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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Inspiring Young People



A group of Year 9 students attended an Inspiring Young People event on Wednesday, listening to local professionals talking about their career pathways.

Among the speakers were Frederic Afrifa a professional athlete preparing for the 2024 Olympics. The Deputy Mayor Cllr. Antionette Bramble, Owura Osei-Asibeh an apprentice with

Trip to Westminster Abbey



Students explored how symbols help Christians to worship in the Abbey and live the Christian life.

Students were given a tour that looked at how symbolic objects, actions, words and images are used in baptism, marriage and funerals. Students also looked at why people come to the Abbey as pilgrims and considered what pilgrimage means to Christians.

SNS Year 12 Success at the Big Idea Challenge



On Friday 7 October 2022, Year 12 BTEC Business and A level Economics students took part in the Big Idea Challenge.

The Big Idea Challenge, which was delivered by London Metropolitan University, is aimed at helping students understand what skills and qualities they will need to start their own business one day. The students learnt how to develop their idea into a powerful business model and pitch it to the world. So, whether it was an innovative mobile app, a new medical service, or a national dance club (all past winners) London Metropolitan heard about our students' ideas, and how it solves real problems and wows customers. Well done to team members from 321Rush, a sustainable, breakfast-on-the-go business idea, Suzanna, Jemaya, Kanye and Ahmed who won first place and will be invited to the next round of the challenge!



Hackney Council and Business owner Grace Graham who spoke fondly of her time as a student at Stokey and even showed a picture of herself taken in our school library.

Thanks to Mr Lumb, Ms Barnet, and Mr Aboo for support on the day and special thanks to Mr Clark who drove us there and back in the minibus.

Bookfair Success!



We had an amazing Bookfair this term!

Open every break and lunchtime from Thurs 1 Dec - Weds 7 Dec in the Library. Students were able to buy discounted books, stationery and tote bags. Some of the most popular titles were Marcus Rashford's book, You Can Do It, as well as This Woven Kingdom by Tahereh Mafi. Thanks to all students and parents/carers for supporting our library!

Year 8 information evening



Parents and carers braved thunderstorms to attend the Year 8 information evening in November.

The theatre was packed to hear presentations from subject leaders and talks from Head of Lower School Mr Enebeli, the Deputy Head of Lower School Ms Vincent and the Head of Year 8 Ms Diprose. We hope Year 8 parents and carers are feeling excited and confident about their children heading into Year 9 and starting their GCSEs.

Year 8 visit QMUL



Year 8 students have been visiting Queen Mary University of London this term for university taster days to help them make positive informed choices about their GCSE Options.

Students have been visiting in their forms, and have been working with staff and ambassadors to identify their interests, characteristics and aptitudes and reflect how these influence their academic and employment aspirations. They engaged with student ambassadors and discussed routes into higher education and a range of careers. Students also took part in an academic skills session and designed their own logos for a sporting brand. Many thanks to Ms Diprose, Ms Findlay and Ms Nawab, for supporting this careers trip on the day and helping to make it such a pleasant and successful trip.

ENRICHMENT AT SNS!

Immediate Theatre Performance



Immediate Theatre came in on Monday 7 November to do two performances and two workshops for our young people in Year 9. The performance was about the pressures of growing up in Hackney.

Our young people said:

"It was a good representation of young people."

"It showed many different perspectives from different people."

"It was interesting to talk about the different struggles and hear other people's opinions."

"I enjoyed the debates and the differing opinions between people and how they look at issues."

National Centre for Circus Arts



National Centre for Circus Arts have offered 6 scholarships to selected students for their Circus Programme next term. This club has had great attendance this term with 35 attendees. The NCCA also are offering our students free open dress rehearsal tickets in February.

Clubs Success!!

So far this academic year, we have engaged over 750 students in our clubs programme (of 60 different clubs), and we are looking forward to engaging more pupils during the rest of the academic year. Here is a photo from Cooking club.



Sadler's Wells Dance Club

Students in the Sadler's Wells Dance Group will be travelling to Sadler's Wells in January to see a performance. In March next year, girls in Year 7 will be going to a careers day at Sadler's Wells for International Women's Day.

Rugby Fives Community Evening

The Rugby Fives Association now run an additional Tuesday evening open Community event in the Fives Courts, 7-9pm (in addition to the lunch-time and after-school clubs). SNS families are encouraged to attend. Next term, students who have been attending our after-school Fives Club will be going to schools across the country to compete.

STORE Studios

STORE studios, which has just opened a new studio space on Church Street, has offered multiple workshops to our young people. They will also be running a workshop with our Year 9 students which will be used to create a 'makers manual' which will then form part of the art curriculum for art students across the UK.



Play/Space Billboard

During the summer, a group of our students work was on a billboard by Clapton Ponds as part of the Jack Arts and Play/Space project. They and Ms Gillie will also feature in a documentary about the importance of Creativity in Schools.

