



December 2024

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Dear Families,

I do hope your child/ren have enjoyed themselves over the course of the Autumn term. As you can see from this newsletter there have been so many opportunities for students to enjoy themselves – both inside the classroom and out. During the course of this half term we have marked remembrance Sunday, the international day of persons with disabilities (complete with visits from two guide dogs), human rights day and this morning we had a lovely student-led Christmas assembly.



As you know we have been reviewing our school values and students, staff and parents have had an opportunity to feedback on what is important to us as a school. I am in the process of finalising our vision and values and look forward to coming back to you during the Spring term with further information.

Student leadership and student voice are very important to us at Swakeleys. School council met on the 26th November and each sub-committee chair fed back on what they think is going well and what needs to improve. The marketing subcommittee gave feedback that they like the videos that I make and would like families to be able to submit questions. Should you wish to submit a question please do email my PA Mrs Wilkins at headteacherpa@swakeleys.org.uk by Friday 10th January and I would be happy to address it in a future video.

As is customary at the end of term we do have a couple of staff changes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Ellis from the Performing Arts Department and Mrs Braban from the Sociology/Psychology Department for all that they have given to the school. I am delighted to share with you that we have three ex-colleagues re-joining the school from January. Mrs Smith joins us in January teaching Music and Drama, Miss Sood re-joins us teaching History and Psychology and Mrs Kazmi re-joins us teaching PSHCE and Maths. I am delighted to welcome back staff who know the school, our values and our expectations.

We have been celebrating all the many student achievements over the last week. We had our first ever “Zero Hero” assembly last Friday - celebrating those students with only achievement points this term. Year Group assemblies this week have also focussed on celebration. We are so proud of our Swakeleys students.

I hope you have a restful break with your family and I look forward to working with you further in January.

Yours faithfully,

Kelda Stevenson
Headteacher

Teacher of the Month

October

Mrs Tooker

Mr Manalastas

November

Mrs Remtulla

Miss Skimming

Support Staff of the Month

October

Mrs Patrick

Mrs Annett

November

Mrs Green



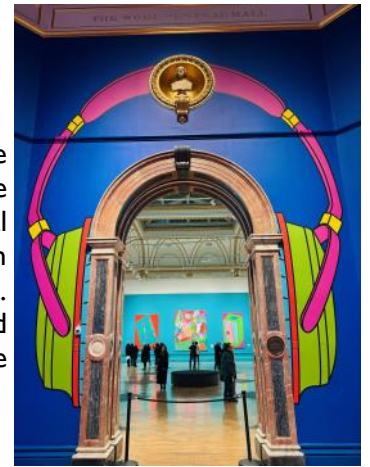
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Art

Art Trip—The Royal Academy of Arts

Pupils visited The Royal Academy of Arts and had the opportunity to explore the current exhibition showcasing the works of Micheal Craig Martin, a contemporary conceptual artist and painter. They also took part in the workshop in which they produced large pieces of art in the style of the artist. Overall pupils were broadening their understanding and appreciation of modern art as well as inspiring them to explore new ways of expressing themselves.



Christmas Card Competition Winners

Congratulations to the following students who won this years Christmas card competition.



Aliza H 9JA, Harneet K - 7FN, Tasniyah H 8DS, Thejassvi G 9AF

The designs have been made into cards which Ms Stevenson has proudly sent out to staff and contacts.

GCSE and A Level Art Exhibition

On Tuesday 12th November we displayed the amazingly talented work of our GCSE and A Level Art and Photography students.

Mrs Kumar





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Safeguarding

We're pleased to announce additional free resources for parents/carers this Autumn term to help support your child's online safety and wellbeing. These video courses are available through *The National College*.

Recommended Videos for the Term

- **Social Media Safety Tips**
- **What Parents and Educators Need to Know About Age-Inappropriate Content**
- **Supporting Children to Deal with Upsetting Content**

To access these and other valuable resources, simply visit:

<https://v2.nationalcollege.com/enrol/swakeleys-school-for-girls> and enrol/sign in as a parent/carer.

White Ribbon Day

On Monday 25th November we marked White Ribbon Day in recognition of the fight to end violence against women. Pupils were asked to create a handprint which are on display representing our school's commitment to making a change to violence against women.



Geography

Students here at Swakeleys participated in celebrating Geography Awareness Week to uncover the boundless wonder of our world, and recognise that every step we take, every place we visit and every challenge we face is interconnected through geography. This took place from Monday 18th November to Wednesday 20th November covering adventurous activities including a school hunt, the creation of flags for concerns close to them around the world and a game of what it is, where is it and who is it!

Miss Patel



Jack Petchey

I am pleased to announce **Bella M IOMY** took part in the Jack Petchey regional final Speak Out Challenge representing Swakeleys School for Girls winning herself 3rd place in the borough. Her speech titled 'The essence of enough' opened ears and eyes to many in the audience.

