

# Creative Arts 2024-2025

This year has been an outstanding one for Creative Arts at New Woodlands School!

In Secondary, we proudly launched CACA, the Creative Arts Club Association, giving students a wide range of enriching experiences. From fine art, textiles, and gardening, to cooking, yoga, dance, music, and modern foreign languages, CACA has encouraged exploration and expression across creative disciplines.

One of our highlights was a powerful songwriting programme delivered by the English Touring Opera in the Autumn term. Students developed skills in lyric writing, vocals, and instruments including bass, keyboard, and drums, creatively expressing their emotions with the guidance of professional musicians. Keep an eye out for a short film of the project, coming soon to YouTube!

Our KS3 students had regular visits to Lewisham Music, where they honed their Music Technology and Production skills in a professional studio setting. As a result of our continued commitment to music, we were honoured to be awarded 'Music Mark School' status, an achievement we're extremely proud of. Throughout the year, students also engaged in inspiring art trips:

- At Tate Modern, Year 11 students explored artist influences to support their exam work.
- During a visit to South London Gallery, students responded to Christina Kimeze's vibrant exhibition 'Between Wood and Wheel' participating in mark-making workshops and discussing themes of freedom and identity with the curator.
- Year 8 students visited the Horniman Museum, studying global mask traditions, sketching, and learning about materials, construction, and cultural significance.
- We were invited by the Dulwich Picture Gallery, to participate in a fabulous workshop with acclaimed artist Rachel Jones, engaging with her current exhibition 'Gated Canyons' and co-creating exhibition booklets for the exhibition.

Thanks to LEAN's Army of Creative initiative, we were also fortunate to welcome award-winning screenwriter Eva Edo, who led engaging workshops on the film industry, perfectly timed with the launch of our new green screen facilities!

Finally, students visited 'Helios', Luke Jerram's immersive sculpture at Durham Hill in Downham, blending art and science in a truly cross-curricular experience.

We are so proud of our students' creativity, curiosity, and achievements this year. With such momentum, we can't wait to see what the next year brings for Creative Arts at New Woodlands School!

