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

Dear Families

I hope you enjoy getting a flavour of the first half term at Swakeleys this year through the stories and pictures in our newsletter. As always it has been busy in school and I am so grateful to all the students for their hard work and enthusiasm whether that be in their classrooms every day, in auditions for the little mermaid or out on trips into central London. I feel so lucky to interact with our fabulous students every day at school. I would like to take this opportunity also to thank the staff for their hard work over the past seven weeks as we got the new academic year successfully underway.

A gentle reminder to our exam year groups to make good use of half term to revise and feel ready for wave exams/milestone assessments and mocks after half term. Putting that time in well in advance will pay dividends in terms of helping you to feel calm and in control and remember to review (check what you know and don't know using personal learning checklists), revise (make sure your revision activities are active) and recall (use past papers/questions to test yourself know). Helping students know how to revise is a focus for us as a school so do ask your teacher if you need help.

It has been so lovely to meet families at our parent events this half term and thank you for your ongoing support. We return to school on Monday 2nd November at 8.30am and until then I hope that you and your family have a lovely break and enjoy celebrating Halloween, Bonfire Night and Diwali.

Best Wishes

Kelda Stevenson

Teacher of the Month
September
Miss Skimming
Mrs Phaloura

Support Staff of the Month
September
Mrs Wilkes
Mrs Wilkins

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Personal Development

At Swakeleys School for Girls, personal development and pastoral care are structured around the core school values: "Resilient and successful," "Trusting and kind," and "Diverse and respectful." These values were chosen by the school community and are deeply rooted in British Values. We frame pastoral support as an integrated journey that nurtures students holistically from Key Stage 3 through to the Sixth Form.

The pastoral intent at Swakeleys School for Girls centres on fostering a safe, inclusive, and empowering environment where students build strong character, emotional resilience, and a deep sense of social responsibility.

This intent is anchored directly in the school's core vision and values:

- **Resilient and Successful:** To help girls develop adaptability, mental and physical health awareness, and the self-belief required to overcome life's challenges. The intent is to build confident, ambitious learners who embrace personal growth, leadership, and perseverance.
- **Trusting and Kind:** To nurture a compassionate, supportive community where students feel safe to confide in identified adults and develop strong relationships. It intends to build empathy, active listening, and service to others.
- **Diverse and Respectful:** To cultivate open-minded, globally aware citizens who stand against discrimination, celebrate individual uniqueness, and learn from one another in an inclusive single-sex environment.

Ultimately, the pastoral intent is to ensure every student feels known and thrives.

As a parent you can support your child by asking them about the clubs, activities and leadership roles they are participating in at school. We also encourage them to tell us about any activities that they do outside of school as we know that many students participate in sport, voluntary organisations or other activities that develop their character and are linked to our school values. These can be recorded on the My Journey log for your child at any time.

Attendance

As a parent it can sometimes be difficult to know when your child is too unwell to attend. Often they may feel unwell at the start of the day but feel progressively better as the day goes on. We have an on-site welfare team who can manage things if your child feels unwell during the school day. We can also store medication here in case it is needed. This includes painkillers. You will need to provide the medication to welfare with a medication form you can find on our web site here. You may also find this DFE video guidance useful.

You may find the following questions useful:

- *Do they have a high temperature?*
- *Have they been sick this morning?*
- *Do they have an upset tummy?*
- *Do they have something infectious?*
- *Has a medical professional advised them to stay at home?*

If the answer is no to the above then we would suggest that your child come to school.

If you feel that your daughter may need some help with mental health support and is struggling to attend for this reason, please contact your child's YLC or Mrs Hare as the school mental health lead. We have an extensive range of resources in school including partnerships with Place2Be and the NHS Mental Health In school Team. You can find out more about what we offer on our web site here.

Mrs Hare, Deputy Headteacher

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Swakeleys Anti-Bullying Committee Appointed!

Following an overwhelming response of over 70 students demonstrating their commitment to keeping our school a safe and welcoming space, we are thrilled to announce the official election of the Swakeleys Anti-Bullying Committee.

To secure a place on this vital team, applicants submitted detailed letters of application to Mr Murrell (Deputy Headteacher – Behaviour, Leadership and Rewards), outlining their vision for peer support and positive change across the school. From this impressive pool of applicants, a final team of over 30 dedicated students were selected.

The committee held its very first meeting on Friday 9th October to map out key initiatives for the academic year. High on the agenda is Anti-Bullying Week, taking place during the week commencing 16th November. To launch the week, we will be holding Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November to celebrate individuality and what makes us all unique. A detailed letter containing further information will be shared with parents and carers in due course.



This initiative directly reflects our core Swakeleys school values of Kindness, Respect, and Community, empowering students to take active responsibility for creating an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued.

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Our Year 7 students are currently in the process of being nominated by their tutors and will take part in their own hustings shortly after half-term.

