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

Dear Families

Dear Families,

This term we have welcomed our new cohort of Year 7 students and their families and we are looking forward to getting to know the students and their families over the coming months. We have prepared our exam classes for their GCSEs/A levels and these have started brilliantly – well done everyone! We have supported Year 10 to reflect on how much progress they have made since starting their GCSEs and got them organised for their work shadowing placement. Our assemblies have focused on Vaisakhi, celebrating house achievements, how to use AI effectively in your learning and this week we have highlighted those students nominated to be Sports Personality of the Year winner. Still to come this week we have the class of 2026 assembly for Year 11 which takes place on Friday 22nd May.

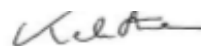
I am delighted to let you know that Swakeleys has appointed a new Deputy Headteacher. Tom Murrell joins us from Hatch End in Harrow and will be in

charge of student leadership, praise and behaviour and we are very much looking forward to him joining Swakeleys in September.

After half term there is a lot to look forward to – Sports Day (Years 7-9), work shadowing (Year 10), futures day (Year 12), work experience (Year 12). We will be able to celebrate student who have fulfilled our values curriculum – so many students have made such incredible contributions to school this year. We will celebrate our zero heroes in July, every student through celebration assemblies and we finish off the year with FAB trips during the last week of term.

I hope you enjoy the half term break with your family.

Thanks as always for your support.



Kelda Stevenson
Headteacher.

Teacher of the Month

March

Mrs Arnold
Ms Currell

April

Mrs Cherry
Mrs Popat

Support Staff of the Month

March

Mrs Skinner
Mrs Caldwell

April

Miss Nettle
Miss Kubari



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Performing Arts Department News!

Dance;

Pineapple Studios to the West End; A Day in the Spotlight! To celebrate a year of hard work and creativity, students were invited from our GCSE Dance cohorts and a group of our most dedicated Performing Arts supporters headed to London for an unforgettable day of dance and drama at the end of March. The energy was high from the moment we arrived! Here is a look at our itinerary:

- The Workshop: Students hit the floor at the world-famous Pineapple Dance Studios. They took part in a high-intensity Jazz workshop, mastering a professional routine and showing off some serious technique.
- The Show: After working up an appetite for the arts, the group headed to the Victoria Palace Theatre for a matinee performance of the global phenomenon, Hamilton.



It was a privilege to see our students so inspired by the professional world of theatre. Whether they were nailing the choreography or witnessing the "Room Where It Happens," the day was a resounding success. It was a fantastic way to end the half term and celebrate the incredible talent we have here at Swakeleys!

International Dance Day Takes place every year on 29th April. At Swakeleys we celebrated the day with a Zumba session at lunch time for students and staff. This was very well attended with all participants buzzing after the event!



Performing Arts upcoming events:

Drama Evening

Thursday 21st May - see some of our work in progress across years 7-9 at our event that will be held free of charge in the main hall. The event starts at 6pm and finishes before 7pm. Students have been dedicating their free time rehearsing to ensure their performances tip top! From monologues to twisted takes on fairy tales, we hope to see you there!

Through the Decades!

Get ready for a night of show-stopping hits at our upcoming Summer Festival! This year, we're taking a journey Through the Decades, bringing you a spectacular line-up from Dance, Drama and Music. From the timeless charm of the older classics to the high-energy anthems of modern theatre and the music charts, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Event Details

Where: The School Hall

When: 25th June 6:00pm - 7.20pm

Admission: Free!

While the event is free to attend, our Performing Arts Ambassadors will be at the door to collect any voluntary donations. Why donate? Every penny raised goes directly toward costumes and props for our talented Swakeleys students, ensuring their future performances are as dazzling as possible. We can't wait to see you there for an evening of unforgettable music, dance and theatre!

Notice to all pupils at Swakeleys; if you've recently achieved certificates in any performing arts discipline or had a performance outside of Swakeleys - we would love to hear all about it! Share your news with Miss Coking!



