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Dear Matt

"Hello everyone.

Well the past few months have been thrilling. We have broken the barrier of 4,500 young people being engaged every week. This was our annual target and we have reached this within 6 months. We press on to reach as many young people as we can to see lives transformed.

As an organisation we have tried to define what we mean by a life transformed and we have landed on 3 key steps:

1. Real personal development of the individual.
2. Tangible social impact in our young people and by our young people in communities.
3. Spiritual transformation of young people.

We believe these are the distinct areas in which we make a difference and we will continue to work hard together with all of our partners and supporters to see these outcomes have lasting impact for the young people we serve."

Joe Lowther - CEO for Kick London

Kick London Triathlon

We are quickly approaching this years Kick London fundraising event, the Kick Triathlon. As an organisation all of our staff members, three of our trustees and some of our supporters will be taking part in a Triathlon with the goal to raise **£10,000** for Kick London. The Triathlon will be taking place on the 28th, 29th and 30th of May and will consist of a 1.5km swim, a 10km run and/or a 40km cycle.

For more information and details of how to sponsor us as an organisation please visit our fundraising page: www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/kicklondontriathlon



Lets hope we all make it!

Our New Coaches

Becky Croucher arrives at Kick London following the request from one of our schools to have a gymnastics after school provision. She attends Christ Central Church in Penge and has represented Bromley in gymnastics at the London Youth Games. Becky is also currently working towards a Level 3 Diploma in Sport.

Daniel Abebe joins us with a background in personal training, sport coaching and mentoring. Daniel will take on the role of a mentor at one of our schools whilst continuing his career in personal training. We look forward to the impact and experience Daniel will bring to Kick London.

Brendan Kiernan was personally recommended to us by one of our existing coaches and plays semi-professionally with Hampton and Richmond Football Club. Brendan will be also be combining his role with personal training and will deliver after school clubs for Kick London.

Chris Manangu comes with a raft of experience from the sporting world with young people. He has had a professional contract with Liverpool as well as other European clubs and has a real heart for mentoring. We are delighted to have him join Kick as he begins to deliver in some of our Pupil Referral Units.

Kick London now have 22 members of staff who are all committed Christians and dedicated to seeing young peoples lives transformed.



Kick Academy Tournament

We had a great time last year at our Kick Academy Tournament as we saw many of our Kick Academies come together to play competitively, mix with other Kick Academies and hear the gospel. This year we are expecting the same but **bigger**. We are very excited to see how many teams we gather as we have had an increase in our Academies over the past 12 months.

This year the Kick Academy Tournament will take place on the **9th of July** from 12:00 at the normal location of Oasis Academy, Shirley Park, Croydon CR9 7AL.

The age groups to enter the tournament this year are as follows:

- School years 3-4
- School years 5-6
- School years 7-9
- School years 10-13

If you currently run or manage a Kick Academy and would like to enter your young people in the 5-a-side tournament please contact RobertGamble27@googlemail.com.

Alternatively do feel free to drop by and enjoy the day if you are not taking part - It is always a enjoyable day and a great time of reflection for Kick London.



New Kick Academies

Last month we had our latest Kick Training Day where we saw 6 potential Academies attend. They represented Hope Church Orpington, St Andrews Archway, The Church of the Living God, Hope Church Stratford, St Saviours and St Pauls Eastham. We are very excited about this with at least 3 of these due to start in the next few months and one of them being our first every Dance Academy! This was a great time together where potential Kick Academies were trained, informed and inspired with the reality of what an Academy could look like in there church.

We are also pleased to announce that in the last 2 months we have partnered with three churches and now therefore have three New Kick Academies officially launched - Praise God and please keep them in your prayers as they grow. Our New Kick Academies are:

- St Pauls Hounslow Kick Academy
- Merton Kick Academy
- St Andrews Kick Academy

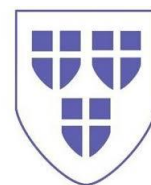


New Schools

We are pleased to be partnering with four new schools this term where we will be providing a variety of provision including gymnastics, dance, sport and mentoring. We now have a presence in 33 schools across London.

Our New Schools are as follows:

- St Johns Primary School, Islington
- St Luke's Primary School, Newham
- Archbishop Lan Franc, Croydon
- Edenham High School, Croydon



New Opportunities

With continuous growth in our School work, we are currently recruiting **Sessional Dance and Sports Coaches**. If you would like to apply or know someone who may be interested in this position, please send your CV and 'what makes you a good candidate' to office@kicklondon.org.uk . We would love to hear from you!

Case Study



We thought it would be great to share with you one of our recent case studies involving one of the young people Kick London currently works with.

A young person was referred to one of our coaches for a high number of behavioral points and an increasing amount of detentions. The young person found his validation in making people laugh and often distracted and encouraged other students to do the wrong thing.

The young persons motivation with mentoring began with the incentive to get out of lessons and would therefore rarely express his feelings or thoughts. However, our coach discussed with him why he was special and why his worth should not be found in being disruptive and the consequence this would have on his future.

After this session the young person felt able to express himself with our mentor due to trust and respect being formed. Our mentor explained that if he were to get himself onto "plus points" they could play football together - this being an almost impossible task as he was very far into "negative points". With lots of hard work and a new perspective, It was a great surprise when he was able to get himself into "plus points" by the end of half term and when a football was then brought to the session - his face was a picture.

Both our mentor and the school are very happy with his progress and his personal decision to implement the correct behaviour and attitudes within the classroom. This young person has now begun to make positive improvements in his decision making and they can now work on other areas of his life that he is finding difficult.

Praise God!

Thank you for your support

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