



LANSDOWNE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are well and have managed to keep cool this week. This British are notorious for talking/moaning about the weather but this week we have good reason for once! First of all, I would like to say a big thank you to you all for your help making sure the pupils bring water bottles into school, are wearing appropriate clothing and sunscreen. Your help is much appreciated. As a country we are not well equipped to deal with this sort of heat and our school building is no exception. I would also like to thank Tom and Ben for their valiant attempts to make the building as cool as possible. A big thanks also to all the staff who made it into work, braving oven-like conditions on public transport.

We should have been enjoying Sports Day today but it would have been very uncomfortable if not dangerous to have attempted this. Luckily, we have managed to secure the same venue for next Friday when the temperature should be much more bearable. Thank you for your understanding and well done to the pupils who have also showed remarkable patience despite their disappointment.

Despite the infernal heat, some activities did go ahead. On Tuesday, Year 9 pupils sought refuge in the beautiful and, more importantly this week, cool surroundings of Westminster Cathedral. Did you know that it is officially know as The Metropolitan Cathedral of the Most Precious Blood? It is the largest Catholic church in England and Wales and is dedicated to the Blood of Jesus Christ and is the seat of the Archbishop of Westminster.

Forest School went ahead every day this week. According to Mr Hilton, it has been lovely in the shelter of the trees in Dulwich Woods. Last Friday all the Forest School children celebrated the end of the school year at Go Ape in Battersea Park. It sounds like a lot of fun!

Year 11 students went to the fascinating Museum of the Home in Hoxton. It gives you an idea of what life was like in the East End throughout the ages and is well worth a visit if you have never been.

We have some important events coming up next week. We are saying goodbye to Year 13 and 14 and some of our Year 11 students. We will celebrate this with a barbeque on Thursday after school and the Leavers Assembly on Friday. We have to limit places to the families of the leavers but will report to the whole school community in a special Leavers Newsletter next week. Have a lovely weekend.

— Francis Downing, (Interim) Head of School

Class of the Week in KS3

Congratulations!

9MS

Class of the Week in KS4/5

Congratulations!

11BM

Next Friday's Assembly Class

14CR

on 3rd July
at 9.35am

Dates for your Diary:

- ♦ Sports Day on Friday, 3rd July.
- ♦ Summer Fair on Wednesday, 15th July from 2-4pm.
- ♦ Tombola Prizes being accepted. Please drop off at School Office.
- ♦ Summer Fair Raffle tickets on sale from School Office. Cash only. £1 per strip for 5 chances to win!





Pupil Voice: Westminster Cathedral Humanities Trip

On Tuesday, the Year 9s went to Westminster Cathedral. We took the Victoria Line from Stockwell station to Victoria station and then we walked to the Cathedral. There, we met our guides who gave us a tour of the Cathedral. The pupils particularly liked the altar, getting to see where Christians get baptised, and the sound of the organ. Even though it was so hot outside, inside the Cathedral we enjoyed the cool atmosphere. We saw and learnt so many things. Well done, Year 9s!

—Written by Class 9LC

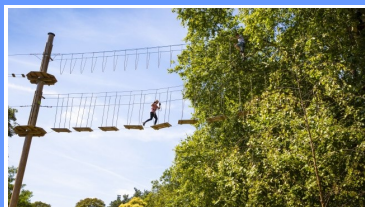


Year 11s at Museum of the Home

Year 11 Humanities students recently stepped back in time during an exciting visit to the Museum of the Home in Hoxton. Travelling through over 400 years of history, students explored how homes and everyday life have transformed from the 1600s to the present day. Walking through a series of immersive period rooms, they experienced the sights, objects and stories of the past first-hand, from modest family homes to more modern living spaces. By stepping inside recreated living environments and interacting with historical artefacts, students gained a deeper understanding of the social, cultural and economic changes that have shaped domestic life over time. The visit brought



classroom learning to life, encouraging students to reflect on how people's experiences of home have evolved across generations and to consider how our own homes may one day become part of history. —Ms Gomez



Forest School Groups at Go Ape

Last week the Forest School groups went to Go Ape in Battersea Park. Go Ape is a high ropes course, which is like an obstacle course but high up in the trees! We wore harnesses and were connected to the course at all times, so if we slipped we were

perfectly safe - but we still had to be very brave! I was extremely impressed with how courageous everybody was - but more importantly with how kind and supportive everyone was with each other, especially with those students who were a bit nervous. We try to help our students build resilience (mental toughness), and develop skills like cooperation and empathy (compassion) at Forest School, and they demonstrated all of these characteristics on our trip - well done everyone!

—Mr Hilton