Rebecca Glover



































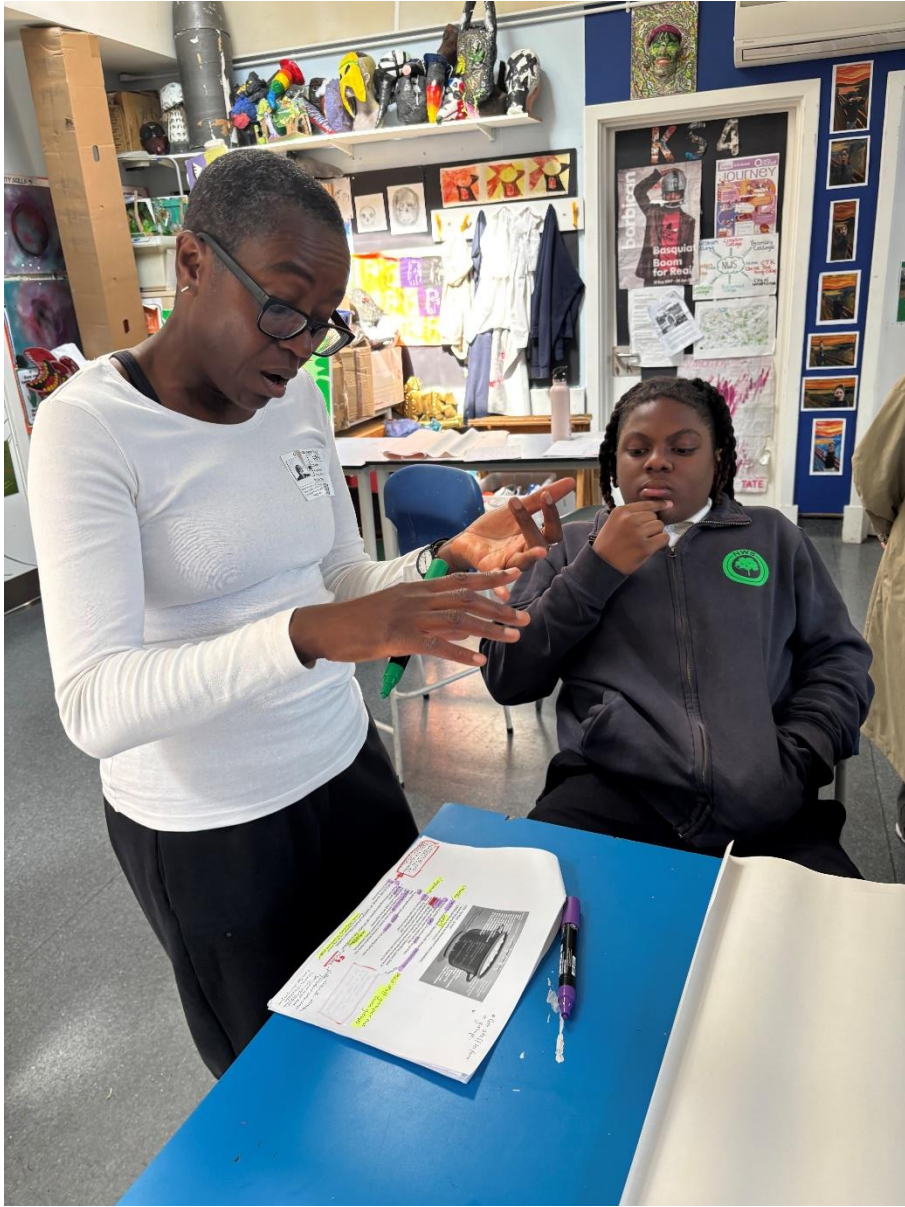






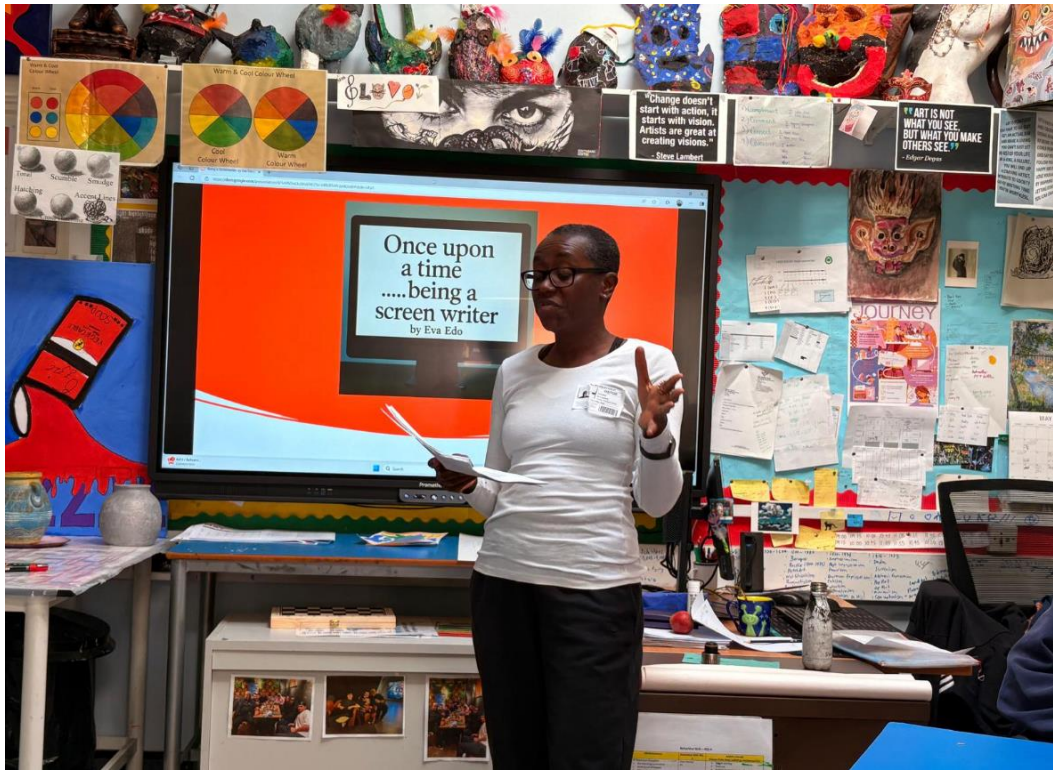




















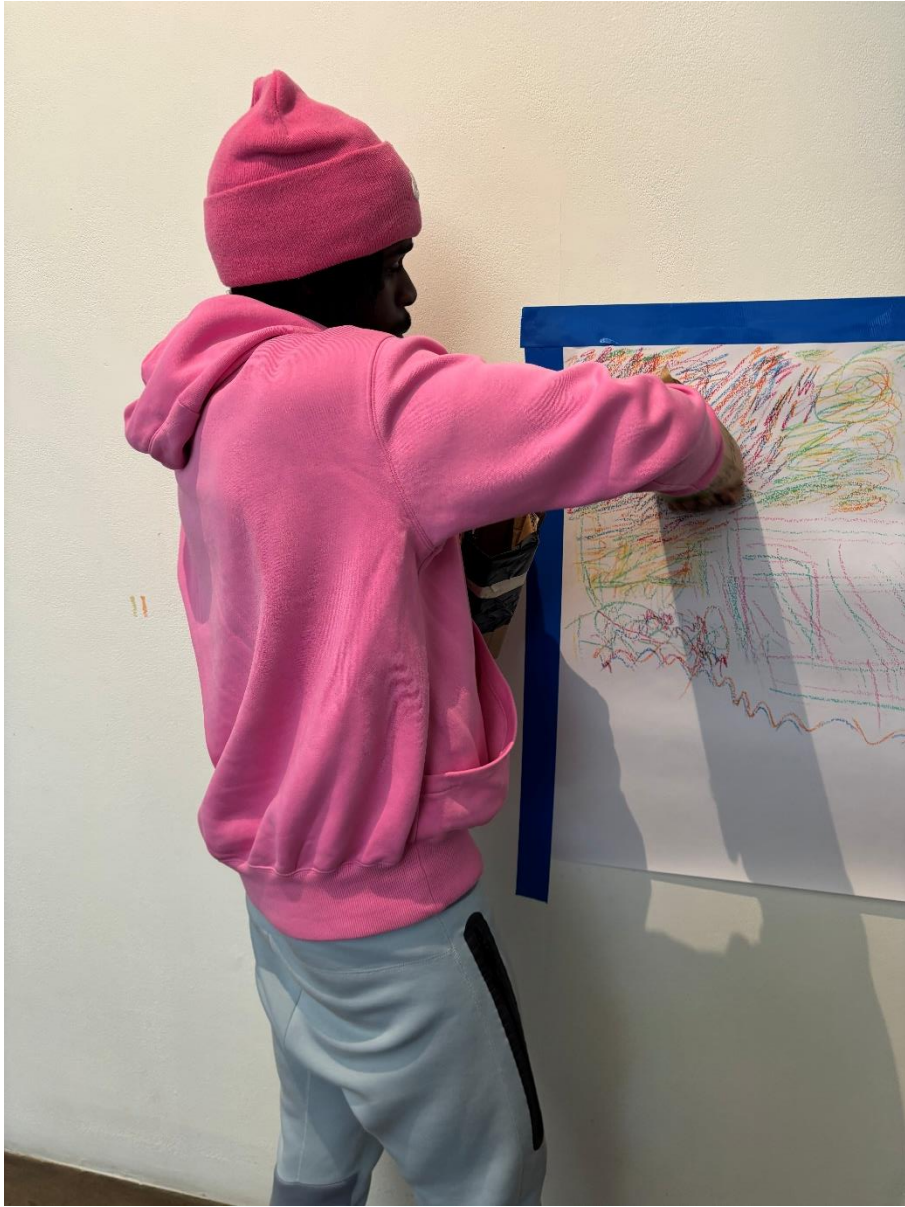


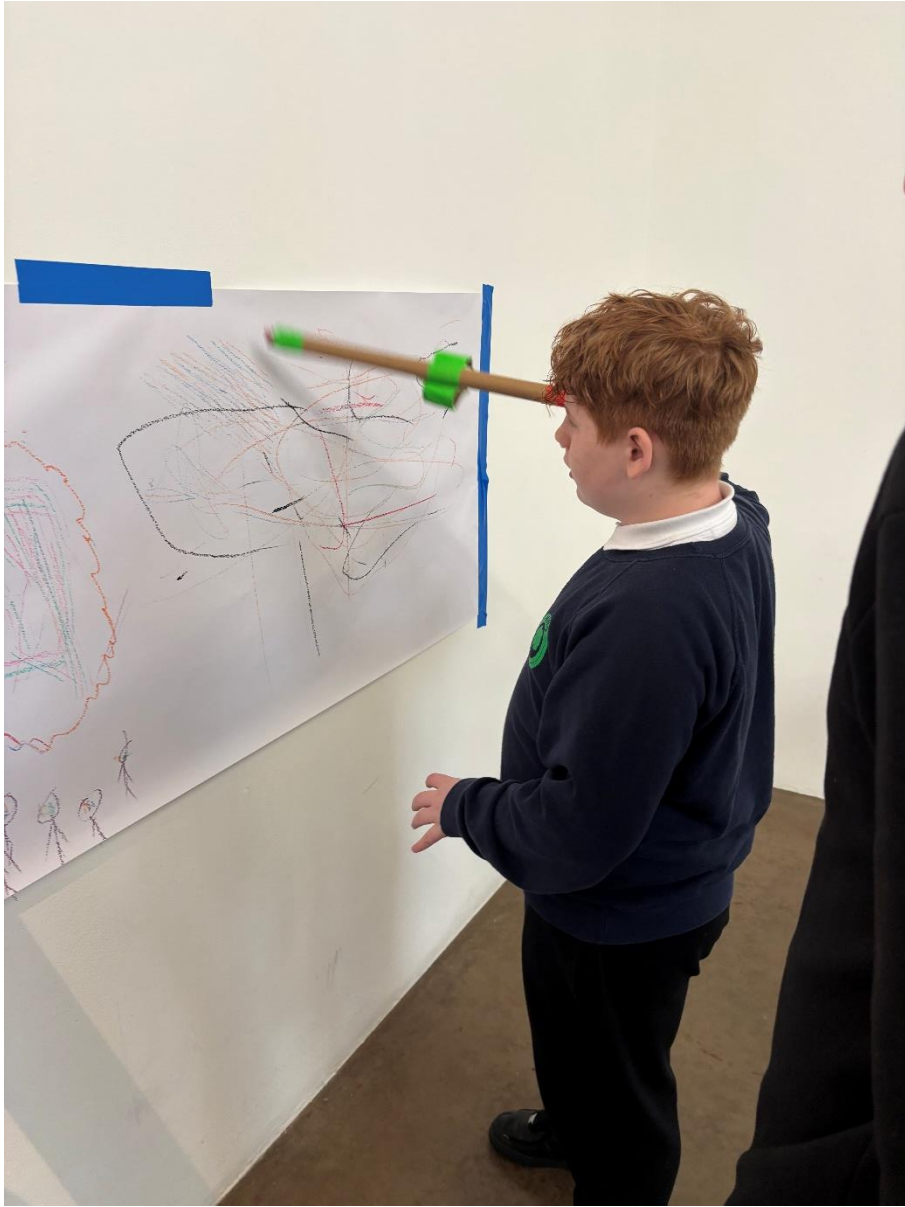










