Our newly elected senators have stepped straight into their Leadership roles. They are already collaborating with Mr Murrell to help design and develop our upcoming Values Curriculum lessons, which will be delivered during tutor time throughout Autumn Term 2.

Congratulations to our Year 8 – 11 Senators:

- Year 8: Munira P (8AF) & Asiya O (8RP)
- Year 9: Alishba N (9EB) & Sabrina T (9JA)
- Year 10: Sana A (10AF) & Reshma T (10EB)
- Year 11: Savannah D (11AF) & Aamna J (11MY)

By giving our students a strong voice in shaping our school curriculum and ethos, our Senators exemplify the Swakeleys values and show great leadership, responsibility and active participation in our school community.






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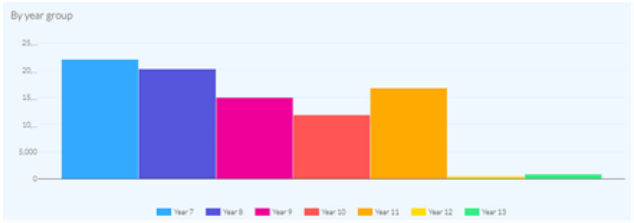
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Celebrating Excellence: New Weekly ePraise Rewards & Shop Launch!

Our Year Leader Coordinators (YLCs) are excited to launch a brand-new weekly recognition award to celebrate students who consistently go above and beyond in their daily school life!

It has been an incredible start to the year for rewards, with an extraordinary 86,673 points issued across the school so far—that is an average of over 60 points per student! Special recognition goes to our highest-performing students, who have already surpassed 250 points!



To keep this momentum going, YLCs will now identify the top 10 students in each year group who earned the most ePraise points during the previous week. These high-achieving students will receive:

- Public praise and recognition in their year group assemblies.
- A spot on the weekly tutor briefing wall of fame.
- An entry into an exclusive raffle draw for a highly sought-after "Skip the Queue" voucher for the school canteen!

🛒 **ePraise Shop Going Live Soon!**

Listening to our student voice, we are introducing exciting new categories into the ePraise Shop based directly on student requests! The shop is scheduled to go live shortly after half-term, and students will be informed in an assembly as soon as they can begin spending their hard-earned points.

This initiative celebrates the Swakeleys value of success, encouraging every student to take pride in their daily conduct, effort, and contributions.

Fostering Strong Relationships: Restorative Conversations Focus

We are delighted with the positive start to the academic year and the successful embedding of our new focus on Restorative Conversations, as outlined in Ms Stevenson's (Headteacher) start-of-year letter.

Students and teachers across all year groups have engaged brilliantly with this process. Restorative conversations provide a structured, compassionate framework to resolve issues, restore positive working relationships, and ensure that every student feels genuinely listened to and understood. By addressing challenges constructively, we ensure that students can return to the classroom with confidence and enjoy a positive, uninterrupted learning experience.

Restorative practice is deeply rooted in our school values of **Respect**, **Empathy**, and **Kindness**, helping us build a supportive educational environment where positive relationships thrive.

Student Voice Spotlight:

A Positive Start to the Academic Year

Following our first Student Voice meetings of the term, we are delighted to share fantastic feedback from student representatives across Years 7 through 11.

Welcoming Transitions & Academic Ambition

Our Year 7 students reported a brilliant start, highlighting form time activities, the team scavenger hunt, and extra lesson changeover time for helping them settle with confidence. Higher up the school, Year 9 reps praised early subject taster sessions for easing their transition into GCSE courses, while Year 11 highlighted the strong support from staff and the immense value of dedicated study time on site.

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School Life, Activities & Rewards

Students continue to enjoy the quality of hot and cold canteen meals and the opportunity to mix with friends across year groups during breaks. Anticipation is also high for our upcoming calendar of extra-curricular activities, including school production auditions, sports clubs, FAB Week, the Winter Bazaar, and annual trips like Longridge MFL trips to Rhineland or Normandy.

Thank you to all of our Student Voice reps for their leadership and creative ideas—from ePraise merit rewards to form celebration events—as we work together to make Swakeleys an even better place to learn!

Tom Murrell
Deputy Headteacher and Deputy DSL

RGS Competition 2026

The Geography Department were delighted this year to have 15 entries for the Royal Geographical Society's 'Young Geographer of the Year' competition. The theme this year was 'From Source to Sea.'

