



LANSDOWNE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,
I hope you've had a good week and have been enjoying the return of the sunshine. This was the theme of 8FB's class assembly this week – what a charming and joyful celebration of the sun it was! Well done to all the pupils involved.

Last Sunday was Mothering Sunday, and I hope our pupils spoiled all you mothers in recognition and thanks for everything you do for them. Some of you were lucky enough to receive gifts created in Forest School – decorated cards and plant pots with sunflower seeds planted in them. It would be wonderful to see photographs of the flowers when they're in bloom!

Year 8 pupils had the opportunity to visit the Tower of London this week to enrich their learning about kings and queens. They were full of questions for the Beefeaters (also known as the Yeoman of the Guard) and full of awe in front of the magnificent Crown Jewels.

Lastly, we hear from Mr Flannigan about Year 11's work experience placements. It sounds like they really stepped up to the mark and did themselves and Lansdowne School proud. This is a very important part of preparing them for life after school, so it's wonderful to hear that it was such a great success.

Have a great weekend, and we look forward to seeing you on Monday for the last week of the spring term.

Francis Downing
Head of School

Lost Property

If your child has lost property please check the Lost Property Box in the School Office reception area. Any items that are unlabelled will be put there. After we have had the items for one month they will be either: added to the second hand swap shop, kept in school for use in emergencies e.g. when a child is sick or donated to charity.



Please help us in reuniting lost property with its owner by **labelling** all of your child's property - this includes jumpers, bags, hats, PE kits and water bottles.



Dates for your Diary:



- ◆ There will be no After School Clubs until 21st April.
- ◆ Last day of this Term is on Friday, 27th March. We finish at our regular time of 3.30pm.
- ◆ We look forward to welcoming pupils back on Tuesday, 14th April.

Next Friday's Assembly Class

8JD

on 27th March
at 9.10am

Mothering Sunday Gifts!

Last week the Forest School groups made gifts and cards for their mums and carers. First, we made colourful designs on watercolour paper using different coloured inks mixed with water, which we then stuck onto black card. We then made colourful envelopes to put our cards inside. Next, we added our own designs to compostable plant pots, before filling them with soil and planting two sunflower seeds each. We then gave them a little water. We really hope in a few weeks' time our mums and carers (and us!) will be enjoying a beautiful sunflower! If you were lucky enough to receive one of these gifts, remember to keep it on a sunny windowsill, and give it a drop of water if it looks thirsty. Good luck growing your sunflower!

—Mr Hilton



Tower of London

Class 8CS and 8JD had the opportunity to visit the Tower of London and enhance their knowledge about the monarchs of the UK. The pupils demonstrated excellent behaviour both during the tube ride and on site, which made the trip very pleasant and educational. They were really fascinated by the crown jewels (unfortunately, no photos were allowed!) and also asked the guards about their role in the Tower. Well done, everyone!

—Ms Gkotsi



Year 11s Work Experience

This March, over two weeks, we had our first round of Year 11 Work Experience. A range of businesses gave an opportunity to our pupils such as a bicycle shop, leisure centres, schools, nurseries, charity shops, and a library.

We had fantastic feedback from the businesses. When I popped through to visit, I saw a different kind of confidence in the pupils. They used customer service skills and communication skills, along with independence and initiative.

Work experience is a very important part of schooling as it gives our pupils an insight into the working world while developing and refining their employability skills. The way these pupils have conducted themselves has shown that, when the time comes, they will be very ready to push their limits and take on the labour market.

We plan to have the remaining year 11 pupils out for their placement in April. Year 13 pupils will go out in June.

—Mr Flannigan



After School Clubs

There will be no After School Clubs next week and the first week after the Term break. After School Clubs will resume on Tuesday, 21st April 2026.

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