Community Languages!

We are immensely proud of the diverse range of languages spoken within our community and hold many events to celebrate them. Here's a round up of some of the things we've been getting up to.



Languages of the month

In Stokey we share appreciation to all languages of our students and SNS community. We have had many posters created by students for the monthly displays on the chosen language of the month.



Rubik's Cube competition!

Students in 7S prepared a fantastic presentation on Tamil and we have had a very own Rubik's cube competition inspired by the Hungarian Rubik cube's inventor, Ern Rubik.



Celebration of Diwali in SNS

Head of RE, Ms Sonmez and Lead on Community Languages, Ms Komisarek El-Mahmoud joined forces to celebrate the festival of Diwali in SNS. Students in Y10 beautifully decorated our Bluebird Cafe where the staff along students could enjoy lunchtime full of positive energy, Hindu music and dishes served traditionally over Diwali period.



Welcome to the Arab World workshop

Students in Year 8 visited Tomlinson Centre in November, where they have experienced hand on activities and learnt some interesting facts about the Arab world. Lesson in Arabic calligraphy brought the most joy to our students.



GCSE and A-Levels in Community Languages

We have already nearly 50 students who will be taking examination in their community languages in Summer 2023. There is still time to enter but most importantly students need to approach Ms Komisarek El-Mahmoud, Community Languages Lead to find out whether their language and language skills are eligible for entry. They can also email her on community.languages@sns.hackney.sch.uk. It's a great GCSE to have and we made a video about how students have benefitted from completing a GCSE in their community language.

ESOL classes in SNS

Successfully run classes for SNS parents and local community as well as ESOL project for refugees from Ukraine have started in September. Any parents who would like to find out more about any learning opportunities offered by Hackney Adult Learning, can email directly to iag@hackney.gov.uk

Multicultural events across London

Please check the weekly updated site here [Community - cultural events in Hackney and beyond | Stoke Newington School for the welcoming to all, events across London.](#)

SISTER ACT!

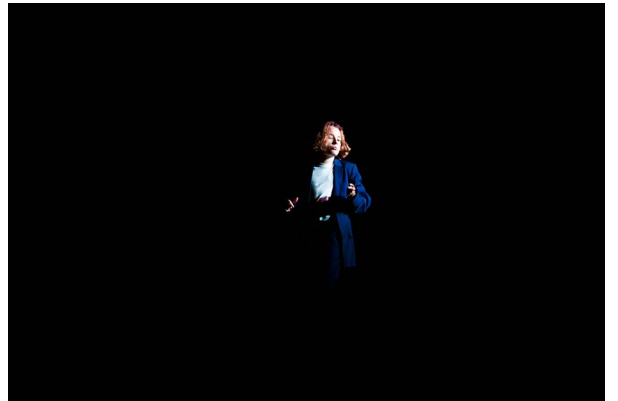
This term we performed **Sister Act!** What an incredible performance it was.

We are so proud of all our incredible cast, band and crew that took part and huge thanks to the Music and Drama

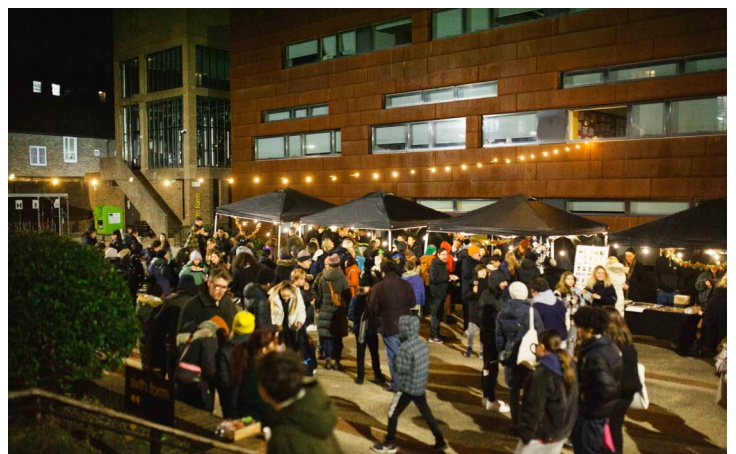
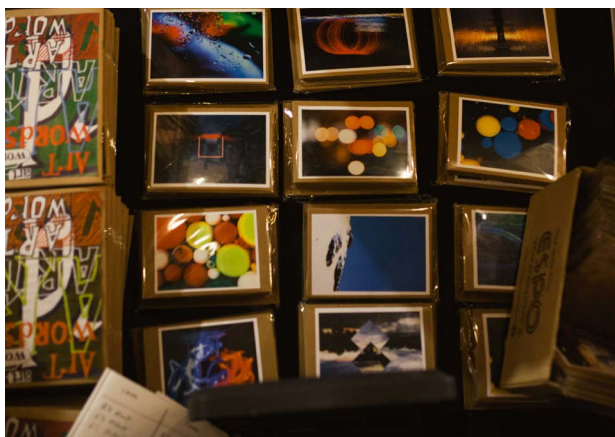
team for their dedication and resilience in putting this show together.

