

November 2025

Mentor Wise Monthly Newsletter

Memorable Moments
MONTHLY CHALLENGES
ANNOUNCEMENTS



ACTIVITIES

NORTH LONDON

We kicked off the academic year with a Sira Gecesi: a gathering filled with conversation and good food that brought the community together. It was the perfect way for our mentees to get to know one another and start the year feeling connected!



Mentors organised ice skating activity for our KS4 mentees.

ACTIVITIES

NORTH LONDON

We loved crafting tasbeeh with our mentees and giving them a space to unwind, reflect, and create something personal to take home.



Our volunteers organised various activities such as painting bird houses and crocheting for KS3 and KS4 mentees at the Youth Centre.



ACTIVITIES

SCOTLAND



We completed our first trekking route at Balloch Country Park, located about an hour from Glasgow Central Station. With the forest on one side and the loch on the other, we walked along paths where we sometimes felt lost and sometimes suddenly found ourselves on a clear trail. Walking in the fresh air, accompanied by the rustling of leaves and the colourful splendour of autumn, was refreshing for all participants. Along the way, the various trees and plants we encountered revealed the magical beauty of autumn and left us truly amazed. With the snacks we brought, we enjoyed a small picnic and recharged our energy. Being immersed in nature was priceless, and with moments full of reflection throughout the journey, we completed the route with many meaningful experiences.



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MANCHESTER



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In November, we held a bowling activity with our Year 9 and 10 mentees. We had a great time together, and after bowling, we enjoyed coffee before wrapping up the day.



ACTIVITIES

MANCHESTER



In the last week of November, Dr Hakan joined our weekly mentoring session for Year 7 and 8 mentees as a guest. He shared information about Âşık Veysel and gave a short saz performance.



ACTIVITIES

MANCHESTER

During the weekly mentoring session, Year 7 and 8 mentees attended a seminar about the painter Osman Hamdi Bey and his famous painting "The Tortoise Trainer". The mentees' task was to reinterpret the work based on their understanding of the social critique it presents.



ACTIVITIES

LIVERPOOL

Over 40 days, Liverpool Mentor Wise girls and boys and our families gathered together every evening at 20:20 for 20 minutes, connecting to the same link to read as families. Some of our students completed 4 books during this period.



We invite all of you to read together for 20 minutes every day at the same time. Meet us at this link.



We organised an Ebru (Turkish marbling art) workshop with all our groups. Mentees were introduced to traditional Ebru art forms and had the opportunity to create their own Battal Ebru, Tarakli Ebru, and Gel Git Ebru patterns. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

ACTIVITIES

CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge mentors and mentor assistants had a tour of the Emmanuel College of Cambridge University, visiting the facilities and gardens on a lovely evening.



ACTIVITIES

NEWCASTLE

Our KS5, university mentees, and parents attended Kerim abi's discussion about community and neighbourhood.



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Snapshot from our weekly mentor training.

ACTIVITIES

NEWCASTLE

Following our event with Mr Kemal, our mentors were presented with an award in recognition of their dedication and service.



Mr Kemal and Joint Bookrunner



Mr Kemal and Joint Bookrunner

Every Sunday morning, we gather with our Year 7 mentees for breakfast and football session.

ACTIVITIES

NEWCASTLE

We organised a football match for our university mentees and their friends.



Our female mentees attended our sister organisation NEDES's charity event. The evening brought together members of the community for an inspiring cause and provided our mentees with a valuable experience of charitable work in action.

ACTIVITIES

HULL

On 29 November, we had a delightful event with our secondary school girls. Throughout the day, we explored the importance of working together and problem-solving, both in the kitchen and during games. First, we prepared cinnamon rolls from scratch. Whilst measuring ingredients, kneading the dough, and following the baking process, our students demonstrated team spirit through sharing tasks. During this activity, values such as collaboration, patience, and responsibility came to the fore. Afterwards, we played board and card games. During the games, they practised skills like developing strategies, thinking quickly, and acting as a team. When resolving small disagreements, they strengthened their communication and collaboration abilities. Overall, this event not only allowed our girls to have fun but also helped them enhance their collaboration, problem-solving, and social interaction skills.