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Performing Arts News (Cont'd)

Lily Newman - 9MC - auditioned for the prestigious Royal Ballet School in November 2025, and in April 2026 she was awarded a place as a Senior Associate. She will now be training most Saturdays at the Covent Garden studio that we saw on the tour for our London dance trip; 'Pineapple Studio to the West End'. We're all excited for her and proud of her achievements as she now trains at the top ballet school in the UK! Well done to Lily!

The Swakeleys Glee Club



The Swakeleys Glee Club run by Miss Smith have been performing in assemblies this term, and they have won a Singing competition of all the secondary schools in Hillingdon. They have won a free workshop with a West End performer from Wicked the musical and will be performing their own song choice at the Cadogan Hall in July in front of a large audience. Pupils in Glee have been working really hard on their harmonies and are making the school very proud!

Girls involved:

Charlene A	Uma D	Bethany M	Lara R
Bluebell B	Savannah D	Shruthi M	Jaina S
Aisha C	Uma G	Beth N	Giulia V
Alicia C	Keira H	Deyana P	
Isabelle C	Sara K	Maya P	
Quiana C	Malika M	Parizay R	

Drama Evening

Congratulations to all students who took part in the Fantastic Drama evening last night.



Miss Coking
Curriculum Leader of Performing Arts

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Year 9 Geography Urban Fieldwork

One very sunny Thursday in April saw the year 9 geographers spend the day in Oxford collecting data for their urban fieldwork.

The trip to Oxford was so much fun! We were trying to find out if the regeneration of Westgate Shopping centre had improved Oxford's CBD. We went to 7 different sites throughout the day to collect our data – pedestrian counts, land use surveys and environmental quality surveys.



We got to visit Westgate Shopping centre and see all the beautiful buildings. We had the opportunity to talk to the people of Oxford to get their opinions by carrying out questionnaires.

Overall, it was a great day out in Oxford and everyone had a fun time!

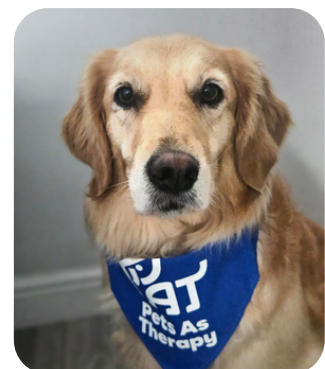
Written by Sana A, 9AF



Bella the Therapy Dog

Our canine member of the SEND department, Bella the therapy dog has been busy in school so far this year. She has seen a number of students each week and was even part of Lit Fest listening to stories of different dogs' adventures and lives with different families. Bella has thoroughly enjoyed visiting Swakeleys and loves the attention she receives.

She especially enjoys listening to the students read, hearing their stories about their own dogs, and bringing smiles to so many faces each time she visits.



Dr Laxton, Head of
Inclusion



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Year 9 Psychology trip to the Paradox Museum



The Year 9 Psychology cohort recently visited the Paradox Museum to explore the visual illusions they have been studying as part of the Perception topic in GCSE Psychology. The trip provided students with an engaging opportunity to see psychological concepts brought to life through a range of interactive exhibits.

"I had a lot of fun on the Psychology trip! I expected it to be boring and just about different illusions we had already learnt about in lessons, but they were more interactive than I thought. I took so many photos with my friends and with the exhibits. I was really happy that I finally got to experience the Ames Room after learning about it during lessons! It was really interesting seeing its layout in real life - when you stand at a certain angle, your brain is tricked into thinking the trapezoid-shaped room is a normal square room, making people who are actually nearer you appear unusually small and people further away from you appear unusually large. We finished the day peacefully at Hyde Park, where we ate lunch in the sun. It was really relaxing and an amazing day out!"

Anaya Q (9FN)

During the visit, students also took part in a careers talk and Q&A session with Matt, the museum's General Manager. This gave students valuable insight into career pathways and the skills required in managerial roles. In follow-up discussions during lessons, many students highlighted communication and organisation as important workplace skills they would like to develop further in preparation for entering the world of work. Some of the students' other key takeaways included that some careers can provide opportunities for international travel and that, when choosing a job, it is important to consider work-life balance (such as the impact that working evening hours can have on family life and socialising with friends).