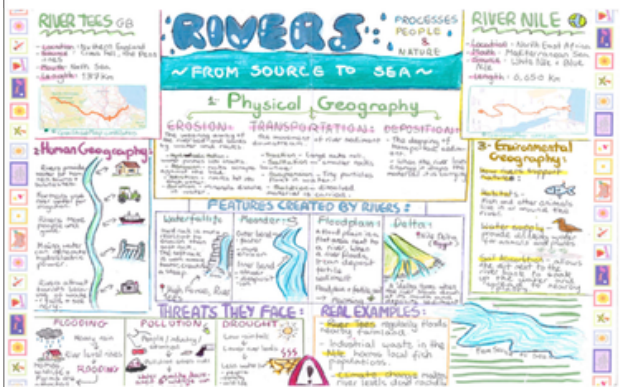
The spec was to produce a poster about two contrasting rivers of the world; their processes, landforms and how they are used by people and the environment. You can see here some examples of the fabulous work produced by the the following pupils

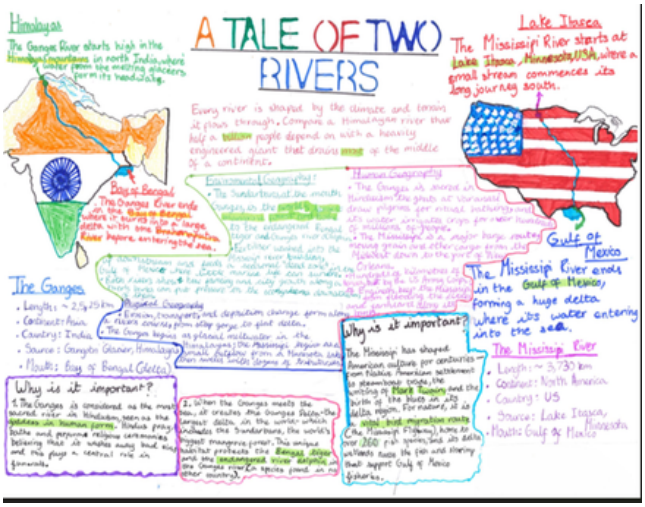
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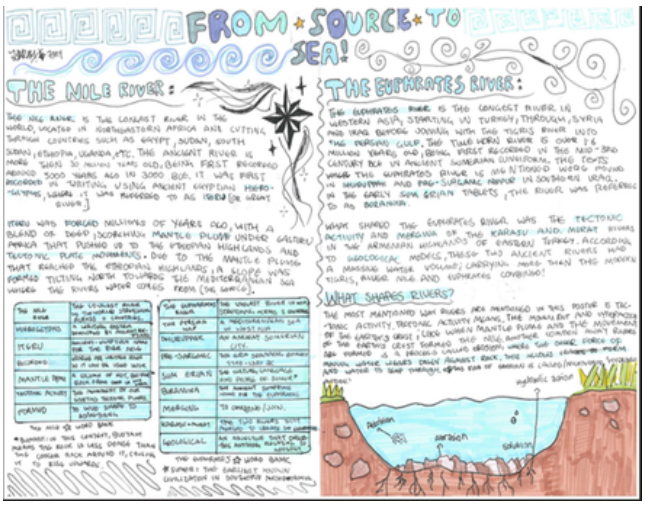
Well done!

Mrs Bradnum Geography Curriculum Leader









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Year 13 Students Explore the Nature of Time at the Royal Institution

Twenty Year 13 students visited the Royal Institution in London for its Youth Summit, accompanied by Mr Ladva, Director of Maths, and Ms Hayes, Head of Physics.

The day gave students the opportunity to explore one of science and philosophy's most fascinating questions: what is time? Through lectures, demonstrations and group discussions, students considered ideas surrounding the nature of time and time travel, sharing their own perspectives and engaging with viewpoints that challenged them to think beyond the classroom.

Students also had the exciting opportunity to contribute ideas towards the Royal Institution's Christmas Lectures, considering what makes science engaging for young audiences, how complex ideas can be communicated effectively, and what interests young people about science and mathematics.

Our students particularly enjoyed the opportunity to explore broader scientific and philosophical questions about the universe.



The summit encouraged them to think outside the box, articulate their ideas, listen to different perspectives and debate challenging concepts constructively.

One student commented that it was "interesting to learn about time in greater depth and discuss and debate ideas with others," while another said, "I really enjoyed the demonstration show. It was a very fun experience."

We hope experiences such as this continue to spark our students' curiosity about the world around them and encourage them to question, discuss and explore ideas beyond the curriculum.

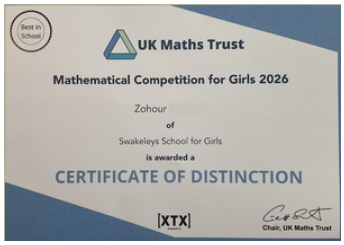
The students represented Swakeleys exceptionally well throughout the day, and we were delighted by their enthusiasm and willingness to contribute.

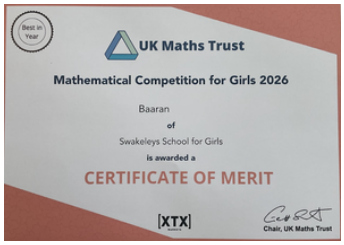
Mr Ladva Director of Mathematics

UKMT Mathematical Competition for Girls 2026

Huge Congratulations to all students who entered the UKMT Mathematical Competition for Girls 2026.

