



# LANSDOWNE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have had a good week. We have passed the halfway mark for this half term, which seems incredible. Although it is a short one, it is always busy, as this week's newsletter shows.

First, I would like to draw your attention to the first featured event below. We receive lots of information about events and things to do in and around London, but the monthly family workshops aimed at a neurodiverse audience at the Victoria and Albert Museum in South Kensington look well worth trying. The V&A is a world-renowned cultural institution that is frequently used by schools for curriculum-enriching opportunities. We would love to hear all about it if you decide to give it a go.

As if to prove my point about the value of museum visits, Ms Mendonça took a group of students to the V&A to explore the permanent collections for inspiration. They came back full of enthusiasm and creative ideas, and we look forward to seeing the results produced in their art lessons.

Mr S and 14CR put the life skills they have been practising to good use when they went to Subway. They had a lovely time, though it seems they have high standards and are hard to please! I wonder where they will go next time.

Year 9 visited the Imperial War Museum, another fascinating, world-class museum we are lucky to have on our doorstep. They had the opportunity to see artefacts from World War 2, which has been their focus in Humanities this term.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend, and best wishes to all mothers among you. I hope you get suitably spoiled on Sunday!  
Francis Downing, Head of School

Class of the Week  
in KS3

Congratulations!

**9LM**

Class of the Week  
in KS4/5

Congratulations!

**13AJ**

## Sensory Friendly workshops at V&A South Kensington

Come along to Sensory Friendly, a free drop-in event at V&A South



Kensington. This new monthly workshop is for neurodiverse visitors of all ages and their families. In this relaxed session, as a family you'll get to design, create and experiment using a mixture of different art materials in the space. The session and activities are inspired by the museum's collections. Sensory Friendly events are planned for the following Saturdays — 9th May, 27th June, 18th July, 8th August, 12th September, 10th October and 14th November. For more information visit [www.vam.ac.uk/whatson/programmes/family](http://www.vam.ac.uk/whatson/programmes/family)



10th October and

Next Friday's  
Assembly Class

**8FB**

on 20th March  
at 9.10am

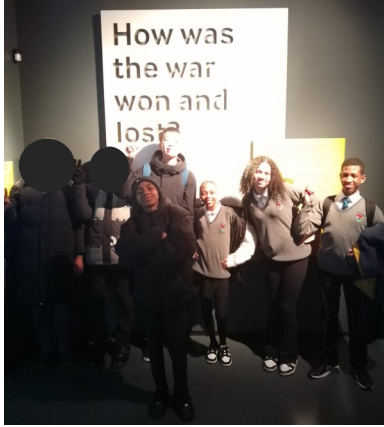


### Dates for your Diary:

- ◆ Enterprise Café Event on Wednesday, 18th March.
- ◆ Last day of this Term is on Friday, 27th March. We finish at our regular time of 3.30pm.

### Pupil Voice: Trip to IWM written by 9LC

The Year 9s had the chance to visit the Imperial War Museum in Kennington. We took the 159 and then crossed the road all the way down to the entrance of the museum. In the museum, we explored the galleries of World War 2. We saw artefacts like guns, bombs, Spitfires of the RAF, shelters, maps, and gas masks. Everyone was fascinated and is ready to learn more about this important event of modern history. — Ms Gkotsi



### Class 14CR Life Skills

This term, class 14CR chose to go to Subway to have a drink. Hot drinks were not available and they had to change their order. They had summer fruits OASIS and Orange Juice. The pupils said that their experience was nice but next time, they would like to go somewhere else. — Mr S



### Victoria & Albert Museum Art Trip

Selected pupils spent the day at the Victoria & Albert Museum (V&A) exploring the permanent collection for their Arts Award Certificate. We travelled responsibly by public bus. One of the highlights of our trip was the fully functioning "Wishing Fountain" and the "Quilted Jelly" stools, made from clay by the artist in residence Ciara Neufeldt. Pupils made a wish by throwing available coins in the fountain. Another highlight of the day was visiting the Jewellery galleries and seeing precious stones as well as a beautiful butterfly ring, donated to the V&A by the singer Beyoncé. We loved the fashion galleries and considered some of the historical costumes to be a good alternative for Lansdowne school uniform. We ended our journey with a lovely hot chocolate at the incredible café rooms surrounded by colourful stained glass windows and William Morris' wallpaper. — Ms Mendonça