ACTIVITIES

HULL

In November, our secondary school mentees took part in a meaningful and activity-packed day retreat. From the early hours of the morning until the evening, the programme offered a rich blend of spiritual and social activities that nurtured both heart and mind.

As the day drew to a close, our mentees enjoyed a lively bowling session, a wonderful way to end the day with fun and laughter. This special retreat allowed our mentees to deepen their spiritual connection whilst also enjoying social interaction and relaxation. It was a truly memorable experience, filled with reflection, joy, and togetherness.



ACTIVITIES

BIRMINGHAM

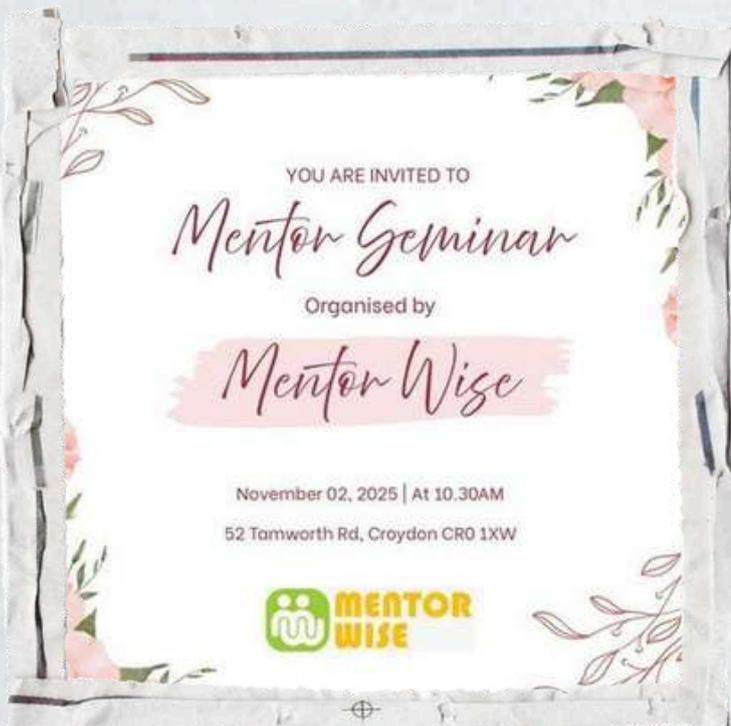


In the last week of November, our Year 10 mentees enjoyed an outdoor activity day, which included a visit to the Birmingham Frankfurt German Market, an ice-skating session, and a café visit for desserts and hot drinks. It was a fun and memorable experience for everyone involved.

ACTIVITIES

SUTTON

Our mentees and mentors volunteered at the Lighthouse Educational Society Charity Fair, where they helped run various stalls including face painting, henna, and bracelet sales, whilst also assisting with other activities throughout the day.



On 2nd of November, six participants from Sutton attended the South London Mentor Seminar, which brought together a total of 20 mentors. The seminar focused on mentor-mentee relationships, annual goal-setting, and collaborative group workshops.

ACTIVITIES

SUTTON

During the half term, Mentor Wise female mentees enjoyed a series of engaging and enriching activities alongside their mentors.

As part of the programme, mentees participated in an escape room experience, a visit to an amusement park, and shared meals together. On the same day, mentees were also invited to a football match organised by the girls' group, which 3 mentees attended.



ACTIVITIES

SUTTON

Our male mentors organised a boat tour on the River Thames where our KS4 mentees came together. They had a wonderful and adventurous day.



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Our male mentors visited our sister charity, Time to Help UK, where the CEO delivered a presentation about the organisation and its projects. The projects were truly heartwarming and inspired our mentors to spread kindness within their own communities.



Time to Help

Following our weekly mentoring session with Year 8 mentees from Brighton and Horsham, we spent quality time together enjoying games of pool and table football.



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ACTIVITIES

KINGSTON

During our candle-making workshop, we decorated our tall candles with beautifully intricate patterns. With soothing background music, accompanied by tea and homemade cake, the whole experience felt truly therapeutic.



Our mentors organised a Girls' Sports Day and did Pilates with the KS3 mentees, and although it was tiring, it was great fun. Afterwards, we unwound with some healthy snacks and shook off the fatigue.



