



# LANSDOWNE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,  
Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful and restful half-term break. It was lovely to see everyone on Monday morning looking refreshed and ready for the term ahead. This is always an exciting and busy term, culminating with Christmas activities and celebrations. This week, we're delighted to share news of the trips and activities that enrich and extend our children's learning and understanding. Some Year 8 classes have been exploring art at London Zoo, whilst our KS3 Life Skills group visited the local Co-op to develop their independence skills. Meanwhile, KS5 students honed their creativity at Roots and Shoots in Kennington, perfecting their pumpkin carving techniques. We're also introducing a new feature: Artist of the Month. This month's artist is Esther Mahlangu, chosen by a Pupil in class 13VG. We're excited to learn more about her work and what inspired this pupil's choice. Looking ahead, next week is Anti-Bullying Week. We're challenging all students to see who can collect the most Power for Good kindness awards across the week – let's celebrate the positive ways our young people support one another. Have a wonderful weekend, and as always, thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,  
Mr Downing

## Class of the Week in KS3

Congratulations!

**8CS**

## Class of the Week in KS4/5

Congratulations!

**11NP**

### London Zoo Art Trip



At the end of last term, 8CS and 8JD took a trip to London Zoo. Here the students took their own photographs of the different animals they saw which they will now use in their art work this term. The students will collage their pictures of the animals and turn the everyday zoo animals into mythical creatures.  
—Ms Mannion



### Dates for your Diary:

- 12th November — Enterprise Café in West Dulwich from 11am-2pm. Cash only. All welcome!
- 12th November — KS3 Parents/Carers Open Evening from 4-6.30pm for Students in Years 7-9
- 17th November — All students to enter via Pupil Entrance on Argyll Close from 8.45am-9.00am.
- 17th November — *Breakfast Club* starts at 8.15am
- 19th November — KS4/5 Parents/Carers Open Evening from 4-6.30pm for Students in Years 10-14



### Next Friday's Assembly Class

**10BR**

on 14th November  
at 9.35am



### Artist of the Month

This Year 13 Pupil created this artwork inspired by the South African Artist Esther Mahlangu, creating patterns using various materials on a canvas, such as tape, painted pasta, buttons, pins, buttons, tassels and thread. Well done!



—Ms Mendonça

### Roots & Shoots Pumpkin Week

Students had great fun carving pumpkins and dancing to Halloween music at Roots & Shoots. Students were able to choose their own pumpkin and design a face to carve. They then had to scoop the seeds out and cut out their designed faces on their pumpkins. Afterwards we cleaned and cooked the pumpkin seeds together and students were able to try them before taking their pumpkins home. Mr Brand from Roots & Shoots shared that he was very impressed with all the learners but special mention to two students from class 12LT who needed no help whatsoever and did great jobs.



### Life Skills Trips

At the end of last term, students in Life Skills took a trip to the local grocery store to put their learning to practice. The excursion gave them a wonderful opportunity to develop real-world skills, including road safety, independence, and money handling. Students also practiced their social skills by interacting politely with staff and other customers. The experience helped build their confidence and independence. Everyone enjoyed a sense of accomplishment that came from completing their own shopping, and enjoyed their own purchased treat at the end!!

—Ms Enright-Bullock



### Food Tech Monster Burgers

This week, KS4/5 students made Monster Burgers as a post Halloween activity. We learnt about the nutritional value of the ingredients, listed all the micro- and macronutrients they contain and talked about how these are beneficial to our body. Then students designed their burgers. Some 'monsters' had crooked eyes, or just one eye, some had eyes on top of their ears. They had teeth made from a slice of cheese, and they were all slightly 'bloody' which effect we reached by adding ketchup. At the end, each Monster Burger had their own unique characteristics. And most importantly, the students enjoyed the process a great deal.



—Ms Berke