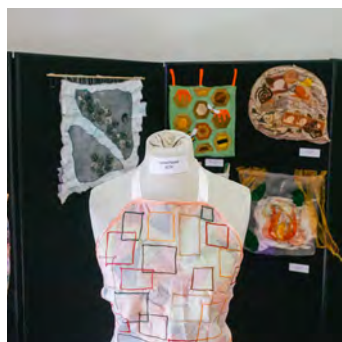
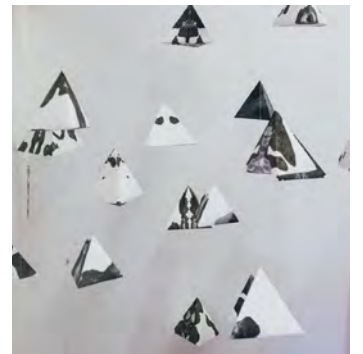
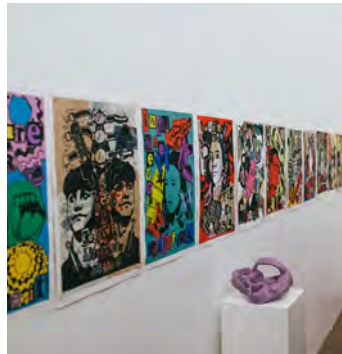




SPOTLIGHT

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Dear SNS Community,

Welcome to the Spotlight magazine!

It is difficult to believe the academic year of 2021-2022 has drawn to a close. It has been an incredibly busy year moving to a more positive post-pandemic world. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm of our young people in their lessons and the teachers delivering our curriculum with expertise and energy.

The return of the external examinations for Year 11 and Year 13, whilst being welcomed, also brought challenges in particular for our Year 13, who had not sat their GCSEs in the normal way. They acquitted themselves brilliantly. We are very proud of all of them and wish each student the very best for the summer results.

At this time of the year, we sadly say goodbye to colleagues. I would like to particularly celebrate the work of four long serving colleagues: Maria Yong, one of our Modern Foreign Languages teachers and Heads of Year, will be retiring; Shabna Begum, our Head of Politics will be joining a full time research

position at the Runnymede Trust; Lorna De La Para, one of pastoral counsellors, leaves us to spend more time developing her private practice and lastly Jo Byrne, Head of Lower School, leaves us to become Deputy Headteacher of New Regents College in Hackney. Each of the four staff members have given more than fifteen years' service to the school. We thank them and all others leaving us this year.

I wish you all a fantastic summer and look forward to seeing your children in September.

Very best wishes,

Zehra Jaffer
Headteacher



NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

New timetable



A reminder that the school timetable from September will be as follows:

- 8.30am – 8.50am - Registration
- 8.50am – 9.40am - Period 1
- 9.40am – 10.30am - Period 2
- 10.30am – 10.50am - Break time
- 10.50am – 11.40am - Period 3
- 11.40am – 12.30pm - Period 4
- 12.30pm – 1.30pm - Lunch time
- 1.30pm – 2.20pm - Period 5
- 2.20pm – 3.10pm - Period 6

Student exhibition at Camden Arts Centre



Three of our young people presented their work in the Art Bytes competition at Camden Arts Centre on Thursday, 16 June.

Almost 100 schools took part in the inaugural year and the standard of works was incredibly high. Paula Briggs, one of the judges said of the work submitted: "It's been so inspiring to see all the entries and feel the passion and enthusiasm for art shine through"

Easter activities



During the Easter Break, we welcomed NEJR, Jus Ball, Hackney Empire, Literacy Pirates and Jay Jay who provided amazing workshops for our young people.

It was fantastic to have such exciting partnerships to offer enriching activities to our students during the holidays.

QnA with Wes Anderson!



SNS students took part in a QnA for critically acclaimed film director, Wes Anderson.

The project, led by Play/Space saw 30 young people in Hackney take part in creative workshops to embrace their very own creative voice, develop their personal portfolio, and showcase their ideas. You can watch the video here:

[Hi Mr Anderson - YouTube](#)

Year 8 students visited the New Beacon Books



Year 8 students visited the New Beacon Book Shop/ George Padmore Institute in Finsbury Park to learn about the history of the shop and visit the archive.

They found out about John La Rose, who founded the shop and saw some of the artefacts housed in the archive.

Podcasting Club



In podcasting club, run by Jordan Simpson, the students did a photo shoot where they dressed to celebrate their heritage.

Podcasting club has been such a success this term and we can't wait to see (or hear) what our students get up to next term!

Sixth Form science prizes!



Congratulations to Asa, who won first prize in a scientific essay writing competition for his work entitled "How can evolutionary theory help us to predict and protect ourselves from new pathogens?" Runners up were Ruby and Eve, who won a significant amount of book tokens. Prizes were awarded by Emotive, a company with which the school has an ongoing partnership. Well done, everyone!

