



# LANSDOWNE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the bank holiday weekend. Despite being a short week, we have managed to cram a lot in.

To help bring to life the book they are currently reading, 'Run Wild', two Year 8 classes walked down the road to Stockwell Skate Park as it mirrors one of the book's settings. Health and Safety restrictions meant that skate boarding was not possible; nevertheless, they were able to use the visit to imagine what the characters in the story experience and why it is so important to them.

Year 11 students ventured slightly further afield and went to the Southbank's Hayward Gallery to see the varied and thought provoking installations on display there. We share the impression it made on one of our students. There are no right or wrong answers to art which allowed their imaginations and emotional responses free reign.

Year 8 students also welcomed visitors from construction company Wates to Lansdowne last week. They enjoyed a very hands-on, creative workshop calling on a wide range of skills and approaches to design and build their own original pieces. You can see from the photos how much they enjoyed the experience.

We had an unannounced fire drill this week and I am pleased to report that the school was evacuated safely in just over two minutes. Well done everyone!

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Francis Downing  
Head of School (Acting)

Class of the Week  
in KS3

Congratulations!

**7SM**

Class of the Week  
in KS4/5

Congratulations!

**12LT**

Next Friday's  
Assembly Class

**10BR**

on 15th May  
at 9.25am

## English Trip to Stockwell Skate Park

This term, 8CS and 8JD are studying the novel 'Run Wild' by Gill Lewis. The characters in this story discover an old gasworks to skate in after they are pushed out of the local skate park. To



help visualise one of the settings, each class walked to Stockwell Skate Park.

Students made observations and reflected on their experience once back at school. All students represented the school with pride and were respectful in the community.

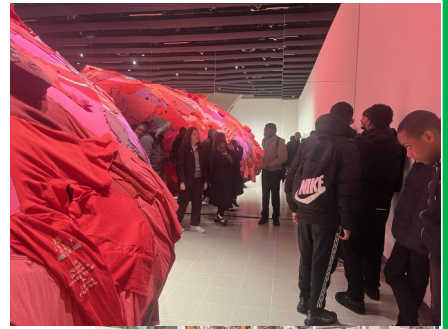
—Ms Baker



## Pupil Voice: ARTiculation — Hayward Gallery Exhibition



Year 11s went to the Hayward Gallery, inside one of the rooms there were lots of keys hanging from thousands of red strings, it was really cool and surprising. We saw a big sculpture in the shape of a giant heart, we got to go inside and sit, all was red and orange, by the artist Yin Xiuzhen, the heart was made from old used clothes, jumpers and socks, we could see the sleeves of clothes hanging from above. We saw lots of real suitcases with lots of city landscapes from around the world, such as London, New York, Seoul, Hamburg and Melbourne. It was really exciting, and makes me want to travel to see these places live, all this was made from fabric and hand sewn. We saw an installation called letters of thanks. It's lots of pieces of paper written to give thanks to family, friends, aunties and uncles.



I would want to share with you about the long van sculpture that I saw in the Hayward gallery. If I could travel I would use this van to go places, it is very bright and has different patterns. It made me feel restful and peaceful, and there is a lot of space for family and friends inside it, sadly it is not practical for the real roads, but it is funny because of the little train track wheels.



— Year 11 Student

## Year 8 Career Insight Day: Construction Wates

Last week some of our Year 8s were visited by the construction company Wates. They researched the range of different roles and jobs in the construction industry. They then discussed all the different skills needed such as teamwork and communication and why they are so important. They even tried on the PPE. Lastly, they built their own designs using plastic pipes or wooden blocks. The team at Wates were very impressed with their work.

— Mr Flannigan



### Dates for your Diary:

- ◆ Our next Enterprise Café event will be on Wednesday, 13th May.
- ◆ Time for Us: Free Wellbeing Session for Parents/Carers on Friday, 22nd May.
- ◆ Last day of term is Friday, 22nd May. We finish at 3.30pm

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