"For me, the experience really shone a light on creativity and organisation. It helped me understand how illusions really trick the mind's interpretation and perception, allowing me to gain a deeper understanding of the misinterpreted depth cues we learned about in class. I also learnt more about the world of work, such as how people can choose jobs based around particular skill sets, hours, or salary. It was definitely a great experience!"

Mashal Z (9MY)

UKMT Maths Challenge

Huge Congratulations to Charlene (8MC), Issra (8RP), and Muntaha (8FN)! 🎉

Our superstar trio has officially struck Gold at the KS3 UKMT Maths Challenge! 🏆🌟



Charlene received best in year and along with Issra heads on to the Junior Kangaroo round! 🐨

Mr D'Souza Teacher of Mathematics and Science



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Tangible Girls Coding Tournament



A national competition that had happened on the 24th of March was the Tangible Girls coding Tournament it was an interactive and competitive live zoom call where schools, worldwide participated.

The Computer Science Department arranged for Swakeleys School For Girls to be the representative school for England, and although we hadn't placed first, we still had the honors of placing third in the senior leaderboard!

The Tangible competition was an interesting experience for all of us, although it was very challenging at times, we were still learning as we went along during the contest. Teamwork was definitely a big skill used! And even though it was hard and difficult at times, we managed to score TOP 3 while having lots of fun!

We are proud to say that it was an honour to represent England by our rank out of so many teams and schools! Also, we had a great time bonding, communicating, and most importantly, had a good time.

Written by Yasna K. 9RP, Aleena M. 9RP

Generation 2 Generation Talk

Year 12 History and Politics students had a guest speaker who talked to them about experiences of the Holocaust.

'Our speaker, Bernice, shared the experience of Toby, her friend who lived in ghettos and experienced multiple concentration camps. It was an incredibly insightful talk and very valuable to our learning as it included videos of Toby describing her life during this time period, which included the conditions in the concentration camps and the sad death of her sister just days after they were liberated.'

Nania S 12RP

'The Generation 2 Generation talk was very interesting and educational. The Holocaust survivor shared personal experiences about what happened during that time and explained the challenges and suffering many people faced. The videos and real-life evidence shown during the talk made the history feel much more real and helped us understand the impact of the Holocaust on people's lives. I learned a lot from the session, and it was inspiring to hear such an important story firsthand. Overall, it was a powerful experience that taught us the importance of remembering history and treating others with kindness and respect.'

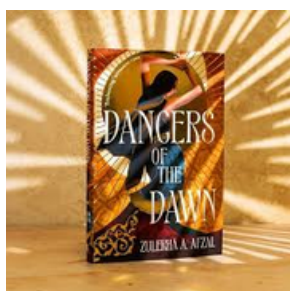
Amani J 12RP



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READING CORNER

As our reading culture at Swakeleys continues to grow, our Reading for Pleasure pilot programme with Year 10 students also goes from strength to strength, in the form of our sociable and dynamic reading group The Review Crew! In this club, students have been exploring a wide range of engaging contemporary fiction texts, helping to broaden their reading experiences and encourage reading beyond the classroom. We are looking forward to extending the programme further as the year progresses, but in the meantime, please enjoy reading a review from one of our members.



Avani N reviews *Dancers of the Dawn* by Zulekha A. Afzal

Rating: 4.5/5

Dancers of the Dawn stood out to me because of its original storyline, and memorable characters, which kept me interested from beginning to end. I especially enjoyed the South Asian influences throughout the novel, including the food, music and settings, as they made the story feel relatable and representative. The romance subplot was subtle, and balanced well with the wider political storyline, which made the book even more enjoyable. I would highly recommend this novel to readers who enjoy Young Adult fiction with both romance and political intrigue.

