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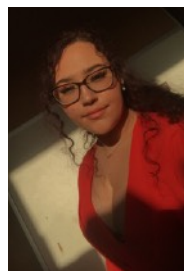
SUPAJAM EDUCATION IN MUSIC AND MEDIA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

WRITTEN BY STUDENTS' UNION REPRESENTATIVES FROM SWANLEY AND CANTERBURY

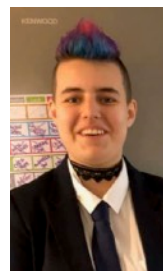
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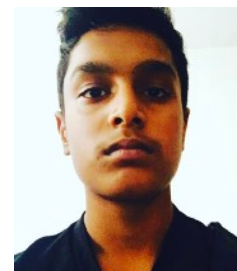
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Things To Know...

FIND us on Facebook - [@sem mukonline](https://www.facebook.com/sem mukonline) / Students Facebook group - search '[SEMMUK Students](#)'

Wednesday 1st April 2020
End of Term

Thursday 2nd April 2020 - Wednesday 15th April 2020
Easter Break.

Tuesday 21st April 2020
Students' Union Meeting - 14:00 (2PM)

Gang Culture Workshop



DURING THE MORNING OF Monday 16th March, SupaJam received a visit from St Giles Trust. The *Gangs & County Lines* presentation as part of the *SOS+ Project* was delivered by Tyrell Anderson, a project facilitator from the organisation. Anderson explained about the charity and the work they do. The Trust travels all around the country speaking to young people all about and the dangers of gangs and county lines, and they also rescue young people caught up in gangs and living in drug or "trap" houses. Within the London team alone, 18 of the 20 members have experience of the criminal justice system. He began with his own personal history; went to prison when he was 18 years old and released over a year ago after his 31st birthday. He grew up with violence and domestic violence happening at home from a young age, however, he had football trials for London clubs Chelsea, Charlton and Arsenal but was unsuccessful. After his grandma passed away, his mum became depressed and during this time he started to get in trouble at school. He was excluded and kicked out but was not allocated any other education. When he was 14, an incident happened where Anderson and two friends were mistaken by a gang and one of his friends was attacked and injured badly, he decided he would not leave home without carrying a weapon. Anderson first went to prison for robbery aged 16. Although, when he was released he returned to football but he was involved in a violent incident one day when walking home with his friends at which point he decided he didn't feel safe going to football and this lead to the end of his football career. Two to three years later, he was heavily involved in a gang which sent him to prison for Joint Enterprise, where he was involved in a fight with a rival gang where one of the rival gang's members was killed, in which he received a 99 year life-sentence with a minimum term of 13 years. Members of the gang he was involved similarly received 99 year life-sentences with minimum terms of 10, 12 and more years, some of whom are still currently in prison. On release from prison aged 31, he had had



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enough of his previous gang lifestyle and wanted to give something back to the community. Anderson wanted to share his experiences and inform people of the realities of gangs and joined St Giles Trust. Next in the session he explained how gangs exploit young people, a lot of whom are vulnerable, through *County Lines*. Anderson went on to explain about the four-stage *Grooming Line*; Target, Friendship, Loving and Abusive. This is what gangs use to recruit young people into an illegal, dangerous and unhealthy lifestyle. He went on to discuss about his experience in prison. He described what the conditions are like and some things that happen and some of the rights of offenders. He also explained about how people get paid a very small amount per week for working. Anderson explained about Probation and some of the conditions he now has to follow since his release. He ended the presentation with some tips for young people on how to stay, which was followed by some questions on a range of topics from students. (Find out more about St Giles Trust: stgilestrust.org.uk).

PHOTOS: DANIELJNEWMAN

Newsletter Survey

LAST MONTH, we sent out an email from the Newsletter Team about our Newsletter Survey. We would really appreciate it if you would fill it out with your feedback and submit it back to us, this will help us to improve the Newsletter we provide. If you did not receive this and would like to please email: news@supajam-education.org

Black Deer Festival

COUNTDOWN TO... **BLACK DEER** - (AS OF 7TH APR. 2020) = 73 DAYS



19 - 21 JUN 2020

PHOTOS: BLACK DEER LIVE LTD [LOGO]

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

ON THE MORNING OF 17th March 2020, students, staff and parents/guardians were informed that SEMM SLT (Senior Leadership Team) took the decision to close both SupaJam Swanley and SupaJam Canterbury, and students were allowed to go home from 13:00 (1PM) that day, until further notice. A text message was sent out and a post was made on the *SupaJam Education in Music and Media* Facebook page stating the decision. A letter was emailed out which explained in more detail the reason for the closure and what would happen in regards to complete college work. All teaching and learning has moved online, with work being continued remotely via the usual *Google G Suite* services. Tutors, LSPs, English and Maths staff, Pastoral and Safeguarding teams and all other staff have regularly had sessions checking up with students via either *Google Meet*, *Google Hangouts* or phone calls at scheduled times. There have also been regular updates and letters from SEMM SLT informing parents/guardians and students of the steps and any decisions being made and any new news or information, as well as lots of praise to everyone for how well they have settled in with the remote learning during 'these difficult and unprecedented times'. (You will find all the letters sent out so far and regular updates and advice regarding SupaJam Education in Music and Media and Coronavirus (COVID-19) at: semmuk.com/coronavirus-advice).

Students' Union

SU Representatives:-

• **Swanley:**

L1 - Skye Roberts, Saul Selhi-Ryan, Dempsey Dean

L2 - Emilia Pound, Charlotte Greenway, Daniel Newman, Kieran Booth

L3 - Harry Emmett, Jack Longhurst, Connie Rochester, Jasmine Wotherspoon, Ella Kadosh

• **Canterbury:**

L1 - Nimthaka Pandithage, **L2** - Kymberly Knowler

• **Chair:** Tom Johnston

If you have anything regarding SEMM (Swanley and/or Canterbury) which you would like the Students' Union to discuss, please email: student.union@supajam-education.org

Jobs Vacancies & Apprenticeships

LOCATED in the corridor in SupaJam is a *Jobs Vacancies and Apprenticeships* board with jobs for students to apply for. Some current vacancies available with organisations and locations such as: Bluewater shopping centre, Blue Light emergency services and many more.

If you have any queries or concerns, (or would like to advertise a job with us) please speak to (or email):

Stef Hallett (Student Support Manager) - steff.hallett@semmuk.com

or **Harvey Cave (Student Progression Coordinator)** - harvey.cave@semmuk.com

or **Natalie Morgan (Careers & Transition Manager)** - natalie.morgan@semmuk.com

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