

# SILS 3

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**School  
Re opens  
9.30am on  
Wednesday 4th  
September  
2019**

**Good luck to  
Synell, Amira  
and Saani who  
are returning  
to mainstream  
school!**

## Head teacher's Message

Dear Parents & Carers,

The year has gone by so fast and looking back I really do wonder how we squeezed in all we did!

Our staff have worked incredibly hard to provide exciting and engaging lessons, as well as, enrichment activities, trips, visits, vocational placements and sporting tournaments; culminating in a thrilling sports day at Burgess Park on 12 July. The extensive list of events goes to show that school for us is much more than what happens in the classrooms.

If you have been into SILS recently you will have noticed that our new building works is rapidly moving forward. By this time next year, we hope to be in our brand new school, which will make a huge difference to the learning and working environment available to our students, staff and the community.

Looking ahead to next year, we will be working with returning students to review our behaviour and rewards policy, so that our students can have greater ownership and understanding of their responsibilities and positive learning ethos within our school.

Finally, I trust you will join me in saying a huge thanks to our staff for their dedication and commitment to improving learning and outcomes for our students. As we take a break for the summer, may I wish you and your family a peaceful, enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

With best wishes

**Yomi Adewoye**

**In Southwark we have seen vast improvements in regards to reducing serious youth violence. It's our central theme and we are determined to ensure we keep young people safe. To our families and young people, please don't be afraid to talk, we're here to help and there's no need to suffer in silence. To our young people I say, "Make the right choices and remember the messages**

**From the fantastic input you've had during the year at SILS."**

**PC Etuk, Safer School Officer**

## Student Enrichment



As part of the enrichment programme at SILS 3 Year 8 students had the opportunity to engage in a six week riding programme with Ebony Horse Club in Brixton. Riding and horse care can have a transformative effect on young people and teaches life skills, builds confidence and can provide brilliant opportunities.

The students spent half of the session riding the horses and the other half completing horse care duties; grooming, feeding and even mucking out the stables and paddock!



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## My Riding Experience

### Punctuality & Attendance

Students should  
aim to achieve  
95%

All students  
must be in  
school and regis-  
tered by 9.15 am

When I was on my way to the Ebony Horse Club, I felt a bit nervous but at the same time I felt confident and excited.

When I arrived, a lovely horse named Chips came up to me and Ms Kreeedy and both of us stroked his face and it was a lovely feeling.

Once I got inside, I was told to put on my boots and my helmet and I felt self-assured. When we were outside, I approached one of the horse's stable and I was introduced to Splash. He was beautiful, I was shocked. It was an amazing thing to see. Carefully I walked closer to Splash, and I laid out my hand in front of his nose. He sniffed my hand and I felt a bit nervous but carefully I gently patted his shoulder and it was an amazing experience.



After I got introduced to Splash, I met the other horses like Blossom, Joe, Gem, Willow and Chips. And then I met him....the youngest and one of the biggest horses at the stables, my favourite horse... Eddie! He is so cute, I love him. I have been training him, feeding and grooming him. I have slowly taught him to stay when I walk away from him. At first he would fol-

low my steps but now he can stand still.

Horse riding and care make me feel relaxed and I feel proud that I have developed a relationship with Eddie.

Vanessa. Yr 8

# My time at SILS 3



My time at SILS has been an incredible, adventurous, unusual and strange. I've done a lot of stuff at SILS like peace garden cycle maintenance horse riding cook off. All of them things have been very special which has developed me into the person I am right now. First when I came SILS I was really quick tempered and now some teachers have helped my behaviour such as Ms Cole, Mr Wilson, Mr Mignott and Ms Douglas. I have even had times when I have been really be mature. **Alpha, Yr 8**



It has been good so far. The first trip we went to was the care home, across from our school. We were talking to the old people, dancing with them and having fun and jokes. It was at Christmas time so we sang carols with them.

Also my time at SILS has been good and fun, I enjoy Art therapy, P.E, Creative and reading in English. My behaviour has improved and I am making progress in my lessons. **Caiden, Yr 8**



My time at sils has been a great time, and I hope that I will be out of here by November. Cedar has been the best group so far I think In the school Ms Cole and Mr Mingott have been the best teacher who have helped me some far .