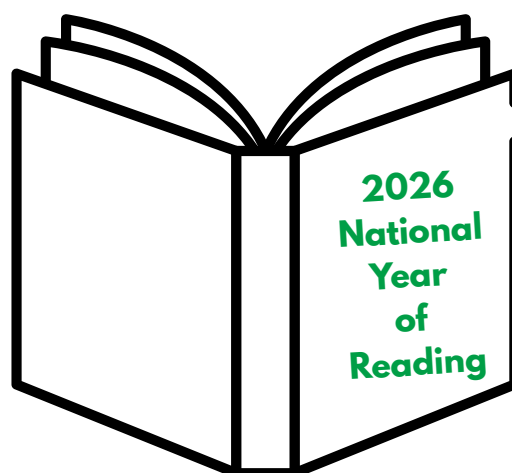
National Year of Reading

Just a reminder that 2026 has been named the National Year of Reading — a timely reminder of the important role reading plays in young people's lives. Alongside supporting academic achievement, reading can have a powerful impact on wellbeing, confidence, empathy, and emotional development.

Alongside our Sparx Reader initiatives, reading rewards, and ongoing paired reading programme, there is always plenty happening at Swakeleys to promote and celebrate reading across the school community.

We wish everyone, as always, happy reading!

Mrs Pimbert, Assistant Headteacher/Director of English



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PE News

Senior & Junior Borough Athletics Championships

The recent Borough Athletics Competition was a fantastic celebration of sporting talent, determination, and teamwork, bringing together pupils from schools across the borough to compete in a wide range of track and field events. Our students represented the school with great enthusiasm, resilience, and sportsmanship, demonstrating not only their athletic ability but also their commitment and support for one another throughout the day. From exciting sprint finishes to impressive performances in the field events, the competition provided a wonderful opportunity for students to challenge themselves, build confidence, and enjoy the spirit of competitive sport. We are incredibly proud of the teams who represented Swakeleys School and would like to congratulate all competitors for their hard work and achievements.

Junior Team (Y7 & Y8)



Senior Team (Y9 & Y10)



A special mention to the following athletes for their stand out performances:

- Y9 team; Melanie (9MY), Gabriella (9MC), Anaya (9FN), Emilia (9FN), Elizabeth (9AF), Amelia, Nina (9AF), Ava-Grace (9AF), Lily (9MC) finished 3rd overall in the team event.
- Nina (9AF) finishing 1st Y9 discus
- Lily (9MC) finishing 1st in Y9 high jump
- Omowonuola (8DS) finishing 1st in Y8 discus
- Melanie (9MY) finishing 2nd in Y9 300m
- Chloe (7FN) finishing 2nd in 100m
- Bethany (10MY) finishing 2nd in Y10 discus
- Amelia (9AF) finishing 3rd in Y9 long jump
- Fatima (8EB) finishing 3rd in Y8 long jump.



Good luck to the individual medal winners as we hope to see some selected to represent team Hillingdon in the Middlesex Championships next month.

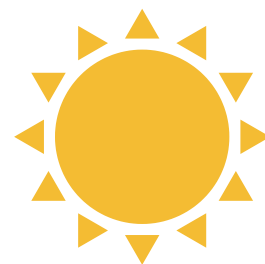


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Mrs Peace Curriculum Leader PE

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Arrangements for Hot Weather

We are aware that the summer 2 half term can become school. We do have a few rooms in school with air-conditioning but most rooms do not and unfortunately the government does not provide sufficient funding for us to roll out air conditioning across the school. However each classroom has a fan, blinds and we endeavour to open all windows first thing in the morning to bring cooler air into the school. You may wish to consider whether your child wears a skirt to school in place of trousers and whether she chooses not to wear her school jumper – these will both help her to stay cool.

Blazers: During summer 2 we relax our rule on blazers to support students feel comfortable around school during what are typically the hotter months. I wish to be very clear however that although students do not have to wear their blazer we do still expect them to have their lanyard. In addition students cannot replace their blazer with a hoodie – this is not part of school uniform. If students don't wish to wear blazers then they should wear their school jumper to stay warm or a coat – as per our uniform guidance. Click below to view.