Miss Patel



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House Poetry Competition

and the winners are.....

"Boldness Is Each Swakeleys' Girl"

One school where dreams take flight,
Where every girl shines bold and bright,
Two hands scribble with clear purpose.

Three minds with excellent ideas that freely flow,
Four hearts that bang with courage closer,
Each pushing and overcoming fear.

Five interesting challenges faced and no turning back,
Outstanding Skills shine,
Six friends as they encourage each other for a brighter future,
With high resilient spirits.

Seven steps closer as we approach our dreams and destinies,
Eight dreams shared as they all prosper,
Nine voices rise in unity without fear,
Ten ways that lead to hundreds of achievements with boldness and pride,
Boldness is each Swakeleys' girl.

First Place — Kayla N 7MY



Sanvi D 9RP

Count On Me

When the world feels heavy and hope starts to wane,
Know that I am here for you, whenever you are in pain,
With each step we both take, fast or slow,
You won't be alone, I'll never let go.

Take my hand when the road is rough,
When life is too heavy, I'll remind you, you are enough,
In depths of sorrow, let your heart be free,
I promise to turn your tears into glee.

In the moments you stumble, when you can't see the way,
When laughter fades and joy feels far away,
I'll remind you softly, it's okay to take time,
To breathe and let yourself shine.

You don't ever have to rush through your pain or doubts,
It's okay to feel lost and I will help you out,
Just know that you are seen, even when it is tough,
I'll stand by your side, especially when it's rough.

When darkness starts to creep in and gives you a scare,
When your heart is shouting words that you can't share,
Through every storm or struggle, I'll help break you free,
Remember you're never alone, you can always count on me. ♥

Thejassavi G 9AF

SEND Coffee Morning

On Thursday 14th November Dr Laxton and the SEND team welcomed some of our parents in for a coffee morning. Apart from teas, coffees and pastries, we offered advice, a listening ear and comradary around some SEND issues as well as information about where to go to for support outside of school too. The event was really well attended and the atmosphere was warm and positive. It was lovely to see so many parents and we look forward to holding a similar event again soon.



Dr Laxton





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Winter Bazaar - Enterprise club event

Five enthusiastic sixth formers took charge of leading groups of Year 9 and 10 students at the Winter Bazaar, guiding them as they sold a variety of festive products. Each sixth former worked closely with their team, helping them set up stalls, arrange merchandise, and engage with shoppers. From homemade crafts to holiday themed mystery boxes, the Year 9s and 10s showcased their creativity while the sixth formers provided leadership and support, ensuring the event ran smoothly and was filled with holiday cheer. The collaboration between the year groups made for a successful and vibrant market experience.

Every stall at the Winter Bazaar sold out. The event proved to be a tremendous success, generating a total revenue of £398.60. After covering costs, the total profit amounted to £232.74. The impressive sales figures reflected the hard work and creativity of the students, as well as the high demand for their unique, festive offerings. The funds raised will go towards supporting future school activities, making the event not only a fun and festive experience but also a valuable contribution to the school community.

Mrs Arnold

Enterprise Event - Christmas Mystery Boxes

For our Enterprise Club project, our team created 'mystery boxes' that turned out to be incredibly popular! They sold out instantly, with customers loving the concept. In fact, within the first hour, all of our products were sold out. The total cost to produce the boxes was £35, and the total sales revenue reached £115, resulting in a profit of £80. All the customers were really pleased with the surprises in the boxes, some even bought a couple! The overwhelmingly positive feedback confirmed that our idea resonated well with our audience!

Year 10 students that were in this group: Advika, Eesha, Ekampreet, Dia, Amneet and Anasuya

Sixth Form Leader: Libby



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Phone Charms

Selling Phone charms at winter bazaar was a life changing experience! We handcrafted a range of beautiful and unique bracelets to sell. Everyone put in so much effort and we are really pleased with our results. We made all the money back and exceeded our revenue and profit. We used our business knowledge and applied it to the marketing to get more sales. By being confident and convincing, we were able to sell out in



the first hour. We showcased our communication abilities, which are crucial for corporate operations and sales. Doing this will definitely help improve marketing and sales skills that we can use in a future career. I would recommend this to any student interested in either business or marketing.



Year 10 students that were part of this group:
Brielle and Ishneet

Sixth Form Leader: Gemma



Christmas Goodie Bags:

The Year 10 team recently used their entrepreneurial abilities to create Christmas-themed goodie bags. These eco-friendly bags contained a great assortment of goods, including vegan treats, chocolate coins, and festive toys. A group of eight Year 10 pupils, mentored by sixth-form business students, collaborated to plan, develop, and market their idea.

With a combination of their current business skills as well as their broader marketing knowledge they created a brand that targeted their audience.

