

inspiration

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Words to enlighten you.

It can strike anyone, anywhere, at any time. It might be a song, a word or a picture. What's certain is that there are hundreds of thousands of ways to become inspired in Southwark.

We have Borough Market, the Globe and Tower Bridge. Wander a little off the beaten track and you'll discover our parks and open spaces, a wealth of carnivals and much more.

When you have all of this around you, it's easier to succeed in school as a student or school leader. Which is one of the reasons why our schools are improving.

Choose to live and work here, and who knows what else you'll feel inspired to do.

Vanessa's dad works at More London. Vanessa's impressed with it because they care enough about the planet not to allow cars in.





Places to delight you.

Is Southwark what you think it is? Probably not. While we have some things in common with other London boroughs, such as a culturally diverse population, there's a lot more to a place which people from Charlie Chaplin to Rio Ferdinand have called home.

Just a walk along the South Bank or over the Millennium Bridge to the Tate Modern will show you this is an area worth investing in. Around 40% of it is being redeveloped and regenerated, to the tune of £4 billion.

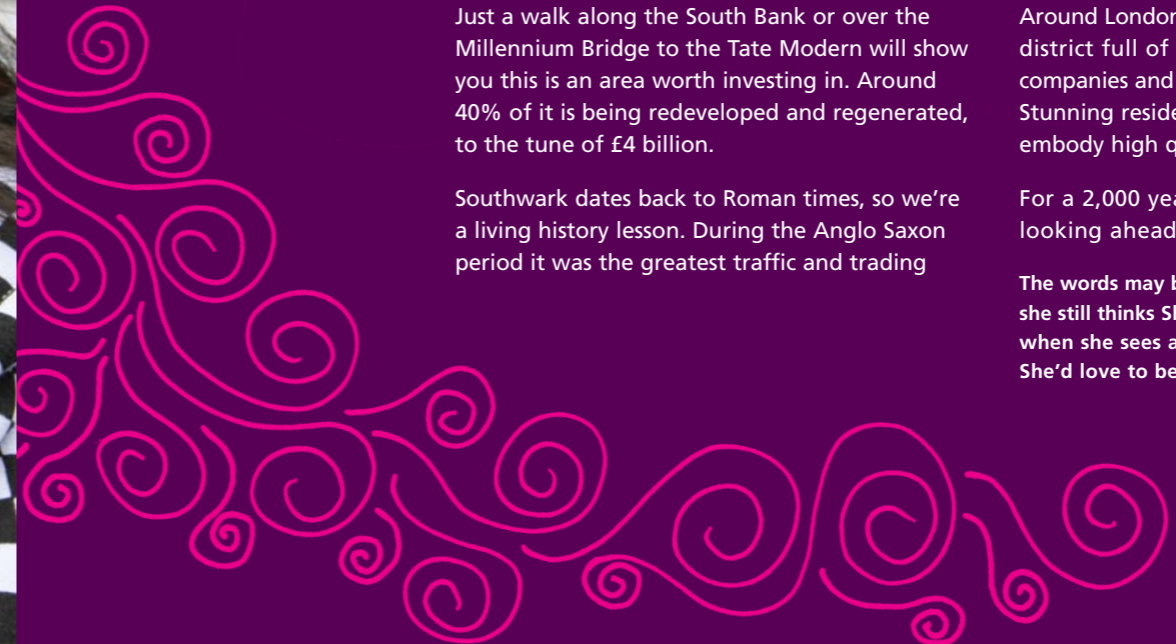
Southwark dates back to Roman times, so we're a living history lesson. During the Anglo Saxon period it was the greatest traffic and trading

centre in the country. Thanks to the fact that we were outside the City of London's jurisdiction, playhouses like the Globe and the Rose began to make up our popular theatre district. And today, the Elephant and Castle is the location of one of the UK's biggest regeneration initiatives.

Around London Bridge there's a thriving business district full of financial institutions, service companies and a growing arts and media sector. Stunning residential districts along the river embody high quality design and lifestyle.