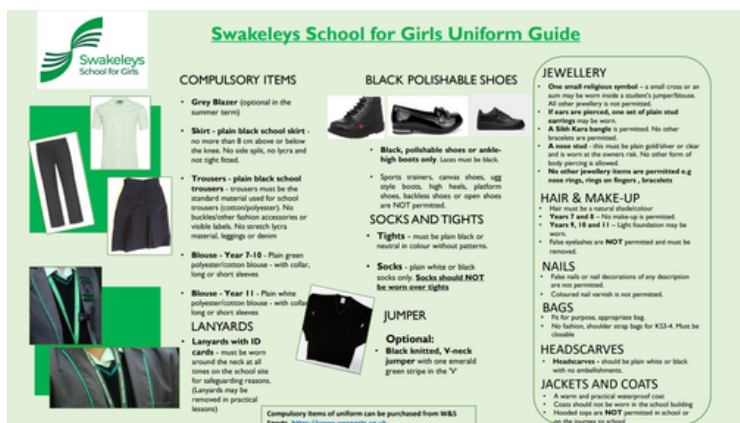
To be clear hoodies seen around school will be confiscated for the day. Please can I ask for your support so that we can help the children stay cool in school at the same time as looking smart and following our uniform guidance.

Hydration: As always please send your child into school with a refillable water bottle. Students can refill their water bottle from water fountains before school, at break, lunch and after school.

We don't want students to miss learning in order to fill up water bottles so please encourage them to do so during these times. Drinking more can necessitate more trips to the bathroom. A reminder that in order to ensure students are maximising their learning time they are expected to use the toilets before school, at break, lunch and after school. In an emergency situation a member of staff will escort a child to the toilet. Those with a medical need have toilet passes. Please do speak to Mrs Skinner in welfare for further information – email the office at office@swakeleys.org.uk

Cold refreshments: Our canteen always has a supply of refrigerated drinks and we offer ice-cream and healthy ice lollies to help students stay cool over this half term

Shade: Students can be in the hall or sit in the shade outside. We provide picnic blankets for students to sit on the grass around our lovely school site.



Swakeleys School for Girls Uniform Guide

COMPULSORY ITEMS

- Grey Blazer (optional in the summer term)
- Skirt - plain black school skirt - no more than 8 cm above or below the knee. No side split, no lace and not tight fitting.
- Trousers - plain black school trousers - trousers must be the standard material used for school trousers (polyester/cotton). No buckles, no belt loops, no visible labels. No stretch lycra material, huggie or denim.
- Blouse - Year 7-10 - Plain green polyester/cotton blouse - with collar, long or short sleeves.
- Blouse - Year 11 - Plain white polyester/cotton blouse - with collar, long or short sleeves.
- Lanyards with ID cards - must be worn around the neck at all times on the school site for safeguarding reasons. (Lanyards may be removed in practical lessons)

BLACK POLISHABLE SHOES

- Black, polishable shoes or ankle-high boots only. Laces must be black.
- Sports trainers, canvas shoes, egg style boots, high heels, platform shoes, buckled shoes or open shoes are NOT permitted.

SOCKS AND TIGHTS

- Tights - must be plain black or neutral in colour without patterns.
- Socks - plain white or black socks only. Socks should NOT be worn over tights.

JUMPER

Optional:

- Black knitted, V-neck jumper with one overall green stripe in the "V"

JEWELLERY

- One small religious symbol - a small cross or an arm may be worn inside a student's jumper/blouse. All other jewellery is not permitted.
- If ears are pierced, one set of plain stud earrings may be worn.
- A Sikh Kara bangle is permitted. No other bangles are permitted.
- A nose stud - this must be plain gold/silver or clear and is worn in the nostril only. No other form of body piercing is allowed.
- No other jewellery items are permitted e.g. nose rings, rings on fingers, bracelets.

HAIR & MAKE-UP

- Hair must be a natural shade/colour.
- Years 7 and 8 - No make-up is permitted.
- Years 9, 10 and 11 - Light foundation may be worn.
- False eyelashes are NOT permitted and must be removed.

NAILS

- False nails or nail decorations of any description are not permitted.
- Coloured nail varnish is not permitted.

BAGS

- As for previous, appropriate bag.
- No fashion, shoulder strap bags for KS3-4. Must be a rucksack.

HEADSCARVES

- Headscarves should be plain white or black with no embellishments.