Thanks to their hard work and dedication, the team produced 36 units, which quickly sold out. The students exceeded their profit expectations, generating an impressive £40. We are incredibly proud of what these students have accomplished and the valuable lessons they've learned throughout this rewarding experience.



Year 10 students that were part of this group: Amna, Amelia, Bahar, Harsirat, Harmmeet, Risha, Sade and Leanne

Sixth Form Leaders: Tiya, Ishita



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Phone Charms Group 2:

At this year's Winter Bazaar, a group of Year 10 business students worked together to sell their handmade, pearly phone charms. With the support and guidance of a sixth form student, the team showcased their creativity and teamwork, offering a simple yet charming product that was well-loved by shoppers. Their stall was a modest success, with the team earning a profit of £92. The experience allowed them to learn valuable skills and gain confidence in their entrepreneurial abilities.

Winter bazaar - phone charms



Why You'll Love Them:

- Handmade & Unique
- High-Quality Perfect for Pearls & Beads
- Phones, Bags, Keys & More!
- Festive & Elegant Winter Vibes

Add a touch of elegance to your everyday with our handmade pearly phone charms! Crafted with love and care, each charm is uniquely designed to bring a little sparkle to your phone, featuring shiny pearls and colourful beads. Whether you're gifting someone special or treating yourself, these phone charms are the perfect blend of beauty and functionality.

✦ Get Yours Before They're Gone! ✦

Date: [20/11/2024]

We can't wait to meet you at the bazaar!

Colourful beads- £2 worth of tokens

Pearls- £2.50 worth of tokens

ENTERPRISE CLUB 2024-2025

Year 10 students that were part of this group: Ranna, Fatima, Mehreen, Aini and Zinab

Sixth Form Leader: Zunairah





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PE Update

Netball

Year 7 started the season off strong with a win against Rosedale 10-4 with Maja (MC) being the top scorer and nominated as Best player by the opposing team. Well Done. There are many more matches for Year 7 next year to get involved in.

Year 7 Netball Team: Amelia (MY), Israa (RP), Amelia (DS), Ayah (RP), Maja (MC), Sia (RP), Sanaya (DS), Wonu (DS), Daania (DS)

Years 10 and 11 both started off their netball journey this year with a win against Haydon school. All the girls involved played extremely well and should be congratulated for such a positive start to the netball season. Year 11 also have played their 2nd game with another convincing win over Queensmead.



Year 10 team- Edey EB, Daisy FN, Vaksica MY, Vaishavi MC, Corinne MC, Isla RP, Isla MY.
Year 11 team- Mya DS, Vivien DS, Malak FN, Mahek FN, Lexie MC, Rebekah AF, Sirine RP)

Cross Country

Cross country this year was wet and cold and all the girls involved should be proud of how well they ran, especially on such a hard course. Congratulation to Edey K EB for winning her race and also to Natalia R for placing 4th. Both these students will now be involved in the Hillingdon cross country team completing against other London boroughs.

Well gone to all those who were involved and Good Luck to Edey and Natalia on the next stage of Competition!

Cross country team:

Maria JA, Charlene MC, Melanie MY, Nermin MY, Daisy FN, Amelia AF, Ruby-Mae FN, Ava-Grace AF, Isla RP, Millie FN, Jana EB, Edey EB, Hafsah FN, Marika RP, Mafaz AF, Leila FN, Asiya Be-Be EB, Natalia O, Harini EB, Sophia DS, Mya RP, Emaan MC.



Year 9 Sports Leaders

The GCSE PE students (Sport Leaders) in Year 9 helped out in the Year 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics in November 2024.

A special shout out to our incredible Year 9 student sport leaders, who went above and beyond. Your dedication, enthusiasm and leadership has been outstanding. You have been positive role models for younger students and made a real difference.

Thank you for stepping up and embracing your roles with such energy and commitment!

Here are some quotes from the staff and students who participated:

"Leaders were really clear and helpful"



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“Leaders were great, enthusiastic and energetic”

“The leaders were really clear, strong and knowledgeable with primary staff when questioned about rules (so much so they didn’t feel they needed to ask again). This is a hard skill when talking to adults but they were confident and polite whilst doing so”

Interhouse November 2024

In the week of the 11th of November saw students across Years 7 to 10 showcasing their sporting skills and house spirit during an exciting inter-house competition. The event was a resounding success, filled with energy, teamwork, and healthy rivalry.

For **Years 7 and 8**, it was an action-packed day as the entire year group participated in either **football** or **netball**. On the football pitch, students demonstrated impressive skills, with dazzling goals, sharp saves, and seamless teamwork. Meanwhile, on the netball courts, it was all about strategy and precision, with fast-paced matches that kept spectators on the edge of their seats. Each house brought their A-game, but most importantly, the sense of camaraderie and fair play was inspiring.

