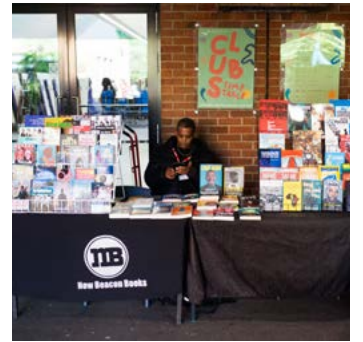




# SPOTLIGHT

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ON THE COVER AND BELOW: COMMUNITY EVENING 2023

DIARY: FOR OUR DIARY DATES, PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE - [WWW.STOKENEWINGTONSCHOOL.CO.UK/CALENDAR](http://WWW.STOKENEWINGTONSCHOOL.CO.UK/CALENDAR)



# NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

## Yr 12 Global Politics trip to Brussels and Amsterdam



Politics students visited NATO base at SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe) where security was extremely tight with a perimeter within the perimeter. Students visited the Grande Place in Brussels where there happened to be a festival celebrating Charlemagne arriving in Brussels hundreds of years ago, they came across flag throwing, jousting, and lots of medieval costumes.



They also visited the EU Parliament and took part in a role play game, followed by free time and dinner. Then it was off to the International Criminal Court in The Hague, a boat trip and an eye-opening evening walk in the centre of Amsterdam. The last day consisted of a visit to the secret church Our Lord in the Attic followed by some free time in the home of Liberalism.

## Year 12 Career Networking Day



We held an amazing careers networking event for our sixth formers this term, featuring professionals and several of our SNS alumni! It was an amazing day – full of so much energy and inspiration! Guests included, TFL, PWC, KPMG, BBC, PUMA, YUM YUMs, Hackney Education, NHS and many more. It was incredible to see our young



people engaging with all the alumni and professionals. It was clear how much they got out of the event. It is so important for them as they navigate the world of work, particularly those who do not have the personal networks and would not otherwise be exposed to the information and influence they provided them with today!

## World Book Day 2023



We were lucky enough to be able to invite author Yarrow Townsend into school to give a talk to our Year 8 students about her book and life as a writer. She then led some creative writing workshops and students designed their own fantastical plants and began to create maps for an adventure story. Yarrow is one of the writers on the Reading Road Map; an initiative aimed at promoting Reading



for Pleasure which has been piloted with Year 8s over the current school academic year. Yarrow also 'opened' our Go Green bookshelf in the library which houses a collection of books about nature and the environment. The books were funded from a Jack Petchey Foundation Achievement Award kindly donated by a Sixth Form student last year.

## SNS reaccredited with Wellbeing Award for Schools

SNS is delighted to announce the wonderful news that we have successfully been reaccredited for the Wellbeing Award for Schools. The Award recognises schools which have a positive approach to mental health and wellbeing of students, staff and other stakeholders. The National Children's Bureau and Optimum Education oversee the accreditation of the Wellbeing Award for Schools. Well done to all of those who were involved in the verification process, especially Mr Michael Collins who led on this award.

## Sadler's Wells Visit



Eva from Sadler's Wells led a movement-based workshop with the Year 8s this term. The work is loosely inspired by the painting The Garden of Earthly Delights by H. Bosch. We're very lucky to have a continuing partnership with Sadler's Wells, who visit us throughout the year to deliver inspiring dance and movement workshops to our students.

## Jack Petchey Winner!



Rachel in Year 7 won the Jack Petchey Foundation award for Outstanding Achiever for her contribution to the Headliner's Club. Rachel is also an incredible member of our school Diversity Club, which creates and promotes activities based around being inclusive and celebrating everyone's differences. Thank you Rachel for showing true Stokey spirit and being such a positive member of our community!