JACKETS AND COATS

- A warm and practical overcoat is allowed.
- Coats should not be worn in the school building.
- Hooded tops are NOT permitted in school or on the premises to school.

Compulsory items of uniform can be purchased from WBS Sports. <https://www.wbsports.co.uk>



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YEAR 7

Year Learning Coordinator Miss Allan

Recent Events and Activities:

- W/C: 27th April – House Assembly Week
- 29th April – A number of year 7s & 8s are involved in the Junior Maths Challenge
- 30th April – Values Drop Down Day – year 7 will consider how they have met the Swakeleys values during the Spring term
- Sport Personality of the Year Nominations and vote
- Key Stage 3 Great House Bake Off

Assembly topics in Leadership and YLC assemblies:

- House Assembly
- AI (Including student policy)
- Be Kind
- Sport Personality of the Year (SPOTY) Assembly
- How to revise for our year 7 assessments
- Values assembly: We are diverse and respectful
- Values assembly: We are trusting and kind
- Rumours: Don't be part of the problem, be part of the solution

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 September, 99,130 merits have been issued to year 7 students. Particular well done to 7MC for achieving the most epraise points.
- 7JA achieved a week of 100% attendance so had a non-uniform day.
- The KS3 Great House Bakeoff took place including Shaylei 7JA & Uendy 7JA for participating with a number of year 8s.
- We have had many year 7s nominated for YLC Star of the Week for upholding the school values.

Things to look forward to in the next half term:

- Pride month
- 10th June – Your Life, You Choose for year 7 – a number of organisations run workshops with year 7
- 11th June – Year 7 Parents' Evening
- 12th June – Sports Day
- W/C 15th June – House Chess Competition
- 25th June – House Literacy and Numeracy Competition
- 3rd July – Culture Day
- 25th June – Performing Arts Summer Festival
- Celebration Assembly
- FAB Trips

Year 7 is almost complete and what a successful half term they have had. They showed great resilience and dedication to their year 7 assessments and deserve a restful half term! I look forward to their final half term in year 7 and seeing them continue to grow in confidence and achievement.

Miss Allan



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YEAR 8

Year Learning Coordinator Mr Gray

Recent Events and Activities:

- Progress Meetings
- Values Drop Down Day
- House Assemblies
- Movie Afternoon (Aspirational Programme)
- Key Stage 3 Great House Bake Off
- Sports Personality of the Year Nominations

Assembly Topics in Leadership and YLC Assemblies:

- Benefits of Extracurricular
- Valuing Our Differences And Ensuring Every Voice Is Heard
- Making The Right Choices
- House Assemblies
- Mentoring The Next Generation
- AI Policy
- Choose Kindness

Things to celebrate

- Key Stage 3 Great House Bake Off – Mia L and Deborah A 8MY won our KS3 GHBO with econd place going to Marka S and Bluebell B in 8MC
- A huge congratulations to our stars of the week for winning a “jump the queue” pass for the canteen this half term: Sarah Ruscan – RP; Charlene A – MC; Rahima Q– AF; Khushdeep K - MY

Things to look forward to in the next half term:

- June – Pride Month
- Date TBC - GCSE Options Allocations
- Date TBC - Rounders and Ice Cream Event (rescheduled due to bad weather)
- 12th June – Sports Day
- W.c 15th June – House Chess Competition
- 25th June – House Literacy and Numeracy Competition
- 3rd July – Culture Day
- 7th July - Movie afternoon for form Attendance League Winners and YLC Stars of the Week
- 29th June – Year 8 Celebration Assembly
- 14th July – 16th July – Year 8 Residential Trip to Longridge Activity Centre (48 selected students)
- 15th and 16th July – FAB Trips

Mr T Gray



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YEAR 9

Year Learning Coordinator Ms Currell

Recent Events and Activities:

Assemblies:

Assemblies have been on diversity, punctuality, truancy and how to effectively revise.