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Year 7 Netball



Year 7 Football



Year 8 Netball



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For **Years 9 and 10**, the competition shifted focus to **netball**, with selected students representing their houses. The matches were fiercely competitive, with each player giving their best to secure victory for their team. The precision passing, tactical plays, and spectacular shooting on display highlighted the dedication and effort students had put into honing their skills.



Year 9 Netball



Year 10 Netball



The event wasn't just about winning but about celebrating the values of teamwork, perseverance, and school spirit. House points were earned not only for athletic performance but also for sportswomanship, cheering, and support from all participants.

A huge congratulations to all the students who participated and made the day so memorable. A special thank you goes to the PE department, staff who supported and to the house captains for motivating their teams. The results of the competition will be announced in the upcoming assemblies – so stay tuned!

Well done, everyone, for making this inter-house competition a day to remember!

Overall a very busy and successful start to the Year.
More to come next year!

Mrs Lacheta

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Performing Arts

On 12th December we had a whopping **150** students participate in the Performing Art's **Winter Showcase**. It was a fabulous evening with so many great performances from music, dance and drama across all the year groups! Thank you to everyone involved!



Miss Coking



READING CORNER

Readers are leaders!

Welcome to the second 'Reading Corner' slot. Today, we'd like to share with you the two books that our current paired reading groups are focusing on.



The Other Edie Trimmer by Jacqueline Wilson

Edie is fascinated by Victorian times, and she's just desperate to be cast in the lead role of her drama club production of Oliver. When she's given a real Victorian notebook she's determined to write the best story ever, all about a girl in a workhouse. But when she starts writing, something strange happens...



Escape Room by Christopher Edge.

When twelve-year-old Ami arrives at The Escape, she thinks it's just a game – the ultimate escape room with puzzles and challenges to beat before time runs out. Meeting her teammates, Adjoa, Ibrahim, Oscar and Min, Ami learns from the Host that they have been chosen to save the world and they must work together to find the Answer. But as he locks them inside the first room, they quickly realise this is no ordinary game. Can Ami and her friends find the answer before it's too late?

Paired reading takes place on a Wednesday morning, with a new slot beginning next term for Year 8. I popped along this Wednesday and was delighted to see so much focused and engaged reading happening. A big thank you to the sixth formers who have given their time for this and to Miss Parker for making it happen.

Whilst I was there, I had an interesting chat with Mrs Basra, our school librarian, who reassured me that the loaning of fiction books is still really popular. We are lucky to have so many great and diverse titles in our library, so please encourage your child to come and have a browse. Mrs Basra also told me that that non-fiction books are borrowed a lot less at the moment– so story books are winning!

I do hope you get to find some time for reading in the upcoming school break. Maybe 2025 will bring some New Year reading resolutions? Have a happy reading holiday!

Ms Pimbert



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Attendance

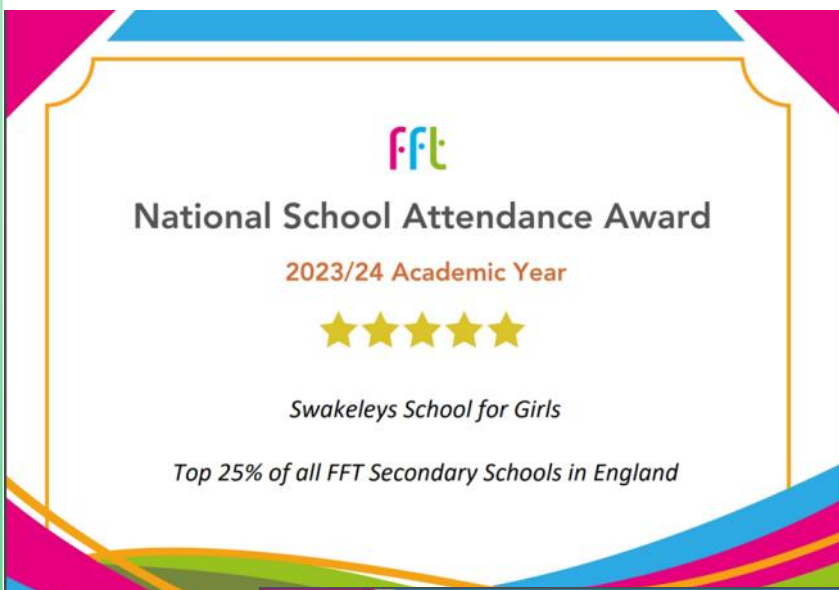
Thank you to parents/carers who continue to work with us to ensure that our young people are attending very well.

We are delighted to have been awarded FFT Attendance Awards for 2023/24 in recognition of the excellent attendance of our pupils. These awards recognise that we are in the top 25% of schools nationally for our attendance.

