



# LANSDOWNE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

We're now in the penultimate week of term, and whilst the festive break (and much-needed rest!) is in sight, we haven't slowed down. Year 9's visit to Covent Garden this week perfectly complemented their English studies, and London at Christmas time offers incredible sights, sounds and experiences. We've attached links to Lambeth's holiday programme and to Lambeth's activities for children and young people with SEND. These could be helpful during the holiday if you're looking for things to do once the mince pies are all eaten!

<https://eequ.org/lambethholidayprogramme>

<https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/send/contact-us-information-advice-and-events/activities-for-send>

This month's featured artist is the Brazilian street artist Cranio, chosen by a Year 13 Pupil. Perhaps a trip to one of London's many world-class art galleries will feature in your holiday plans – they certainly offer a range of activities and, even better, many are free!

Class 11NP shared an inspiring Assembly today, encouraging us all to recognise the talents and attributes we possess. Meanwhile, Class 12RM have been busy filming their Assembly, which will be our last for the term and for 2025. We're looking forward to ending on a high!

As I write, we're preparing for this afternoon's Winter Fair, and I hope you were able to join us. Look out for photos in next week's newsletter.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Francis Downing  
Head of School

Class of the Week  
in KS3

Congratulations!

**7RM**

Class of the Week  
in KS4/5

Congratulations!

**10BR**

Next Friday's  
Assembly Class

**12RM**

on 19th December  
at 9.35am

## Student Voice: Our Artist of the Month

I created this artwork inspired on the style of the Brazilian street artist Cranio, using colouring pencils for gradient, oil pastels and ink resist technique. Learning about the artist Cranio and the Tribes who live and depend on the Amazon Rainforest, my character is a mix of an Amazon Tribe Warrior and someone living in a city. —Year 13 Pupil



### Year 9s Covent Garden Trip

This week the Year 9 students enjoyed a trip to Covent Garden as part of our study of Karl Nova's poetry. In his poem "The Dancer", Karl Nova celebrates the energy and creativity of street performers and we were lucky enough to watch three talented performers, from musicians to acrobats. The energy around the piazza helped us imagine the atmosphere Nova describes and the festive lights, giant Christmas tree and colourful displays added an extra layer of excitement. Overall, the visit deepened students understanding of the poem, whilst getting to enjoy one of London's most vibrant, creative and festive spaces. —Ms Baker



### Student Voice: Year 9s Horniman Museum Trip

The Year 9s went on a trip to the Horniman Museum. We saw butterflies, sea creatures, rabbits, alpacas and many more. We ate our lunch in the garden and enjoyed the diverse galleries. Two pupils' favourite thing was walking around and seeing the rabbits. One pupil liked the butterflies and another pupil liked the animal displays. Another pupil enjoyed seeing the artefacts from all the different countries and continents. Everyone had fun exploring the gardens and the museum. It was a great trip! —Class 9LC



### Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday, 16th December — No After School Clubs.  
Wednesday, 17th December — Christmas Lunch for Students.  
Thursday, 18th December — No After School Clubs.  
Friday, 19th December — Last day of Term. We finish at 3.30pm.  
Tuesday, 6th January — Students return to school.  
Tuesday, 6th January — No After School Clubs.  
Thursday, 8th January — No After School Clubs.  
Tuesday, 13th January — After School Clubs resume.

