



LANSDOWNE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great Easter break. It was lovely to welcome everyone back on Tuesday, although the ongoing SEND bus driver industrial action has meant quite a significant number of pupils have not been able to get into school, which was a shame. It has been a quieter week than usual without them, and we are looking forward to having the whole school population back next week.

I was looking at the school diary for this half term and it looks like it is going to be a busy time. There are lots of trips booked, we have the Enterprise Café coming up, as well as all the usual clubs and curriculum enrichment activities.

This week I would first like to look back to the end of last term and two events worth celebrating. Year 10s had the good fortune to visit Shakespeare's Globe on the Southbank, where they took part in workshops and enjoyed a tour of the venue. It was an amazing opportunity to complement their study of Romeo & Juliet last term. It was also a reminder of how lucky we are to live in a city full of world-renowned cultural places and events. As if to prove my point, Year 9 students worked with the Southbank Centre, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary. They have been taking part in a poetry programme called *'Imagine the Future'* and their work will feature in an installation there later this year. There are lots of events planned on the Southbank this year, many of them free, so keep your eyes peeled!

Thanks goes out to Mr Hilton for the update on this term's Personal and Social Development curriculum (PSD) focus on being able to self-administer basic first aid. This chimes with our vision for all students to leave able to live independent lives in the local community.

You should all have received a copy of our recent Ofsted Inspection Report, which was published yesterday. We will return to this subject next week once we have had time to digest the report properly. I wish you a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday morning.

Best wishes,
Francis Downing, Head of School

Class of the Week
in KS3

Congratulations!

9MS

Class of the Week
in KS4/5

Congratulations!

12RM

Next Friday's
Assembly Class

9LC

on 24th April
at 9.10am

Lost Property — New Items Found

If your child has lost property please check the Lost Property Box in the School Office reception area. Please help us in reuniting lost property with its owner by **labelling** all of your child's property - this includes blazers, jumpers, and ties.



Dates for your Diary:

- ◆ After School Clubs will resume on Tuesday, 21st April.
- ◆ Early May Bank Holiday on Monday, 4th May.
- ◆ Our next Enterprise Café event will be on Wednesday, 13th May.





Romeo & Juliet at the Globe Theatre

Year 10s enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to the Globe Theatre in London. During the visit, students took part in a guided tour of the historic theatre, learning about its unique design and rich history. They also participated in an engaging drama workshop based on Romeo and Juliet, where they explored key scenes through performance. The trip offered a valuable opportunity to deepen their understanding of Elizabethan theatre and the context in which Shakespeare's plays were originally performed.

—Ms Gomez



Life Skills: First Aid

As part of your young person's Personal and Social Development curriculum, they receive Life Skills lessons each week. This term the focus is on basic first aid: cuts and grazes, burns, bleeds, calling 999. Below are a few activities you may like to practice at home to support the work we are doing here at school:

- Familiarise your young person with the contents of a first-aid kit
- Use role-play for scenarios including cuts and burns (or, even better, talk through real life incidents as and when they occur)
- Teach your young person your address
- Role play calling 999
- Watch educational videos together

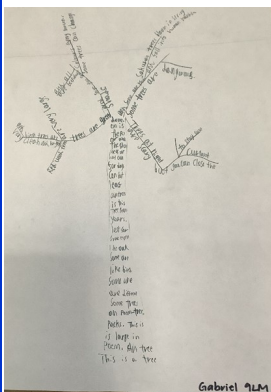


If you have any questions about this topic please do feel free to ask via the School Office and I will do my best to respond.

—Mr Hilton

Imagine the Future Workshops

At the end of last term, Year 9 students were given the exciting opportunity to take part in a creative poetry project, 'Imagine the Future', celebrating the Southbank Centre's 75th anniversary. Each class participated in a full-day workshop led by a professional poet, where students were supported in crafting their own visual poetry as well as a collaborative class piece. A line from each class's poem has been selected to feature in a large-scale installation at the Southbank Centre this summer—an incredible achievement. The project will culminate in a special celebration, bringing together all participating schools as part of 2026's Poetry International festival. 'Imagine the Future' aims to inspire a love of poetry while encouraging young people to express their hopes and dreams through visual storytelling. Our students



represented Lansdowne with pride, producing thoughtful, imaginative, and powerful pieces of work. We look forward to visiting the Southbank Centre at the end of the school year to see their published creations on display.

—Ms Baker

