

Transport for Young London

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Dates for the diary



25 Mar
to
5 Apr

The Big Pedal

20-24
May

Walk to
School Week

8-16
June

Bike Week

26
June

Brake's Kids Walk

2-8
July

Catch the
Bus Week

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Rising STARS of sustainable travel



The STARS programme has been supporting pupils' wellbeing, reducing congestion at the school gates and improving road safety and air quality for more than 10 years. It continues to inspire young Londoners to travel to school sustainably, actively, responsibly and safely by championing walking, scooting and cycling.

Nearly half of all London schools are STARS accredited, helping to reduce the number of car trips to schools by an average of six per cent. This amazing mode shift makes a real difference to our city by supporting the Mayor's vision for Healthy Streets.

Last year, more than 250 schools attended our STARS seminars, which featured a range of new sustainable travel activities. Students visited our STARS City secret Tube station, where they got involved in workshops covering everything from presentation and influencing skills through to air quality and road safety education.

If your school was unable to attend the seminars, you can request the resources from your borough officer.

Completing the activities outlined in the resources can count towards STARS accreditation, so why not run one in your classroom?

To sign up to STARS, contact your borough officer or visit tfl.gov.uk/stars



Winning ways stars

The highest performers received their awards at our Top Schools event.

A huge well done goes to the following schools:



Schools of the Region

- Lordship Lane Primary, Haringey (North)
- Oakleigh School and Acorn Assessment Centre, Barnet (North)
- Gilbert Colvin, Redbridge (East)
- Herne Hill School, Southwark (South)
- St Mary Magdalene, All through school, Greenwich (South)
- St Mary's Bryanston Square CE Primary School, Westminster (West)

Cycling

- Ashburnham Community School, Kensington and Chelsea
- Carlton Vale Infants School, Brent

Partnerships

- Charlton Manor Primary School, Greenwich
- Prior Weston Primary School, Islington
- Dulwich College, Southwark

Public Transport

- Phoenix Primary School, Southwark
- The Highgate School, Haringey

Pupil-led projects

- St John's Roman Catholic Primary School, Southwark

Road Safety

- Coldfall Primary, Haringey
- Knightsbridge School, Kensington and Chelsea

Scouting

- Oxford Gardens Primary School, Kensington and Chelsea

Walking

- Deer Park School, Richmond upon Thames
- Our Lady of Grace Junior School, Brent

Help clean up London's air

Air pollution is one of the most significant challenges facing London. Every child in the Capital breathes toxic air every day, which can damage lung development, with road transport the biggest source of the emissions causing this damage.

That's why we are taking action to help protect children from this threat, by introducing the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) on 8 April 2019. It will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year in central London, within the same area as the current Congestion Charging zone. Vehicles will need to meet new, tighter emission standards or pay a daily charge to travel within this area. Find out if a vehicle meets ULEZ standards by using our online vehicle checker at tfl.gov.uk/ulez

Your help is vital, because everyone should have the right to breathe clean air.

There are lots of ways your school can raise awareness of how our travel choices can help clean up London's air. Here are some ideas for activities to get pupils and parents involved:

- Run an **Air Quality Day**
- Organise an assembly on the **environmental benefits of active travel**
- Launch an **Air Quality competition**
- Set up a **Park and Stride** scheme to give everyone the opportunity to walk at least part of their way to school
- Create a **car-free zone** for a healthier and safer environment
- Introduce an **anti-idling campaign** to improve air quality around your school



For more inspiration, useful tips and resources, visit the **STARS website** and search for 'air quality activities'. You can sign up to STARS on the website or by contacting your borough officer.

Think! Slow down

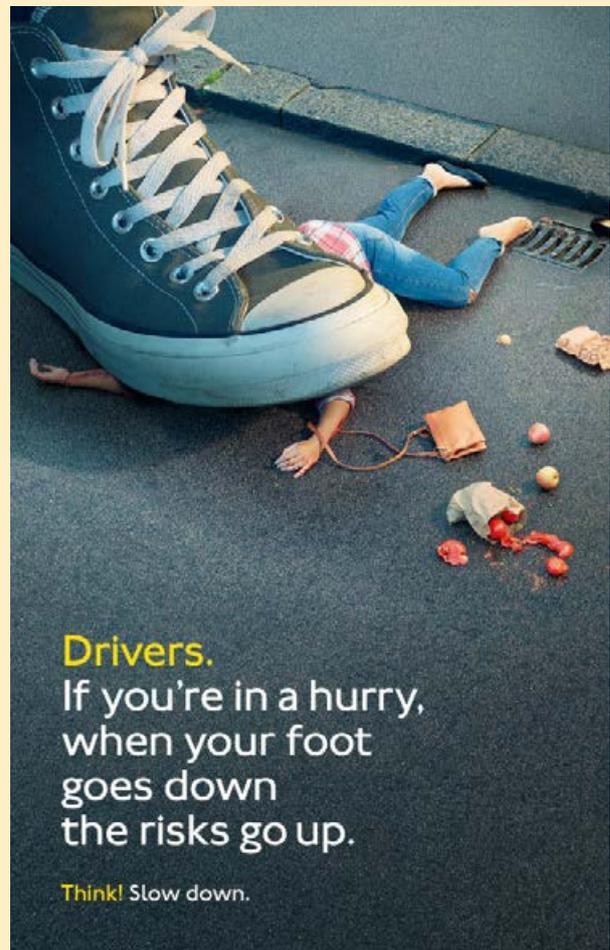
Too many people are still being killed or seriously injured on our roads. The Mayor has pledged to eliminate deaths and serious injuries on our streets by 2041.