With special mention to: Zohour, Year 11 for securing Best in School Baaran Year 12 and Nehaveena Year 13 for securing Best in Year.







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Performing Arts 🎭

Under the Sea and Into the Spotlight! 🧜‍♀️✨

Wow… what an absolute whirlwind of talent! We are completely flipped, finned and floored by the incredible turnout for our upcoming production of The Little Mermaid. To say you all brought you're A-game would be a massive understatement – you made a serious splash!

Here is a quick look at our audition statistics by the numbers;

- 175 students who bravely stepped up to audition
- 95 cast members who officially secured a role in the show
- 141 backstage applications currently being read through (we are pool-ing our resources to get through these, so stay tuned!).

To those who are part of our cast list: a massive congratulations! You didn't just walk into that audition room; you swam right into our hearts. We know you're going to make this production absolutely fintastic, and we can't wait to see you find your voice and own the stage.

To those who didn't get a part this time around: please don't feel down in the depths! Remember we are incredibly proud of you. The competition was fiercer than a shark chase, and making these decisions was brutally tough. Honestly, we wish we could include every single one of you in our cast – human or mer-folk alike! Come to our Performing Arts clubs to gain more confidence in front of an audition panel.

If your heart is still set on being part of our world, please don't lose hope. There are still so many ways to help us make waves behind the scenes! We are still diving deep into the 141 backstage applications and we would love nothing more than to have your energy, passion, and help to bring this magical kingdom to life.

Thank you to everyone who auditioned. You are total treasures!

Music Evening 2026



Our recent Music Evening (and our first Performing Arts Event of the year!) was an absolute triumph, transforming the hall into a cozy intimate venue where the incredible depth of talent at our school truly shone. Guests were treated to an unforgettable night of performance, sitting at beautifully twinkly lit tables while enjoying delicious cupcakes and soaking in the warm and supportive atmosphere.

The evening set the perfect scene to celebrate the wonderful diverse talent we are so lucky to have within our community. It was a spectacular showcase of dedication, featuring a breathtaking variety of music that crossed genres and spanned centuries in style. Audience members were treated to everything from the classical brilliance of Saint-Saëns to a powerful, soaring operatic performance of Puccini's 'Nessun Dorma', to the contemporary, hypnotic beauty of Ludovico Einaudi's 'Experience'. The night also held the sweeping theatricality of Les Misérables, and West Side Story, showstopping vocals of 'Never Enough' from The Greatest Showman, and the timeless confident swagger of Paul Anka's'My Way'. And if you didn't think that was enough of a variety, we were also treated to the vintage jazz pop charm of Laufey, the gentle nostalgia of Peter, Paul and Mary's folk classic '500 miles', and the high-energy alternative rock of Weezer. Every performance was a masterclass in versatility.

Other key features of this year's event include;

- Remarkable age range; the event brought together students from Y7 all the way to Y13!
- Diverse instrumentation; the stage came alive with a rich mix of instruments featuring stunning performances on the piano, violin, cello, vocals and drums.

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Music Evening 2026 Cont'd

Impeccable preparation; Every single performer was exceptionally well-rehearsed, delivering their pieces with a level of confidence and maturity that left the crowd in awe.



Miss Coking - Curriculum Leader of Performing Arts 🎭🎶🧁

Year 8 Explore Careers in Hospitality at Hilton Hotel T5



On Wednesday 7 October, two of our Year 8 classes (8MY and 8JA) enjoyed an exciting careers visit to the Hilton Hotel at Heathrow Terminal 5. The visit provided students with a fantastic opportunity to explore the hospitality industry and discover the wide variety of careers and job roles available within the sector.

Students were introduced to members of the hotel's senior leadership team, including the General Manager, Financial Controller, Human Resources Manager, Director of Sales, Marketing Manager and Head Chef. They learned about their different responsibilities, career journeys and the skills needed to succeed in their roles, gaining valuable insight into the many career pathways available within the hotel industry.

Students also took part in hands-on mocktail-making classes and learned the art of professional bed-making, gaining a fascinating insight into the practical skills, creativity and attention to detail required in hospitality.



Student feedback from this first visit was super positive and students were very engaged on the day. This visit supports our commitment to providing students with meaningful workplace experiences. It gives them valuable first-hand insight into a professional working environment and helps them to understand the diverse range of roles, responsibilities and career pathways available within the hospitality industry.



A huge thank you to the Hilton team for their warm welcome and for providing such an inspiring experience for our students!

Further Year 8 classes will have the opportunity to visit the hotel on the following dates:

- Friday 6 November 2026: 8DS and 8EB
- Friday 8 January 2027: 8RP and 8FN
- Friday 12 March 2027: 8MC and 8AF

Please look out for the letter with further details and ensure that reply slips are returned by the deadline. We look forward to giving even more of our students the opportunity to explore the exciting career pathways available within the hospitality industry.

