



LANSDOWNE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful week. Today we celebrate the successful completion of another term and look forward to two weeks of well-deserved rest and relaxation before the (hopefully!) warmer weather and the long summer term ahead.

We begin this week's newsletter with our now well-established monthly feature focusing on an artist chosen by one of our pupils. This month, one of our Year 11 pupils has treated us to their thoughtful comparison of two artworks by Tadatoshi Fujimaki and Tom Phillips. It is a mature and reflective piece that demonstrates how carefully they have considered and articulated their appreciation of the strengths and differences between the two works. Each month, this feature introduces me to artists I had not previously encountered, and I invariably learn something new. I wonder who next month's artist will be!

We also take time this week to celebrate our long-standing partnership with New Start Training in Southwark. New Start provides our pupils with the opportunity to learn and develop carpentry skills – measuring, sawing, drilling and more. The pupils are well supported by a dedicated team at New Start, whilst being encouraged to work independently as soon as they are able. It is always a pleasure to see students return throughout the year, proudly displaying the chests, shelving units, tables and stools they have created from scratch.

This term, the students in 14CR have continued their preparations for life after Lansdowne by researching and learning about environmental issues and how best to care for the wider community they will soon be part of. This has involved a range of activities in school and trips to the local area, helping to develop their understanding of the positive difference they can make. Well done to all of you!

Finally, it just remains for me to thank you for your continued support and contributions to school life, to thank all the staff who work tirelessly to make the pupils' time at Lansdowne an enjoyable and memorable learning experience, and of course to thank the pupils themselves for their hard work and for making Lansdowne the unique place it is.

Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday, 14th April.

Best wishes,

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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Next Friday's
Assembly Class

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on 17th April
at 9.10am



Dates for your Diary:

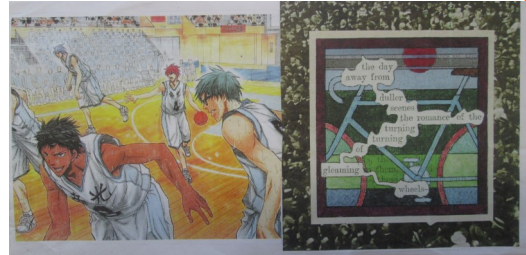
- ◆ We look forward to welcoming pupils back on Tuesday, 14th April.
- ◆ There will be no After School Clubs on 14th and 16th April.
- ◆ After School Clubs will resume on Tuesday, 21st April 2026.
- ◆ Our next Enterprise Café event will be on Wednesday, 13th May.



Pupil Voice: ARTiculate — Compare and Contrast Two Artworks — Tadatoshi Fujimaki, Manga Artist: Kuroko's Basketball & Tom Phillips, Painting on a Book Page

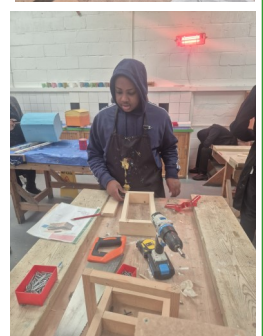
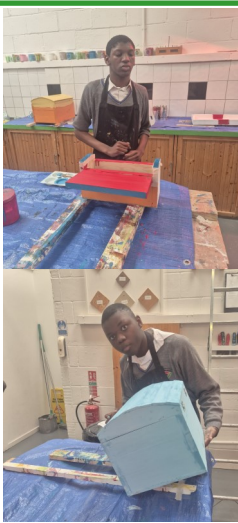
I chose these artworks because they are about books and movement. In Fujimaki's work, I can see the players playing basketball and they look like they're winning and they're sweating. The crowd is watching the players play. The characters are playing basketball inside the court. In Tom Phillips' work I can recognise a bicycle and words. The mood in Fujimaki's seems joyful, positive and ominous. In Phillips', the mood feels vibrant, intense and peaceful and the themes are dull and gloomy. Three differences in his artwork are that the bicycle is red, blue and brown. I can spot the words and what's in the background, a bunch of black and green people. The similarities I can find in Fujimaki's are the characters in movement, and they must be thinking about winning, what will happen next and when they are going to shoot their first point! The similarities I find in Tom Phillips' work are people in the background waiting for a bike. They are thinking about the bike and what will happen next is that they will fight over it.

—Year 11 Pupil



College Links: New Start Training

Pupils at Lansdowne School have been developing their woodworking skills in the carpentry workshop at New Start Training in Southwark. Throughout these sessions, learners have been measuring, sawing, drilling, gluing, and assembling wooden pieces to create their own small projects. With guidance from staff, pupils carefully used a variety of tools including hand saws, drills, clamps, and measuring equipment. They worked step by step to build wooden frames and structures, learning the importance of accuracy, patience, and safety when working with tools. After assembling their pieces, pupils also had the opportunity to add colour and personal touches by painting their finished work. This allowed them to combine practical construction skills with creativity. These workshops have been a fantastic way for pupils to build confidence, improve problem-solving skills, and experience the satisfaction of creating something with their own hands. Everyone showed great focus and teamwork, and we are very proud of their effort and progress. — Mr Costa



Environmental Awareness with Class 14CR

During this term, class 14CR has been actively researching and learning about environmental awareness and the importance of caring for our planet. As part of this work, pupils have taken part in activities that encourage responsibility for the environment and the community around them. They have been involved in picking up litter in the local community, helping to keep shared spaces clean and showing respect for the environment. In addition, the class organised and promoted a campaign against littering within the school. Through discussions, posters, and awareness activities, pupils encouraged their peers to think about the impact of litter and the importance of disposing of waste properly. This project has helped pupils understand how small actions can make a big difference and has inspired them to become more responsible and environmentally conscious members of the school community. —Mr S

