



December 2023

Swakeleys School for Girls

Newsletter

Dear Families,

As ever it has been a busy half term at Swakeleys. We have been involved in visiting lessons in Science, Sociology/Psychology, MFL and History and I was so impressed by the teaching and learning taking place across these departments and across the school. You'll be aware that we had staff training towards the end of November and a focus of this training was on how we support students to revise independently – learning is hard and it's so important that the students know the science behind how to learn. This can include obvious actions such as ensuring that you don't have your mobile phone near you whilst revising but it's important also that students know that they need to regularly re-visit information that they learn in lessons so that they don't need to "cram" information as they approach an assessment. Research shows us that if students leave a classroom and don't look at the information that was covered again for 4 weeks then 90% of that information is lost. Students need to be in the habit of creating revision cards and testing themselves to have an understanding of what they know and what they don't know. Teachers are then in a position to support students with any misconceptions.

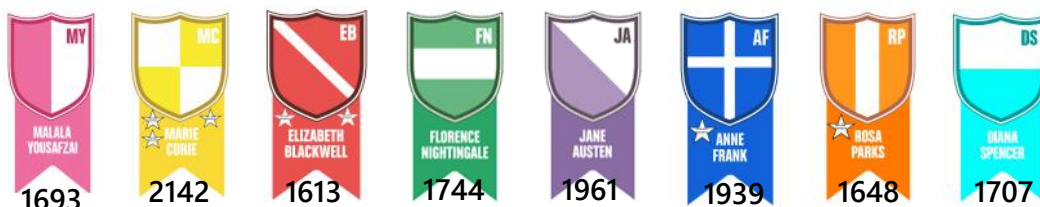
Outside of the classroom we have had a huge number of events running – including Jack Petchey training, our busy Winter Bazaar, our popular sixth form open evening and associated art exhibition, various trips including those supporting progress in the classroom ie trips for A level Photography, GCSE Dance and the whole of Year 7 attended the panto last week. I would like to extend my thanks to all staff who go above and beyond to support the students at Swakeleys and thank you for your invaluable support from home.

We do have some staffing changes from January as our staff move on to promoted posts in different schools. Farewell and thank you to Ms Swayne (YLC – Year 9, Teacher of Drama), Ms Bownes (Teacher of English) and Ms Nandra (Teacher of Science). We have new staff joining us in January and welcome back Ms Khan (YLC – Year 9, Teacher of RE), Ms Sabharwal (Teacher of English) and Mr Barrow (Teacher of Drama).

Can I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a restful holiday and Happy Christmas to those who are celebrating. We look forward to welcoming the children back for the Spring term at the normal time of 8.30am on Monday 8th January 2024.

Best wishes

Kelda Stevenson





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PE News

Netball

The netball season is well under way and a big congratulations to our year 7 team playing in their first ever borough match and winning! Our year 8, 9 and 10 teams have also made a superb start the season with excellent performances. The following players deserve a special mention for being nominated player of the match from their opposing teams; Anaya (7FN), Jayda (8DS), Monique (8MC), Leena (8MY), Corinne (9MC), Mahek (10FN), Vivien (10DS).



Year 7 Team



Year 8 and 10 Team

Year 9 Sports Leaders

This term Swakeleys School hosted Hillingdon's Primary School Sports Hall Athletics competition, which our year 9 sports leaders attended to officiate. They officiated events such as standing triple jump, ball throw and vertical jump and obstacle races. The leaders did a fantastic job demonstrating excellent leadership and communication skills. They were singled out by the event organiser as leaders he wanted to help run the West London Finals for the London Youth Games event. Congratulations to the leaders who represented Swakeleys at this event; Alicia (9FN), Anya (9MC), Annah (9RP), Charvi (9RP), Corinne (9MC), Diasy (9FN), Edey (9EB), Isla (9MY), Isla (9RP), Keerththana (9MY), Lucy (9JA), Macey (9MC), Sadé (9AF), Sahar (9DS), Thipisa (9DS), Vaksica (9MY).