Please note that if you wish to request exceptional leave there is a form that must be submitted and it can be found on the web site at the link swakeleys.hillingdon.sch.uk/about-us/pastoral-information

Please do request/notify us of any absence by e mailing attendance@swakeleys.org.uk. You can use this address for daily absences and requests for exceptional leave and also to let us know about any appointments that cannot be made outside school hours.

Please note that our benchmark for satisfactory attendance is 95%. If your child has a health need it is very important to inform us so that we can be aware, and provide any necessary support. Our attendance officer Mrs Parker-Payne is the point of contact for attendance queries.





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Mental Health Services

I am pleased to share that we have trained a new group of Mental Health Champions and they will continue to work alongside existing services in our school to support mental health. We are also delighted to welcome a MHST trainee to our school from January who will add capacity to our existing mental health services. This is part of the government commitment to improve mental health support for young people in schools and colleges. Place2Be continue to be our core service providing both counselling and Place2Talk for our pupils, and supporting us with whole school projects. Mental Health Champions and staff Mental Health First Aiders are recognisable by their blue lanyards.

NEVER WORRY ALONE

Mental Health Our Services

ASK MRS HARE OR YOUR YLC ABOUT REFERRALS

Our Services:

- Place2Be and Place2Talk
- Mentoring
- Mental Health First Aiders
- Mental Health Champions
- MHST

Request an appointment by emailing place2be@swakeleys.org.uk

MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPIONS

OUR TRAINED TEAM

WE CAN SUPPORT WITH STRATEGIES TO HELP WITH ANXIETY AND PROVIDE A LISTENING EAR.

HOW TO ACCESS SUPPORT

APPROACH A MEMBER OF THE TEAM-LOOK OUT FOR THE BLUE LANYARD OR ASK MRS HARE TO REFER YOU.

Mrs Hare

Trinity Sock Donation

Well done to so many Year 10 students who collectively donated over 200 pairs of new socks to the local homeless charity 'Trinity' as part of the 'Character and Culture' drive. Dia C, Abiha A, Nusrat R and Nishtha P dropped off the socks to the Uxbridge store on Friday 13th December.

Mrs Sabharwal





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Interfaith

On Wednesday 4th December, the RE department held an Interfaith Event where different schools came to Swakeleys to learn about a range of religious viewpoints through taking part in a large RE lesson. Interfaith is people from different religions and beliefs coming together to share and respect each other's thoughts. The lesson was centred around evil and 'The Problem of Evil' as well as solutions to this problem. We established definitions of evil and discussed reasons behind why evil occurs in the world. All students participated by offering their viewpoint and ideas. We were able to work together with students from other schools to gain a deeper understanding of the topic and listen to their opinions.

Overall, the event was very informative and engaging. It gave us a better insight into different religious viewpoints about the topic of 'evil'. It was interesting to listen to what everyone had to say and their reasoning behind it. It was also a fun way of meeting students from other schools and sharing our ideas.

Amna Year 9

Year Learning Co-ordinator: Miss Allan

Year 7

Recent Events and Activities:

Year 7 Senator Hustings week, 16 candidates delivered fantastic speeches, and the two year 7s elected by the whole school were : Bluebell B and Carmen-Rose A

Year 7 have consistently had excellent attendance which is so important for their progress here.

Many Year 7s attended the Winter Bazaar and had a great evening

Year 7 have attended a wide range of extra curricular activities (ECAs), making the most of the opportunities at Swakeleys

School council

Year 7 have achieved Headteachers distinctions, merits and attendance awards

Assemblies:

Human rights, Women supporting women, Swakeleys values

Things to look forward to:

Ending the term with the Christmas pantomime

Winners of the year 7 form attendance league have their pizza party

The continuation of ECAs

Continuing to make great progress in their subjects

School council

Congratulations to year 7 on completing their first term at Swakeleys, they should be proud of settling in and getting involved in all opportunities.

Have a lovely Christmas, Miss Allan



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Year Learning Co-ordinator: Ms Currell

Year 8

Recent Events/Activities:

Options booklets given out
Options taster lessons booked for first two weeks in January

Assemblies:

Assemblies have been on Options process, Anti-Bullying week, how to avoid strike 2s, organisation and women supporting women. Upcoming assemblies will be on celebration and careers.

Key Dates

Mon 6th Jan-Fri 17th Jan	Return back after Christmas: Careers Week I Taster lessons in KS3 options subjects Drop down taster sessions for new subjects 'Dry run' of options choices – Google Form Careers Fair Y8 Parents' Evening
Mon 13th Jan	Options form issued to students – includes subject options blocks
Wed 15th Jan	School closes at 12.25pm for Celebration Afternoon
Thurs 16th Jan	Deadline for handing in options forms
Fri 24th Jan	Culture Day (TBC)
Thu 28th Jan	
Tues 4th Feb	
Fri 14th Feb	

Things to celebrate:

The Stars of the Week have been: Leann RP, Mia JA, Emilia FN and Hannah MC.
Congratulations to the 22 pupils who performed excellently at the Winter Showcase! It was also great to see other year 8s there to watch all the performances.
Congratulations to the 93 pupils who have zero behaviour points for the first term! Well done!