Mrs Laguillo
Assistant Headteacher - Achievement

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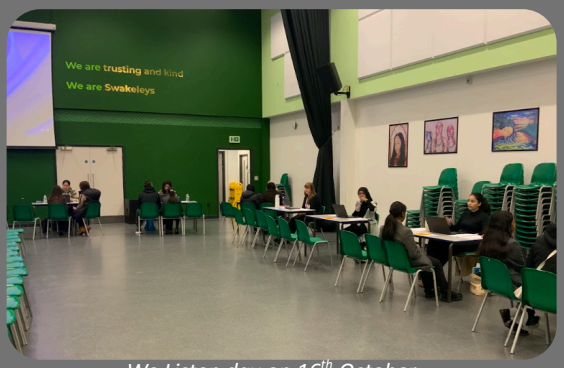
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YEAR 7

Year Learning Coordinator Miss Allan

Recent Events and Activities:

- Year 7 Values and Team building Day
- Voting for Form Councillors and selecting Council Sub-Committee Representatives
- Senator nominees were elected by each form in preparation for Year 7 Hustings week
- Multiple competitions students could participate in e.g. geography
- poster, European languages poster & Black History Month competition
- Form Tutor We Listen Day on 17th October



We Listen day on 16th October

Assembly topics in Leadership and YLC assemblies:

Welcome to Swakeleys & Swakeleys Values
House Assembly
Hustings Week
Reveal of the school production
Celebrating Black History Month
How to have the best start in year 7
World Mental Health Day
Being part of communities
World Mental Health Day

Things to look forward to in the next half term:

Year 7 Hustings week for Senator
School Council
Inter sport House competitions
Winter Bazaar
Year Attendance League competition
Christmas Pantomime

It has been a busy first half term for year 7 and settling in to secondary school is exciting but also challenging with learning new school rules and routines, a new building, having new teachers and making new friends. Year 7 have impressed me so much with how resilient they have been and how open they are to firmly settling in to our school community. I look forward to seeing them continue on their year 7 journey and taking all opportunities offered at Swakeleys. I hope they have a restful half term holiday.

Thank you to families for your support.

Miss Allan

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YEAR 8

Year Learning Coordinator Miss Mejloumian

Recent Events and Activities:

- Parent Engagement Evening
- Senator nominees were elected by each form in preparation for Year 8 Hustings week
- Black History Month
- Form Tutor 1-2-1 Day – 16th October 2026

Assembly topics in Leadership and YLC assemblies:

- How to have the best start in year 8
- Kindness
- Friendships
- House Assembly
- Swakeleys Values
- World Mental Health Day

Things to celebrate:

- Year 8 have made an absolutely fantastic start to the year. They're showing real maturity and focus!
- Congratulations to our elected Year 8 senators: Munira P 8AF & Asiya O– 8RP
- Attendance is looking positive for the year group. Best attendance in the whole school this week was 8JA with 99.7%

Things to look forward to:

- W.C 2nd November - Introduction of options via assembly and letter sent home regarding options
- 18th November - Winter Bazaar 4.00PM - 6.30pm
- 26th November - Option course book issued to students
- 30th November - Taster sessions sign up for new option subjects
- 17th December - Zero Hero assemblies
- W.C 7th December- Year Group Celebration Assembly Week and Attendance League Competition

Miss Mejloumian



Hilton Hotel Visits

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YEAR 9

Year Learning Coordinator Mr Gray

Recent Events and Activities:

- Parental Engagement Event
- Form Tutor 1-2-1 day
- Senator voting and election
- Key Stage 4 GHBO



Our Senators!

Assembly topics in Leadership and YLC assemblies:

- Welcome back & school values
- House assemblies
- World Mental Health Day
- Diwali
- Black History Month
- Student led Black History Month
- Starting Year 9 and expectations
- School production launch
- Duke of Edinburgh

Things to celebrate:

- Year 9 have had an excellent start to the school year. Students have come back more mature and are excited to delve into their GCSE options.
- Year 9 Parental Engagement Evening was a great success. Information given out on the night was emailed out to all parents and is also on the school website.
- It was great to see so many year 9 pupils audition for the school musical!
- Congratulations to all the Year 9s who put themselves forward for Year 9 Senator and SWAB member
- Congratulations to our Year 9 Senators – Alishba N 9EB and Sabrina T 9JA

Things to look forward to:

- Travel safety presentation
- Winter Bazaar
- House spelling bee
- Year group celebration assembly
- Zero Hero assembly

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YEAR 10

Year Learning Coordinator Ms Currell


Kew Gardens

Recent Events and Activities:

- Online Parental Engagement Evening
- Form Tutor 1-2-1 Day

Assembly topics in Leadership and YLC assemblies:

- Assemblies have been on expectations, making year 10 count and Black History Month. Upcoming assemblies will be on House assemblies, revision tips and Global Academy.