Inter-house Sport

The first sport inter-house competitions of the year were full of excitement! The tournaments demonstrated some excellent team and individual performances as well as good sportsmanship. Well done to all that participated. The results are as followed:

Year 7 Netball:

1st	JA
2nd	EB
3rd	AF
4th	MY
5th	DS
6th	FN
7th	RP
8th	MC

Year 7 Football:

1st	FN
2nd	AF
3rd	MY
4th	MC
5th	RP
6th	EB
7th	DS
8th	JA

Year 8 Netball:

1st	AF
2nd	MC
3rd	JA
4th	FN
5th	EB
6th	RP
7th	MY
8th	DS

Year 8 Football:

1st	MY
2nd	EB
3rd	JA
4th	RP
5th	AF
6th	MC
7th	DS
8th	FN

Year 9 Netball:

1st	MC
2nd	EB
3rd	MY
4th	DS
5th	JA
6th	FN
7th	RP
8th	AF

Year 10 Netball:

1st	DS
2nd	RP
3rd	JA
4th	EB
5th	FN
6th	MC
7th	AF
8th	MY



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Christmas Hampers & Visit to Hayes Cottage Nursing Home

The Sixth Form recently took part in designing and creating Christmas hampers, for the residents of Hayes Cottage Nursing Home. A small number of students visited the Home on Tuesday 12th December to present the hampers

to the residents. Each hamper was filled with donations of food and seasonal gifts, and were all decorated

imaginatively, with prizes awarded to the best designs in each form.



The prefect team delivered hampers to the residents, which proved to be very emotional! They enjoyed receiving all the gifts and were excited to open them. The hampers allowed the residents to be reminded of when they were younger, and their reactions showed us that as a sixth form, we gave back to a community who deserved it.

Selina O.

Visit to Brick Lane Street Art and Whitechapel

Art Gallery

On 7th December, year 12 and 13 Art and Photography students took part in a Street Art Tour of Shoreditch, that was organised by the Art Department. This trip provided students with an excellent opportunity to gather research for their next topic which is a vital component of their A level course work.

The girls on the trip described the experience in the following way:

As a means of helping us expand our ideas further for our coursework and artwork, the recent trip was successful. Visiting areas around Aldgate, Brick Lane and Shoreditch, there was plenty of opportunity for us to capture elements of what central London has to offer.



We started off in the streets of Shoreditch, which offered numerous photographic opportunities, such as the countless graffiti walls and street art, for the art students to capture inspiration from, but also the surrounding towering buildings and busy street life for the photography students to snap away. This was furthered by the famous brick lane, which consisted of busy vintage shops bustling with tourists and even more graffiti art surrounding the area, with even the likes of Banksy's artwork hidden in plain sight.

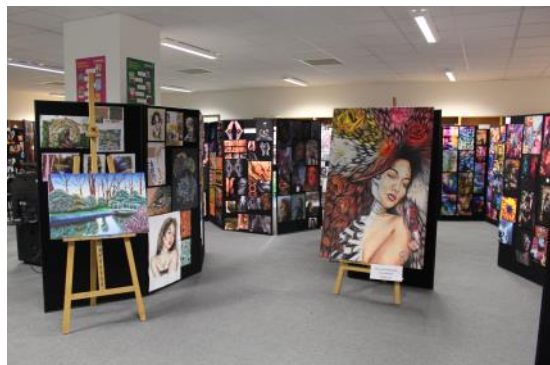
The Whitechapel Art Gallery offered us the opportunity to be inspired further by the likes of their interesting and intriguing artwork and their 30 minute film screening clip of aspiring artists and filmmakers.

Lucy, 13@



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GCSE and A Level Art Exhibition



On Wednesday 15th November we held our Art and Photography Exhibition. The exhibition showcased all the amazing outcomes from our GCSE and A level work in Art & Design and Photography.