For a 2,000 year old area, we're good at looking ahead.

The words may be bigger than Rianna is, but she still thinks Shakespeare's magic, especially when she sees a play here at the Globe. She'd love to be the fairy Peaseblossom.





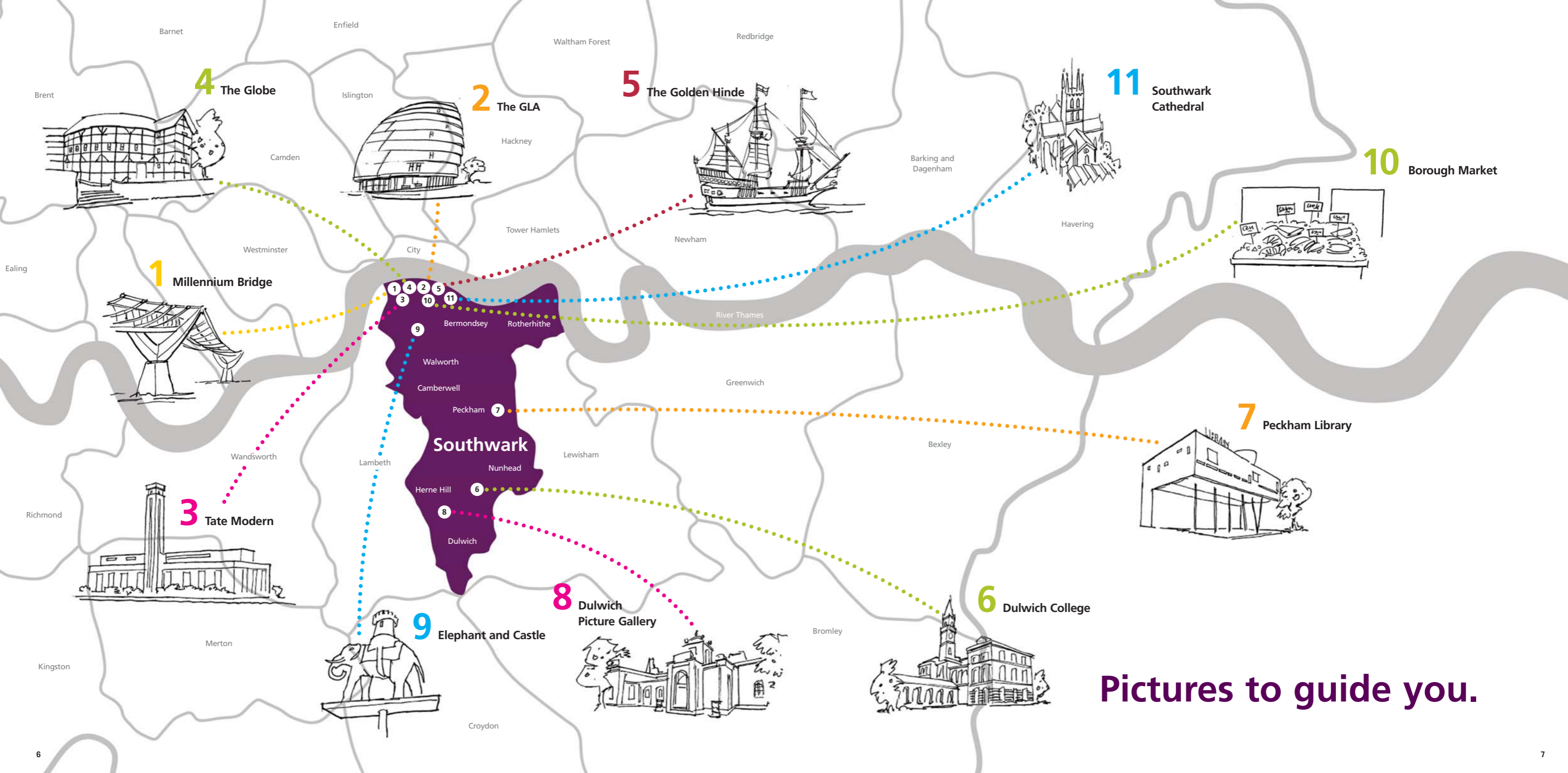
Is to educate you.