This picture is when we went to the Waterside Care Home

We sang Christmas carols to the elderly residents and met *The Rambo King*. He told us about his adventures telling us that he used to “ put the people in their places if they were being rude or if they were being out of place”.

**Shay, Yr 8**

My time in SILS has been 97% good and 3% bad. Sils is not a bad place to be but it will be better if you are in a mainstream school, because it will be good for socialising skills and you'll be able to achieve better grades.

You may be good at maths but learning what you already know and that's one reason why we should push to get back to mainstream.

**Shynell, Yr 9**

Towards the end of year the year 9 students had to complete transition session at our other site in Porlock Street and we also had taster sessions for placement when we move to SILS 4 in September.

We did taster sessions at: Newstart (carpentry) Ilderton Motors (car mechanics) Millwall FC (Btec sports and practicals) and Lewisham Collage (ICT for the boys and hair and beauty for the girls). We had to pick one of these placements for when we become year 10.

I personally enjoyed Ilderton Motors because I am really interested in car mechanics and I personally think I will be successful at this placement.

### **Freddie, Yr 9**

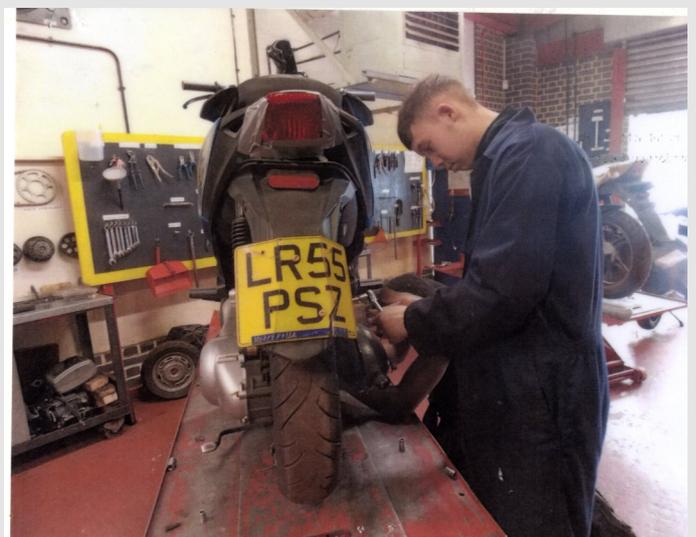
My time at SILS has been great. I've learned so much since I've been here. One of my favourite teachers (Miss Cole) has taught me so many life skills I will miss her so much but unfortunately it's time to go so I will have to use the skills that all of my teachers have taught me and take them skills into sils4. I'm afraid my time here at SILS 3 is coming to an end. I will do make everyone proud and go on to do greater things

### Nurture

When I first started in Nurture I was a little bit nervous but when I settled down I really enjoyed it. Miss Holmes was a really lovely teacher and she and Miss Cole guided me on what I needed to do. They both taught me right from wrong and which I'm very grateful for that.



**Tommy Mole, Yr 9**



# Student Services



This Academic year Student services hit the ground running making contact with families' whose child for various reasons were referred to SILS. What I have always known is that all parents want their child to go to school to Learn, Be Safe, and Be Happy!!! That sounds easy but is the hardest thing in this job to try and achieve. What I have learnt is that being, Patient, Consistent, Approachable, Fair and being able to listen is at the heart of this role.

This role has allowed me to get to know and see a young person for their good and at times not so good qualities and help them to not give up on themselves. As hard as it is at times you always have a choice. We all have a choice to "Do better" and "Be Better" that's the part that's hard! Being consistent and trying to make the right choice most of the time is really hard work, long even!!

The role of Student Services is to help the parents and young people at SILS to be and achieve their best, to learn about themselves and have the space, time and support to help them to grow and make changes in their lives for them. Seeing over time a young person change into a happier more secure and settled version of themselves is what gets me out of bed every day.

I would like to inform you that Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July is my last day at SILS; it has been a pleasure working with you all and your families and getting to know and work with you all, believe in yourself and never stop trying:

"Be the Best that **YOU** can be"

*Ms Pollyanne Viller*



# Sils 3 New Build



How it all began, as is any endeavour... with the laying of foundations



The construction makes progress and we can now see the appearance of the first floor.



The final outcome. A new build fit for purpose, to cater for our pupils.