Idil Hassan, Tel: 020 8969 7456
    Email: idil@midaye.org.uk
    www.midaye.org.uk

13. Pimento Community Project
    Monday-Friday 4.30-6.30pm
    All Saints Notting Hill, 28 Powis Gardens, London W11 1JG
    Primary & Secondary 5-18 yrs. & Adult
    English, Maths, Science
    Contact: Doreen Davis MBE
    Tel: 020 7243 3066 / 07534 241 268
    Email: ddavis_pimento@hotmail.com
Prospects Kensington Ltd.
The P. Jeffrey Academy of Higher Achievement
Saturday 12-2.30pm
Swinbrook Community Centre,
145 Acklam Road, London W10 5YX
Primary & Secondary 8-18 yrs.
English, Maths, IT & GCSE & A Level support in Maths, English & Science
Contact: Joanna Edwards
Tel: 020 8969 1777
Email: prospectsgrov@hotmail.com
www.prospectskensington.weebly.com

Response Computer & Homework Club
Monday-Thursday 3.30-5.45pm
Response Community Projects, 300 Old Brompton Road, London SW5 9JF
Primary & Secondary 8-16 yrs.
Homework, Maths, English, Science, IT Quizz
Established Status
Contact: Linda Ogbeuhi, Tel: 020 7370 4606
Email: info@responseprojects.org.uk
www.responseprojects.org.uk

Rugby Portobello Trust
Monday-Friday 3.30-10pm
221 Walmer Road, London W11 4EY
Primary & Secondary 5-25yrs.
Post 16 yrs. & Adult
Homework Club, Youth Club, Junior Club, Football Academy
For adults: Magic Mums, New homes team
Tel: 020 7370 9228
Email: info@rpt.org.uk
www.rugbyportobello.org.uk

Somali Women’s Association
Saturday 10am-2pm
Canalside House 383 Ladbroke Grove, London W10 5AA
Primary & Secondary 5-16 yrs.
English, Maths, Science.
For adults: Parenting program (SFSC)
10am-2pm, Venture Community Assoc., 103a Wornington Rd, London W10 5YB
Contact: Khasha Said, Tel: 07507 112 580
Email: somaliwomens@hotmail.co.uk

Teit Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Supplementary School
Saturday 1-5pm
The Space, 214 Freston Road,
London, W10 6TT
Primary 5-11 yrs.
Amharic, Maths, English & EOT
Contact: Tiemar Temesgen
Tel: 07985 268 150
Email: teitethiopia@gmail.com

West London Turkish School
Sunday 10.30am-2pm
Oxford Gardens Primary School,
Oxford Gardens, London W10 6NF
Primary & Secondary 3-16+ yrs.
Turkish. Maths. For adults: Turkish
Contact: Funda Ural Evans
Tel: 07908 433 197
Email: info@westlondonturkishschool.org.uk

WSHA
Saturday 10am-4pm
Supplementary Schools Resource Centre, 7 Thorpe Close, London W10 5XL
Primary & Secondary 5-16 yrs.
Kurdish, English & Maths
Contact: Soza Faraj
Tel: 07842 395 774
Email: sozafraj@yahoo.co.uk

Venture Community Association
Wednesday 4-6pm
Venture Community Association,
103a Wornington Rd, North Kensington, London, W10 5YB
Primary & Secondary 6-14 yrs.
Maths, English, Science, History, Arabic, but mostly core subjects
Extra activities: Children & young people have access to a wide range of resources including IT facilities to enhance learning experience.
For adults: Community & Maternity Champion, check website for details.
Tel: 020 8960 3234
Email: david@venturecentre.org.uk
www.venturecentre.org.uk

Abbreviations used in directory and on map
MCHC: Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre
SSRC: Supplementary Schools Resource Centre
WSC: Westway Sports Centre

Location of supplementary schools in North Kensington and (inset right) in Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
Map not to scale
Partnerships
A range of partnerships with other organisations increases access to wider opportunities for children and young people in supplementary schools. Recent partnerships have been with the V&A, Imperial White City, Design Museum, Hindleap Warren Activity Centre, Mousetrap Family First Nights, MIND, EPIC among others.

NRCSE
The National Resource Centre for Supplementary Education (NRCSE) is a national strategic and support organisation for community-led supplementary schools and the wider supplementary education sector across England. The NCRSE award a Quality Mark to supplementary schools which fulfil qualifying criteria such as safeguarding, health and safety, child protection and effective teaching and learning.

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