Jack Petchey Foundation "Speak Out" Challenge

Many congratulations to Faith who was in the Hillingdon grand final of the Jack Petchey Foundation "Speak Out" challenge at Douay Martyrs School on Wednesday 13th December.





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Performing Arts

Upcoming Performing Arts Events

Matilda **Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th February 2024**

Dance Evening **Thursday 7th March 2024**

Music Exam Achievements

Congratulations to the following for their excellent results in music exams:

Mia B	Grade 2 Piano
Reem A	Grade 7 Violin
Shruthi M	Grade 4 Piano
Jenisha J	Grade 6 Keyboard
Vaksica V	Grade 2 Piano
Shanaya T	Grade 4 Piano
Charlotte W	Grade 5 Piano

If you would like to learn an instrument please see Mrs Dennis for more information.

Winter Showcase 2023

The Performing Arts department held their annual "Winter Showcase" performance on Thursday 14th December. Just over 100 students were involved in dance, drama and music. The showcase provided a platform for students to showcase their talents and skills that they have been developing in extracurricular activities and in lessons. It was a fabulous festive occasion with a wide variety of performances!

Reminder

Please could we again remind parents about the importance of being courteous to our Neighbours in Clifton Gardens and Pole Hill Road. We have again received complaints about parents parking across driveways and the disruption caused through extra traffic at school drop off and pick up times. Can I politely request where possible that you make alternative arrangements to drop and pick up your child away from the school site in order to avoid congestion.