## Year 10s mentor Year 8s



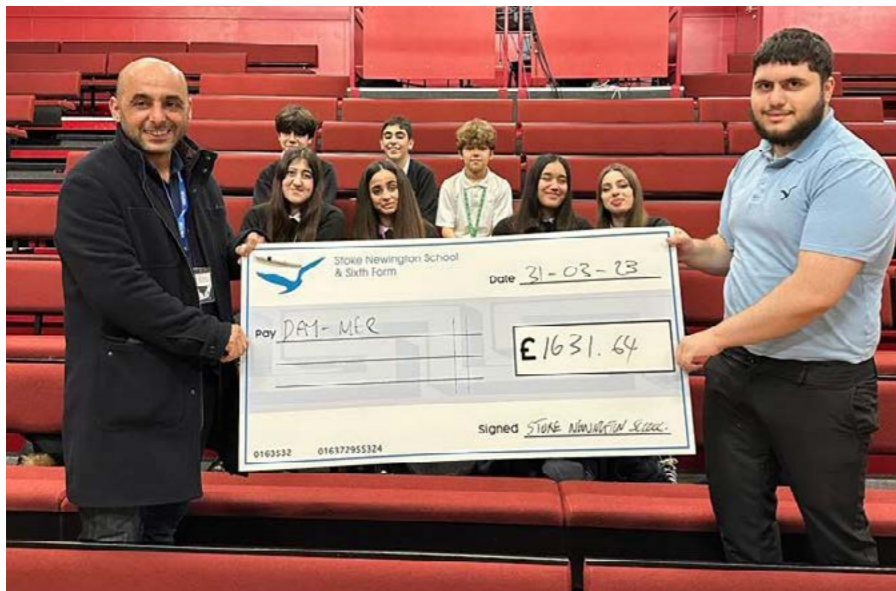
Our Year 10s have been mentoring our Year 8s. They have been meeting each other on a regular basis and the Year 10s are helping and advising the Year 8s with issues such as self-esteem, grades, and behaviour. It's fantastic to see our Year 10s taking on such a worthwhile cause.

## Year 11 students donate Jack Petchey Award money to fund a Year 7 trip!



Khadija and Olivia in Year 11 kindly donated their Jack Petchey Award money, to fund a trip for some of the Year 7s to Alexandra Palace Ice Rink. The award recognised the hard work and committed the students have demonstrated as prefects. The trip was enjoyable and a nice way to celebrate the success of all the students.

## Donation to Day-Mer



Our school raised an amazing £1631.64 for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake appeal via our non-uniform day. On the last day of term, some of our Turkish and Kurdish students presented a Day-Mer representative with a cheque! Day-Mer Turkish and Kurdish Community Centre works with and on behalf of Turkish and Kurdish people in London.

Day-Mer will send the donations directly to those affected by the earthquake, through campaigns by socialist and democratic institutions and organizations in Turkey. Well done to everyone involved.

## Beth Rigby Visits SNS



Journalist and Sky News presenter, Beth Rigby gave a talk to our Sixth Formers this term. She spoke in-depth about her experiences of covering the Covid-19 pandemic, particularly in regard to interviewing politicians and experts during the live briefings. She also explained what it's like in Westminster and what it's like to gain access to politicians. Finally, she gave lots of good general career advice and how to break into journalism.

## Artsmark Award Achieved!



We are delighted to announce that Stoke Newington School has been awarded the Artsmark Platinum Award!

We are extremely proud to have achieved this prestigious award which demonstrates our ongoing commitment to providing a creative, varied and engaging range of learning opportunities within the arts for all young people in our school community. Artsmark is the only creative quality standard for schools and is accredited by Arts Council England. It is awarded after a rigorous assessment process that ensures that arts, culture and creativity are embedded across the curriculum.

Highlights of our feedback from Arts Council England include:

"We were impressed by your strong commitment to the transformative power of the Arts, which is making a difference to teaching and learning across the school and within the local community. Creativity and arts are clearly referenced within the school planning documents and there is direct SLT, Governor and board support."

We are thrilled to share this achievement and would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone in the Stoke Newington School community for all the hard work, effort and support.

# COMMUNITY LANGUAGES

Here at SNS, we love to celebrate our wonderful and diverse community, and our community languages team do an amazing job of doing just that! Here's a selection of some of the events they've put on for our students this term.

