

Working with Turney School was an amazing experience, but not without its challenges. We were pond dipping, which already raised some problems, especially the risk of children to fall into the water. Starting off we had to each wear a pair of gloves to protect against potentially harmful bacteria in the water. Some of the children felt uncomfortable with other people touching their hands, which made it difficult to help them. Even if you got them on, they would be instantaneously removing them. But once they got hold of a net and a tray of water, they were keen to get started. You had to explain the process much more clearly than with the children from Bessemer. The children were very cautious, so you needed to help them along, by holding the net with them and physically scooping up the water. However they became more and more confident, and were thrilled when they found something. The girl I was with spent ages in awe of the newts she'd caught, and was determined to find more. Three newts, two water boatman, a pond snail later, we finished for the day. I felt I learned a lot from the experience and was inspired by the amazing work the teachers from Turney School did. I thoroughly enjoyed it and would love to help more when I reach 6<sup>th</sup> form.

Working with Bessemer Grange on their creativity week, was really different to anything I'd done before. Usually I'm the one sitting behind the desk being taught, but now I was being called "Miss." The children were energetic and inquisitive, and keen to find out about life at Jags. It was great to get involved, and help out. We helped create huge life-size models of cars, fighter planes, and even a camper van for their "Throughout the Decades" themed parade. It was great to see them working on each stage, until their final unveiling at the parade. The parade itself was an amazing gathering of teachers, students, friends and family. All the children had put a lot of effort into making their costumes, which they showed off as we made our way around the streets of Dulwich. I was amazed to see people who'd come out of their houses to see the children. There was such a strong community, which I felt lucky to be a part of.

Alice Gane, Year 11