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*We are resilient and successful
We are trusting and kind
We are diverse and respectful*

Dear Families

As I write to you students are heading off on coaches – to Cadbury world, the seaside, to visit the shard, bowling, to Thorpe Park and to Chessington. We have Year 8 students on a residential at Longridge activity centre and students in Normandy. I hope that your chid(ren) have a fantastic end of term.

Please join me in celebrating all the wonderful students and their many achievements and enjoy reading about the many events that have taken place in school this half term. I strongly believe that school is about making memories and I'm so happy to have been able to offer opportunities for students to make memories this term.

I would like to thank all staff so much for their hard work and commitment this year. As is customary we say farewell to a small number of staff – I would like to thank Mrs Johal, Miss Samuels, Miss Joshi and Miss Hodges for all they have brought to Swakeleys and wish them very well for the future.

Have a wonderful summer break and I look forward to seeing you and your children in the Autumn term.

Best Wishes



Kelda Stevenson

Teacher of the Month

May

Mrs Manchorova

Miss Austin

Support Staff of the Month

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You said, we did:

Thank you to the many families that completed our annual parent survey – I really appreciate the time you took to complete this. Our results were benchmarked against a national sample of 31,000 secondary school parents and carers.

The survey results are very positive and Swakeleys is on or above the benchmark in 7 out of 7 areas. The “key performance indicator” is to what extent parents are satisfied with the school’s efforts to engage you as a parent. We received 74% positive responses to this question which was a 3% improvement on last year’s results and 19% above the benchmark.

Our communication methods were ranked 16% above benchmark as was school accessibility with other areas such as general feedback, parent events and pupil needs being met being around 10% above the benchmark. Mutual trust and respect is above the benchmark but we would like it to be higher as a result in our school development plan for next year we have focused in on where we can make improvements.

When compared to the previous year’s survey some areas had increased such as parent’s events (increased by 4%) however some areas such as school accessibility had reduced slightly.

A reminder that you are always welcome to come in to Swakeleys and we look forward to seeing you at the parental engagement events in the Autumn term. The dates are below. We continue to focus on making the school better every year so that your child(ren) can have the best possible experience of school. Thank you again for completing the survey – your feedback really is important to us.

Parent events – Autumn term 2026:

Year 6 open evening: if you have a child in Year 6 you are welcome to visit the school between 6 and 8.30pm on Thursday 17th September

Year 7 parent event: 6pm on Wednesday 23rd September

Year 8 parent event: 6pm on Tuesday 6th October

Year 9 parent event: 6pm on Thursday 15th October

Year 10 parent event: 6pm on Thursday 15th October (online)

Year 12 parent event: 6pm on Thursday 24th September

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Year 10 Work Shadowing (8th June 2026 – 12th June 2026)

I am delighted to report that this year between 8th and 12th June, 229 of our Year 10 students took part in an inspiring and enriching Work Shadowing Week, stepping out of the classroom and into a wide variety of professional settings across London and beyond. The week provided a valuable opportunity for students to experience the realities of working life and gain insight into different industries. For most of our students, this was their first experience of world of work and they really enjoyed it!



Across the week, students immersed themselves in an impressive range of sectors including education, aviation, healthcare, law, engineering, finance, hospitality, retail, construction, technology, beauty, logistics and public services. Whether supporting in classrooms, learning about airport operations, assisting healthcare professionals, exploring engineering projects or experiencing business environments, our students approached every opportunity with enthusiasm and professionalism.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the week was seeing students develop skills that cannot always be taught in a classroom: communication, teamwork, showing initiative, adaptability and confidence. Many students spoke about how quickly they learned to

adapt to their environments and how they were forced to step outside of their comfort zones. We are very proud of every Year 10 student for the way they represented themselves and our school community. Their curiosity and resilience were evident throughout the week.



The feedback received from employers was overwhelmingly positive as I am proud to say it is every year! Hosts commented on our students' maturity, willingness to learn and the positive impression they made throughout the week. This demonstrates not only remarkable creativity but also self-discipline, ambition, and a passion for learning outside the classroom.

Work Shadowing Week is not only about exploring careers — it is about helping young people begin to understand their strengths, interests and explore future possibilities. For some students, the week confirmed existing ambitions; for others, it introduced new ideas and pathways they had never previously considered.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all of the schools, business organisations who supported our school community with multiple places (Volvo, Bosch, SCS Railways), healthcare providers, families and professionals who generously gave their time to host and mentor our students. Your support continues to play an important role in inspiring and preparing the next generation. Thank you!