The Vision Zero action plan, launched last July, sets out bold and ambitious plans to eliminate deaths and serious injuries from our transport network. More than 2,000 people are killed or seriously injured on London's streets each year, taking a devastating toll on the people involved, their families and communities.

Working with the Metropolitan Police, City of London Police and London boroughs, our radical approach starts from the premise that no death or serious injury on London's roads is acceptable or inevitable.

The actions we will take to achieve this include introducing lower speed limits on our road network, transforming dangerous junctions, launching tough safety standards for the design of HGVs and a comprehensive bus safety programme, which features speed-limiting technology and a new innovative training course for all drivers.

To support the launch of the plan, we are running a new ad campaign urging people to slow down. The campaign illustrates the tragic consequences of inappropriate speeds and explains that 'when your foot goes down, the risk goes up'.



We encourage you to help support this vital campaign in your school through road safety education activities such as:

- **Hold a stall selling hi-vis clothing, lights and other road safety equipment**
- **Organise a practical pedestrian skills training programme**
- **Run a Strictly Road Safety session, where road-crossing skills are judged by classmates in a TV gameshow-style scenario**

Visit the **STARS website** to register for the programme and get more inspiration.

Safety and Citizenship

For some, the transition between primary and secondary school can be a bit daunting.

Our Safety and Citizenship programme helps make the travel elements of that easy to understand and keeps students safe as they travel by themselves for the first time. The programme covers from how to apply for a free Oyster card and how to plan a safe journey, to the behaviour we expect on public transport.

It's a free educational resource for Year 6 pupils, to prepare them for independent travel in London. We deliver in-school presentations or invite schools to an off-site Junior Citizenship Scheme to promote safe, responsible and respectful behaviour on and around London's transport system.

Last year, we visited 1,642 schools, helping 89,730 children travel on London's transport system safely and independently.

Presentations and resources are designed to support the PSHCE curriculum.

To arrange a session, please call our office on **020 7565 7303** or email tflsafetyandcitizenship@ltmuseum.co.uk



Flying high with Emirates Air Line

Bring the curriculum to life with this special offer for schools on our Emirates Air Line.

Rising to a height of 90 metres, the cable car offers an exciting 1.1km cable car journey across the River Thames, connecting the Greenwich Peninsula and the Royal Victoria Dock.

You and your pupils can take in views of some of London's most famous landmarks, including the Shard, St Paul's Cathedral and Canary Wharf. The trip can be related to the curriculum by highlighting the incredible design and construction of the cable car, while enjoying a fun and cross-curriculum learning experience for all.

Pupils aged 6-18 pay £1 for a 20-minute return flight on the Emirates Air Line, while accompanying adults travel for free. The adult to child ratio at Key Stage 1 is 1:5 and at Key Stage 2 and above it is 1:9.

Book your visit now by using the [online booking form](#) and return it to EALGroups@macemacro.com



Bus Days: Get on board with safer travel for all

Our Bus Days are designed to promote independent travel for all. Developed for special educational needs and more vulnerable students, sessions are run on a bus and include real-life scenarios to help assess the barriers to safe travel.

The course will help your students to travel safely and independently with confidence. It covers important topics such as stranger danger, suspicious packages, personal safety, passenger awareness, crossing the road, understanding your route, bus features and appropriate behaviour while travelling.

Last year, 3,280 people attended these sessions, which are run in conjunction with local authorities, bus companies and the Metropolitan Police Service. Starting from a central location, the bus follows a prescribed route that has been risk assessed and is fully accessible. Programmes can be tailored to meet the requirements of the group.

This year we would like to encourage more schools to get on board so that all your pupils are supported to travel with confidence.

For more information, please contact travelmentor@tfl.gov.uk



Make the city your subject!

Escape the classroom and make the city your subject with the Mayor's London Curriculum, which offers free teaching resources at Key Stages 2 and 3 to help bring the national curriculum to life.

Using the city as a classroom is a great way to ignite enthusiasm in your students towards their work and sense of identity as young Londoners.

The London Curriculum covers a growing range of subject resources for both primary and secondary schools. It has three cross-disciplinary learning packs for primary schools, which include lesson plans for

English, science, art and design, history, and religious studies. It also includes a series of Family Explorer Trails to open up the city's culture and heritage to families.

Schools that sign up get access to free teacher resources created by the likes of the Royal Geographical Society and Museum of London, invitations to free teacher 'lates' hosted by the National Portrait Gallery, British Library and other inspiring venues, and the latest news about competitions and events that give students the chance to showcase their learning.

For more details, visit
www.london.gov.uk/london-curriculum