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Patron Sponsors Challenge South London Event

Challenge South London kicked off yesterday, with a successful day of events for the young people between the ages of 13 and 18, who participated at Royal Marines Reserve Centre Wandsworth.

The day provided the opportunity for the students to have access to positive role models from the Armed Forces, uniformed public services and the sports and fitness industry, increasing their awareness of the range of career opportunities available to them. It provided an alternative activity to the gang culture on London streets, in which the Royal Marines have worked hard to reach out communities local to their London barracks who may be suffering, including under-privileged, BAME, and young adults identified by the Metropolitan Police as being potentially vulnerable to involvement in criminal activity.

We started off with an inspirational talk from triple amputee Royal Marine Veteran Jon White, followed by 4 different groups of approximately 17 youngsters rotated between different challenges led by the Royal Marines, Wandsworth Boxing Club, BeMilitaryFit and Powerleague, Metropolitan Police and the London Fire Brigade. It provided students who might be struggling to reach their full potential by giving them an opportunity to be inspired through sports, martial arts, outdoor pursuits and physical fitness training. In turn exposing them to activities they have not previously experienced and to challenge them physically and mentally.

We were joined by The Lord Lieutenant and Vice Lord Lieutenant, The representative DL for Wandsworth - Mrs Colleen Harris, The Mayor of Wandsworth, Councillor Richard Field and Naval Regional Commander, Commodore Rob Bellfield who handed out prizes and congratulated the young team for their fantastic efforts.

To participate in next years event, please visit: <https://www.challengesouthlondon.co.uk/>

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