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TERM HIGHLIGHTS



Pi Celebration Day!

Here at SNS, we take Pi Day very seriously, with a competition between forms to see which form can collectively remember the most Pi numbers. Congratulations to the forms below!

- 12S, 9G, 10N, 13O, 7K, 8E

We also have a competition to see which student can individually remember the most Pi numbers, and it was a tremendously close battle, but Ella in Year 7 won with a quite extraordinary score of 268 decimal places correctly remembered. Special mention to Beverley in Year 12 as well for an incredible score of 225, a winning score in any previous year. In further celebration of Pi Day, our delicious selection of pies were available to students during lunchtime.



SNS at the Hackney Music Service Gala!

We are so proud of all our High School Musical Students who participated in the Hackney Music Service Gala on Tuesday evening, it was a very long and tiring day, but they did us all proud! Not only did they perform fantastically, but they also set such a good example of being excellent, supportive audience members as they cheered their hearts out for fellow schools in the borough.



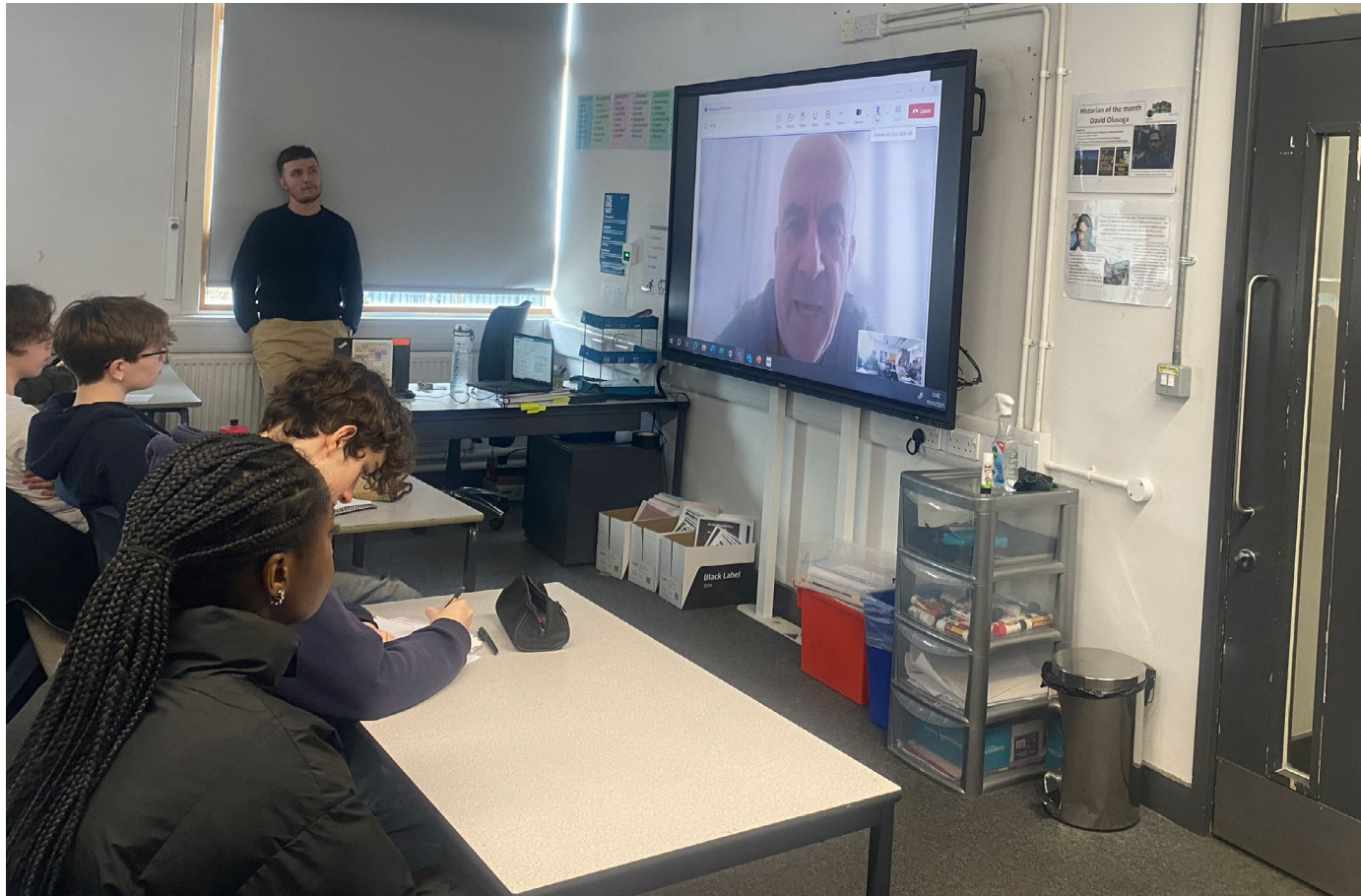
Cleaning up the River Lea

Congratulations to our Year 10 climate activists who represented the school really well at the Leaside Trust this term, by removing five huge buckets of rubbish from the River Lea!

