



LANSDOWNE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have had a good week and are enjoying the welcome return of warm, sunny days. This sort of weather doesn't often coincide with bank holiday weekends – if anything it's the contrary – so I hope you are able to take full advantage whether you are staying in London or going further afield.

As ever, this last week has been a busy one for pupils and staff at Lansdowne. Last week's Enterprise Café went very well. Unfortunately, it took place on the same day as the biblical hailstorms so attendance was down on previous events but the Café is going from strength to strength. It provides our pupils with a range of front and back of house catering experiences as well as giving them the opportunity to practice and develop life skills and independence in a very safe and supportive environment. Well done to all the pupils and staff involved but special thanks go out to Sarolta Berke and Haven Gordon who go above and beyond expectations to ensure each event is a successful and fulfilling experience for all the students taking part.

Last year, Lambeth's SEND Youth Council voted to lead a project on anti-bullying. London Bubble are going to deliver four creative workshops to 16 participants from the four schools that make up our SEND Youth Council: London Nautical School, The Elmgreen School, Elm Court School, and Lansdowne School. Three of our SEND Youth Councillors took part in the first workshop this week. In the final workshop, the scenes will be performed to an audience of key stakeholders, with the aim of shaping council priorities, educational policy, raising awareness and helping to reduce bullying in schools. This is a wonderful opportunity for the pupils involved to influence decisions and make a difference to the school experience for future generations. Well done all of you!

Our Year 10 students had a memorable trip to the Royal Courts of Justice as part of their PSHE work on citizenship and community. They had a behind-the-scenes tour, were able to try on wigs and gowns and sit in the judge's chair. They heard all sorts of stories but the one which fascinated the most was about the trail of a notorious cannibal!

On that gory note, I wish you all a wonderful half term break. Thank you for your continued support. Thanks to all the staff for their hard work and of thanks to all our wonderful students. Every day with them is different, sometimes challenging, very often rewarding but never dull!

Francis Downing
Interim Head of School

Class of the Week
in KS4
Congratulations!
11TF

Class of the Week
in KS5
Congratulations!
13VG



Dates for your Diary:

- ◆ Students return from half term break on Monday, 1st June.
- ◆ Enterprise Café Event on Wednesday, 17th June.

Next Friday's
Assembly Class

11BM
on 5th June
at 9.25am



Year 10 Royal Courts of Justice Trip

The Year 10 students enjoyed a visit to the Royal Courts of Justice as part of their PSHE studies on citizenship and community. During the trip, students learned about the UK criminal justice system, including how laws are enforced and the consequences of breaking them. Students had the opportunity to step inside a courtroom, observe real court proceedings and visit the costume room, whilst experts from the institution guided the tour and shared valuable insights about the role of the courts in society. Overall, the visit helped students deepen their understanding of citizenship, responsibility and the justice system through a unique real-life experience.

—Miss Francisca

Lambeth SEND Youth Council Anti-Bullying Campaign Workshop

As the result of a previous vote at the Lambeth SEND Youth Council, the team of SEND students decided to work with Lambeth Council on an Anti-Bullying campaign. On Thursday last week, three Lansdowne School Council Members attended the London Bubble SEND Youth Workshop at Elmgreen School to represent Lansdowne School. Over the coming weeks, students will collaborate in drama workshops with students from other on a creative piece that will raise awareness for Anti-Bullying. Thanks boys for your hard work and dedication to an important cause!

— Mr Mau



May's Enterprise Café Event

We had another Enterprise Café event on Wednesday, May 13th. These events continue to be a wonderful success, giving our students the opportunity to develop confidence, independence, and valuable life skills in a welcoming real life setting. Once again we witnessed that this opportunity does not only provide practical work experience to our young people, but they also create meaningful connections with the local community and each other. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, teamwork and professionalism our students show at the Café events. We warmly welcome parents and relatives at these events. If you have visited already we are looking forward to seeing you again, if you haven't been yet, please come to our next event, on June 17. — Ms Berke