Girls in STEM week



As part of Girls in STEM week, we had a visit from the Stemettes - a charity which encourages female students to consider Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths careers.

The team included a biomedical scientist who started life as a prima ballerina, a dyslexic robotics engineer who just wanted to 'build and make things' and a researcher who launched her own design and product start up.

Local business study

Jonathan

COMPETITION RESEARCH

Choose a business from one of the following industries:

Café's Fast food restaurants
 Clothing Newsagents
 Restaurants Supermarkets
 No of Business chosen: The Parlour

Put the following table by ranking each business in the order you think they are where 1 = best and 4 = worst

Business	CHEAPEST PRICE	PRODUCT RANGE	PRIME QUALITY	CUSTOMER SERVICE	BRAND	PREMIUM RANGE	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
the parlour	£1-60	Wide	Good	Good	None	5	The whole of Very Well caring
the 2	£5	Wide	Fresh Good quality	Good	None	2	It's easy, they can't really make it. Very nice, catering in a cosy, well decorated area with sports gear.
the 3	£1-2	Wide	Good quality	Excellent	None	1	The smallest out of all the ones I've seen.

In June, Y12 BTEC Business students were out conducting a field study of the local businesses. They focused on areas such as price, product range, branding, customer service and quality. This research task gave them an insight into the level of competition in the local area amongst small businesses and hopefully equipped them with greater awareness of what businesses must do in order to remain competitive!

GEOGRAPHY TRIP!

Year 12 students went on a 3 day residential trip to collect data for their geography NEA in Swanage, Dorset.

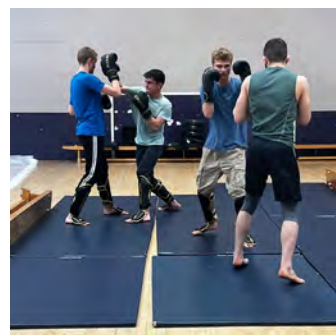
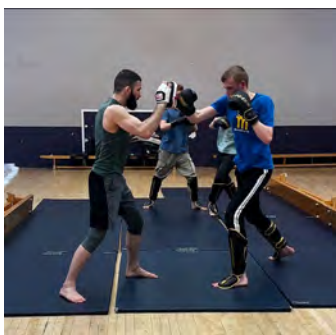
The students worked really hard (until 9pm on the second day) in order to collect fantastic data for their coursework. They maintained a really positive attitude throughout and the staff at the field centre commented on how delightful our students were to work with. Students and staff alike had a fantastic time!



MMA VISIT

This term, we had professional MMA fighter and Featherweight Champion Emrah Sonmez deliver kickboxing lessons to Lower School and Sixth Formers every Wednesday and Thursday.

Our students are learned increased respect and self-discipline to improved confidence, fitness and team skills, in order to help shape their character and help them take life in their stride.



Rugby Fives launch!

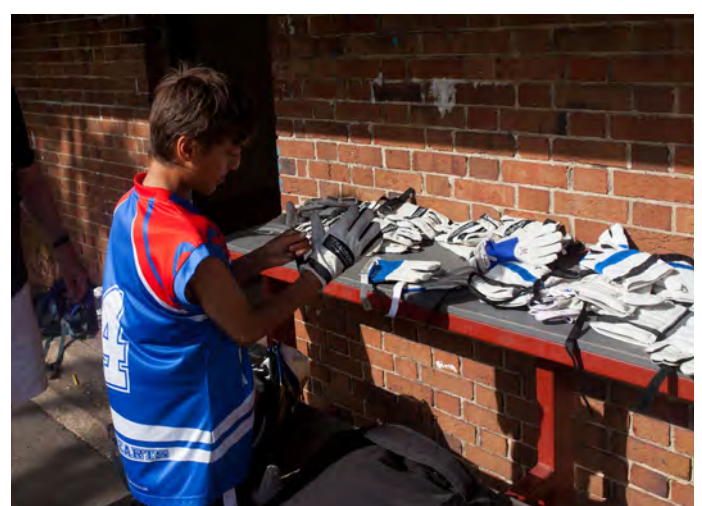
This term we launch our newly renovated Fives courts and caused a bit of a buzz and we were featured in the news!

Similar to squash, fives players take it in turns to strike the ball against the front wall and must keep it above a line positioned at knee height. The ball can be bounced off all the walls, but if a player allows it to bounce on the floor twice, they may lose the point. It's an exciting game and our talented students have

taken to it and are already showing promise.

We are only the second state school in the country with fives courts and were featured in the [Daily Telegraph](#), and the [Guardian](#).

