



LANSDOWNE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have had a good week and are looking forward to what promises to be a warm summer weekend. The forecast for next week is for hot, sunny weather so please remind your children to bring water into school. They can refill bottles from taps in all classroom as needed. Although we have recently installed a shelter in the playground to provide shade from the midday sun, it is important to apply sunscreen in the morning and wear appropriate clothing for the hot weather – light cotton clothing and a hat.

We are treated to the reactions and reflection of another Year 13 pupil to the Threads of Life/Heart to Heart exhibition at the Hayward Gallery. As with last week's piece, this is another thoughtful review showing how reactions to the same exhibition can vary but be equally valid.

Mr Mau reports on the Lambeth SEND Youth Council London Bubble Performance which took place at the end of last week. Four of our pupils participated in what a very powerful piece focusing on the impact of bullying. They performed to an audience of Lambeth councillors and engaged in an unscripted Q&A bringing to an end a very successful collaboration with pupils from other SEND schools in Lambeth ably assisted by Lambeth's Lulu Pinkney who deserves special thanks for her infectious enthusiasm and passion for championing SEND pupils' right to be have their voices heard.



As the year school year draws to a close, we remind you of various annual events coming up. The leavers' barbeque, Sports Day and the Summer Fair to name three. Look out for a letter coming your way about the Summer Fair. We are going to include a tombola this year – every participant guaranteed a winner –

and are asking for contributions to add to the prizes on offer. Thank you in advance for your help and generosity with this.

In the meantime, I wish all a very good weekend.

Best wishes,
Francis Downing
(Interim) Head of School



Class of the Week
in KS3

Congratulations!

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Class of the Week
in KS4/5

Congratulations!

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Dates for your Diary:



- ◆ Parent/Carer Open Evening for students in Years 10-14 on Wednesday, 24th June from 4-6:30pm.
- ◆ Sports Day on Friday, 26th June.
- ◆ Summer Fair on Wednesday, 15th July. Raffle tickets on sale from School Office. Cash only — £1 per strip.

Next Friday's
Assembly Class

13VG

on 26th June
at 9.10am

Fairy Tales as the British Library

Year 11 students had a trip to the British Library to look at the Fairy Tales exhibition there. The students found out about the earliest fairy tales written over 2000 years ago and looked at some old illustrations of some familiar tales from all around the world. They also saw examples of shadow puppetry and other exhibits and book sculptures relating to fairy tales. Some of the students did a quiz as they looked round - congratulations to a student in 11NP for completing it all correctly! —Ms Hayes



ARTiculate: Working towards Arts Award Silver Certificate — Review and Share an Arts Event: Threads of Life/Heart to Heart at the Hayward Gallery by Year 13 Student

I am reviewing Yin Xiuzhen's artwork, Heart to Heart based on my view that the heart is a strange room with the colour of blood and it feels like you are trapped but at the same time, it feels delicate. I like that Yin uses old clothes and patience to do a big heart like she really has one for her own art by sewing with her own hands. The experience inside of Heart to Heart came with a few questions we had in our companion resource paper about a heartfelt conversation on questions like what is something you are scared of? Who or what helps you feel brave? And the atmosphere of it was as if I was somewhere else instead of the actual exhibition. The second artist I would review is Chiharu Shiota and her artwork, Threads of Life. It is based on my view again of the room in every edge that is surrounded by threads of the colour red and old keys. The thing is, it was not only in the edges but it was hanging from the room, literally. If I was going to make something like this, it would be hard for me to look for thousands of old keys around London and the entire country. I definitely will give up, especially if I was the one to sew the threads in that big room with the same old keys. If I had to describe the atmosphere of the room in one word, it would be connections, why? Because all of these keys have a story behind them and some of them have connections to other keys like their owners back then.



Lambeth SEND Youth Council London Bubble Performance

Our SEND Youth Counsellors had their final seminar working with the London Bubble and the Lambeth Council on Thursday the 11th of June. This marked the end of a sensational year of Council meetings and

culminated in a terrific drama performance highlighting the impacts of bullying in SEND environments and what can be done to mitigate the problem. Four students put on a tremendous show, along with their SEND counterparts from other schools in the Borough. They answered questions from council members in a Q&A and have contributed positively to safer environments in schools. Thank you for your hard work, Boys!

—Mr Mau