Volleyball winners!

Our girls' volleyball team are continuing to find success under the tutelage of Ms Ferreira - winning another match this term. It's great to see such fantastic team spirit!

History lecture from 'The Rest is History' podcast



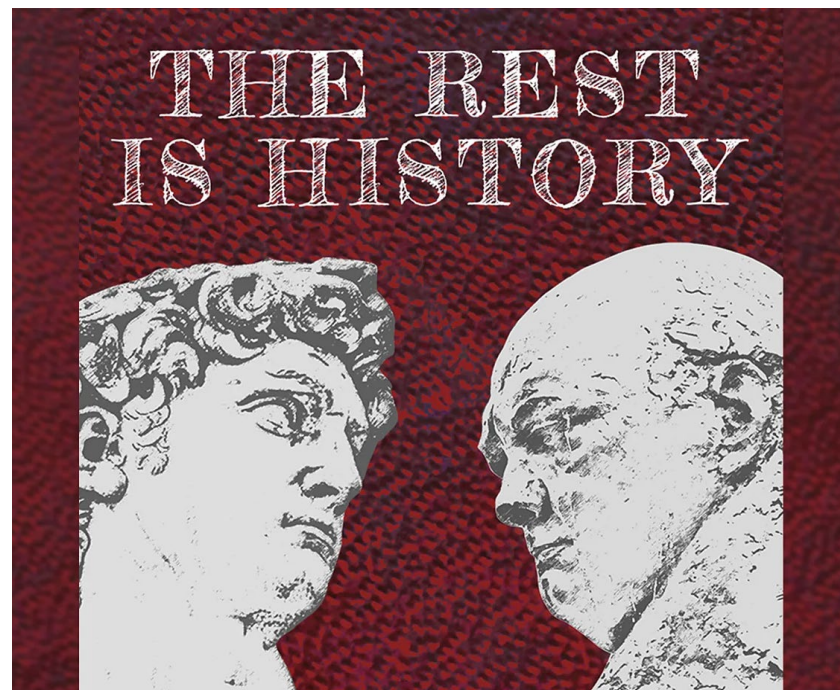
Dr Paul Rouse, featured on famed podcast 'The Rest Is History', zoomed in live from Dublin University to give a lecture to students about the importance of Irish History, History tips and fielded very astute questions from our Year 12 and Year 13 on Charles Parnell, Home Rule and the Irish Civil War.

This lecture came about because our Sixth Formers were discussing the podcast in a lesson, and Ms Preedy suggested the class collectively email Dr Rouse and ask him if he could deliver a lecture to them on Irish History. We hope this serves as inspiration to our students to strive for their dreams, however big or small - because they might just happen!

History podcast competition winners!

The theme of History podcasts continued this term, with Year 12 History students creating podcasts to explore life for women in Soviet Russia.

The winner was 'Keeping Up With The Communists' by Eve, Roxy and Theo - who will be making this a termly podcast as it was so well received! They will be making use of our media studio, which has a purpose built area for podcast recording.