Things to look forward to:

- Celebration assembly
- Christmas holidays
- Taster lessons for options subjects
- Careers fair

Year Learning Co-ordinator: Mrs Finnerty

Year 9

Assemblies:

House Assembly, Anti-Bullying Week, Importance of Extra Curricular activities, Global Academy partnership, Epraise rewards
Year group celebration assembly: Tuesday 17th December

Things to celebrate:

Year 9 attendance so far this academic year is 94%. This is above the national average and we strive to reach 96%.
We have seen an increase in students in Year 9 attending Extra-Curricular clubs.
A fantastic contribution from Year 9 at the Swakeleys Winter Bazaar.
Great contributions from the students who took part in our School Council.
Many of the Year 9s took part in the Interhouse netball competition.
Congratulations to our 'Zero Heros' who achieved zero behaviour points this term.
Excellent performances from many Year 9 students at the annual Winter Showcase-well done!
A fantastic first term with the GCSE options. Aliza H 9JA and Thejassvi G 9AF were winners for the Christmas Card competition.
YLC Stars of the Week have been celebrated-x 8 Year 9 students.

Things to look forward to:

- Careers Week: WB 6th January
- House Talent: WB Mon 20th January
- FAB trip assembly 27th January
- Celebration Afternoon: 28th January
- School production: Bugsy Malone! 12/13th February



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Year 9

Continued

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 9 team would like to wish all of our Swakeleys families and friends a peaceful Christmas break and a very Happy New Year have a lovely half term break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 6th January 2025 at 8.30am.

Year 10

Year Learning Co-ordinator: Mrs Khan

Assemblies:

Fake news, Hierarchy and Freedom

Community, Beware of subliminal messages, Celebration!

Things to celebrate:

Congratulations to our YLC stars of the week: Caroline Q, Hajara S, Amna K, Katie O'C!

Congratulations to Edey K for winning the county cross country borough champion!

Well done to Bella M for coming 3rd in the Jack Petchey Speak out challenge!

Well done to all pupils who performed in the Winter Showcase!

Well done to 10AF our best attending form this term-**96.4%**!

Really useful Parents' Evening and Engagement Evening!

Things to look forward to

Careers fortnight in January

Careers fair- 15th January

House Talent Week- 20th January

Celebration Afternoon- 28th January

Multiple daily clubs!



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Year 11

Year Learning Co-ordinator: Miss Mejloumian

Recent Events and Activities:

Half-term, Mock 'WAVE' exams completed, Mock Exams completed

Swakeleys School 6th for Open Evening, Winter Bazaar, Winter Showcase, School Council

Assemblies: National Disability Day – Guide Dogs for the visually impaired, Global Academy, House assembly week, Exam practices, School Values, Celebration Assembly

Things to celebrate:

We hope that you enjoy watching our video updates, find them informative and give you an insight into what the Y11 experience.

Completing the WAVE and mock exams.

Celebrating Zero Hero Awards for 100 Y11 students who have had no behaviour points.

Celebrating 21 students with 100% attendance and 85 students over 97+% attendance

Outstanding behaviour amongst our Y11 students.

Things to look forward to

Christmas Holidays
Monday 23rd
December 2024
until Friday 3rd
January 2025

Mon 6th Jan
Wed 8th Jan
Tues 14th Jan
Wed 15th Jan
Fri 17th Jan
W/C 20th Jan
Thu 23rd Jan
Thu 28th Jan
Sat 8th Feb
Thu 6th Feb
Mon 10th Feb

Return back after Christmas: Careers Week 1
1-2-1 careers mock interview day
Sixth Form @ Swakeleys Taster Day
Careers Fair. Current progress check 2 emailed home
IAG session p4, MOCK RESULTS p5 – leave by 3pm
Targeted post mock attendance & progress support meetings (TAPs 3)
PARENTS EVENING 4pm-7.30pm (online)
School closes at 12.25pm for Celebration Afternoon
In school intervention for subjects to book
Last Rec PE session – these now become study sessions
Interviews for 6th Form for the next two weeks

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Family Hubs and Children's Centres



Are you a parent/carer of a child aged 0-19yrs and want to help shape services for children, young people and families?

Then we need you!

We are looking for parents to join our welcoming monthly Family Hub Parent Group (creche provided)

Interested?