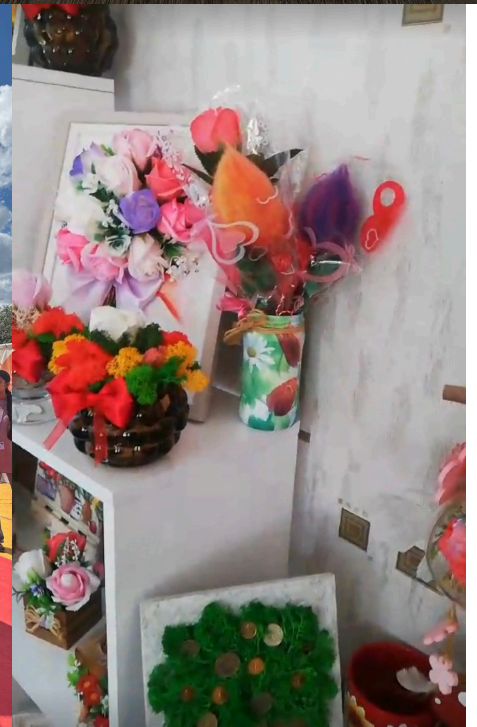
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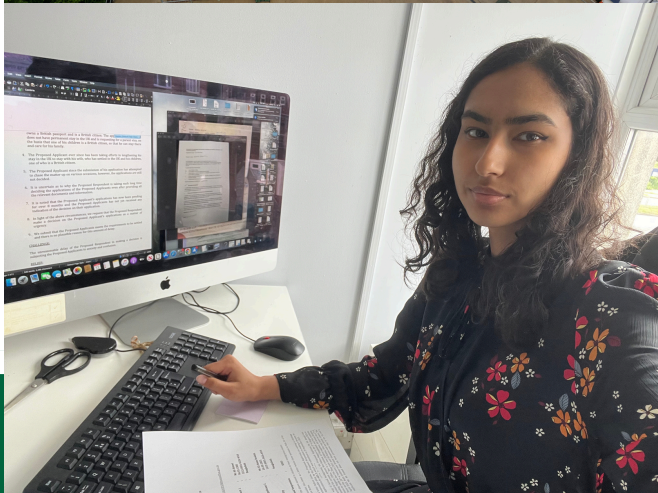
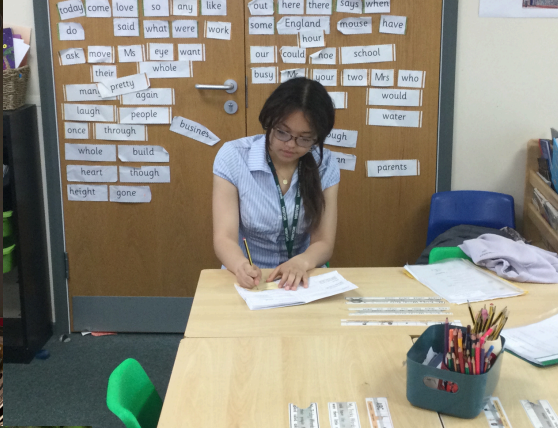
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Please enjoy the photographs and reflections below, which capture just a small snapshot of the many inspiring experiences our Year 10 students enjoyed during Work Shadowing Week 2026

Mrs Laguillo & Mrs Basra



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Fantasy Wings



Fantasy Wings, has offered our school two fully subsidised places to complete this fantastic course for those interested in a career in aviation. The programme aims to give those from diverse backgrounds a platform to enter and excel in the Aviation industry or become commercial airline pilots through expert-led workshops, conferences, mentoring and real flight training.

Well done to Hanifa C(10EB) and Elaine B (10MC) who have both been successful in securing their place on this course. What an amazing opportunity! **Mrs Laguillo**

KS3 Brilliant Club – Graduation

14 of our young and bright Scholars have been working hard to write and complete a 1500 word essay on STEM: Why are we here? Answers from physics and faith. I am delighted to report that they have all successfully graduated from the programme! On Monday the 6th July, they were fortunate enough to be invited to SOAS University to receive their certificate and celebrate their success. Congratulations to the following pupils for this fantastic achievement:

Aroua	7DS	Charlene	8MC
Dayna	7JA	Amelia	8DS
Holly	7JA	Iyna	8DS
Asma	7DS	Keira	8JA
Manreet	7RP	Zara	8JA

Theniya	7RP	Alishba	8EB
Uendy	7JA	Kanza	8AF

Thank you to Mr Hull and Miss G for leading the graduation trip on the day!

Mrs Laguillo



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Year 10 Students Inspired by Motivez Challenge



Following the success of last year's programme, we were delighted to once again take part in the inspiring Sustainable London Motivez Competition.

The programme began with an engaging launch assembly delivered by George Imafidon, founder of Motivez. George challenged our students to think differently about sustainability, innovation and the power young people have to create meaningful change. His enthusiasm and personal journey inspired many students to step outside their comfort zones and embrace the opportunity.

The response from our Year 10 students was exceptional. With only 30 places available on the programme, an incredible 79 students submitted applications, demonstrating the enthusiasm and commitment of our students to make a positive impact. Selecting just 30 participants was no easy task, highlighting both the popularity of the programme and the high calibre of applications received.

Students then took part in two mornings of interactive workshops, where they received coaching on effective public speaking and presentation techniques. Working alongside the Motivez team and industry mentors, they also explored real-world sustainability challenges, developing innovative solutions while strengthening their teamwork, leadership and problem-solving skills.

The workshops culminated in each team pitching their ideas to a panel, giving students the opportunity to showcase not only their creativity and research but also the confidence and communication skills they had developed throughout the programme.



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Year 10 Students Inspired by Motivez Challenge (Cont'd)

The following two teams were successful with their pitches and were selected by the judges to make it through to the Borough Semi Finals at Brunel University.



OXG Team



Hydro Boost Team

New to the programme this year was a work experience day for the semi - finalist winners at UCL Institute of Making. During the visit, students met with current Engineering students and members of staff at UCL, gaining valuable insight into university life and careers within STEM.

They explored the facilities and had the opportunity to ask questions about studying Engineering, pathways into STEM careers and the experiences of those

already working in the field. The day provided an inspiring opportunity for students to broaden their horizons and consider the many possibilities available to them.