The children of Southwark are our future business leaders, hairdressers, politicians, taxi drivers, mechanics, nurses, plumbers, artists, footballers, engineers, music moguls, journalists, chefs and even teachers. We owe it to them to give them the best start to their lives and careers.

Some of our schools weren't always as good as they are now, and some others still have a way to go. But the important part is that they're getting better year on year and making children ready for the opportunities coming their way.

That's because we've made a concerted effort to support teachers and school leaders in bringing the curriculum alive. Whether they're at an Academy, Specialist, Church, Foundation or Community School, they're not left to go it alone. There's a structure and good funding in place to help them. Our determination plus their talent and experience is already beginning to bear fruit.

Kyra's 10, and likes nothing more than winning a point at her local courts (except winning the whole match). If she can't be a Wimbledon champion, she wants to teach sport.



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6 Dulwich College

9 Elephant and Castle

Pictures to guide you.



Opportunities to lift you.

Enough about young people. What about you? As one of our school leaders you'll have children's futures in your hands. Because of that, you deserve all the support we can provide.

In fact, all our teachers enjoy the best we can offer, from our renowned Induction Programme for NQTs through to Leadership and Management Programmes that will help you develop your knowledge and skills, no matter what your level of experience. We don't forget our invaluable support staff either: they've got access to development and training in order to raise pupils' achievement levels, and they have real career paths.

For you, it means you'll have a motivated, well-trained team of people around you. And you'll benefit from all the other support systems we've implemented, from the Arts team and EAL advisors to borough advisory staff who focus on Hearing, Visual, Speech & Language, Specific Learning and Physical Difficulties, and a Behaviour Improvement Programme.

Our active Education Business Alliance will help you form links with local businesses, and your school could be part of our Well Being Programme, providing you and your team with more support in the form of a confidential Employee Assistance Programme.

For teachers with children, there are many nursery classes and crèches, good childcare, and after-school clubs and play centres. We'll also be happy to talk to you about flexible and part-time working.

Just as importantly, you'll have borough-wide opportunities for Continuing Professional Development, including conferences, action research and overseas trips. You'll also have the chance to take part in local authority advisory work, contributing your ideas and expertise to borough-wide development. So your students won't be the only ones improving their prospects.

It may look a bit funny, but that's part and parcel of the strange foods at Borough market as far as Eleanor's concerned. And even stuff that looks weird tastes great.



Lifestyles to suit you.

Life in Southwark can spoil you for choice. Foodie? Borough Market. Shakespeare buff? The Globe. Outdoor type? Burgess or Dulwich Park. Kids feeling bored? The City farm.

There's a great deal for you and your family and friends to do. Getting to and from those various places and events won't be a problem either, as we've got great transport links. Most teachers live around a half-hour's walk or bike ride away from work, and enjoy access to good rental properties, shared ownership schemes and interest-free loans for home purchase on the open markets as part of the Keyworker Living scheme. So living and travelling couldn't be much easier.

From frequent carnivals to the afro-caribbean food market, Southwark pretty much has it covered. Thriving, established markets, restaurants that cover almost every cuisine in the world, riverside walks, beautiful green spaces, sport, dance and music. There's something for everyone, whether you're after stimulation or peace of mind.

Oscar loves to draw, paint and get quite mucky in the process at Dulwich Picture Gallery. He hopes that when he's older, his mum will let him paint his bedroom.



Details to help you.

If you feel inspired, get in touch with the school that sent you this brochure. Or look for the full story at www.southwark.gov.uk We can't wait to hear from you.

Not even typical British weather can dampen Jamelia's spirits when it's carnival time. A bit of pink eyeshadow always brightens the day up.