Call 01895 250 533 or email uxbridgefamilyhub@hillington.gov.uk for more information





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Clifton Garden/Snowden Avenue Junction Improvements planned for February half term

We have been liaising with Hillingdon council to discuss any improvements that they can make to the Clifton Gardens/Snowdon Junction areas of the school. We recently had confirmation that they have passed plans to improve the visibility and prominence of the crossings at this junction, which will, we hope, make it safer for pedestrians and make it easier for drivers to see the junction end as they approach, so that they can slow down and drive safely. We understand the council are planning to carry out these works over the February half term 2025. We will still continue to encourage road safety for everyone and welcome more parents to arrange to collect their daughters from a nearby pick-up point, a short walk from the school. If you need to collect directly from the school, please be considerate when parking and dropping off. Thank you for your co-operation.

The Felix Project

This December we kicked off our regular partnership with The Felix Project and have been excited to see what food will be donated each week. The last delivery of the year – a bigger (full van) delivery is Thursday 19th December and then deliveries will resume from Thursday 9th January and continue every Thursday during term time. If you would like to drop in, you just need to bring a shopping bag and go to the small building behind the sports hall between 3-4pm.



Easyfundraising.org.uk and breakfast club

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to support our cause. Whilst our sign up bonus period has expired, you can still sign up here anytime and the school gets free money every time you shop if you shop via their app or website. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=363360&invite=9e0jac&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=web-referral It's so easy, you can also download an extension that tells you if a retailer is signed up to easyfundraising when you visit their website. Please consider supporting us. As mentioned, this money will initially support our trial breakfast club. Please watch out for more details in early January regarding the launch of our breakfast club.

Please note, the expression of interest google form previously sent breakfast club for is now closed.

Mrs S Stevenson



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Extra Curricular Activities and LRC Use (SPRING TERM)					
	Club and Year Group	Day	Time	Venue	Staff
M O N D A Y	Games Club (Y7)	Mon-Fri	12.40-1.10pm	110	HA
	Photography/Graphics club	Monday	12.30-1.10pm	117	AHK
	Christian Fellowship	Monday	12.30-1.00pm	108	RSA
	GCSE Composition Support	Monday	12.30-1.00pm	010	CDE
	Dance Club (All years)	Monday	12.30-1.00pm	SH3	CCO/TM
	KS3 Maths Masters	Monday	12.30-1.10pm	208	TM/GK
	Yr 11cd 5 - Maths Revision Club	Monday Week A	12.30-1.00pm	212	BR
	LRC (Y7 & 9)	Monday	Lunch	LRC	ANB
	LRC After School (All Years)	Monday	3.20-4.30pm	LRC	ANB
	Yr 11ab3 - Maths Revision Club	Monday	3.20-4.20pm	208	KLA
T U E S D A Y	Bollywood / Indian Classical Dance	Monday Week A	3.20-4.30pm	SH2	RKA
	School Production (All Years - till Feb Half Term)	Monday	3.20-5.00pm	Hall	CCO/AS
	GCSE Art club	Tues-Thur	12.30-1.10pm	102	AHK
	GCSE Performance	Tuesday	12.30-1.00pm	010	CDE
	GCSE Dance Lab	Tuesday	12.30-1.00pm	SH3	CCO
	EAL Club	Tuesday	12.30-1.00 pm	118	YH
	English Ambassadors	Tuesday	12.40-1.10pm	104	ME
	Football	Tuesday	12.30-1.00pm	Sports Hall	AK
	Y7 Drama Club	Tuesday	12.30-1.00pm	009	AS
	Y8 Drama Club	Tuesday	12.30-1.00pm	003	ELS
W E D N S E D A Y	Future Engineers Society	Tuesday	12.30-1.00pm	012	SY & GM
	LRC (Y8 & 11)	Tuesday	Lunch	LRC	ANB
	LRC After School (All Years)	Tuesday	3.20-4.30pm	LRC	ANB
	Literary Society	Wednesday	1235-1.00pm	57	VP
	GCSE Art club	Tues-Thur	12.30-1.10pm	102	AHK
	Mental Health Champions	Wednesday Week A	12.25-12.50pm	513	KG/DCH/GH
	Dodgeball Club	Wednesday	12.30-1.00 pm	Sports Hall	JL
	GCSE Dance Homework	Wednesday	12.30-1.00 pm	SH3	CCO
	Y11 Drama	Wednesday	12.30-1.00 pm	003	SH
	Y10 Drama	Wednesday	12.30-1.00 pm	009	ELS
T H U R S D A Y	KS3 Art Club	Wednesday	12.30-1.10pm	115	MK
	6th Form Games Club	Wednesday	12.30-1.10pm	55	Prefects
	Sikh Sorority	Wednesday	12.30-1.00pm	206	KJ/BB
	Geog Soc	Wednesday Week A	12.30-1.00 pm	216	KB / AL
	Lego Club (invitation only Y7 & 8)	Wednesday & Thursday	12.30-1.10pm	107	JM
	Y10 - 11 Science Club/CREST	Wednesday Week A	12.40-1:10pm	222	ODA/HOS
	KS4/5 Astronomy club	Wednesday Week B	12.40-1:10pm	221	HMD
	Y10 & 11 Book Club	Last Wednesday of each half term	12.40-1.10pm	511	ME
	LRC (Y7 & 10)	Lunch	Lunch	LRC	ANB
	Y7-9 Science Club	Wednesday Week A	3.20-4.00pm	223	RKA/SB
F R I D A Y	LRC After School (All Years)	Wednesday	3.20-4.30pm	LRC	ANB
	School Production (All Years - till Feb Half Term)	Wednesday	3.20-5.00pm	Hall	CCO/AS
	Crochet Club	Thursday	12.30-1.00pm	212	BR/KJ
	GCSE Art club	Tues-Thur	12.30-1.10pm	102	AHK
	Lego Club (invitation only Y7 & 8)	Wednesday & Thursday	12.30-1.10pm	107	JM
	Basketball	Thursday	12.30-1.00pm	Sports Hall	MMA
	Enterprise Club	Thursday	12.30-1.00pm	118	LA
	French Popular Songs	Thursday Week B	12.30-1.00pm	004	CM
	LRC (Y8 & 9)	Thursday	Lunch	LRC	ANB
	LRC After School (All Years)	Thursday	3.20-4.30pm	LRC	ANB
F R I D A Y	First Aid Society	Thursday Week B	3.20-4.20pm	515	MTR
	School Production (All Years - till Feb Half Term)	Thursday	3.20-5.00pm	Hall	CCO/AS
	ISOC	Friday	12.30-1.00pm	118	RK
	GSA	Friday	12.30-1.00pm	108	RSA
	Coding Club	Friday	12.30-1.00pm	15	MVA
	Debates Club	Friday	12.30-1.00pm	TBC	LHE
	Cheer Club	Friday	12.30-1.00pm	SH2	TM
	Keyboard Club (Y7-8)	Friday	12.30-1.00pm	010	IK
	LRC (Y10 & 11)	Friday	Lunch	LRC	ANB
	LRC After School (All Years)	Friday	3.20-4.15pm	LRC	ANB