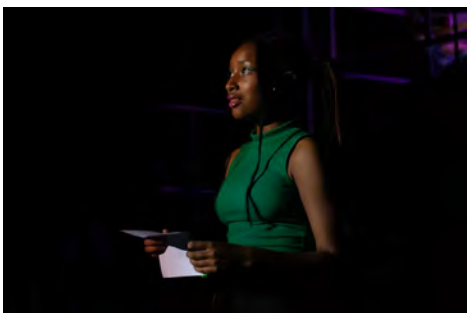
We hope students are looking forward to playing and competing from September!



FAME

This term finally saw our first whole-school full-scale musical since the pandemic being performed, as FAME the musical ran from the 5th to the 8th July and was a renowned success!

We are so proud of all our incredible cast, band and crew that took part and huge thanks to the Music and Drama team and Miss Monk in English for their dedication and resilience in putting this show together. Also thanks to all staff that helped us out during show week and came along to support our fabulous pupils. Expect an exciting announcement about our next musical coming soon!





SPORTS DAY!

Well done to all participants of Sports Day! We had two fantastic days of athletics in Finsbury Park - excitement to rival the BBC's coverage of the World Championships in Eugene, USA.

Lots of records were broken! And more importantly everyone had a great time and it was wonderful to see all of our students cheering each other on - win or lose. What a glorious way to see out the end of the academic year - well done, SNS!





SIXTH FORM CAREERS WORKSHOP (FEATURING SOME FAMILIAR FACES!)

This summer term we held a careers workshop for our sixth formers.

Our Year 12s spoke to former students about how they have gone on to have success in their careers,

as well as how they forged their path and overcame any obstacles.

It was really inspirational for students and staff to have our alumni come back and share their success stories.



ECO DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNCILLOR METE COBAN

Cllr Mete Coban, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, visited Stoke Newington School on the final day of London Climate Action Week, for a roundtable discussion with students from the school and nearby Grasmere Primary School, who are both part of the Eco-Schools programme.

Our students were incredibly engaged and gave Cllr Coban lots of ideas on what they'd like to see Hackney Council do to create a greener borough. Particularly important to students were more green spaces and fewer cars on the road.

Cllr Coban said: "It's inspiring to see the action young people are taking on the climate crisis, and I'm proud that we've been supporting this through the Eco-

Schools programme.

I visited students at Cardinal Pole School during the last London Climate Action Week, and it was a pleasure once again to talk to students from Stoke Newington School and Grasmere Primary School about their activism and ambition for rebuilding a greener borough.

As always, it was fantastic to hear their ideas, answer their questions and discuss what more we can all do to tackle the climate crisis."

Well done to our students for the way they put their ideas across!



COMMUNITY!



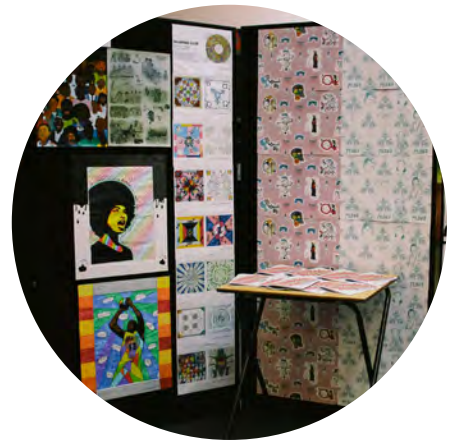
This year's Community Evening was a real celebration of our diverse and creative community. The theme was International, and many students turned out in their beautiful clothes, or football team colours and kits.

The food street was mobbed, and there was wonderful food on offer from staff, our kitchens, students and families from around the world.

The activities included: a Welcome Refugee Café event with Care4Calais, sari wearing workshop, Zumba,

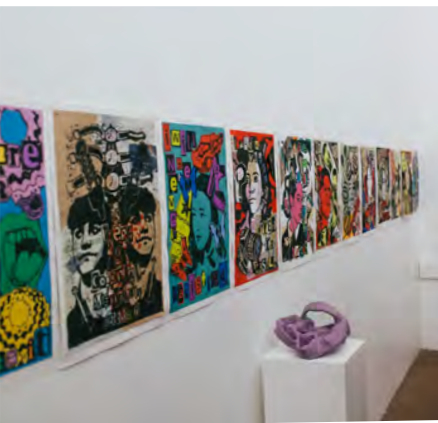
Henna, Photo booth, Kick boxing showcase, Jusball, Giant Jenga, Djing workshop, Kids creative corner, the PTA fundraising Tombola and bar, Street dancing, the expert cubers, community stalls, the Diversity showcase, and the fantastic school concert at the end. A special mention goes to the Masterchef competition which was judged by our very own celebrity chef Liam Charles.

A huge thanks to all the staff, parents/carers and students who helped make the Community Evening a special and memorable event.




Summer Showcase





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