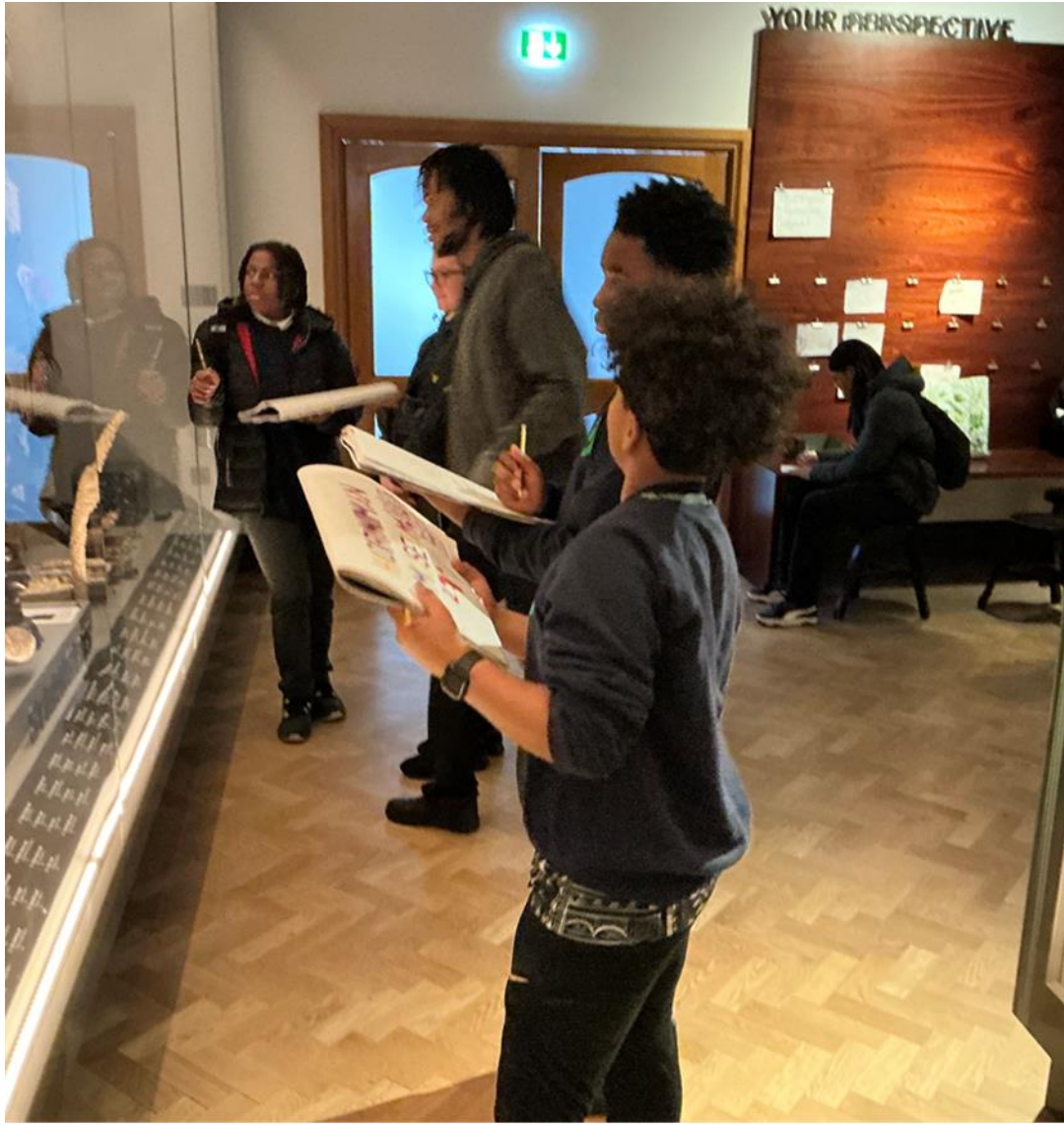














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# Helios in Downham

## A century of community

2025 marks 100 years since the first families moved into Downham's Cottage Estate, built on garden city ideals of green space and healthy living. To celebrate this centenary, Lewisham Council and the National Trust have brought Luke Jerram's *Helios* to Durham Hill.

Downham, one of the UK's largest cottage estates, was designed to foster wellbeing through access to open space—and today remains one of Lewisham's greenest areas. *Helios* invites us to reflect on Downham's past, present and future, honouring its communities and collective spirit.

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