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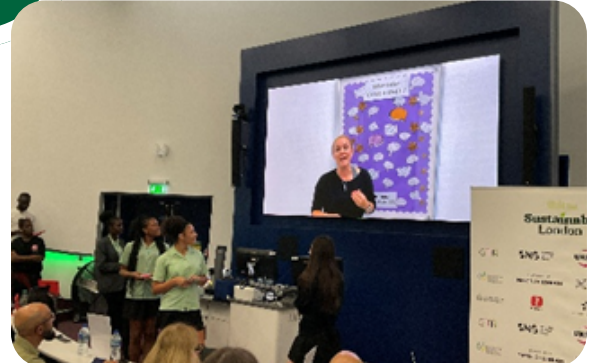


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Year 10 Students Inspired by Motivez Challenge (Cont'd)

On Monday 22nd June the semi-final event took place at Brunel University London, bringing together eight teams from three Hillingdon schools: our students alongside teams from Uxbridge High School and Vyners School. Students had the opportunity to showcase their sustainability projects as well as present their ideas to a panel and competing against other talented teams from across the borough



Our students once again rose to the occasion with confidence and professionalism, impressing the judging panel with their innovative ideas, teamwork and engaging presentations. In a highly competitive field of eight teams, Swakeleys School achieved an outstanding **second-place finish**, narrowly missing out on the top spot.



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Swakeleys School Hydro Boost Team – Awarded 2nd Place in Semi- finals

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Year 10 Students Inspired by Motivez Challenge (Cont'd)

Our second team, OGX Team, also enjoyed fantastic success, receiving the Spirit of Innovation Award in recognition of their creativity, originality and forward-thinking approach to tackling sustainability challenges. This special award celebrated the team's ability to think outside the box, work collaboratively and present an innovative solution, making their achievement one to be incredibly proud of.



QPR Work Experience Success for Year 10 Students



We are proud to share that five of our Year 10 students Poppy Badham, Lily Rodrigues-Campbell, Hafsa Khalid, Nia Saroya & Bethany Winters all completed a further week of work experience with Queens Park Rangers (QPR) Football Club.

Based at Loftus Road Stadium and Powerleague Shepherds Bush, the programme gave students the opportunity to build on the knowledge and skills they developed during their first work shadowing week. They took part in a range of interactive workshops focusing on coaching, employability, financial literacy and the diverse career opportunities available within the sports industry.

The students also enjoyed practical coaching sessions delivered by FA-qualified coaches, providing valuable hands-on experience in a professional sporting environment. They approached every activity with enthusiasm and developed communication and leadership skills throughout the week.

Poppy, Lily, Hafsa, Nia and Bethany were fantastic ambassadors for the school, representing us with maturity, professionalism and a positive attitude. We are incredibly proud of their commitment and achievements and would like to thank QPR for continuing to provide such an inspiring and worthwhile opportunity for our students.



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Jack Petchey Student Award Winners



Congratulations to the students above for winning the Jack Petchey student award. Asees 8FN was diagnosed with deafness in primary school and uses an edu mic to support hearing in school. She does not see this as an obstacle and has shown courage and resilience since her time at Swakeleys School. Asees raised just over £1000 for Childhood Cancer Awareness. She obtained funds through sponsorship by cooking every day for her family, friends and the local community. She truly deserves to be recognised!

Rushda 10MC has shown outstanding dedication, achievement, and maturity. Her commitment to producing high-quality work is reflected in her exceptional academic performance, where she is currently achieving straight Grade 9s.

This demonstrates not only remarkable creativity but also self-discipline, ambition, and a passion for learning outside the classroom.

Beyond her academic achievements, she is also writing a novel in her own time. This demonstrates not only remarkable creativity but also self-discipline, ambition, and a passion for learning outside the classroom.

Miss Patel, Jack Petchey Lead

Useful Numbers for Support with Mental Health

Urgent mental Health Support Crisis Line HILLINGDON:
08000234650

SHOUT for 24/5 Crisis text support. Text SHOUT to
85258

Safeguarding Round Up

As the summer break approaches we would like to signpost some current issues that may require vigilance and discussion over the summer break.

Think Before You Share

Please think carefully about post photos and videos of your own child on line and check your own privacy settings so that images cannot be accessed and used harmfully with AI technology.

Stay Curious About Their Online World

Children often spend more time online in the holidays. Please monitor online habits and ensure that privacy settings are appropriate. This includes use of WhatsApp. Please make sure that our young people cannot be added to groups without their consent and that their information is not vulnerable. Please open conversations about whether anything has made them feel uncomfortable online.

Talk About AI and Fake Content

Have conversations about how not everything online is real. Be alert to the dangers of sexploitation and reassure children that it is not their fault if they are pre4ssured online, they should speak to you about it.

Be Water Safe

Make sure that children are away of the dangers of different types of water and only swim in safe, monitored locations under supervision.

Know Where To Get Help

CEOP <https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/resource/thinkuknow-advice-from-ceop>

Mrs Hare Deputy Headteacher and DSL



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Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award is a nationally recognised youth development programme that encourages young people to challenge themselves, discover new interests and build confidence.

We ran the Bronze Award this school year at Swakeleys. At Bronze level, participants complete four sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skills, and an Expedition. Along the way, students develop teamwork, resilience, independence, leadership, and problem-solving skills while gaining experiences that support their personal growth and future education or career aspirations.



The above sudagram shows the work involved from students in order to achieve the award.