## Celebrating Yoruba culture

We created a display in the library for students to learn about the Yoruba culture. Students could look at traditional Yoruba clothing and read Yoruba tales - all whilst listening to the gentle sounds of talking drum - the traditional West-African instrument.

## Tastes of Greek cuisine and music in Bluebird Cafe

Linked to the language of the month we dedicated a special lunch to our students and staff members. A truly Greek atmosphere was in the air for everyone to enjoy.



## Eid Celebration in the SNS way!

Stoke loves to celebrate culturally important dates with traditional food and music. Eid celebration in Stoke Newington School was no exception, and students dancing a traditional Dabke dance was a great culmination to a fantastic lunchtime.



## Rewards Trip - Picnic in Clissold Park

We appreciate all students' efforts in supporting school cultural events and strengthening community spirit in SNS. The picnic organised by Ms Komisarek El-Mahmoud and Ms Armstrong was fantastic way to show gratitude to our students and celebrate their commitment. Students enjoyed playing outdoor games in the park and sharing tasty dishes and sweet treats.



## Multicultural events across London

Thank you to all for the great feedback about our weekly added cultural events across the months. [Here is the link to a selection of cultural events in Hackney and beyond.](#)

# ATHLETIC SUCCESS FOR SNS



We're very lucky to have had many prodigious athletes study at SNS over the years and we can add two more to that list in Dylan and Malakai.

Both boys competed in the England School Athletics Track and Field Championships 2023 in Birmingham at the end of June.

Malakai had an incredible race, competing in the 80m hurdles and winning a bronze medal by finishing in third.

Dylan, although not placing as well as he would have liked, ran a great race in the 800m against a very fast field and almost achieved a personal best time.

Well done to both Malakai and Dylan, and we're looking forward to following your progress on the track!

Mr Lumb, Head of Year 9 and PE teacher said:

"We're very proud of Malakai and Dylan, they're great students and fantastic athletes, and we're excited to see how their athletics progresses."

# COMMUNITY EVENING

Community Evening - we just love it! It's our annual celebration of the wonderful, diverse, kind and supremely talented community that is Stoke Newington School.

With dishes from around the world, made by our wonderful staff and parents/carers, our main school corridor became a street food market. It was packed with hungry guests until all the food was gone! We also had incredible activities in the gym, such as giant Jenga, henna tattooing, a photo booth, a disco, a hip hop dancing workshop, and origami making. There was even an impromptu friendly moshpit when Head of

Drama, Mr Stewart got on the mic! We also had a very special guest appearance, former SNS student and TV personality Liam Charles stopped by to judge our SNS Masterchef competition! Liam is so generous with the time he gives us and it's such a special inspiration for our current students to see what people from the community can go on to achieve. Finally, the evening was topped off by a special concert in the theatre. When we say the theatre was packed - wow, there wasn't a spare seat in the house! Well done to all our performers, and everyone that was there got to witness how truly talented our young people are.