Things to celebrate:

- Congratulations to our elected year 10 senators: Sana 10AF and Reshma 10EB!
- Stars of the week have been: Elizabeth 10JA, Bushra 10MY and Jessy AF.
- Year 10 have had an excellent start to the school year. Many students have told staff that they are 'locked in' for year 10.
- We have seen a huge improvement in behaviour in lessons since last year. Students are showing more focus and applying themselves effectively in lessons.
- Year 10 Online Parental Engagement Evening was a great success. Information given out on the night was emailed out to all parents and is also on the school website.
- Congratulations to all year 10s who have been selected for the production this year! Well done!

Things to look forward to:

- Half term break
- Progress check 1 emailed home
- Winter Bazaar
- Year 10 Parents' Evening

Upcoming Key Dates:

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AUTUMN TERM 2	Mon 2nd Nov	Return back after half term
	Wed 11th Nov	Progress Check 1 emailed home
	Thurs 12th Nov	Y10 Travel Safety Day
	Thu 19th, Fri 20th Nov	School closed to pupils for Inset
	Wed 25th Nov	Year 10 Parents' Evening
	Fri 11th Dec	Year Group Celebration Assembly

Ms Currell

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YEAR 11

Year Learning Coordinator Mrs Finnerty & Ms Lacheta



YLC Assemblies

- Year 11 Welcome Back and Expectations
- House assembly
- Swakeleys Careers Advisor assembly
- Swakeleys production team: request for Year 11 to support behind the scenes
- An introduction to Swakeleys 6th Form
- Black History Month
- Exam Preparation from the school Exams Officer: Mrs Caldwell

Things to celebrate

- Year 11 attendance so far this academic year is 94.1%. This is above the national average and we strive to reach 96%.
- Year 11 have made a cracking start to Year 11 and the feedback from staff has been superb!
- Congratulations to our Year 11 Senators: Savannah D 11AF and Aamna J11MY (pictured).
- Lovely, informative conversations took place between tutors and students on the Form Tutor 1-1 Day.
- Excellent uniform and much improved punctuality to school from the Year group.
- Many students have been given offsite privileges at lunchtime.
- Year 11 Rec Ops for Pe has started very well with many of the Year group taking part in activities like Zumba, Gym, Spinning and CrossFit.
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Things to look forward to

- Winter Bazaar: Wednesday 18th November.
- Winter Showcase: Thursday 10th December.
- Year group celebration assembly: WB 7th December
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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.
- Attendance: Our target is 96%.
- Please check the school uniform and equipment guidance to ensure students are prepared for the start of the next half term.
- The Year 11 team hope all of our Swakeleys families and friends have a lovely half term break. It has been a fantastic start back this academic year! We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs Finnerty & Ms Lacheta

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Sporting achievement on the Hockey Field.

Earlier this year, our incredible Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Devereux, made it through months of gruelling trials, beating hundreds of other athletes, to qualify for the England international hockey team. She spent her summer representing England at the prestigious Hockey World Cup in Rotterdam – which we are delighted to say, England won (they were also crowned champions at the Four Nations competition the previous month). We are so proud of her.

To win, the team beat the likes of Argentina, Australia, where she scored the opening goal, and Spain where the team absolutely cleaned up with a stunning 7-0 victory.

A tense final saw England vs Argentina and a 2-1 win for England. Our Mrs Devereux managed to secure the coveted player of the match title not once, but twice. She also assisted in multiple goal scoring and hit the back of the net a few times too. We already knew Mrs Devereux was the best of the best, but now she has the gold medal to prove it.

We hope her discipline, hard work, team work and passion inspire our students. We certainly feel inspired and are proud to say our students are taught PE by a gold medal winning international athlete.



Medication reminder



Please remind your daughter if they require an Asthma Inhaler or an EpiPen that these must be in their school bags at all times.

Thank you for your support.

Medical Appointments

We would ask parents to kindly inform the school in advance of medical appointments where possible.

We sometimes receive emails about medical appointments on the same day, which can make it difficult for us to arrange and send the permission slip to the student in time for them to leave school.

We completely understand that some appointments may be arranged urgently or at short notice, but where possible, it would be really helpful if parents could let us know in advance.

It would also be helpful if you could include the following information in your email:

- Child's full name, year and form
- The time they would like their child to be collected
- Whether the child will be returning to school afterwards

The more information we have in advance, the easier it is for us to arrange the permission slips on time.

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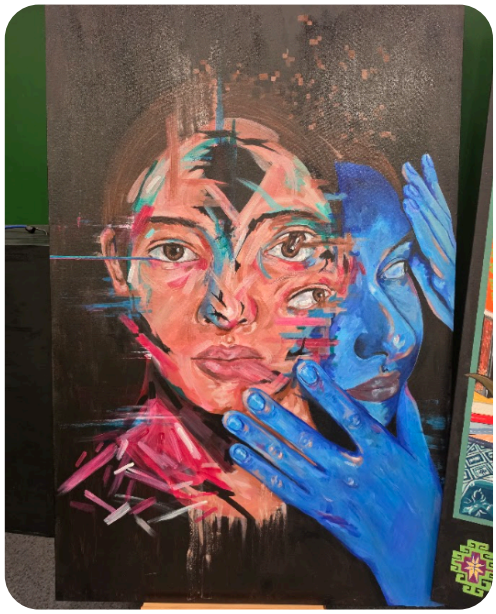
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Swakeleys School Art Exhibition

From the 16th September for 2 weeks we held our Annual Art Exhibition in school celebrating the incredible creativity, imagination and artistic skills of our talented Swakeleys School students!

