

March 2023

Swakeleys School for Girls

Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well and looking forward to the Easter holidays. As always we have had a busy, fun and focused half term at Swakeleys and you can see some of the many things students have been involved with inside the newsletter.

At the last parent forum parents requested information from each year group and you can read this inside. I have personal experience of my own children's reluctance to share information about their time at school! We hope this gives you a starting point for these conversations at least!

I do wish to apologise for the unexpected school closure on the 22nd March. I want to assure you that a decision to close school is never taken lightly. Your child's safety and happiness are my top priorities.

On the 4th May we will be filming for a new promotional video for Swakeleys school. In the December newsletter I asked for you to confirm whether you were happy to have your child picture taken. [If you didn't complete that yet want to opt out of photos please click here to complete this form by Monday 17th April.](#)

If your child has exams after Easter please support them by ensuring they are carrying out active revision not listening to music or with their phone beside them. These are just a couple of key ingredients to successful revision.

I wish you and your family a restful holiday. Happy Easter and Eid Mubarak when it comes!

With best wishes



Kelda Stevenson
Headteacher

Teacher of the Month February

Ms Morais
Ms Molent

Support Staff of the Month February

Mr Ryan
Mrs Grant



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Water Bottles

Please can you ensure that all pupils come to school with a full plastic/metal water bottle. Please do not send pupils with glass water bottles as this can be easily dropped or broken.

Parents Forum

The date for our next Parents Forum is Monday May 11th at 5pm. It would be lovely to have as many parents as possible there. [Please click here to sign up so that we can arrange an appropriate sized room for the meeting.](#)

House Debating Competition

Well done to all the students that took part in the House Debating competition on Friday 3rd March debating the topic

"This house believes that all 10 year olds should have a mobile phone"

The quality of debating was superb but congratulations go to the winners and runners up below:

KS3

Winners: AF Savannah D and Imaan K

Runners up: MY Bella and Husna

KS4

Winners: EB Iva T and Alishba A

Runners Up: JA Sumaya A and Alissya E

World Book Day

On Wednesday 1st March, Swakeleys School for girls celebrated World Book Day, a day early due to the strike. Students took part in many fun activities including a mystery Quote Quest. Multiple quotes from famous books were hidden around the school for students to find and identify which book they came from. If identified correctly, students won a free book! As well as this, the whole school had an assembly dedicated to World Book Day and the importance of it. Students reflected on their favourite books, how much they read and how important reading is. In English lessons, students were given the opportunity to do lots of different activities relating to World Book Day such as: poem writing, book collages and virtual library visits!



In summary, World Book Day was a wonderful opportunity for students to reflect, and take part in fun book-related activities.

-Amna A TMC



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Year Group Focus

Year Learning Co-ordinator: Miss Allan

Year 7

Recent Events and Activities:

Many year 7 auditioned/ took part in House	Science week show & activities
Talent earning plenty of house points	Pi Day activities in Maths
Kidzania trip for all year 7	World Book Day book hunt
Many took part in the school production of Fame	Attendance League competition
	Year 7 Parents' Evening

Assemblies: International Women's Day, Science Week, Rumours & how to deal with them, Ramadan

Year 7 Achievements

Children's Mental Health week
Building positive Communities

Things to celebrate

As a year group year 7 have 49,242 epraise points
The students who were involved in Fame
Culture Day was a great success with all students getting involved
Many year 7s have been awarded merits and Headteacher distinctions this term by their teachers

Things to look forward to

Year 7 are in the Netball League final against Douay Martyrs Catholic School!
Interhouse Sport
FAB Week
Oak Farm Library are delivering an assembly to year 7

Year Learning Co-ordinator: Miss Mills

Year 8

Recent Events and Activities

Year 8 netball fixtures including the Year 8 Borough netball tournament
Year 8 Internal exams
Year 8 picking their final GCSE options

Assemblies

Self esteem, Communities, International Women's Day, Science week, Ramadan

Things to celebrate

Lots of incredible performances in FAME
Year 8 pupils becoming Mental Health Ambassadors
Brilliant performance from Bella M in the house debating competition

Things to look forward to

Interhouse dodgeball tournament on Wednesday 29th March
Athletics trials for Borough Athletics

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Year 9

Recent Events and Activities:

House Talent
Celebration afternoon
Culture Day
School Production
House Debating
Y9 Netball competitions
Shakespeare Schools' Festival

Assemblies:

International Women's Day Mother's Day, Ramadan, Valentine's Day – 'you are your own Valentine'
Attendance League, Mental Health Week

Things to celebrate:

Sports Leaders Awards
Performing Arts – 'Star of the Term'
School Production – FAME!
Increase in attendance
Brilliant Club Graduates

Things to look forward to:

Hillingdon Dance competition for the London Youth Games
Interhouse Netball
Lit Fest

Year Learning Co-ordinator: Ms Currell

Year 10

Recent Events and Activities

Culture Day
School Production
Exam preparation
Mock exams

Assemblies

Assemblies have been on preparing for exams, what to expect and how to cope with the stress during exams. Upcoming assemblies will be on Work Shadowing and celebrating the term.

Things to celebrate

Brilliant Club Graduates - Crystal O 10DS, Nisha S10MY, Leen S10AF, Hanyia A10RP, Honour K 10MC and Angelie S 10DS.

