

Overground to run overnight



London Overground will operate all-night services from December.

THE 24-hour service will run on Fridays and Saturdays between New Cross Gate and Dalston Junction, and will be extended to Highbury & Islington next year.

It follows the success of the Night Tube, which has already seen more than 6.5million journeys since its launch last year.

Mayor of London Sadiq Khan said: 'Our Night Tube services have been a real success right across the capital, so I'm delighted to announce that we'll be bringing the Night Overground to the East London line later this year.

'It will provide huge benefits to Londoners and visitors to our city, helping those working hard through the night and all those out enjoying everything London has to offer, as well as creating jobs and boosting our economy.'

The East London section of the Overground route serves an area

popular for museums, restaurants, bars and night spots. Trains will help people working shifts in hospitality and service sectors, and those who live in outer London, by substantially reducing their journey times.

It will connect with the Night Tube at Canada Water on the Jubilee line and, from next year, Highbury & Islington on the Victoria line.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the London Overground. Since TfL took over suburban rail routes in 2007, passenger numbers have increased six-fold and the network has become one of the most reliable railways in the country.

Stepping up a gear

SIX London Underground stations are to become step-free, as part of Mayor Sadiq Khan's plan to make Tube travel more accessible over the next five years.

The stations are Amersham, Buckhurst Hill, Cockfosters, Mill Hill East, Osterley and South Woodford.

Work will begin at Buckhurst Hill (Central line) this year and at the other stations in 2018. Work will be completed at all these stations by 2020.

The Mayor's £200million investment in upgrading the network is the biggest in the Tube's 154-year history. It will bring the number of Underground stations with step-free access to all platforms to more than 100. This represents more than 40 per cent of the network.

The programme will improve access to the Tube, making life easier for older and disabled people. It will also benefit people travelling with children and buggies.

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Designs on the Elizabeth line



L-R: Inga Tenyte from Barking & Dagenham College, Hayden Shields and Jesse Thraves from Redbridge College

LOCAL students have created artwork to celebrate the launch of the new Elizabeth line trains.

Pupils from Barking & Dagenham College and Redbridge College were picked to create the designs as their colleges are close to the TfL Rail line where the new trains will run.

The five posters can be seen in the carriages and along

the route. They reflect the individual style of the artists and depict the benefits of the trains, which include walk-through carriages, CCTV and air conditioning.

When the route is fully open in December 2019, the trains will carry 200million passengers a year, bringing an extra 1.5million people to within 45 minutes of central London.

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