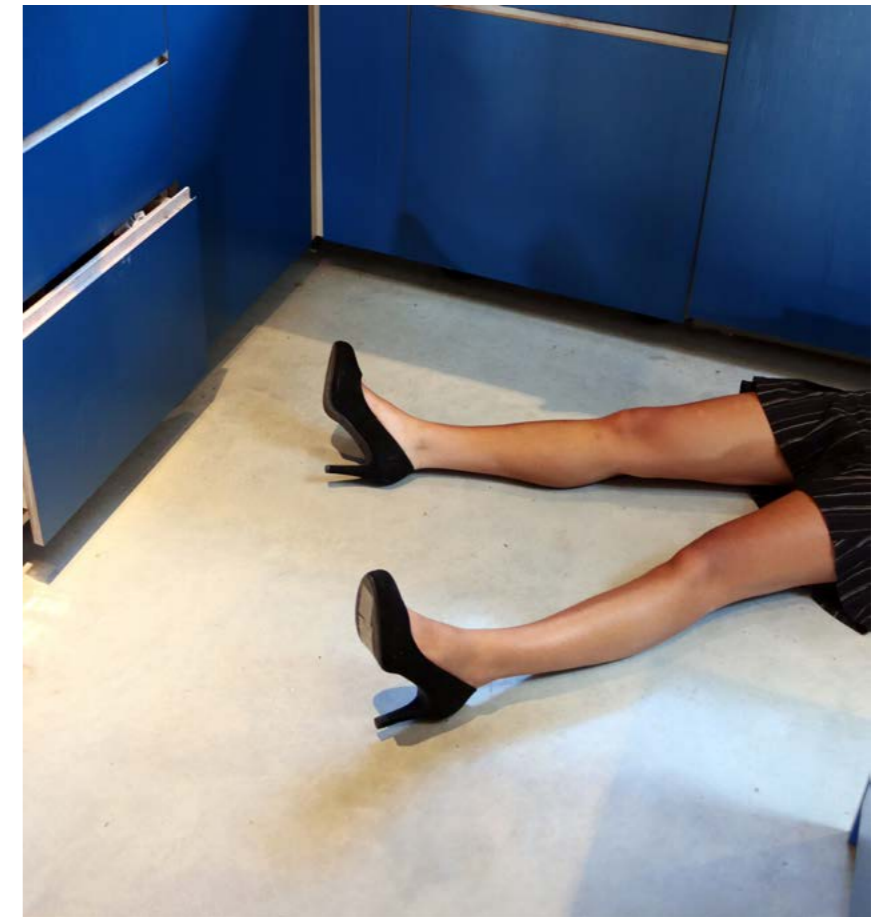
# YEAR 13 PHOTOGRAPHY

As we say goodbye to Year 13, we celebrate some of the amazing photography they've produced as part of their final year projects.

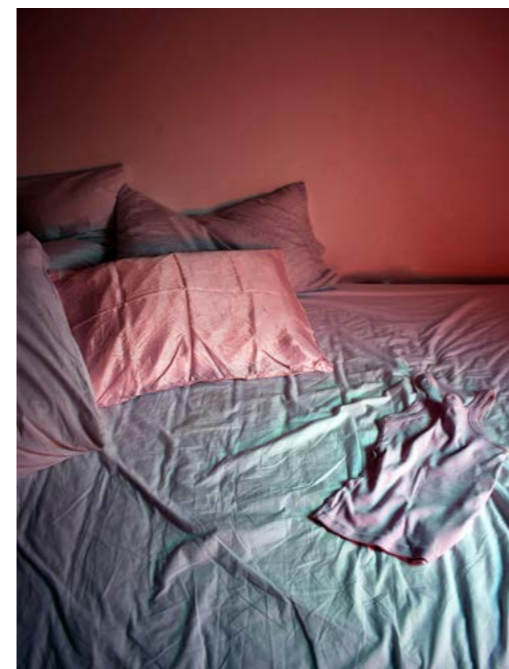
Lana Friend



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Mia Gillen



Simge Turan



Frida Vonmoos



Caitlin Banner



Rosa Warrington



Audrey Campillo



Erin Winter



Grace Lyster-Brown



Burak Goksu



Marni Henshaw

# TI FLIES HIGH!



**Congratulations to Ti in Year 7, who is officially the fourth best BMX racer in Europe in his age group!**

Ti finished fourth in the UEC European Championships 2023 in Besançon France. A title that means he is also the fastest UK rider in his age group.

In just his first season of BMX racing, he qualified for the Championships by being one of the fastest 16 riders in the country.

Ti is back in training for the BMX World Championships in Glasgow 6-13 August, where he'll take to the start line as number one in the UK!

Ti said he was really happy to have performed so well at the Championships and the whole day was really exciting. He also said he can't wait for the World Championships in Glasgow and he just wants to get as good at racing as he possibly can - he wants to be one of the best in the world!

Well done, Ti! Everyone at SNS is very proud and we can't wait to see you progress and watch you get faster and faster!