ACTIVITIES

WELLING

Our coordinator from Welling launched a new project this academic year called "One Topic, One Guest" for KS3 and KS4 mentees. The project involves inviting a guest speaker once a month to cover topics requested by beneficiaries. This month, our volunteers focused on harmful habits. Throughout the session, mentees learnt about the importance of making healthy choices and understanding the risks of negative behaviours. At the end of the programme, we held a fun Kahoot quiz, where students tested their knowledge and showed great enthusiasm. The top performers were rewarded with small prizes to celebrate their engagement. We look forward to continuing this informative and interactive series with exciting topics!



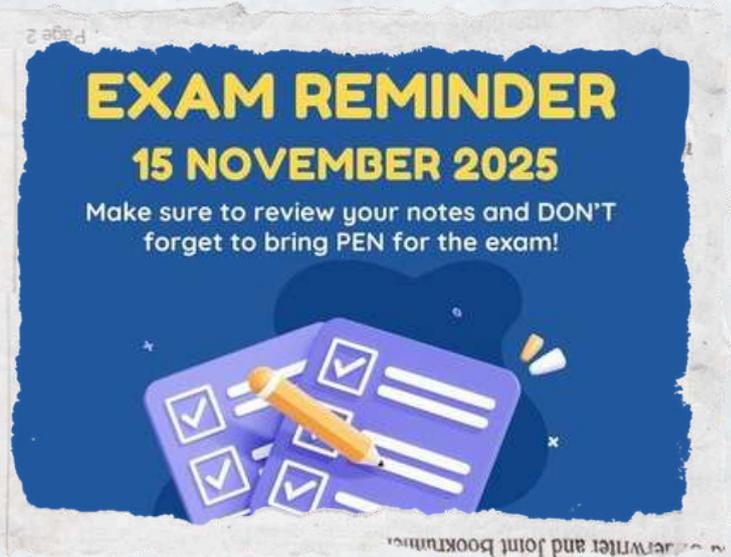
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WELLING

In November, we organised reading competition. We would like to congratulate all mentees for their enthusiasm and dedication.

We are delighted to announce that the top three mentees visited Winter Wonderland on 23 November as their well-deserved reward.

We are proud of all our young readers and hope their love for reading continues to grow.

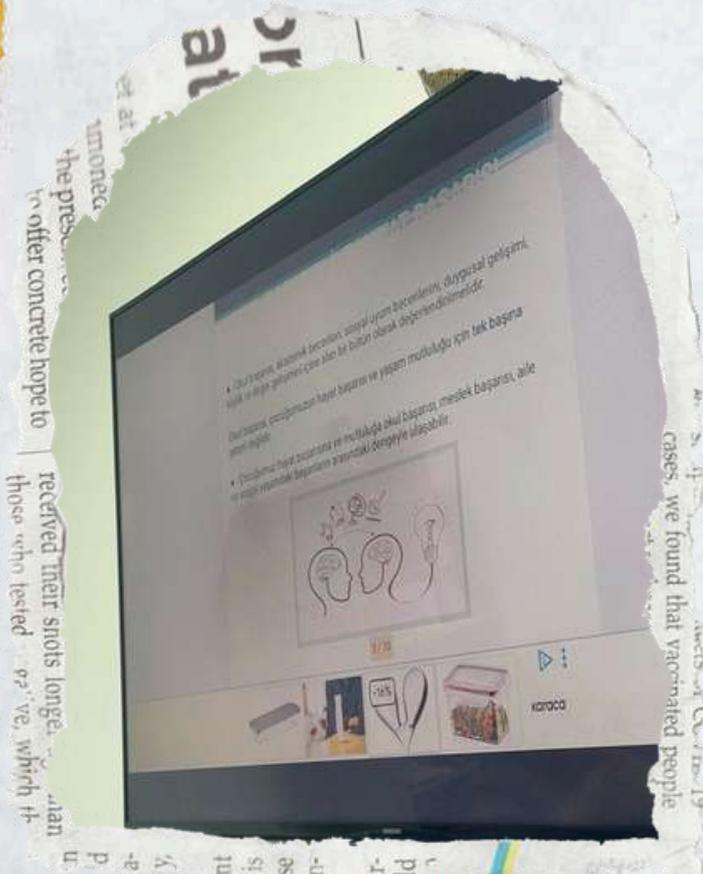


During the half-term break, we organised a friendly football match for our mentees. It was a fun and energetic activity that everyone enjoyed, with plenty of time spent together outdoors. The match encouraged teamwork and physical activity, whilst providing a great opportunity for mentees to enjoy the fresh air and create happy memories together.

