



# LANSDOWNE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have had a good week and have been able to enjoy the improving weather. It certainly feels like summer is on its way. This weekend we have the added bonus of the Mayday bank holiday. 9LM's class assembly this morning talked about the ancient origins of the Mayday holiday celebrating the beginning of summer.

Last week, instead of heading into Dulwich Woods, Forest School went to South Kensington to see the Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition at the Natural History Museum. They saw some incredible images and also had time to look at some of the permanent exhibits too.

As part of their Humanities work, Year 11 went to the Old Operating Theatre by London Bridge for a fascinating insight into medical practices of the past. They had the opportunity to handle artefacts and sit in the same seats as the Victorian medical students. Fortunately, the classrooms at Lansdowne are slightly more comfortable!

Mr Flannigan took a group of students to test the catering skills they have learned in Food Technology with a view to a future career in the catering industry. It was an informative session and they got to taste the results of their hard work. Apparently, it was delicious!

I hope you enjoy the extended weekend and look forward to seeing everyone back next Tuesday.

Francis Downing  
Head of School

Class of the Week  
in KS3

Congratulations!

**8JD**

Class of the Week  
in KS4/5

Congratulations!

**11BM**

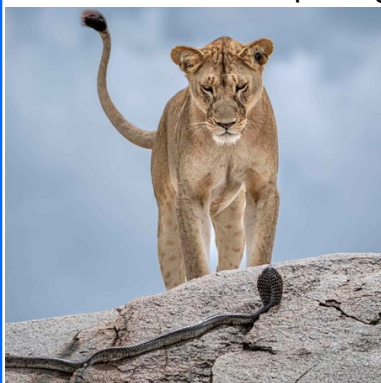
Next Friday's  
Assembly Class

**10AG**

on 8th May  
at 9.10am

## Forest School Trips to the Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition

Last week the Forest School groups visited the Natural History Museum to see the Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition. The exhibition sees photographers from across the world set out



to document nature's most incredible moments, and is the biggest nature photography competition in the world.

We enjoyed seeing some amazing photos - some beautiful, some dramatic and some challenging. Alongside the many photographs, there were insightful captions and films that helped us to understand how many of the images highlight critical conservation issues, including deforestation, poaching and climate change. We came back inspired to take more of our own photos of the natural world during our Forest School sessions!



— Mr Hilton

## Old Operating Theatre Trip



Our Year 11 students recently had the exciting opportunity to visit the Old Operating Theatre near London Bridge, where they took part in an engaging and educational experience. During the visit, students attended a fascinating demonstration showing how surgery was performed in Victorian times. This gave them a real insight into the challenges and conditions faced by both patients and surgeons before modern medical advances. Students also explored the historical use of herbs as medicine, learning how natural remedies were prepared and used to treat illnesses. They even discovered how pills were made in the past, gaining a deeper appreciation for how far medicine has progressed.

—Ms Gomez



## South Bank College Work Experience Day

Last week the students whose work experience has been delayed had a trip to South Bank College in Brixton to try their hand in the hospitality and catering industry. Different to their cooking at school, they all had to work together and try out the different roles in a commercial kitchen. They worked superbly as a team and the end result was delicious. They can't wait to try out their next work experience trip.

— Mr Flannigan



### Dates for your Diary:

- ◆ School is closed for Early May Bank Holiday on Monday, 4th May.
- ◆ Our next Enterprise Café event will be on Wednesday, 13th May.
- ◆ Time for Us: Free Wellbeing Session for Parents/Carers on Friday, 22nd May.

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