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Extra Curricular Activities and LRC Use (SPRING TERM)				
	Club and Year Group	Day and time	Venue	Staff
M O N D A Y	GCSE Art Club	Mon-Thur Lunch 12.30 - 1.05pm	102	Miss Hack
	KS3 Art Club	Monday Lunch 12.30 - 1.05pm	115	Mrs Kumar
	Law Society	Monday Lunch 12.45 - 1.10pm	105	Ms Shah
	VIAM Vocal Group (invite)	Monday Lunch 12.25 - 1.05pm	010	Mrs Dennis
	Basketball (Y7 - 11)	Monday Lunch 12.30 - 1pm	Sports Hall	Mrs Manchorova
	KS4 Dance (Y9, Y10, Y11)	Monday Lunch 12.25 - 1.05pm	SH3	Miss Coking
	Maths Club	Monday Lunch 12.25 - 1.05pm	208	Ms Molent
	Book Club (Y7)	Monday Lunch Wk A 12.45 - 1pm	103	Ms Jones
	Debate Club	Monday Lunch 12.40 - 1.10pm	008	Mr Hepner
	Guitar/Ukulele	Monday Lunch 12.25 - 1.05pm	009	Miss Ellis
	LRC (Y7 & 9)	Lunch	LRC	Mrs Basra
	LRC (All Years)	After school 3.20 - 4.30pm	LRC	Mrs Basra
	Team Netball (Y7 - 11)	After school 3:30 - 4:30pm	Sports Hall	Miss Kinnane/Ms Molent
	School Production (All Years - till Feb Half Term)	After school 3.20 - 5pm	Hall	Mrs Dennis
T U E S D A Y	Enterprise Club (Y9-Y13)	Tuesday Lunch 12.30 - 1pm	118	Mr Bakhtiar/Mrs Arnold
	GCSE Composition Club (Y9/Y10 Music)	Tuesday Lunch 12.25 - 1.05pm	010	Mrs Dennis
	MFL Poetry Club	Tuesday Lunch 12.35 - 1pm	004	Mrs Hassani
	GCSE Photography	Tuesday Lunch 12.30 - 1.05pm	116	Ms Wahid
	GCSE Art Club	Mon-Thur Lunch 12.30 - 1.05pm	102	Miss Hack
	Y11 Drama "9it"	Tuesday Lunch 12.35 - 1pm	003	Mr Barrow
	KS3 Dance Club (Y7 & Y8)	Tuesday Lunch 12.25 - 1.05pm	SH3	Miss Coking
	Instrumental/Band	Tuesday Lunch 12.25 - 1.05pm	009	Miss Ellis
	GCSE Trampoline (Y11)	Tuesday Wk A Lunch 12:30 - 1pm	Sports Hall	Miss Peace
	Multi-sports (Y7)	Tuesday Lunch 12:30 - 1pm	Sports Hall/NC	Miss Peace/Miss Kinnane
	Science Astronomy Club	Tuesday Lunch 12.50 - 1.15pm	221	Miss Mohamed
	LRC (Y8 & 11)	Lunch	LRC	Mrs Basra
	LRC (All Years)	After school 3.20 - 4.30pm	LRC	Mrs Basra
	Self-defence (Y7 - 11)	After school 2:30 - 3:30pm	SH2	Miss Stroud/Mrs Manchorova
W E D N E S D A Y	GCSE Art Club	Mon-Thur Lunch 12.30 - 1.05pm	102	Miss Hack
	Meditation for Mindfulness	Wednesday Lunch 12.25 - 12.55pm	204	Mrs Tooker
	Swakeleys Squad (Audition Only)	Wednesday Wk B Lunch 12.30 - 1.05pm	SH3	Miss Coking
	Keyboard Club (Y7 & Y8)	Wednesday Lunch 12.25 - 1.05pm	010	Mrs Dennis
	Lego Club (Y7 & Y8 - invite only)	Wednesday Lunch 12.25 - 1.05pm	107	Mrs Morning
	Shakespeare Schools Festival (invite only)	Wednesday Lunch 12.25 - 1.05pm	009	Miss Ellis
	KS3 Drama Club (Y7&Y8)	Wednesday Lunch 12.25 - 1.05pm	003	Mr Barrow
	Foreign Film Club	Wednesday Lunch 12.35 - 1pm	007	Mr Kreker/Mrs Remtula
	Science CREST Club (Y7 - 11)	Wednesday Lunch 12.50 - 1.15pm	222	Ms Nandhra
	Archery Club (Y7)	Week A Wednesday Lunch 12.25 - 12.50pm	SH2	Mr Try
	Book club (Y10 & 11)	LAST Wednesday of each half term 12.30 - 1.10pm	104	Miss Ellis
	LitSoc (Y12 & 13)	Wednesday Lunch 12.35 - 1.05pm	57	Ms Pimbert
	English Ambassadors	Wednesday Lunch 12.40 - 1.10pm	104	Miss Ellis
	The Hangout Club	Wednesday Lunch 12.45 - 1.10pm	105	Miss Austin/Ms Shah
T H U R S D A Y	Badminton (Y7-11)	Wednesday Lunch 12.30 - 1pm	Sports Hall	Miss Peace
	Film and Television Club	Wednesday Lunch 12.30 - 1.00pm	014	Miss Sebley/Ms Samuels
	LRC (Y7 & 10)	Lunch	LRC	Mrs Basra
	LRC (All Years)	After school 3.20 - 4.30pm	LRC	Mrs Basra
	First Aid Society (Y12 & Y13)	After school 3.20 - 4.20pm	515	Mr Try
	School Production (All Years - till Feb Half Term)	After school 3.20 - 5pm	Hall	Mrs Dennis
	GCSE Art Club	Mon-Thur Lunch 12.30 - 1.05pm	102	Miss Hack
	GCSE Photography	Thursday & Friday Lunch 12.30 - 1.05pm	116	Mr Riches
	GCSE Y11 Art club	Thursday Lunch 12.30 - 1.05pm	101	Mrs Kumar
	KS4 Dance (Y9, Y10, Y11)	Thursday Lunch 12.25 - 1.05pm	SH3	Miss Coking
	Percussion Club	Thursday Lunch 12.25 - 1.05pm	009	Miss Ellis
	GSA-Gender and Sexuality Alliance	Thursday Wk B Lunch	511	Mrs Hare
	Geography Film Club/Ambassadors	Thursday Lunch 12.30 - 1pm	215	Mrs Lyon
	Netball (Y7 - 11)	Thursday Lunch 12.30 - 1pm	Sports Hall	Mrs Violet
	EAL Club	Thursday Lunch 12.45 - 1.15pm	118	Ms Huang
F R I D A Y	Crochet Club (Y9)	Thursday Lunch	206	Mrs Johal, Miss Raza
	Mindfulness	Thursday Lunch	108	Ms Currell/Miss Sebley
	LRC (Y8 & 9)	Lunch	LRC	Mrs Basra
	LRC (All Years)	After school 3.20 - 4.30pm	LRC	Mrs Basra
	Science Club (Y7 & Y8)	After school 3.20 - 3.50pm	223	Ms Kantak
	GCSE Badminton	After school 3.30 - 4.30pm	Sports Hall	Miss Peace
	School Production (All Years - till Feb Half Term)	After school 3.20 - 5pm	Hall	Mrs Dennis
	GCSE Photography	Thursday & Friday 12.30 - 1.05pm	116	Mr Riches
	D of E (KS4)	LAST Friday of Half Term Lunch 12.25 - 1.05pm	SH3	Miss Coking
	Medicine Society (Y9-12)	Friday Lunch 12.40 - 1.10pm	516	Mrs Hayes
	Football (Y7 - 11)	Friday Lunch 12.30 - 1pm	Sports Hall	Miss Kinnane
	ISOC	Friday Lunch 12.40 - 1.05pm	Rm 118	Mrs Saeed/Miss Raza
	Coding Club (Y7 & Y8)	Friday Lunch 12.30 - 1pm	015	Mrs Vasanthakumaran
	LRC (Y10 & 11)	Lunch	LRC	Mrs Basra
	LRC (All Years)	After school 3.20 - 4.30pm	LRC	Mrs Basra



