



# LANSDOWNE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have had a good week and have not been caught out too many times in the dramatic hail storms we have been experiencing! The unpredictable and disruptive weather has certainly added another level of challenge to the working school day.

Luckily this did not deter the pupils who attended Forest School with Mr Hilton. His description of the chicken pie they cooked from scratch made my mouth water. Unfortunately, there was none left by the time they returned to school. Perhaps some of you will be lucky enough to taste this treat if you encourage your child to recreate the dish they cooked.

The pupils in 14CR took the tube to Battersea this week and visited the famous Battersea Power Station which is now a swanky shopping mall. If you have not visited since it reopened it is well worth a visit. After years of lying derelict it is wonderful to be able to go inside and even take a lift to the top of one of its chimneys – assuming you have a head for heights!

Miss Francisca and all Year 9 pupils were also out and about this week. To enrich their PSHE work on citizenship, they went on a tour of some of the most iconic and fascinating locations to be found in central London. On their return to school, the pupils talked excitedly about what they had seen.

It seems incredible to say that next week is the last before the half term break and that we are rapidly approaching the last term of the academic year. Unfortunately, further tube strikes are scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. We will confirm this on Monday but we may have to cancel after-school clubs again. Many members of staff live some distance away and rely on the tube so we want to give them as much time as possible to navigate their journeys home.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you back on Monday.

Francis Downing  
Head of School (Acting)

Class of the Week  
in KS3

Congratulations!

**8CS**

Class of the Week  
in KS4/5

Congratulations!

**11NP**

## Studybugs

If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website: [studybugs.com](https://studybugs.com), and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill or unable to attend school.



Next Friday's  
Assembly Class

**10IG**

on 22nd May  
at 9.25am

### Dates for your Diary:

- ◆ Time for Us: Free Wellbeing Session for Parents/Carers on Friday, 22nd May from 1:30-3:00pm at Lansdowne School. Sign up by e-mailing: [admin@lansdowne.lambeth.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lansdowne.lambeth.sch.uk)
- ◆ Last day of term is Friday, 22nd May. We finish at 3.30pm.
- ◆ We welcome students back from half term holiday on Monday, 1st June at 9am.



### Life Skills Trip to Battersea Power Station

Class 14CR travelled to Battersea Power Station by Underground, and they were thrilled to ride on the trains. During their visit, they explored a variety of exciting shops, including the Apple Store and the LEGO Shop. The class also enjoyed having lunch together in the beautiful sunshine. Everyone had a fantastic time, with many students saying, "I've had so much fun at Battersea Power Station so far!"

—Mr S



### Year 9s PHSE London Landmarks

Last week the Year 9 students enjoyed a trip to the city centre as part of their PSHE studies on citizenship and community. During the visit, students explored some of the most important landmarks connected to British history, law and government, including the Houses of Parliament, the Elizabeth Tower, Westminster Abbey and the UK Supreme Court. At each stop, we learned about the history and architecture of these iconic buildings, as well as their role in the law and justice process in the UK. Students also discovered significant historical events connected to each site, helping bring their classroom learning to life. The trip gave students a valuable opportunity to deepen their understanding of democracy, citizenship and civic responsibility, whilst experiencing the atmosphere of one of London's most historic and influential areas.

—Miss Francisca



### Forest School Chicken Pie!

Last week at Forest School we made a delicious chicken pie! First, we prepared our vegetables – onions, carrots and celery – by chopping them very small so that they cooked quickly. After rinsing them, we fried them in our cooking pot in a little oil. Once our vegetables had started to soften, we cut our chicken into small pieces and added that to our pot. As the chicken started to cook, we added some seasoning: salt, pepper, thyme, garlic and a little mild chilli powder. When we were confident that our chicken was cooked, we began adding our wet ingredients: vegetable stock, milk and a little flour to help our sauce thicken. Finally, we added a layer of shop bought puff pastry, which we brushed with egg yolk to hopefully give our pie a nice, golden crust. We popped the lid on and built a fire on top so that our pastry would cook, and after approximately 10 minutes we opened the lid and... Thankfully our pie was perfectly cooked! We think it looked – and more importantly tasted – fantastic! What do you think?

— Mr Hilton

