



LANSDOWNE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely way to end the week – looking out onto a sunny playground after the challenging weather we've experienced recently! We're now over halfway through the term, and the festive season is fast approaching. Despite this, it's been another action-packed week at Lansdowne.

Sports achievements — Mr Costa accompanied a group of KS3 students to Fulham for a football tournament, where they demonstrated excellent team spirit throughout. He also led another group to Elm Court School, where we secured victory in a highly competitive basketball match. We're delighted to announce that we'll be hosting them here at Lansdowne.

Geography fieldwork — Year 8s explored Dulwich Village and its surroundings as part of their Humanities Geography curriculum. Today Year 7s visited Brixton to develop their map reading skills.

ARTiculate series — We're continuing our monthly ARTiculate series, and this month Sabir shares the fascinating story of China's long-lost Terracotta Army – a captivating piece of ancient history.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. Warm regards, Francis Downing

Class of the Week
in KS3

Congratulations!

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Class of the Week
in KS4/5

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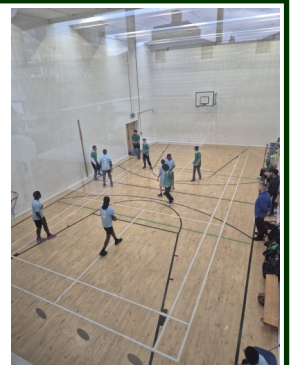
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Lansdowne Students Shine in First Basketball Tournament!

This Tuesday, our Lansdowne students proudly participated in their very first basketball tournament against Elm Court School. The excitement had been building for weeks, with the team practicing enthusiastically every break time—and their hard work truly paid off! We are thrilled to announce that our students achieved an amazing and well-deserved victory. Their energy, teamwork, and determination were clear from the



moment they stepped onto the court. Mr Costa and Mr N were extremely proud—not only of the outstanding performance, but also of the excellent sportsmanship shown by both teams. Our students demonstrated respect, teamwork, and positivity throughout the match, making the win even more meaningful. With this great start, our Lansdowne team is more motivated than ever. They are ready and eager for the next challenge! —Mr Costa



Dates for your Diary:

- 1st-11th December — Winter Raffle Tickets on sale from Front Office.
- 10th December — Enterprise Café in West Dulwich from 11am-2pm.
- 11th December — Christmas Jumper Day
- 12th December — Winter Fair from 2-3.30pm. Bring small change.
- 17th December — Christmas Lunch
- 19th December — Last day of Term. We finish at 3.30pm.

Next Friday's
Assembly Class

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on 5th December
at 9.35am

Dulwich Village Trip

The Year 8 pupils visited Dulwich Village to complete fieldwork as part of their Geography studies. The pupils noticed how different this area felt compared to the centre of London (as we've seen it in previous trips). They observed how the houses look, how much quieter and relaxed everything was, as well as the lack of traffic and transport. We explored the Village and the park and took a nice break from the hustle and bustle of the city! Well done, everyone!



— Ms Gkotsi

KS3 Students Show Determination at the Fulham Football Tournament

This Monday, our KS3 students proudly represented Lansdowne at the Fulham Football Tournament. The atmosphere was incredible, and our students were full of excitement as they stepped onto the pitch, ready to give their best. Although the matches were challenging and our team found it difficult to secure wins, one thing stood out above everything else: their resilience. Not once did they lower their heads or lose their spirit. Instead, they kept pushing forward, showing determination, teamwork, and a positive attitude from start to finish. The level of sportsmanship displayed by our students was truly inspiring. They supported each other, respected their opponents, and showed maturity throughout the entire tournament. They also recognised that more practice will help them grow stronger for the next competition—and we are confident that they will come back even better. Your effort, attitude, and enthusiasm make us proud. Keep working hard, and the results will follow! Well done to our KS3 team!

—Mr Costa



Pupil Voice: ARTiculate

I would like to share about the terracotta army from China, our new topic in art lessons. The terracotta warriors are sculptures made out of terracotta depicting the armies of Qin Shi Huang, the first emperor of China. It is a form of funerary art and it's intended to protect the emperor in the afterlife. The terracotta army was discovered by a group of local Chinese farmers who were digging a well in 1974. It is known that the terracotta warriors were originally painted over a variety of bright, lifelike colours before the paint flaked off over centuries. When the terracotta army was first built between 246 and 206 BCE, it was estimated for the army to take 40 years to be complete and so far, there are over 8,000 warriors currently found and displayed. The workers who were making the terracotta warriors for Emperor Qin suffered from horrible working conditions, they were all from poor backgrounds and those who had knowledge of the tomb's construction were executed and sealed inside to prevent the secrets of the tomb from being revealed. We are excited about creating our own Terracotta Warrior in art lessons this term. —Year 13 Pupil