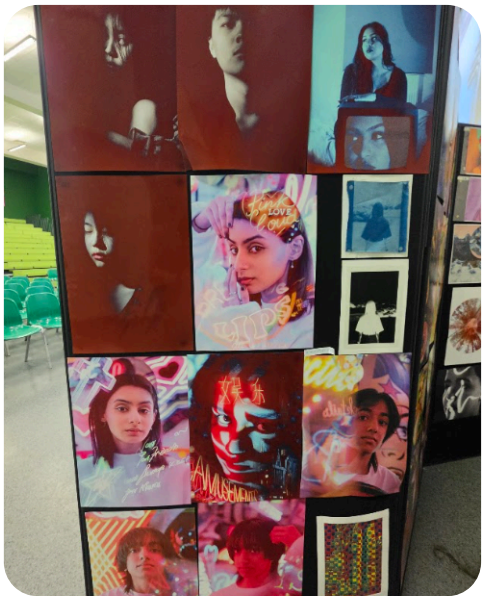
From stunning drawings to amazing paintings and unique creations the hall was awash with colour











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Oracy Across the School

During this first half-term, students have been introduced to the nationally recognised Oracy Framework, helping them understand what makes an effective speaker and a focused listener. This was followed by the relaunch of the updated Swakeleys types of speakers. Students have subsequently reflected on their oracy skills during lessons to identify themselves as an Apprentice, Developing, Confident or Expert speaker in each subject. This has allowed students to recognise their current strengths and areas for improvement in regards to their oracy. These speaker types are now recorded in students' exercise books alongside their target grades, providing a reference point for future development. Updated posters outlining the speaker types have also been displayed in every classroom, establishing a shared language for oracy across the school.

Our Debates ECA has continued to attract strong attendance from students across all year groups. I am grateful to sixth-form student Amrina B, who has been co-leading sessions with me and has designed a fantastic poster to promote the club. Amrina is a passionate orator who believes in the importance of, "expressing yourself eloquently and engaging meaningfully with others to achieve success, both academically and beyond the classroom."

Finally, following an overwhelming response to recruitment for the school's official debate team, five students were selected after a series of mock debates. They are now preparing to represent the school in the first heat of the prestigious English-Speaking Union (ESU) Mace debating competition in November. We wish them the very best of luck!



From left to right: Charlene A (9MC), Ella B (10JA), Gunveen J (10DS), Sara M (11RP) and Yasmin B (11DS, not pictured).

Further oracy opportunities after half-term include the first meeting of the Oracy Subcommittee, applications to become an Oracy Champion (Years 8-11) and the first of four whole-school debates as part of School Council meetings.

Mr E Green, Associate Leader for Oracy

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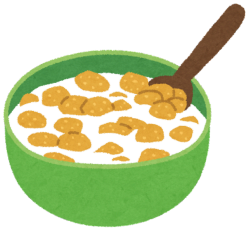
Supporting Families This October Half Term

Throughout the October half-term holiday, Morrisons and Kellogg's are offering free breakfasts for both children and adults at Morrisons Cafés nationwide. Available from 12 October to 1 November, the offer includes:

- A bowl of Kellogg's Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies
- Choice of dairy or non-dairy milk
- A piece of fruit (apple or banana)

The offer is available to all family members, providing an opportunity for families to enjoy a free breakfast together during the school holidays. This initiative aims to help ease the cost of living pressures many families experience during holiday periods when school-based breakfast provision may not be available.

Please visit your local Morrisons Café and ask for a 'Kellogg's Breakfast'



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2025/26 Academic Year

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Swakeleys Sixth Form
Open Evening