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Calendar of Events during Careers Focus Fortnight January 2025				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 January	7 January	8 January	9 January	10 January
Launch Step in to the NHS competition (7&8) Year 8 Taster sessions (Psychology and H&S) Green Careers Display Alumni Display	Hall assembly on careers (7&8) Startup Sherpa Launch Year 8 Taster sessions (Childcare) Careers Coffee Morning (Parents)	I-I Mock Interview day HALL (11)	Hall assembly on careers (11) Year 8 Taster sessions (Sociology and business) Year 9 & 10 KCL MFL talk about careers in languages (P4 & P5)	Hall assembly on careers (9&10) Start up Sherpa Launch Year 8 Taster sessions (Citizenship and media) Trained Sports Therapist talk with GCSE PE classes
13 January	14 January	15 January	16 January	17 January
FT House Competition - 'Murder Mystery' SEND Careers lunch	6 th Form Taster Day (11)	Careers Fair Day (7,8,9,10,11) Insight workshops & Speed networking (11)		Intervention, advice and guidance session (11)

Events taking place across the whole fortnight:

- 'Step into the NHS Competition'
- FT House Competition - 'Murder Mystery'
- Careers focused PSHCE Lessons across ALL year groups
- Subject department participation in careers events across the fortnight through displays, homework tasks, guest speakers, careers activities / competitions in lesson



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Term Dates 2024-25

Autumn Term:

Half term: Thursday 24th October – Friday 1st November 2024
 Monday 4th November (all students return to school)
 Thursday 21st November (**training day**)
 Friday 22nd November (**training day**)
 End of term: Friday 20th December 2024 (half day)

Spring term:

Term starts: Monday 6th January 2025
 Half term: Monday 17th – Friday 21st February 2025
 End of term: Friday 4th April 2025 (half day)

Summer term:

Term starts: Tuesday 22nd April 2025 (**training day**)
 Half term: Monday 26th – Friday 30th May 2025
 End of term: Friday 18th July 2025 (half day)

School Safety message

With many students potentially travelling to and from school in the hours of darkness over the coming months. Students and their parents are reminded that in order to maximise their safety on their journeys to and from school we would recommend:

- Where possible students walk/travel in pairs or groups to and from school.
- Walk down main roads/routes that are well lit. Avoid going through parks, alleys or other unlit or poorly lit areas.
- Ensure they are alert to the environment around them, avoid wearing headphones or being distracted by mobile phones and other devices.
- Students should have a set route to and from school that is discussed with parents and carers
- Parents and carers have a personal safety conversation with their children
- If they are concerned about their safety please call the police.

