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# BITS NEWSLETTER



**Bexley & Bromley independent Travel Training 2015**

***Hello one and all...***

***Welcome to our newsletter. What a busy and marvelous year we have had.***

**Emirates**

***YES! Emirates have been working in partnership with us, and have been kind enough to offer a group of travel trained students who have been behaving in school, a trip on the Emirates cable car. A group of 10 Bexley students from Woodside School went to the 02 then onto the cable cars over to the Excel center. At the 02 the Europe's biggest indoor tennis tournaments were taking place and they allowed us to participate in games and dressing up for our photos to be taken. We are now awaiting a date to take the Bromley students.***



**Transport for London forum**

***We attend the TFL forums twice a year where all Travel Trainers from across London Boroughs get together to share with TFL any problems our students are facing or any positive experiences. This is where we push for good things to happen and recently achieved the introduction of the travel support card, which each child receives when travel training.***

**i** 24-hour travel information  
**0843 222 1234**

If you call 0843 222 1234 from a BT landline, you will pay no more than 5p a minute. There may be a connection charge. Charges from mobiles or other landline providers may be different.

**Travel support card**

**Please can you help me?**



Open for more information.

MAYOR OF LONDON

Transport for London



How you can help me:

Thank you.

My name is:

My emergency contact number is:

This is not a ticket and does not entitle the holder to any discount.



***All our travel trainers now carry first aid kits!***

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### Red Bus Day

We had our last Red Bus Day (RBD) for this year on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015 in Bromley it was a great success! 22 students experienced the RBD workshop day. Croydon police teamed up with Bromley Police, Bromley Bus Garage & the travel training team. Students experienced scenario based role play of worst case scenarios whilst travelling; this is led by the safer transport police teams who make it educational whilst being fun, the factors we all cover are

- Personal Safety
- Road safety
- Using time tables
- Bus breaking down
- locating help
- Safer persons
- Phone boxes

And appropriate behavior on public transport

Our next RBD will be held in Bexley on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015, this Red Bus Day will include St Catherine's School, Hurstmere School, Woodside Halt Robin Road and Colyers Lane Site.



### Travel Training Ambassador

September 2015 saw the launch of Travel Training Ambassadors.

2 Students from each school will represent Travel Training and act as a point of contact between students and trainers, liaising with the police and bus garages raising awareness amongst students of the importance of road safety, encouraging other students to become confident independent Traveler.

### London Accessible transport show

Access all areas Kellie, Sara and I attended the access all areas TFL show at the Excel center with 2 students from Bexley (Woodside School) & 2 students from Bromley (Glebe School). The students participated in the workshop to help have a better look Transport service for people with a variety of disabilities. The students participated well. Giving accurate information on the travel & their experiences. We all experienced the vision impaired experience which was very enlightening we were completely blinded with masks then lead into a tunnel with changing flooring and walls. We saw the new look buses & had a chance to meet and speak with different transport companies. Spreading the Travel Training word further.

Guess what?! We have a new uniform. BITS have a new look uniform. It is very easy to wear for the job of Travel Training and looks very professional. Everyone looked great on RBD it matches our oyster card wallets.