Year 9 update

Year 9s have busy putting their plans together and then working on their skills, physical and volunteering sections of the Bronze award. They have had sessions working on their different skills as well as preparing for their expedition by doing some map work reading and countryside code. They will have their practice expedition (which will involve one practice walk in the local area) and an overnight expedition (which will involve two walks and camping overnight in the Chilterns) next year.

Students have been told to continue working on their other sections so that they can just work on the expedition preparation next year. Sessions for this will be after school, day to be confirmed in September.

Well done so far Year 9 you have made a great start to this award and I know you will be successful in achieving it.

Year 10 update



Congratulations to our Year 10 students on successfully completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition! Over two days, students demonstrated outstanding resilience, teamwork and determination as they navigated their planned routes, carried all of their own equipment, prepared meals independently, and camped overnight.

Despite the challenges of long walks, warm weather, and carrying heavy rucksacks, students supported one another every step of the way, showing excellent problem-solving skills and a positive attitude throughout the expedition. It was fantastic to see their confidence grow as they put into practice the navigation, camp craft, and teamwork skills they had developed during their training. A big mention to Reem 10EB on her outstanding resilience, Group 1 who were flying and making incredible time on both days, Maryam 10FN on her incredible leadership of her team and Aamna 10MY for her grit and determination.



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Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award (Cont'd)

Completing the expedition is a significant milestone in the Bronze DofE Award, and we are incredibly proud of the commitment and perseverance shown by every participant. Well done to all involved, and thank you to the staff and volunteers whose support helped make the expedition such a memorable and rewarding experience. Thank you to Ms Coking, Ms Kinnane, Ms Lewis, Ms Molent, Ms Manchorova and Ms Stroud for their support towards our students and all their help! Couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to the parents/carers for supporting their daughters in this process. Well done to all!

More DofE news next year!

Ms Lacheta, PE Teacher, Assistant YLC Year 10, DOFE Coordinator



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Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award (Cont'd)



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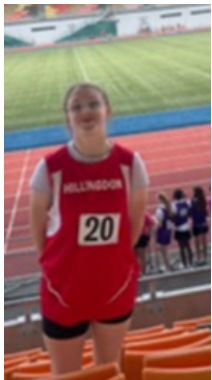
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PE News

Athletics Success:

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of several of our students who have enjoyed an exceptional athletics season, progressing from the Hillingdon Borough Championships to compete against the very best athletes in Middlesex and beyond.

Following their performances at the Borough Championships in May, five students qualified to represent Hillingdon at the **Middlesex Championships**—a fantastic achievement that recognises them as some of the top young athletes in the county. The students represented both the school and Hillingdon with pride, producing excellent performances and helping the borough team secure medals in the individual events and team competition.



Chloe 7FN:

2nd place 100m final
1st place 4x100m relay
3rd place in the team event

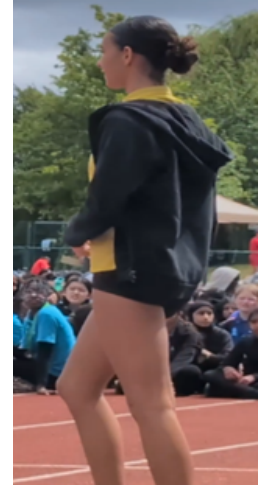
Fatima 8EB (long jump) Omowonuola 8DS (discus)

3rd place in the team event



An extra special congratulations goes to Nina (9AF) and Lily (9MC), who both finished runners-up at the Middlesex Championships, earning qualification for the South East England Championships. What makes these achievements even more impressive is that neither Nina nor Lily are members of an athletics club. Their success

has been developed through their natural athletic ability. Congratulations to all of our athletes on a fantastic season!



Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day was once again a fantastic success, bringing together students and staff for a day full of competition, determination and school spirit.

Students competed in a wide range of track and field events, producing some outstanding performances throughout the day. From exciting sprint finishes and endurance races to impressive displays in the field events, every competitor demonstrated resilience, commitment and a willingness to give their very best.

The atmosphere throughout the day was exceptional, with students enthusiastically supporting one another and celebrating each other's successes. Whether competing, officiating or cheering from the sidelines, our school community demonstrated the values of teamwork, respect and sportsmanship that make Sports Day such a special event.

Some stand out moments of the day was when the school's high jump record was broken by Lily (9MC), jumping an impressive 1.57m which was a new school record by 2cm.

The Year 9 McNeil Competition was another highlight of the day, with every competitor giving their all and producing an exciting, highly competitive contest from start to finish.



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Sports Day Highlights:



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Sports Day Highlights:



Table of Results

	1st	2nd	3rd
Y7	JA	EB	RP
Y8	DS	EB	MC
Y9	AF	EB	MC
House Overall	AF	EB	MC
Y9 McNeil Award	Amelia Dennis 9AF	Emilia Pang 9FN & Anaya Qureshi 9FN	Elizabeth Maphose 9AF

Mrs Peace, Curriculum Leader PE



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Canteen Update

We are proud of the variety and balanced range of food we offer in the canteen, made by our own in-house team. As communicated in the end of term letter, some prices will increase from September due to increased charges from our suppliers. However a hot meal or sandwich will remain at £2.50 as we strongly believe it is important for your child to have access to a nutritious meal every day. The new charges are below:

Morning Snacks Price List

Pain au chocolate	£1.20
Croissant	£1.20
Vegetable samosa	70p
Cheese and onion slice	£1.00
Sausage rolls	£1.00
Pizza slice	£1.20
Waffles	60p
Hash browns	60p
Bread with butter or jam	60p
Crackers with butter	60p
Crackers with cheese	70p
Fruit pot	70p
Yoghurt	70p
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We will also be offering our free breakfast club again from September for free. This will be every day from 7.30 – 8.20am. Please register your child at office@swakeleys.org.uk and inform us of any allergies.

