



LANSDOWNE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break. It's hard to believe we're already halfway through the academic year. Before we look ahead, I wanted to celebrate some brilliant moments from the final week of last half term.

Year 12 Trip: Skills for Life — 12LT enjoyed a fantastic day out combining bowling, travel training and social skills development – all rounded off with hot chocolate at our Enterprise Café. It was wonderful to see our students building independence and confidence in the community.

Careers Workshop at Royal Bank of Canada — Students from Years 11 and 13 had an incredible opportunity thanks to Mr Flannigan and his careers connections. Their project with the Old Vic culminated in a visit to Royal Bank of Canada, where they were coached in self-promotion and had the chance to practice their skills in mock interviews. This hands-on experience will be invaluable as they prepare for their futures.

Year 8 Synagogue Visit — Year 8's study of world religions finished with a visit to our local synagogue. Their hosts specifically commended their curiosity and exemplary behaviour – well done to all involved!

Key Dates for Your Diary — Please note the important dates. Although this is the shortest term of the year, we have lots of exciting activities planned! Have a great weekend.

Francis 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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Bowling & Enterprise Café Trip

Class 12LT enjoyed a trip to the bowling alley at Brixton Recreation Centre and The Enterprise Café as part of our ASDAN Road Safety focus with an emphasis on life and living skills. Pupils developed key independence skills such as safe road crossing, patience during the wait for the bus, staying aware of traffic and showing polite behaviour towards members of the public. The visit also supported essential everyday skills and social skills such as taking turns, queuing, ordering food and drinks at a café, managing emotions, encouraging

peers and displaying appropriate behaviours in public settings. Overall, the pupils had a fantastic time playing bowling, working on their techniques, interacting with each other to reinforce friendships and enjoying a delicious cup of hot chocolate and a slice of cake.

—Ms Inniss



Old Vic: Royal Bank of Canada Careers Workshops

In the last week of term we had Year 11 and 13 pupils travel to the Royal Bank of Canada in the City of London for a range of insightful and engaging workshops. We were taught about the 'elevator pitch', explaining yourself and your qualities to an employer in a succinct manner. We also met with a range of employers who hosted our pupils in a 'mock-interview'. Our pupils excelled in these and it was inspiring to see them cope with the pressure of an interview so well.



—Mr Flannigan

Humanities Synagogue Trip

Our Year 8 pupils recently enjoyed a memorable visit to a local synagogue as part of their learning about religious symbols in Humanities. The trip provided a valuable opportunity to see and discuss meaningful artefacts and spaces first-hand, helping to bring classroom learning to life. Staff were incredibly proud of how well pupils engaged with the experience, showing curiosity and respect throughout. We are very grateful to our welcoming hosts for their kindness, patience, and for making the visit such a positive and enriching experience for everyone involved.

—Ms Gkotsi



Life Skills!

This term in Life Skills we are learning about communication and relationships. This includes work on body language, listening, conversation skills, and asking for help. Parents and Carers can help us with this important work by:

- Modelling good communication e.g. facing the speaker, making eye contact, not interrupting, staying calm
- Making use of regular events e.g. dinner times, car journeys, TV shows to talk about feelings, ask questions
- Encouraging turn taking and staying on topic
- Normalising asking for help: remind your child that everyone needs help sometimes, practice phrases like 'can you help me with this?'
- Praise the skills you see



If you have any questions about how best to support your young person please do contact Mr Hilton via the School Office on Tel: 0207 737 3713.

Dates for your Diary:



- ◆ 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

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on 6th March
at 9.10am

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