School Production – Sana I 10EB, Iva T 10EB, Rhianna G 10MC, Caoimhe W 10AF, Antonia W 10MC, Angelique W10MC, Christiana W-R10EB, Ibukunoluwa A 10JA, Layal E 10MY, Jashada M 10MC, Ilayda A 10RP, Crystal O 10DS and Rebecca R 10DS.

Community Sports Leaderships Awards – Christiana W-R10EB, Mehreen M 10MY, Mariama L 10FN, Jaipreet B 10MC, Angel B 10MY, Isabella D 10RP, Caitlin H 10JA and Natalia R 10FN.

Learning to Lead Others Award – Jayda E 10JA.



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Year 10

Things to celebrate (Continued)

Mock exams – year 10s had brilliant attendance throughout mock exams (one of the best year groups for a long time), they have been focused and prepared and showing real maturity during a very stressful time. Mrs Laguillo and Ms Currell worked with a group of 16 pupils in the lead up to exams to help with their areas of development, building their confidence in different subject areas and preparing for exams.

Imperial College London STEM Potential Program – Japlive K 10MY

Performing Arts Star of the Term – Rhianna G 10MC and Caoimhe W10 AF

Things to look forward to

Mock results

Easter holidays

Work Shadowing

FAB Trips

Year 11

Year Learning Co-ordinator: Mrs Khan

Recent Events and Activities:

Ripple exams,

Sixth form interviews,

various interventions- Easter school.

Prefects party- to say thank you.

Assemblies: World book day, Interview techniques, revising for English, revising for languages, International Women's Day, revising for maths, revising for RE, revising for science.

Things to celebrate: Sports leadership award for a number of pupils,

Great effort in ripple exams,

Working hard towards GCSE's;

Pupils are revising hard.

New room in the KS4 café for silent study.

Things to look forward to:

Prom, hoodies & year book,

Easter School,

Various interventions including Easter school.

Exams!



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Performing Arts



Fame 2023

The Performing Arts department hosted a two night run of "Fame". It was absolutely amazing to see students from Year 7 to 10 take to the stage to demonstrate their skills in dancing, singing and acting. It was also fantastic to see students getting involved with sound, lighting, photography and set design. A big congratulations to all those that participated.

Next year could it be you? Watch this space for information about next year's show!



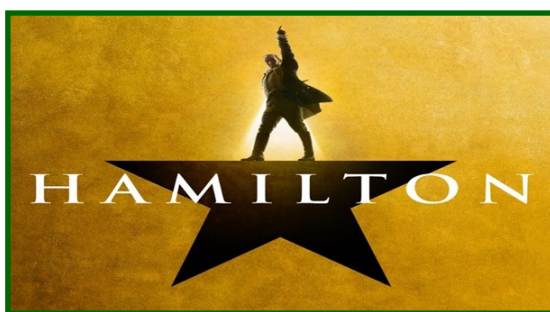


Shakespeare Schools Festival - Macbeth

Our talented Year 10 and Year 9 Drama students will be performing “Macbeth” at the Beck Theatre on Tuesday 21st March. All students worked hard to learn lines and perfect a polished performance of this well-known Shakespeare tragedy. This was an outstanding piece of Shakespeare. Well done to all those involved.



“Hamilton” Trip



GCSE dance students took a trip to see “Hamilton” in January. This epic musical tells the story of forgotten American Founding Father Alexander Hamilton and his ascent out of poverty and to power against the backdrop of the American War of Independence.

Here are some thoughts from our GCSE dance students.

“I loved it!!! It was something different and fun. Thank you for taking us 😊”

“I loved everything about it. I loved the casting and learning about the history and the slave trade”

“The choreography was quirky and more contemporary than I was expecting; and I loved it!”

“It was different and thoroughly enjoyable. It's nice to go out on a trip again!”

“Othello” Trip

GCSE Drama students went to see “Othello” at the Lyric Theatre in February. Othello’s passionate affair with Desdemona becomes the catalyst for jealousy, betrayal, revenge and the darkest intents. This is a world of broken glass and broken promises, of poisonous manipulation and explosive violence. As relevant today as it ever was, *Othello* exposes the tension, fear and paranoia buried beneath the veneer of our relationships and how easily that can be maliciously exploited. A thoroughly enjoyable Shakespeare play set in more modern times!





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VIAM 2022

Members of the Vocal Group had the opportunity to take part in the "Voice in A Million Concert 2023" at Wembley Arena. The concert aims to raise awareness and money for the millions of orphaned or abandoned children that need a loving and secure family for life. The event provided an incredible experience to sing and dance at a professional venue. Well done to all those that took part!



Term Dates 2022 – 2023

Spring Term 2023

Term starts

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Half Term

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2023

Term ends

Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023

Term starts

Monday 17th April 2023 (INSET DAY)
Closed to students

Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May 2023

Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May

Half Term

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

Thursday 29th June 2023 (Well Being Day
School Closed to students)

Term ends

Friday 21st July 2023

Autumn Term 2023

Term starts

Monday 4th September 2023 (INSET Day)

Tuesday 5th September 2023 (INSET Day)

Wednesday 6th September 2023 (Yr 7 Only)

Thursday 7th September 2023 (School open to
all students)

