



About the Saturday Literacy Scheme

We aim to make learning fun on the **Saturday Literacy Scheme** at JAGS!

Learning to read, write and speak confidently can be a challenge for some pupils. The aim of the Year 3 Saturday scheme is to give such pupils a chance to benefit from some small-group teaching in a fun and friendly way. Pupils receive help with reading, writing, speaking and listening. Each child has additional support from a personal mentor who is a senior pupil at James Allen's Girls' School, ensuring children experience some imaginative and enjoyable ways of learning, for example by taking part in group presentations with other pupils and their mentors, writing and acting out stories or poems and making props.

By the end of the year we expect that children will:

- Have found that learning can be fun!
- Have developed a habit of reading for enjoyment, both by themselves and within the family.
- Have a wider vocabulary and be more able to express their ideas in speech and on paper.
- Have gained confidence in speaking and performing in front of a larger group.
- Have gained in social confidence by working in a team.

These skills will underpin their future progress in all aspects of the school curriculum and help to form a secure basis for their life-long development and future success.



About the Southwark Community Education Charity (SCEC)

Since its foundation in 1992, SCEC (formerly Southwark Community Education Council) has provided enrichment classes on Saturday mornings for children attending state funded primary schools in the London Borough of Southwark. The classes are held in the independent schools of the Dulwich Foundation, Alleyn's School, Dulwich College and James Allen's Girls' School (JAGS) who

provide accommodation rent-free as well as free administrative support, resources and staff to coordinate each of the schemes.

From the outset, SCEC has aimed to make the children's learning experiences stimulating and fun: **'Saturday School Is Cool'** was an early strap-line. By concentrating on Literacy (Year 3), Mathematics (Year 5) and laboratory science (Year 6), the Saturday classes focus on the three core subjects of Key Stage 2 of the National Curriculum, working to support state schools with either increased engagement or enrichment in these subjects.

The end result is not only added excitement for these subjects, but a boost in knowledge, skills and learning outcomes within the regular Monday – Friday school week.

More information about the charity can be found on the SCEC website: www.scec-uk.org.