Mr C. Stanger, Director of Operations and Compliance

Drinks price list

Radnor splash (fizzy or still)	60p
Juice (apple/orange/tropical)	70p
Capri-sun	£1.00
Milkshake	70p
Still water	60p

Dessert price list

Ice cream	70p
Ice lolly	70p
Doughnut	£1.00
Brownie/Lemon Drizzle/Carrot Cake (pre-packaged)	£1.00
Homemade cake	£1.00
Biscoff/Cheesecake	£1.20
Jelly	£1.00
Muffins	£1.00
Fresh fruit salad	£2.00

Lunch list

Hot meal (vegetarian, meat or halal)	£2.50
Sandwich	£2.50
Wrap	£2.75
Meal deal: sandwich, wrap or hot meal & drink	£3.10
Small salad pot	£2.00
Large salad pot	£2.50

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YEAR 7

Year Learning Coordinator Miss Allan

Recent Events and Activities:

- 12th June- Sports day
- 2nd July School council
- 3rd July- Culture day
- 9th July- Virus factory trip
- 9th July Summer music festival
- Glee performance
- 17th July- Year 7 pride workshop

Assembly topics in Leadership and YLC assemblies:

- Ms Stevenson did an assembly about all of our achievements this year. We were able to look back on photos of key events like sports day, house talent, sport personalities, house great bake off, the pantomime trip to see sleeping beauty and careers festival. We were also given feedback from our school review and student voice sessions which has been very positive, loads of changes have been effective and more changes will be implemented where and when needed. Our senators from each year group shared their key moments from this year. In year 7 we heard from Farida 7FN.
- Friday 10th July- Year 7 Summer Celebration Assembly held by Miss Allan we celebrated the many successes of year 7 in school, and the great achievements with some students winning a £10 gift card for 100% attendance, for being a Zero Hero, top 20 epraise points, upholding Swakeleys Values as well as announcing the winners of the year 7 Attendance League competition! Zero Hero Assembly also was embedded to celebrate all the students who have not received any behaviour points which is a great achievement for the term or for some since September!

Things to celebrate:

- Many year 7s participated and achieved house points for participating in Swakeleys House events.
- Many year 7s have been issued with a number of Headteacher's Distinctions and merits this half term and since
- 7DS as a form have the most epraise points – well done to them.
- We have had many year 7s nominated for YLC Star of the Week for upholding the school values.
- Zero heroes

Things to look forward to in the next half term:

- FAB trips
- Summer holidays
- Starting year 8

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Upcoming Key Dates:

Thursday 3rd September 2026- selected year 7s in to support with the new year 7 induction day.

Monday 7th September 2026- First day back to school as year 8.

Miss Allan



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YEAR 8

Year Learning Coordinator Mr Gray

Recent Events and Activities:

- Rounders and Ice Cream Event (Aspirational Programme)
- Culture Day
- House Chess and House Numeracy and Literacy Competitions
- Pride Month
- School Council and Sub-Committees
- Sports Day
- FAB Trips
- Year 8 Residential Trip to Longridge Activity Centre (48 selected students)
- End of Year Celebration

Assembly Topics in Leadership and YLC Assemblies:

- Behaviour Expectations at Swakeleys
- Magna Carta and Democracy
- Inspiring Females into Construction
- Navigating Friendships & Conflict
- Pride Month
- 8EB Assembly
- House Assembly
- Celebration Assembly

Things to celebrate

- We are pleased to celebrate 103 students across Year 8 who have successfully upheld the Swakeleys Values and were awarded "We Are Swakeleys" badges this term.
- End of summer term attendance winners – 8FN
- Bethany M(8MC) has really impressed us this term with her vocal skills. She has auditioned for many solos in choir/glee. She has a real drive for music, regularly using the practice rooms to sing and play the piano.
- A huge congratulations to our stars of the week: Jiya N; Manal Butt and Sophita S. They all won a "jump the queue" pass for the canteen this half term.

Things to look forward to in the next half term:

- FAB Trips
- Longridge Residential Trip
- Summer Holidays!

Mr T Gray



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YEAR 9

Year Learning Coordinator Ms Currell

Recent Events and Activities:

Assemblies:

Assemblies have been on

- Following instructions
- HRUC
- World Refugee Week,
- preparing for Y10
- Celebrations Assembly

Things to celebrate:

- The Stars of the Week have been: Mashal MY, Sana AF, Annanya EB and Fatimah AF.
- Thandisa AF won her category at the National Youth Monologue Competition, beating over 4000 entrants and will be interviewed by the BBC for this amazing achievement.
- The borough athletics team came 3rd at the championships.
- Sports Day was such a lovely day! Year 9 should so much encouragement and support for all participants.
- We had three amazing performances start of the year 9 Culture Day runway! It's not easy performing in front of your peers; I'm so proud of them all!
- We had our final celebration assembly on Monday 13th July. It was wonderful to celebrate all the amazing achievements in the year group.
- I hope all students have a restful and relaxing summer holidays!

Things to look forward to:

- FAB trips!
- End of term!