Things to celebrate:

- The Stars of the Week have been: Muskan RP, Farhat JA, Sabrina MC, Arushi EB, Isha DS and Sahra FN.
- Mya Tut has been awarded National Champion in boxing for the second time and has also qualified to represent England! This is a fantastic achievement and we wish her all the best of luck!
- Year 9s have started revising for their internal exams which start after half term. I have posted a PowerPoint Presentation on the YLC9 Google Classroom going through the 3Rs: Review, Revise, Recall. I will be emailing out an exam timetable this week as well as a reminder of the exam boards for each subject. Each of their internal exams will be completed in lessons.

Things to look forward to:

- Year 9 Internal exams
- Swakeleys Sports Personality of the Year: Voting takes place on Friday 22nd May!
- Pride Month: June 2026
- House literacy and numeracy competition: 25th June.
- Summer festival: 26th June
- House assemblies
- •FAB trips!

Upcoming Key Dates:

HALF TERM: MONDAY 25 TH MAY – FRIDAY 29 TH MAY 2026		
SUMMER TERM 2	Mon 1 st June	Return back after half term/Y9 Internal Exams Begin
	Thurs 11 th June	Y9 Internal Exams End
	Fri 12 th June	Sports Day
	Tues 29 th June	Year Group Celebration Assembly (TBC)
	Fri 3 rd July	Culture Day
	Wed 8 th July	Progress Check 3 & Exam Grades emailed home
	Fri 18 th July	End of Term

Ms K Currell



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YEAR 10

Year Learning Coordinator Mrs Finnerty

Recent Events and Activities

- Year 11 Prefect opportunities
- Motivez assembly with guest speaker
- Work Shadowing preparation
- Year 10 Graduation introduction

Things to celebrate

- Year 10 attendance so far this academic year is 93%. This is above the national average, although we strive to reach 96%.
- Well done to all of Year 10 for their maturity and resilience in the most recent exams. This has been a very good opportunity for students to experience what to expect in Year 11.
- 10MC, 10RP and 10DS all have over 95% attendance far this term 10MC are in the lead with 96.7%!
- Sarina S 10FN is the Year 10 leader for Epraise with 749 points. Closely behind her are Hope F 10FN with 626 points and Muneet B with 615 points.
- 10FN are storming ahead with a total of 11043 Epraise points with 10JA in 2nd and 10 MC in 3rd place.

Things to look forward to

- Swakeleys Sports Personality of the Year: Voting takes place on Friday 22nd May!
- Pride Month: June 2026
- Y10 Work Shadowing Week: WC 8th June.
- House literacy and numeracy competition: 25th June.
- Year 10 Graduation Evening: Tuesday 23rd June.
- Summer festival: 26th June
- Culture Day: 3rd July.
- House assemblies
- FAB trips!

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 the next half term.

The Year 10 team would like to wish all students and families a lovely half term break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 1st June for the final half term before students head to Year 11!

Mrs Finnerty



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YEAR 11

Year Learning Coordinator Miss Mejloumian

Things to celebrate :

- We are almost halfway through the exam period and we are very proud of the way they are revising and working hard to achieve their potential. Well Done!
- I wish all of Year 11 the best of luck on the rest of their exams!

Things to look forward to:

- Class of 2026 Assembly – Friday 22nd May Period 3
- Friday 12th June – Come to school to collect hoodies, yearbook and to donate blazers, unwanted textbooks and return of subject text books and Library books.
- 6th form induction day – Monday 22nd June 8.40am – 3.20pm.
- Prom – Wednesday 24th June 7-10:30pm – Brunel University.
- Results Day – Thursday 20th August 9am-10:30am.

Miss Mejloumian

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Safer travelling

Car Sharing

Make Swakeleys a safe space and reduce congestion at the gates by sharing vehicles to and from school. Parents/carers can partner with a family who lives nearby and take it in turns to drop off and pick up their children at the beginning and end of the school day.



No idling

Idling cars are not pleasant for the environment and also hurts your economy! Did you know that if you idle for more than 10 seconds you waste more fuel than restarting your car?

These points highlight why you should not idle:

- It kills the engine- It causes carbon buildup on sparks and fuses.
- Pollutes Air- It releases more toxins than a moving car- it might hurt kids and the environment.