Wed 11th November 4.30pm-6.30pm

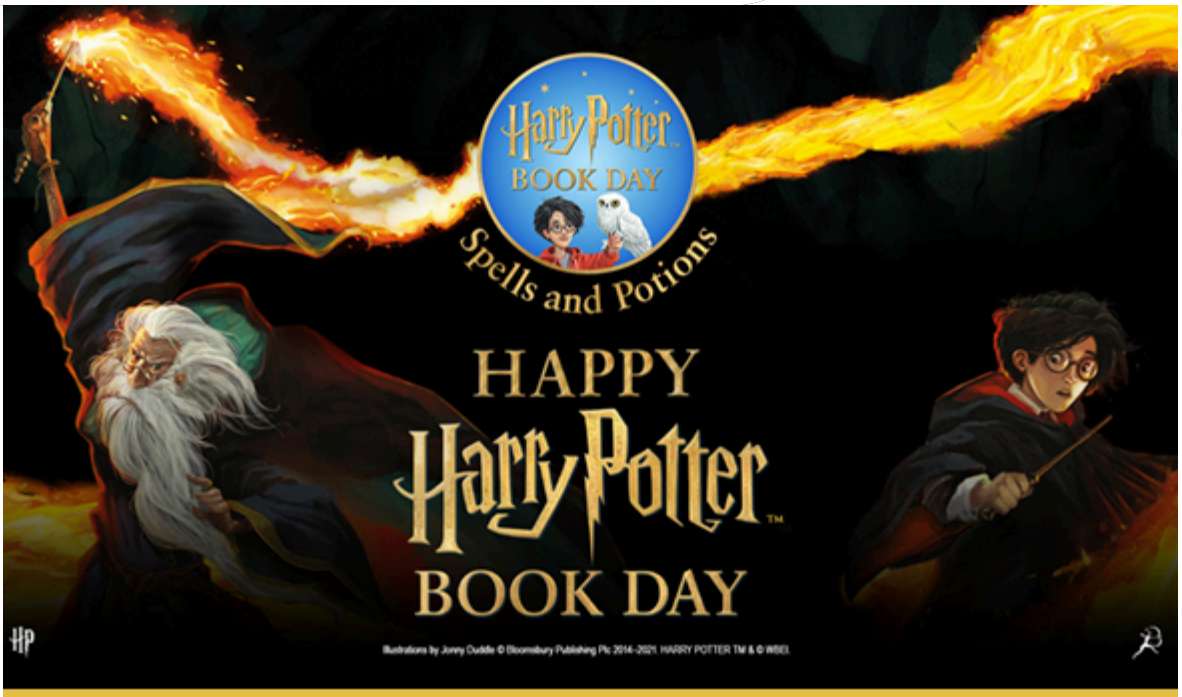
Including a presentation at 4.45pm by
Ms Stevenson (Head teacher) and Mr Hayden (Head of Sixth Form)

Discover how
Swakeleys Sixth Form
can support **you** to realise your **aspirations**

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Hillingdon Libraries present
A Magical Day at Hogwarts!

Step into a world of magic this half-term and enjoy a spellbinding day of stories, crafts and wizarding activities for the whole family.

Make sure you join our **costume parade at midday**, where there will be a prize for the best dressed character judged by The Worshipful the Mayor of Hillingdon, Cllr Reeta Chamdal.

Remember the more imaginative costumes will stand out the most!

Entry is free, but please book your Hogwarts arrival time-slot in advance.

The Great Barn, Ruislip
Thursday 29 October 2026
10am to 2pm

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Bringing up confident children

For parents of children with ASD or ADHD

When:

Wednesday 21 October to

Wednesday 16 December 2026

Time:

1pm to 3pm

Venue:

Online via MS Teams

Join our 6 week online course if you are a parent of a child with suspected or undiagnosed ASD, ADHD or any other additional needs. We will help you to understand your child's behaviour, learn to break negative parent-child interaction cycles while promoting their social and emotional development.

For more information about this service, email annmarie.fevrier@coramfamilylives.org.uk or call 07949 890 749

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This 6-week group helps you change the way you communicate with your child, respond better and feel more in control. The sessions will cover:

- Exploring what helpful discipline is.
- Recognising the triggers and responding more effectively.
- Learning new parenting tools to challenge children's behaviour
- How to negotiate and implement effective boundaries and family agreements
- How to hold boundaries and gain co-operation

Dates, times and venue

Wednesday's
October- 21st
November- 4th, 25th
December- 2nd, 9th, 16th
10am to 12noon

This support programme will be delivered online via MS TEAMS

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TRIPLE P SEMINAR

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5-11 years olds



Helping children develop healthy screentime habits

This seminar provides an overview of how screen time problems develop and offers strategies for parents to encourage healthy habits, manage conflict, and keep children safe online. This seminar will explore:

Understanding the problem: How do parents recognise when screen time becomes a problem and how can they adapt this to the role of screens in modern life.

Strategies for healthy habits: To provide parents with simple, positive strategies to encourage healthy screen use

Conflict management: Offers tips for managing disagreements related to screen time.

Online safety: Help parents with strategies on how to keep their children safe online.

Balanced approach: The seminar also acknowledges that screen time can be beneficial for entertainment, relaxation, education and aims to help families find the right balance.

When and where

Date: Friday 20 November 2026

Time: 6pm - 7.30pm

Venue: Hayes Muslim Centre, 3 Pump Lane, Hayes Town UB3 3NB

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When and where

Date: Tuesday 1st December 2026

Time: 1pm - 2.30pm

Venue: Online via TEAM's

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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 2027-2028 Term Dates



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