Ms K Currell



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YEAR 10

Year Learning Coordinator Mrs Finnerty & Ms Lacheta

YLC Assemblies

- Work Shadowing
- Building confidence
- Employability/Soft skills
- House Assembly
- Year 10 celebration assembly

Things to celebrate

- Year 10 attendance so far this academic year is 92.7%. We strive to reach 96%.
- Swakeleys Sports Personality of the Year: Congratulations to Bethany W 10RP who was the overall winner!
- Summer Festival: Well done to everyone who took part from Year 10!
- Incredible feedback from Work Shadowing week.
- Thank you to all Year 10 students who contributed to House events this year.
- Congratulations to all students who were celebrated in the Zero Hero assemblies-so many students in Year 10 with zero behaviour points. Many of these students were double and triple Zero heroes!
- Graduation Evening was absolutely amazing and it was so lovely to see all of the support from the Year 10 families. Thank you!
- FAB week trips and activities.

Things to look forward to

Reminders:

- Students need to be entering the school building at 8.30am ready for registration at 8.40am. It is imperative that students are on time and are ready to learn every day. Please also encourage punctuality for all lessons too (students have a 5 minute changeover window to move to their next lesson).
- Attendance: Our target is 96%.
- Please check the school uniform and equipment guidance to ensure students are prepared for the start of September. It is essential that students have the correct stationary and resources for their lessons.
- The Year 10 team would like to wish all families a wonderful summer break. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all in September ready for Year 11!

Mrs Finnerty



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YEAR 10 GRADUATION



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YEAR 11

Year Learning Coordinator Miss Mejloumian

Things to celebrate :

- We have had so much fun this past year and I am so proud to have been your YLC. There has been so much to celebrate and I am looking forward to celebrating your results on Results Day!
- Class of 2026 Assembly was absolutely amazing! Watching you all celebrate each other and the teachers who have inspired you was lovely to see! (Even brought a tear to my eye!). We had fun signing shirts on the 'Party Grass' and some of the personalised white shirts were very creative and fun! What a journey this year group has been on and I wish them all the best with their future endeavours!
- Y11 Prom – WOW!!!! Now, I know it was absolutely sweltering but according to the teachers who were there to help, it was the best yet! Everyone, dancing all night and enjoying yourselves from the moment you came to the party! I loved seeing you all in your beautiful dresses – you all looked stunning! It was absolutely amazing!
- Everyone seemed to love the chocolate fountain and the photo booth too!

Things to look forward to

- Results Day – Thursday 20th August 8.30am-10:30am
- Higher Education – 6th form or College!

I wish you all the best of luck!

Good
Luck!



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Year 10 Geography GCSE Rivers Trip

On Thursday 18th June, the year 10 geography students ventured out for a day on the River Chess.

Their fieldwork investigation was to measure how certain channel characteristics of the river changed downstream. They visited three different sites across the day in order to collect data on velocity, width and average depth – which obviously involved getting into the river channel, and most did this with buckets of enthusiasm!

With the weather on our side, the students were lucky enough to eat lunch on the river bank at the final site and enjoy a bit of the sunshine!



Mrs Bradnum - Geography Curriculum Leader

SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR



SPOTY 2026 results

1st Bethany W 10MY

2nd Isla H 9RP

3rd Nia S 10MC

Congratulations to everyone who took part in our Sports Personality of the Year event, with special congratulations to Bethany, Isla and Mia for coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively.



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NEWSLETTER

Our House System - A Round up of the Year!

Our House System as strong as ever and is in it's 15th year!

The House System continues to be a brilliant way for students and staff to connect, compete, and celebrate their talents.



It has been a fantastic year for our students and staff all taking part into a whole host of exciting events for students and staff alike and that have brought energy, creativity, and plenty of friendly rivalry to school life:

- Staff House Badminton
- Staff Great House Bake Offs throughout the year
- House Poetry
- Key Stage 4 Great House Bake Off
- Interhouse competitions
- Winter Bazaar
- House Spelling Bee
- Christmas Great House Bake Off
- House Talent
- House Uno
- House Chess
- House Debating
- House Literacy & Numeracy
- Key Stage 3 Great House Bake Off
- And, of course, the grand finale — Sports Day!



We celebrate these events across the year in one of our five House Assembly weeks and do a roundup of the year in our final House Assemblies. We also do the big reveal of the overall House winners for the year

with the winning House earning a World Cup style star on the House shield and a non-uniform day for the entire House!

This year was a very close competition with EB winning overall and earning their 5th star!

Congratulations to House EB!!

ROLE OF HONOUR	
2012-13	MC
2013-14	EB
2014-15	EB
2015-16	RP
2016-17	AF
2017-18	MC
2018-19	JA
2019-20	JA
2020-21	MC
2021-22	EB
2022-23	EB
2023-24	MC
2024-25	FN
2025-26	EB

1st	EB	3136
2nd	MC	3134
3rd	DS	2976
4th	RP	2724
5th	FN	2646
6th	MY	2615
7th	AF	2144
8th	JA	2088

A HUGE thank you to all the students and staff who participated in all the events this year, whatever your House!

Mrs Devereux (i/c the House System)

NEWSLETTER

Reading Corner



As part of the National Year of Reading, we're excited to celebrate the fantastic reading culture continuing to grow across our school, and strengthen it even further next year!

All students, from Years 7-11, will have access to Sparx Reader next year, giving everyone the chance to build their reading confidence, expand their vocabulary, and discover great, new books. Awards are given out termly for the most successful readers and students receive certificates and prizes for their hard work.

