



LANSDOWNE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

It's hard to believe we're already at the penultimate newsletter of this term as we reach the end of Week 7.

Hello Yellow Day success—Thank you to everyone who wore yellow last week and contributed £1 for Hello Yellow Day. Together, we raised £90 for this important cause supporting young people's mental health.

Black History Month spotlight—We continue to celebrate Black History Month, and this week we're delighted to share a special feature from Year 13 Pupil about the artist Babajide Brian, who is also a former Lansdowne pupil. It's a fascinating insight into his work and creative methods – a wonderful example of where our students' journeys can lead.

Learning beyond the classroom—School trips are a vital part of our curriculum at Lansdowne, bringing learning to life whilst creating memorable experiences. Class 14CR visited San Marino café in Brixton and Year 8 students explored the British Museum. Both trips enhanced classroom learning and, importantly, were great fun! I'm looking forward to sharing pictures and news from some Year 7s visit to the Transport Museum, which is taking place today.

Looking ahead—Have a wonderful weekend. I look forward to seeing you all for the final week of term before we break for a well-earned half term.

Best wishes,
Mr Downing, Head of School

Class of the Week
in KS3

Congratulations!

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Class of the Week
in KS4/5

Congratulations!

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Next Friday's
Assembly Class

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on 24th October
at 9.10am

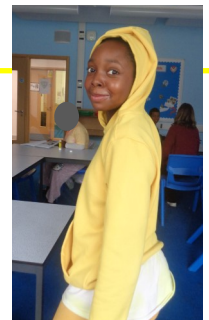


Hello Yellow Day at Lansdowne School

Once again Lansdowne Pupils and Staff wore yellow to participate in Hello Yellow on Friday, 10th October (World Mental Health Day) to raise awareness and funds for YoungMinds, the UK's leading charity for young people's mental health. It was great to see all the different shades of yellow. Funds raised will help support the resources YoungMinds provide which include online resources (www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/), a phone line, open 9.30am-4pm (0808 802 5544),

an online chat for parents and carers to speak to trained professionals if you're concerned about your children's mental health (www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline/) Thanks for everyone's support on the day.

—Ms McNie



Pupil Voice: Black History Month Artist of the Week



For Black History Month, I am going to talk about the artist Babajide Brian who is currently doing his job by drawing people from the FA Premier League and their shirt designs. By now, Jide probably created more than hundred of these footballer portraits by using a regular pencil and creating simple sketches on the paper to start with, his next step is using a mechanical pencil (usually used by architects/ designers to achieve neat and accurate details). Its sharp point and ability to give spectacular details to your drawings is great. Lastly, Jide uses fine liners (these are versatile ink pens that produce crisp details). Almost all of Jide's work reflects a very strong interest in football, he even draws some football stadiums in the background of his portraits as well as the sponsors of games. I was lucky to take part on an art trip and workshop with Jide, I saw a room full of his drawings displayed on the walls. He showed interest in how I draw during the workshop, so I feel proud of myself. He is a really nice person and he used to be a student at Lansdowne years ago, that makes it extra special.

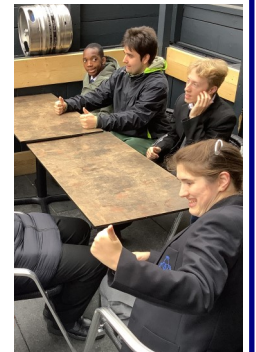
—Year 13 Pupil



Trip to San Marino Café in Brixton

As part of their ongoing Life Skills lessons, Class 14CR visited the San Marino Café in Brixton and were mesmerized by the stunning variety of delicious food on display. They enjoyed buying a drink and relaxing in the Café with their class. The cashier complimented the group on their excellent behaviour and congratulated them on their beautiful manners.

—Mr Marti



Year 8 Trip to British Museum

Some Year 8 students had the opportunity to visit the British Museum as part of their History curriculum. They travelled there by tube and behaved well throughout the trip. At the museum, they explored a fascinating range of artefacts and deepened their understanding of Ancient Egypt. Without a doubt, they were all captivated by the mummies and the mysteries of the afterlife that the Egyptians believed in.

—Ms Gkotsi

