



Newsletter Spring 2023

Dear All,

A New Year, full of new opportunities! So, what is the news.....?

- We say goodbye to Support Mentors Vicki and Sue and wish them well in their new roles.
- Ofsted are now regulating semi-independent Supported Accommodation which means that we could be inspected and when that happens, they may want to speak to you.
- 3 young people recently successfully moved into their own accommodation through Homeseeker



Education, Training
& Employment

Every Tuesday afternoon @2pm we will be holding an E.T.E workshop in the lounge so if you need any support with looking at your options, please come along. There are also Young People in Care drop-ins @ The Barbican Centre specifically for you to get support with E.T.E. Check out the white board in the

lounge

Every Thursday afternoon @2pm we will be holding a Housing workshop in the lounge so if you need any support, please come along. There will be scope to go out and about pricing up items for moving on etc when you get into Gold Banding



Housing



Did you know.....? ALL Care Leavers are eligible for GOLD BANDING under Homeseeker (when you become 18 and ONLY if your Social Worker agrees this on your PATHWAY PLAN) This is equivalent to getting Willy Wonka's Golden Ticket!





It's important that while you are in the Care system, you get everything you are entitled to. It may also be worth considering that if you get a job, you will get wages as well as your subs until you are 18! **Win/Win!** If you need help, just ask Staff and they can help you get a CV and make applications.



Fancy going to the Gym? Keren has 2 free Guest passes every month at Everlast Gym which also has a pool and steam room. She just needs to sign you in and then you can do your own thing.



CHORZ on the DOORZ

Communal living means sharing spaces with others and that also includes cleaning. In the future you may live in a shared house and the cleaning will need to be sorted!

We have a cleaning rota for the communal areas split into 4 shared spaces.

Your chore will be stuck on your door and it's up to you to get it done during the week. Once you've done it, let Staff know so it can be signed off. (See chart in the kitchen)

We are now going to be offering an incentive £5 voucher for each Chore you do and if you do it for the whole month then there is an extra £5 voucher with the potential to earn £25

This will be rewarded as Love2shop vouchers so you can use them in loads of places such as Iceland and Food Warehouse, so you could use them to go food shopping

Gov.uk says: -You can leave school on the last Friday in June if you'll be 16 by the end of the summer holidays.

You must then do one of the following until you're 18:

- stay in full-time education, for example at a college
- start an [apprenticeship](#) or [traineeship](#)
- spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering, while in part-time education or training



There are Zero reasons to be bored, in your room, watching TikTok and YouTube, wasting time.....Just ask Staff!