To encourage reading over the holidays, we're launching our Summer Reading Challenge! Keep your reading going throughout the summer and see how many points, books, and achievements you can collect. For full details, check your English Google Classroom or come and speak to Ms Pimbert in her office next to room 108.

We're also delighted to announce that The Review Crew, our student book club, will be expanding to include more year groups from September. Members will have the opportunity to read and review books, recommend titles to others, and help shape our school reading community.

Following the success of our LitFest this Spring, where students enjoyed a range of amazing reading experiences, and voted for our new reading slogans – 'Go All In. Your Page. Your Power' and 'She Reads. She Rises' – we're looking forward to building on that enthusiasm next year.

Finally, LitFest will be back in March 2027 - bigger and better than ever!

Let's make the most of the National Year of Reading by picking up a book, discovering new stories, and sharing the joy of reading. Happy reading, and good luck with the Summer Reading Challenge! Go All In!

Ms Pimbert Assistant Headteacher/Director of English

What's on

HILLINGDON LIBRARIES
2026 Summer Reading Challenge Launch



Virtual Author Events
with **RASHMI SIRDESHPANDE**

Get ready for the Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat!
Award-winning author Rashmi Sirdeshpande will launch the Challenge on Friday 3 July with these fabulous, fun virtual events.



KS1 - 9.30am to 10.15am - Super Uma

Meet Uma - the amazing, the adventurous, the seriously awesome superhero! Explore this fun new picture book, a brilliant feel-good tale celebrating accessibility, teamwork and empathy



KS2 - 10.45am to 11.30am - Hari Kumar Ultimate Superstar

Hari Kumar Ultimate Superstar is on this year's Summer Reading Challenge book list and is a laugh-out-loud, doodle-packed book full of friendship, doodles and draaama!



Book your free places here:
[Summer Reading Challenge 2026: Read to the Beat Launch](#)

or here:



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Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the Great British Summer Savings scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

The public are ready to get behind the scheme and are keen to take advantage of the discounts available. As trusted pillars of their communities, schools play a vital role in connecting families with important information.

We need you to help spread the word. So please share details of the Great British Summer Savings scheme through your newsletters, school apps, and other communications to parents and carers, so that the families in your school community know about the experiences they can enjoy this summer for less.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free childcare, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an attraction finder website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Businesses can find out more about the VAT reduction by visiting GOV.UK and searching 'Temporary reduced rate of VAT for family attractions'.

Yours sincerely,

RT HON BRIDGET PHILLIPSON MP

Secretary of State for Education

RT HON RACHEL REEVES MP

Chancellor of the Exchequer



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**METROPOLITAN
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Personal Safety Awareness on Public Transport

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hillingdon Police have recently received a slightly increased number of reports relating to sexual harassment on public transport. We want to reassure our community that these reports are being taken seriously, and we are committed to identifying those responsible and taking appropriate action.

While investigations are ongoing, an important part of preventing these incidents is educating and empowering young people to stay safe when travelling. Many students regularly use public transport to travel to and from school, and with the summer months approaching, they may also be spending more time out with friends and travelling later in the day or evening.

We would therefore ask parents and guardians to take time to speak with their children about personal safety and how to respond if they ever feel uncomfortable or unsafe while travelling.

Personal Safety Tips

Please encourage your young person to:

- **Avoid travelling alone where possible.** Travelling with friends or in groups can help young people feel safer and provides support if an issue arises.
- **Stay aware of their surroundings.** Encourage them to avoid distractions where possible and remain alert to the people and environment around them.
- **Trust their instincts.** If someone or something makes them feel uncomfortable, they should move away to a different seat, carriage, bus stop, or area where other people are present.
- **Seek help from transport staff.** If they are on a bus and feel unsafe, they should speak to the driver as soon as possible.
- **Contact the police in an emergency.** If they are in immediate danger or a crime is taking place, they should call 999. For non-emergency matters, incidents can be reported by calling 101 or through the police online reporting service.
- **Report concerns as soon as possible.** Prompt reporting helps police gather evidence and take action against offenders.

Reporting Concerns

It is important that young people know how and where they can report concerns or incidents. Please discuss with them the different options available, including:

- Speaking to a parent, guardian, or trusted adult.
- Reporting the matter to their school or a member of school staff.
- Contacting the police directly via 999, 101, or online.
- Reporting anonymously through **Fearless** at www.fearless.org. Fearless is part of the Crimestoppers charity and allows young people to share information about crime 100% anonymously, meaning their identity will not be disclosed.

By working together and encouraging open conversations about personal safety, we can help young people feel more confident, informed, and safe when using public transport.

Kind regards,

Hillingdon Police.

Summer 2026 Parents and Carers Workshops

Are you a parent or carer of a child who lives or learns in Ealing, Hillingdon or Hounslow Borough?

Join local police officers and partner services for our Summer Holiday information evenings

Learn how to spot the early signs of child criminal exploitation and grooming and the support available.

Date – 29th July 2026

Time – 7pm

Place – Online, scan the QR code to book



Learn about the impact of serious youth violence and knife crime, as well as the support available.

Date – 26th August 2026

Time – 7pm

Place – Online, scan the QR code to book



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THRIVE TOGETHER



Thrive provides early help support for children, young people and families, using a shared needs-led approach that brings everyone together to help improve mental wellbeing.

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Empowering
Young People

Youth Wellbeing Day

Fuel Your Mood !

Join us for a fun filled day of dance, music & performances. Open to young people and their families.