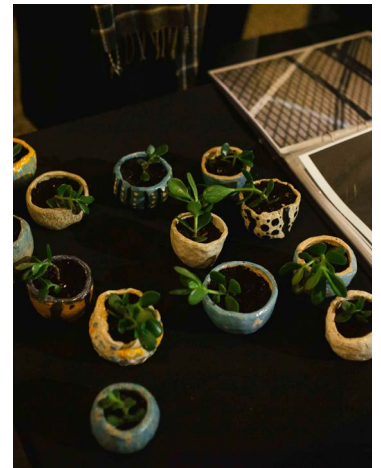
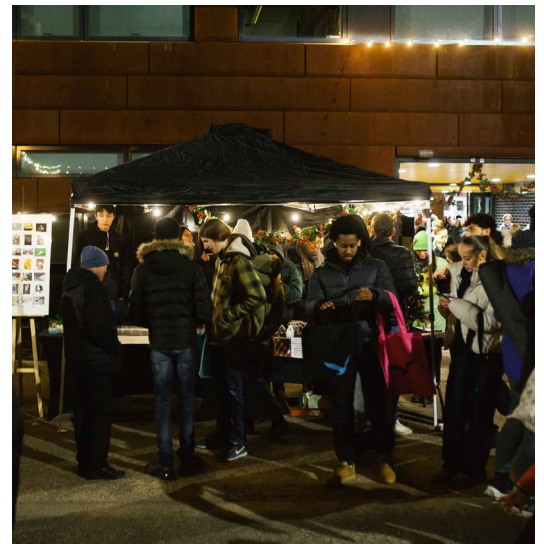
Also thanks to all staff that helped out during show week and came along to support our fabulous pupils.





Winter Showcase & Christmas Market!





BBC SHARE YOUR STORY

SNS welcomed a very special guest last week as part of the BBC's centenary celebrations visiting just 10 schools across the country. Ugo Monye, the former English rugby union player, *Strictly Come Dancing* competitor and Question of Sport team leader.

Ugo Monye spoke of being brought up on a north London council estate by a single parent mother who worked three jobs to sustain him and his siblings. The sadness caused when his father left the family home. Of disappointments when he wasn't chosen for teams,

the racism and discrimination he faced. Of being one of just three Black students at the boarding school his mother sent him to, of the painful surgeries he endured because of rugby injuries. His championing of women in sport. And of his ambition, resilience, hard work and self-belief, which kept him going. SNS core values, which resonated with many of our students.

The Q&A which followed was great fun with Ugo Monye launching a rugby shaped microphone across the theatre.



DAVID DEIN SHARES HIS SUCCESS STORY

We were delighted to welcome the football legend David Dein this term, to give a speech to a group of our Year 11 and Sixth Form students about his career. Students learned about his role in the creation of the Premier League, his 24 years at Arsenal and his support for Women's football.



CREATIVE DAY



Creative Day continues to be one of the best off-curriculum enrichment days on the school calendar!

This term, our students made placards that are displayed in our undercroft area. The placards were

made for empower students to stand up for the causes that are most important to them.

Our Year 7 students made creepy monsters from clay after a creative writing exercise and Year 9s took part in team building workshops.



SNS AWARDS EVENING!

This autumn term, we held our very first achievement awards evening!

It was a really fun evening of celebrating our students' successes throughout the year. We gave awards for each subject in excellent academic achievement and excellent improvement.

Held in the theatre, parents and carers were invited to watch the award ceremony and it was fantastic to see so many proud smiles of parents/carers and students alike.

Congratulations to all students! You've made everyone in the SNS community so proud!





A-LEVEL & GCSE RESULTS DAY!

It may seem like a long time ago, but just before term started we celebrated our Year 11 and Year 13 students receiving their A-level and GCSE results!

We are exceedingly proud of our students' results and we hope each and every one of our young people are proud too. They have shown an incredible commitment to their academic studies despite the challenges of the past couple of years.

Our students demonstrated fortitude, determination, and a real passion for their subjects. They are an absolute credit to the School and their families.

It was a fantastic couple of days and it was amazing to see our students celebrating their hard-earned results.

[You can watch our results day video here!](#)



Celebrating our elderly community!


Hackney elders were treated to a beautiful Christmas feast and party in the Bluebird on Wednesday 14 December.

Our wonderful Year 8 students, chatted with them, entertained, served a tasty Christmas meal and presented them with beautiful Christmas gifts.

Special guest on the night was local MP Diane Abbott who wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year. Thanks to Mr Enebeli for organising the event, to Sarah Owen and her catering team for the gorgeous food, Ms Komisarek El-Mahmoud and choir for the Christmas songs. And of course, a big thanks to the students!!



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