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AGE 12-19 girls

Aspire to inspire Project

Sports	Cooking
Arts and Crafts	PS5 Console
Board games	Group activities

THURSDAYS 4.30PM-6.30PM

**Botwell Green Library (Teen space room),
Hayes, UB3 2HW**

Contact-
taddo-mills@hillington.gov.uk
07523 919931

The Mobile & Detached Youth team have teamed up with the Botwell Green Library to create a space for 12-19 Year old girls in Hillington Borough to socialise in a safe environment.

The Aspire to inspire project will aim to empower and support young girls physically, mentally and emotionally as well as challenging them to help them reach their full potential through activities and group discussions.



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Seasonal Festivities

Winter Bazaar



Christmas Lunch



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Term Dates 2023 – 2024

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Autumn Term 2023

Term starts

Monday 4th September 2023 (INSET Day)

Tuesday 5th September 2023 (INSET Day)

Wednesday 6th September 2023 – (Y7 only)

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

Wednesday 11th October (INSET Day)

Half Term

Monday 23rd October to Tuesday 31st October 2023

23rd November 2023 (INSET Day)

24th November 2023 (INSET Day/marketing/planning day)

Term ends

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Spring Term 2024

Term starts

Monday 8th January 2024

Half Term

Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024

Term ends

Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term 2024

Term starts

Monday 15th April 2024 (INSET DAY)

Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May 2024

Half Term

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

Term ends for students

Friday 19th July 2024

Term Dates 2024-25

Autumn Term:

Term starts:

Monday 2nd September 2024 (training day)

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 (training day)

Wednesday 4th September 2024 (Year 7 start)

Thursday 5th September 2024 (Year 8-13 start)

Half term:

Thursday 24th October – Friday 1st November 2024

Monday 4th November (all students return to school)

Term ends:

Friday 20th December 2024