



# LANSDOWNE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

Although this is the shortest term, in many ways it is one of the hardest, and we are all ready for the week off. Despite it being the last week, it was still a busy one.

Our trips to enhance curriculum learning continued, with Year 12 visiting the Science Museum to learn more about space travel and Year 8s visiting a Buddhist temple in Wimbledon. Hopefully you will see the benefits of their meditation and mindfulness at home! We also have a different take on our Artist of the Month feature this time – a unique and quite mysterious character created by one of our Year 13 pupils and a featured artist piece by a Year 11 pupil.

You may be aware that Lansdowne had Ofsted inspectors in this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you to all those parents who completed the survey. It is important that inspectors hear the views of all stakeholders, however favourable or not. The inspectors enjoyed their meeting with the School Council, and the children were well-behaved and welcoming throughout the inspection – they were a credit to the school. The final report should be published in about three weeks, and we will of course let you know as soon as this happens.

Finally, may I thank you all for your support of the school. I hope you have a lovely half-term break, whatever your plans, and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 23rd February.

—Francis Downing, Head of School

Class of the Week  
in KS4

Congratulations!

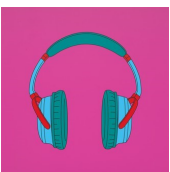
**9MS**

Class of the Week  
in KS5

Congratulations!

**12RM**

## Pupil Voice: ARTiculate — Artist Michael Craig-Martin



Michael Craig-Martin was born on the 28th of August 1941 in Dublin, Ireland. He is a contemporary artist and a professor of Fine Art at Goldsmiths University. He creates huge paintings using a range of bold vivid colour schemes, creating neat and uniform colours applied on objects that represent our everyday living. He makes those objects look like they are from a TV advert, with bright colours and trying to convince us to buy something. I like to play music on headphones and

Xbox (is not better than PS4 or 5), but I love to play video games, and I would like to go on holiday with the suitcase just as in his painting. I enjoy his work because he makes real life things that I recognise from my daily life. I also can't forget about football, one of my favourite sports. In one of his paintings there are 20 or 30 colours, it really is colourful. —Year 11 Pupil



## Dates for your Diary:



- \* Pupils return from half term break on Monday, 23rd February at 9am.
- \* Year 7, 8 or 9 Parents/Carers Open Evening on Wednesday, 4th March from 4-6:30pm.
- \* World Book Day celebration on Thursday, 5th March.
- \* Year 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 or 14 Parents/Carers Open Evening on Wednesday, 11th March from 4-6:30pm.

Next Friday's  
Assembly Class

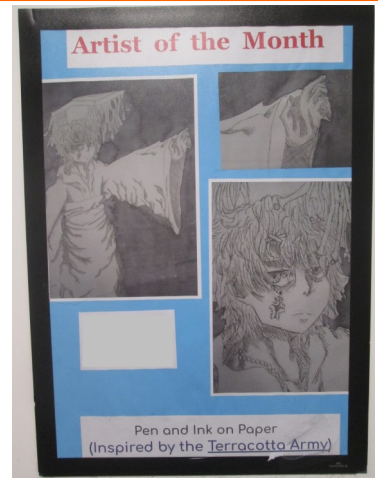
**7SM**

on 27th February  
at 9.10am

### Pupil Voice: Artist of the Month



I created this character using pen and ink drawing, he is not Chinese but his clothes are inspired by the Emperor Qinshihuang's from the Terracotta Army, in China, during the Imperial Era in 259-210 BC. This character has no name and no origin that I can think of, the fact that he has a tattoo of a cross on his face, it could mean something to him, but not related to the Imperial or Christianity era, as the character lived way before Christianity came around. As I was drawing him, something on my mind was creating a bit of how his expression should be and his personality. In the end I chose his face to be negative, miserable and mysterious.



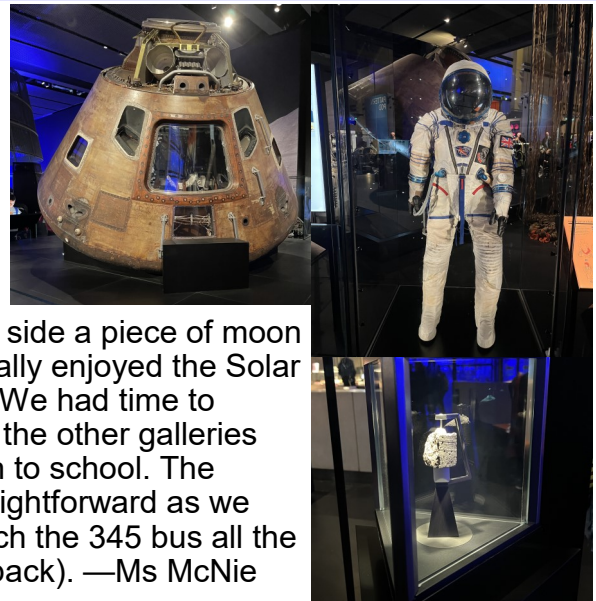
—Year 13 Pupil

### Exploring Outer Space at the Science Museum

As part of their science studies 12RM visited the



Science Museum to view the artefacts from previous space missions. We saw Helen Sharman's space suit along side a piece of moon rock. We especially enjoyed the Solar System display. We had time to explore some of the other galleries before our return to school. The journey was straightforward as we were able to catch the 345 bus all the way there (and back). —Ms McNie



### Year 8s at the Buddhapadipa Temple

The Year 8s visited a Buddhist temple in Wimbledon as part of their Humanities work. They enhanced their knowledge about various Buddhist symbols and their meaning. They also explored the benefits of meditation and mindfulness. Stay tuned for our next Humanities trip article!

—Ms Gkotsi



Working Together

[www.lansdownreturneyfederation.co.uk](http://www.lansdownreturneyfederation.co.uk)

To Achieve