ACTIVITIES

WELLING

We recently held a Parent Seminar led by Necla Abla, titled "The Role of Family in Academic Success and Spiritual Mentoring." The session focused on how parents can actively support their children's educational journey, both academically and emotionally. During the seminar, we explored the impact of a positive home environment on school performance, effective communication between parents and children, and practical ways families can contribute to their child's personal development. Necla Abla also highlighted the importance of collaboration between families and mentors/teachers to ensure consistent and meaningful guidance. It was a highly engaging and insightful seminar that provided parents with valuable tools to strengthen their role in their children's success. We look forward to offering more educational sessions for parents throughout the year.



ACTIVITIES

WELLING

To help our mentees build consistency at home and develop a strong daily reading habit, we have launched our "Reading Together as a Family" initiative. For 20 days, families are encouraged to read together for 20 minutes every evening at 20:20. This shared routine aims to strengthen the bond between family members whilst fostering a love of reading and increasing focus, discipline, and continuity in our mentees' personal development. By creating a warm and encouraging reading environment at home, we hope to support children in forming long-lasting positive habits that will benefit their spiritual and personal growth. The programme will run from 24 November to 14 December 2025.



As Welling Mentor Wise Girls, we are excited to launch a new initiative designed to nurture a lifelong love of reading in our students. Over the past months, we have observed that many of our girls need more opportunities and encouragement to develop strong, consistent reading habits. To support them on this meaningful journey, we are introducing our project: "Building Our Personal Library." The purpose of this initiative is to help students gradually create their own collection of valuable books, titles they can return to again and again at home, enriching their personal growth spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually. By giving them access to quality literature from which they can choose their Book Challenges, we hope to make reading a natural, enjoyable part of their daily lives. Families are invited to select books from our curated list and acquire them before the winter camp. Each book belongs to a different reading level, ensuring that our students explore a variety of genres and challenges. During the camp, the girls will use their selected books for guided reading sessions, as well as for independent quiet reading time. We believe that every book a child owns becomes a companion in their development, a small treasure that shapes their worldview and strengthens their inner world. Through this project, we aim to cultivate not only reading skills, but also the discipline and curiosity that come with being a lifelong reader. Thank you for supporting our mission to raise thoughtful, inspired, and well-grounded young readers.

ACTIVITIES

WELLING

Recently, our South London group hosted a Mentor Seminar, where we focused on strengthening mentoring skills through practical and engaging activities. During the session, our mentors worked on a variety of real-life case studies, exploring how to handle potential scenarios they may encounter in their mentoring journey. In addition to case studies, we placed special emphasis on mentors' wellbeing and overall mindset, recognising how important this is for effective guidance. We also discussed communication strategies, both with parents and with mentees, ensuring mentors feel confident and prepared for different types of conversations. Another key part of the seminar was reviewing what a well-structured mentor session should look like, from setting clear goals to creating a supportive atmosphere that encourages personal growth. Events like this help us continue building a knowledgeable, confident, and supportive mentoring community.



ACTIVITIES

LEICESTER

During the session, they selected their own ceramic pieces and decorated them with various colours and patterns. This activity allowed mentees to develop their artistic skills, express their creativity, and spend quality time together. They completed the workshop with unique artworks of which they were proud.



ACTIVITIES

LEICESTER

Our mentor from Leicester took his mentees to Time to Help UK's Comedy Fun(d)raiser event. The mentees enjoyed the evening and had an incredible time at a wonderful initiative.



Our staff organised a seminar on The Role of the Family in Career Planning and personality test for our parents and guardians. The event provided guests with meaningful insights and equipped them with knowledge.

Our coordinator organised a trampoline activity for KS3 mentees. The boys had a great and fun time together.



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