Bike Safety

Cycling to school improves physical and mental health, and fosters independence in children. It helps students start the day refreshed, enhancing academic focus and providing daily exercise, all while learning valuable road safety skills and helping London's air!

Cycling produces zero emissions and is a simple yet effective way to help make a difference.

Worried about safety? TFL offers FREE cycle training sessions here: [Cycle skills - Transport for London](#)



Park and Stride

Park and stride is a fantastic way to travel. It is eco friendly and a suitable option for those who need to travel quite a distance.

Below are listed the benefits:

- It reduces air pollution
- Improves road safety
- Gets you active
- Practices road safety

[Please click here to view the Park and Stride Map](#)



In conclusion, park & stride is a brilliant way to have a healthy lifestyle, without being too time-consuming. It is also a great way to exercise and reduce pollution near your residential area.



NEWSLETTER

Place2Be

Place2Be provides emotional and therapeutic services in primary and secondary schools, building young people's resilience through talking and creative play.

Place2Talk is an appointment drop in session available to every student in the school. This supportive space can help young people think about any difficulties they may be experiencing from feeling unconfident, dealing with anxious thoughts, feeling stressed or overwhelmed, to troubles with friendships / relationships, or anything else that may be bothering them.

Request an appointment by emailing place2be@swakeleys.org.uk or visit the mental health first aid station in the library to post a request in our confidential post-box.

For more information about what you can expect from counselling please click on the links below:

[Counselling What to Expect Leaflet 1](#)

[Counselling What to Expect Leaflet 2](#)

Please see our website for resources that support difficult conversations within the family. This includes resources on how to support your child with stories in the news, and with uncertainty.



THE HOUSEHOLD DIVISION PRESENTS

A MILITARY MUSICAL *spectacular*

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TUESDAY 7TH JULY 2026
HORSE GUARDS PARADE

KEY TIMINGS:
GATES OPEN FROM 1630HRS.
GUESTS SEATED FROM 1900HRS.
PERFORMANCE COMMENCES 1930HRS.
PERFORMANCE ENDS 2045HRS.

THE HOUSEHOLD DIVISION CHARITY PRESENTS
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PRIOR TO THE PERFORMANCE, COME AND VISIT OUR MILITARY VILLAGE AND MEET SOLDIERS FROM THE ROYAL ARTILLERY, ROYAL SIGNALS, INFANTRY, ARMY MUSICIANS AND MANY MORE.

TAKE PART IN EXCITING ACTIVITIES AND FIND OUT WHAT A CAREER IN THE ARMY COULD OFFER YOU.

HOW TO GET TO HORSEGUARDS:
TUBE: WESTMINSTER OR EMBANKMENT
OVERGROUND TRAIN: CHARING CROSS
BUS: NUMBER 88 (STOP: HORSE GUARDS PARADE)

SCAN OR CLICK TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



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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.

Supporting children, young
people, families and
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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



Wednesday 6th May to 17th June 2026

10am to 12noon

(No session on Wednesday 27th May)

This course will be delivered online via MS Teams

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

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Raising confident children

For parents of children with ASD or ADHD

When: Every Wednesday 6

May to 1 July 2026

**(No session on Wednesday
27th May)**

Time: 1pm to 3pm

Venue: Online via Microsoft

Teams

Join our 8 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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NEWSLETTER

Hillingdon Libraries Mendhi Workshop

Hillingdon Libraries are offering a Mendhi Workshop for 12-17 year olds in half term.during May Half term in celebration of Eid.

The workshop is free to attend but booking is essential please [click here to book.](#)

Mendhi Workshop

Date: 27 May 2026

Time: 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Location: Oak Farm Library, Sutton Court Road, Hillingdon, UB10 9PB

Cost: Free

Get ready for the Eid al-Adha celebrations and learn the art of Mendhi in this fun, interactive workshop. Learn how to master the Mendhi cone to draw beautiful designs on your hand.



Open to 12 to 17-year-olds



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TERM DATES 2025-2026

Half Term: Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 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, 6th form induction/lessons)
Monday 7th September 2026 (Year 8-13 start)
Wednesday 7th 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](#)

