

Welcome to the first edition of Transport for Young London, our new newsletter designed so schools, colleges, children, young people, and their families are aware of the initiatives we have to offer and how to get involved.

I oversee and co-ordinate a wide range of TfL schools and young people programmes. These programmes focus on four key areas; active travel, community and personal safety, casualty reduction and skills and employment. Programmes range from educational resources and campaign promotion to direct work with teachers and educational establishments. We use these programmes to ensure that children and young people can make informed choices about the different types of transport available, are able to travel safely, and are aware of the future career options available in transport.

Items in this issue include:

- Lesson plans and teaching resources
- How School Travel Plans can benefit your school
- School Party Travel Scheme and how to sign up

The next bulletin will be published in the autumn term. I'd welcome your feedback on our first issue. Email: schoolliaison@tfl.gov.uk

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Spring into summer!

With the days getting longer and the evenings getting lighter, it is the perfect opportunity to get children and families more active.

Do you Walk Once a Week?

Walk Once a Week is a year-round campaign encouraging parents and pupils to walk to school at least once a week throughout the school year. Pupils record how they travel to school and if they walk at least four times a month, they receive a badge. The 2011/12 badge designs will be available from September. The theme for the new badges is 'Sport', in celebration of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. For further information, contact your borough School Travel Advisor or Road Safety Officer.

Are you up for the Challenge?

The London Cycle Challenge is a competition to see which team can cycle the most miles in a month from 18 June to 15 July. Schools are encouraged to take part as a team and log their miles online. The winning school from each category will receive cycle related prizes. For further information and to register, visit: cyclechallenge.tfl.gov.uk



Left: Schools awarded Outstanding School Travel Plan status with their Borough School Travel Advisors Below: School Travel Plan Accreditation Awards

It's worth getting accredited for the School Travel Plan

Now in its fourth year, our Sustainable Travel Accredited and Recognised (STAR) Travel Plan accreditation scheme currently has accredited a third of schools in London. The scheme has three levels; sustainable (Bronze), higher standards (Silver), and outstanding (Gold), each demonstrating a higher level of enthusiasm and commitment to safer and active travel.

These schools have shown on average a 9 per cent decrease in car use since 2004, with the higher-achieving schools making an exceptional 12 per cent fewer car journeys. Accredited schools also link safe and active travel to other areas of school life for example, better behaviour on public transport, events and fundraising. All accredited schools receive a plaque and certificate, as well as incentives from our

sponsors and priority for our cycle parking programme.

We have just launched a 'Get accredited' guide, created for schools new to the scheme, which guides you through the application process. Each section of the application form is divided up; giving an explanation of what is required as well as providing practical examples and case studies.

If your school is interested, the deadline for applications for the 2010/11 academic year is 24 June (your borough may request an earlier submission).

To download your copy of 'Get Accredited' and for more information on how to apply please talk to your School Travel Advisor, Road Safety Officer or visit: staccreditation.org.uk



Road Safety Key Stage Resources

Resources are available for schools and colleges to deliver road safety messages as part of National Curriculum subjects.

- The Children's Traffic Club – Foundation stage resource teaching basic road safety principles to pre-school children (3–4 year olds) through interactive books and nursery/playgroup teaching resources
- The a to z of Traffic Tales – Key Stage 1 Road safety teaching packs, books and an interactive white board DVD, linked to the National Curriculum literacy hour
- Just a Journey – Key Stage 2 Road safety education resources delivered through the National Curriculum through English, maths, and citizenship

To request resources please email: roadsafety@tfl.gov.uk

For more information on these resources visit: londonroadsafety.co.uk



Get active with London 2012

Get Set is the official London 2012 education programme for schools, colleges and education providers across the UK. The programme, which offers a range of flexible, interactive learning resources, is designed to get students thinking about the Olympic and Paralympic values and the London 2012 Games.

Schools are encouraged to register with the programme and join the Get Set Network, where they will be rewarded and recognised for their work. For information on the Get Set programme, the Olympic and Paralympic values and to register to be a Get Set Network School, visit: getset.london2012.com

Do you run a minibus?

London's Low Emission Zone (LEZ) aims to improve air quality by deterring the most polluting vehicles from driving in London.

In January 2012 the scheme will be extended to larger vans, minibuses and other specialist vehicles. Those not meeting minimum standards for particle emissions must pay a daily charge of either £100 or £200 (depending on vehicle type) to drive in the zone, or face penalties up to £1,000 per day.

You can find out more about the scheme, compliance options and can check whether your school's (or youth group's) minibuses or vehicles will be affected by using the online compliance checker at: tfl.gov.uk/lezlondon, or by calling 0845 607 0009.



School Party Travel Scheme

The School Party Travel Scheme (SPTS) has just celebrated its tenth birthday! We are proud to offer this scheme, which allows your students and staff to travel free on buses and trains in London. To qualify, they must be visiting educational or cultural venues that support an area of the National Curriculum. You must be registered on the scheme to apply for free travel and the trip must meet the scheme criteria and application timescales. Schools that travel without valid tickets may be prevented from receiving free travel in the future.

If you're going on a trip using the Tube, DLR or London Overground and don't have enough time to order tickets under the scheme, you can buy Group Day Tickets. More information on the scheme is available at: tfl.gov.uk/tickets/



Introducing Young Crossrail

Crossrail is the new high-frequency, convenient and accessible railway for London and the South East. When the service opens, Crossrail trains will travel from Maidenhead and Heathrow in the west to Shenfield and Abbey Wood in the east via new tunnels under central London. It will link Heathrow Airport, the West End, the City of London and Canary Wharf.

Crossrail's education programme, Young Crossrail, is working with all primary and secondary schools within one mile of the Crossrail

route. The programme aims to ensure young people are aware of the benefits of the new railway, to inform them about careers in construction, engineering and rail infrastructure and to communicate the dangers posed by construction sites and busy lorry routes.

Young Crossrail's website contains a host of valuable information for young people including career profiles, games, news, and an animated route map. There is also a dedicated area for teachers containing a range of curriculum-led teaching resources available to download for free. Visit: youngcrossrail.co.uk

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