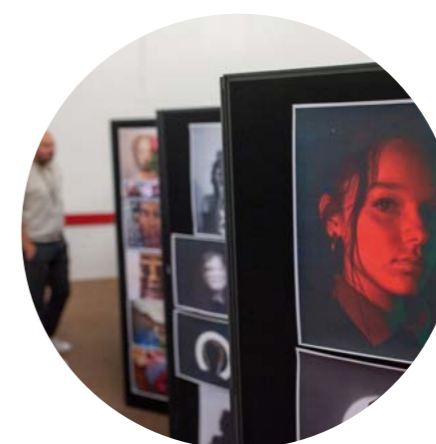
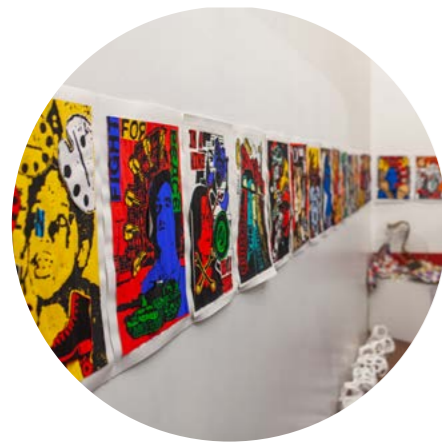
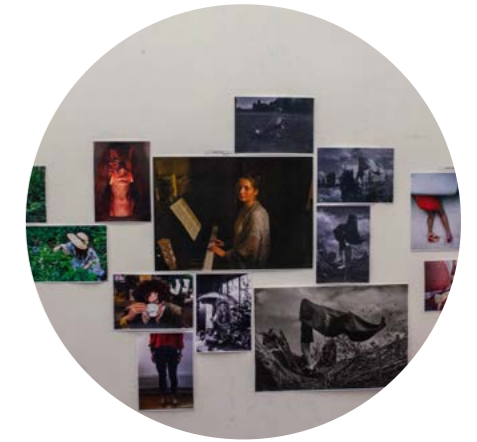
# Summer Showcase

For the first time in years the sun did not shine on our Summer Showcase! In fact, we had torrential rain that had Mr Bailey worrying no one would come. But in true Stokey spirit, our wonderful community came together to celebrate the creative endeavours of our students this year - as well as sample our amazing BBQ!

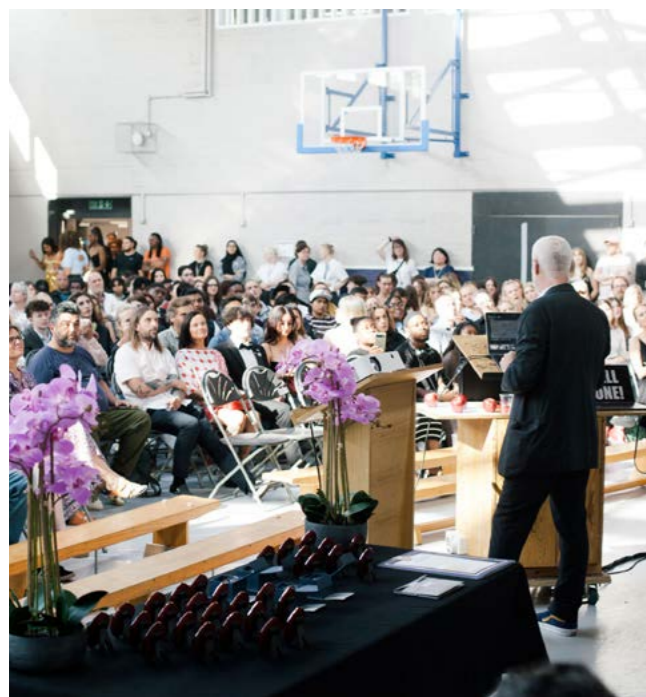
The work on display was truly exceptional. The art our

students create during their time with us is always of the highest quality. We had textiles, art, photography, media, film studies, drama and music on show for all the parents, carers and students who braved the rain.

Thank you so much to everyone who stopped by to support the creative subjects and our passionate students.