SAVE THE DATE:

Mon 17th August, 11-4
Kings Cross Station, London

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What's on... at Ruislip Manor Library

Let's Connect

for Year 7, Year 8, Year 9

A friendly and inclusive group for tweens and teens aged 11 to 14.

Every Monday
from 3.30pm to 4.45pm

Talks, engaging topics to discuss, board games and more!

free drop-in sessions - no need to book

For more information, please call 01895 556262 or email ruislipmanor-library@hillingdon.gov.uk

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ARE YOU AGED 13-17?

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, GAIN NEW SKILLS AND ADD TO YOUR CV OR PERSONAL STATEMENT?

VOLUNTEER

AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

HELP PROMOTE AND DELIVER THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

FIND OUT MORE:



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Looking for something free and positive to get involved in this summer? Join Hillingdon's Targeted Team programmes designed to build confidence, connections, and life skills in a safe and supportive environment.

- Girls & Young Women's Summer Project: Unique Swagga This Summer at Harlington Young People's Centre, Pinkwell Lane, Hayes UB3 1PB on 27 - 29 July 2026 ,10 am - 3 pm. Empowering sessions focused on confidence, identity, wellbeing and personal growth in a positive, supportive space. There will also be cooking, craft, sport and off-site trip opportunities.
- Connect This Summer (Drop-in), Mixed gender group at Harlington Young People's Centre, UB3 1PB on 10 & 12 August 2026 ,10 am - 3 pm. Explore the Hillingdon Youth Offer, take part, and stay connected with activities (such as cooking, craft, sports), games and opportunities to engage, socialise and build on your skills.

To request a free place for your child on the holiday offer please visit: [Summer2026](#)

Visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/targeted-programmes and for more information on the year round offer.



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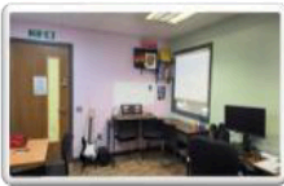
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What's on at Botwell Green Library

Dedicated Teen Space

Current opening hours
Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 3.30pm to 6.45pm
Wednesdays and Fridays 3.30pm to 4.45pm



For more information, please
contact Botwell Green Library on 01895558633 or email
botwellgreen-library@hillingdon.gov.uk



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What's on at Oak Farm Library

Manga Drawing Workshop

Our Manga Drawing Workshop invites you to explore the art of character creation inspired by beloved series like Naruto, One Piece, and My Hero Academia. Participants will develop an original character concept—thinking about their personality, abilities, and visual design—before sketching their final creation.



Wednesday 12th of August
2.00pm to 3.00pm
For 11 to 17 year olds

Booking Essential

Scan the QR code to book



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HPV

Protect Your Child's Future Health

The HPV vaccine helps protect against human papillomavirus (HPV) – a very common virus spread through skin-to-skin contact.

Why is the HPV vaccine important?

Most types of HPV are harmless, but some can lead to serious health problems later in life, including:

Cervical cancer, head and neck cancers, cancers of private areas, genital warts

Why have the vaccine early?

Having the vaccine at a young age provides strong, long-lasting protection. HPV-related cancers often develop many years (sometimes over a decade) after infection, so early protection is key.

Missed the school vaccination session?

Visit one of our community catch up clinics in Hillingdon, contact the team below to find out when and where



Need more information or want to book?

Flexible clinics available on weekends

If you would like more information or to arrange an appointment, please contact your local immunisation team.

Hillingdon Immunisation Team: 0208 150 1220

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DTP/Men ACWY

Booster vaccinations (13-18 years old)

These vaccines are routinely offered in Year 9, but if they missed them, they are still eligible up to 18 years old

What Are These Vaccines?

DTP Booster

- Diphtheria – can cause severe throat infection and breathing problems. It can damage the heart and nervous system, in rare cases, can kill
- Tetanus – causes painful muscle spasms and can cause breathing problems and can kill
- Polio – is a virus that attacks the nervous system which can cause permanent paralysis of muscles. If chest muscles or brain are affected, polio can kill

Men ACWY Booster

- Meningococcal diseases (Types A, C, W, Y) – can cause serious blood infections and meningitis (swelling around the brain and spinal cord). It can lead to life-changing disabilities such as amputations, hearing loss and brain damage
- Required for some travel destinations and university entry

Why is this Important?

- Teenagers are at higher risk of catching some of these illnesses
- Even healthy teens can get seriously ill
- Vaccines protect your teen and the whole community
- Boosters help keep immunity strong from childhood vaccines

What to Expect at School Vaccination

- Quick and simple injection
- Some short-term mild side effects like a sore arm or feeling a little tired are normal
- Students can return to normal activities straight after

For more info visit our website
www.schoolvaccination.uk

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Community Catch-Up Clinics

If your child missed their vaccination at school, you can book an appointment at one of our local community clinics

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TERM DATES 2025-2026

End of term: Friday 17th July 2026 (half day: students complete work from home)

Term Dates 2026-27

Autumn Term:

Term starts:

Tuesday 1st September 2026 (training day)
Wednesday 2nd September 2026 (training day)
Thursday 3rd September 2026 (Year 7 start)
Friday 4th September 2026 (Yr 7 lessons)
Monday 7th September 2026 (Year 8-13 start at 8.30am)
Wednesday 14th October (training day)

Half term:

Thursday 22nd October – Friday 30th October 2026
Thursday 19th November 2026 (training day)
Friday 20th November 2026 (training day)

End of term:

Friday 18th December 2026 (half day)

[Click here to view the full 2026-2027 Term Dates](#)