# GOODBYE YEAR 11 AND YEAR 13!



At the end of term we said goodbye to our current cohort of Year 11 and Year 13 students.

They've both been fantastic contributors to the SNS community and can't wait to see what they go on to achieve in the years ahead. They've shown incredible fortitude to complete their studies, especially as Covid-19 disrupted much of their learning.

Our Year 11s had their celebration in the sports hall before their prom started. There were speeches from Headteacher, Mrs Jaffer, and Head of Year, Mr Burn, as well as performances from students and many awards handed out to students who have demonstrated our core values of compassion, ambition, resilience, and

excellence.

The Year 13 celebration was held in the theatre and you couldn't move for the amount of students and family members crammed in - a true testament to the support our students receive from their families. All the performances were amazing and we had speeches from Director of Sixth Form, Mr Bell-Nevin, Head of Year, Ms Begum, as well as Mrs Jaffer.

Both evenings were wonderful and perfect ways to celebrate and say goodbye to our students. We can't wait to see what you all make of yourselves, and look forward to seeing lots of Year 11s make the transition to our Sixth Form.





# SPORTS DAYS

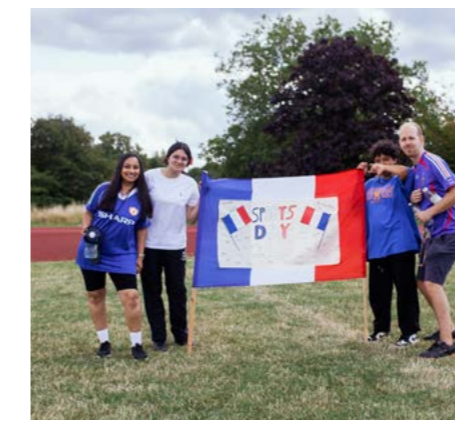
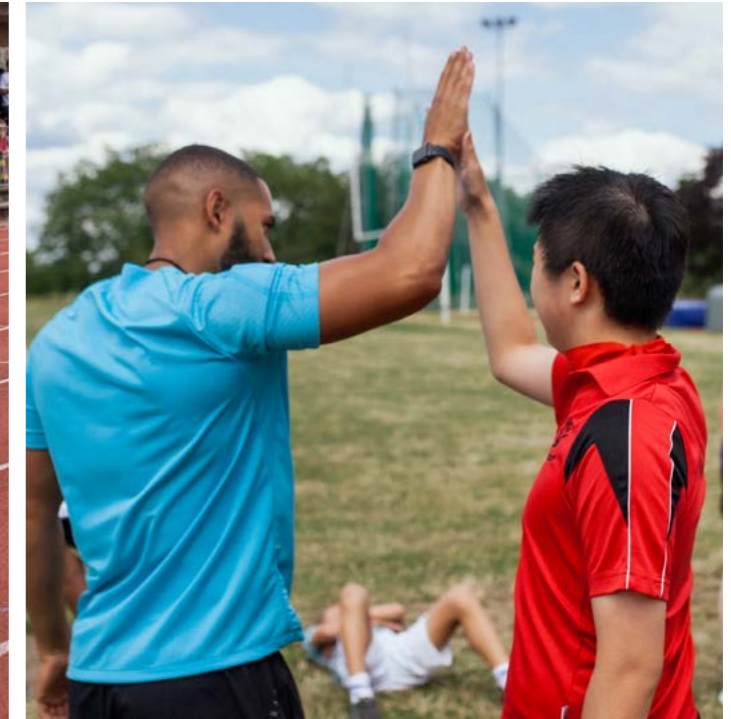
Every year we're treated to two fantastic days of athletics from our students, and this year was no different. The effort and passion they put into competing and supporting each other is unmatched.

This year will be remembered for lots of records being broken as we have a particularly talented pool of students who take part in national athletic competitions. We even had a record smashed by the


top three finishers in the girls 400m race.

A massive shout out to everyone who competed and tried their hardest; especially the students who competed across multiple races in order to guarantee points for their form!

Another spectacular two sports days at Finsbury Park! We already can't wait for next year.



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