British Rowing visits SNS to inspire students



It was as tense as watching Oxford V Cambridge battle it out in The Boat Race this term, as British Rowing visited SNS students to inspire them to think about rowing as a sport.

In small groups, students took turns on rowing machines to complete their race, having to work together to complete the distance.

It was great fun and demonstrated to students that it is possible to pursue rowing as a hobby or potentially as a career. Further inspiration can be found in former SNS student Tess Peake, who is currently studying at Yale University on a rowing scholarship. Tess and her Team GB teammates won gold at the World Rowing Under 19 Championships in 2023.



Sixth Form students wow audience



Our Sixth Form students treated friends, family and staff to a musical masterclass this term, with a fantastic concert in our theatre.

Huge thanks to everyone who supported us and came to watch, the event was a triumph, and we are so proud of our talented Sixth Form Musicians. This was one of the last times to see Year 13 students perform as they will soon leave us for pastures new.



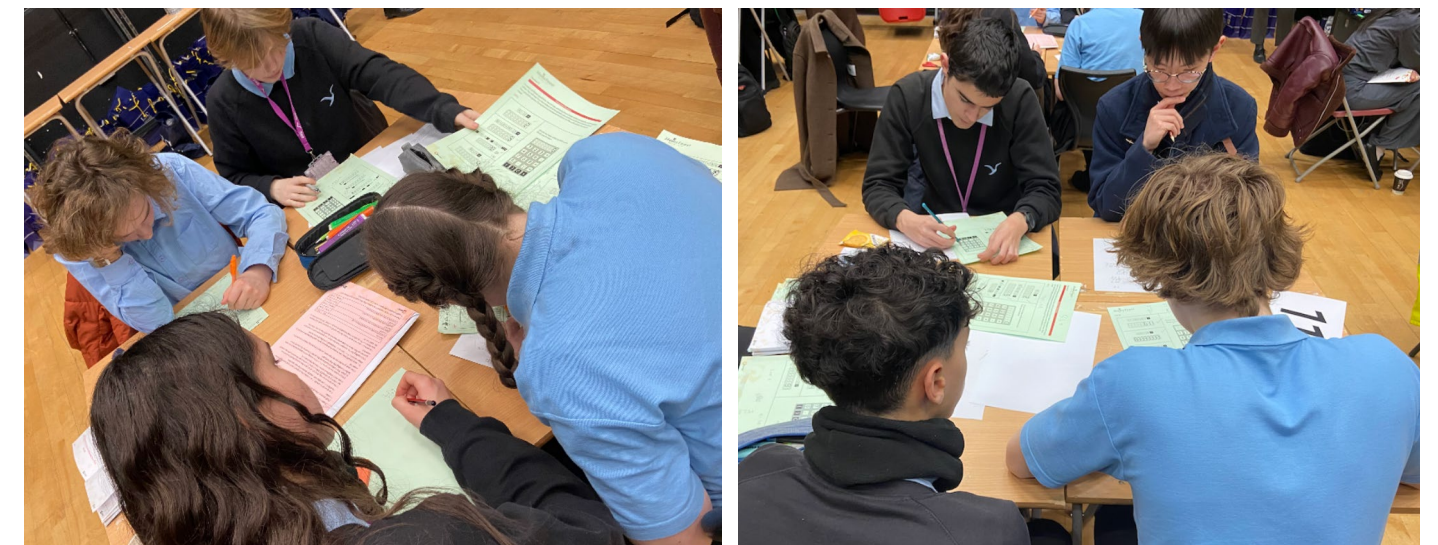
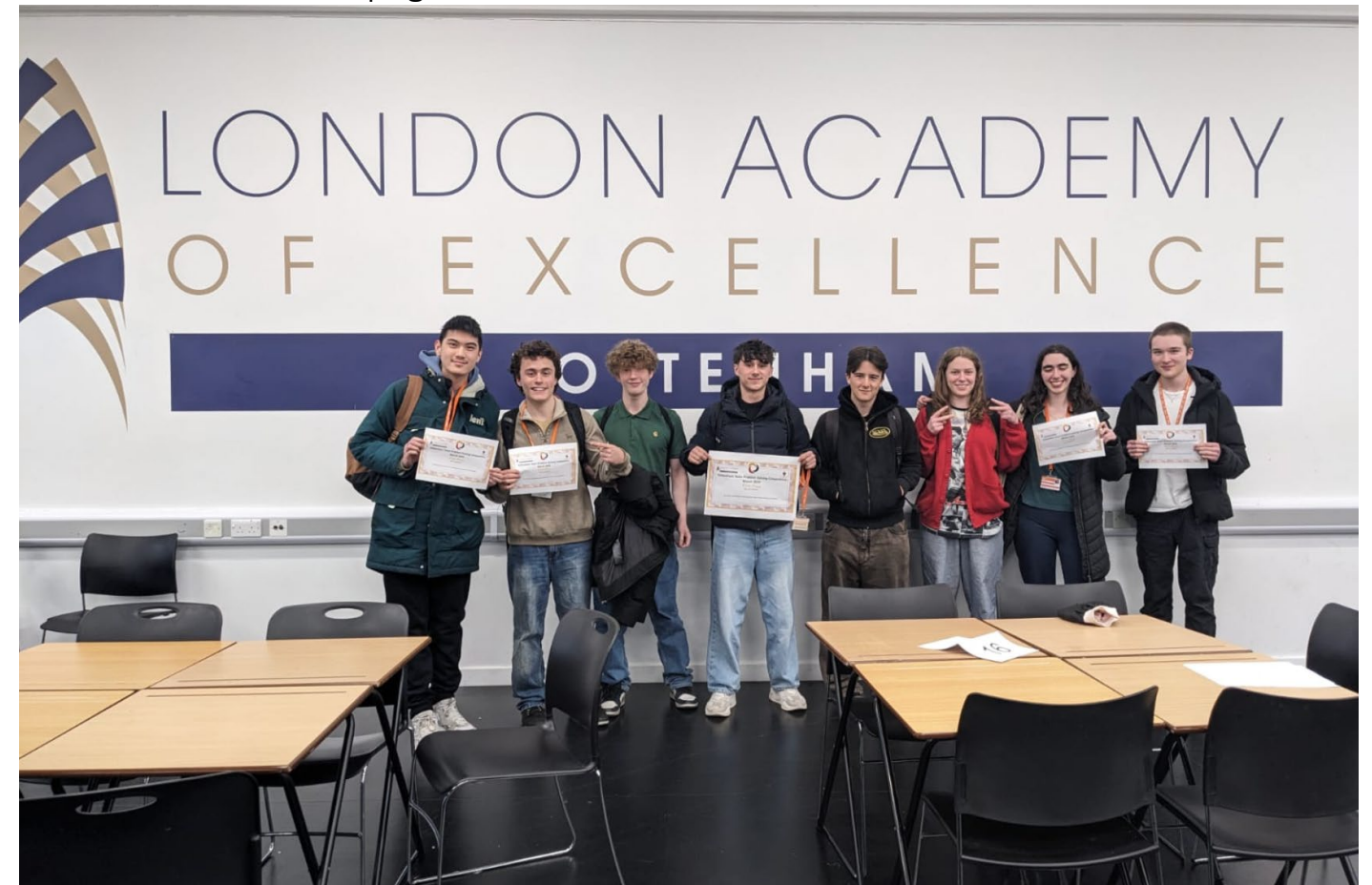
V&A East 'Your Collection' project

Mr Preedy, Ms Gillie, and students in Year 12 History were filmed and interviewed by V&A East for the 'Your Collection' project. Your Collection: V&A East in Schools is a V&A East community engagement programme initiated by director, Gus Casely-Hayford, to open pathways into the creative industries and increase access to parts of the V&A collection, by bringing objects to schools in east London.

SENIOR TEAM MATHS CHALLENGE

SNS entered two teams into the Senior Team Maths Challenge, where Year 12 students competed in teams of 4 against 25 other schools. We're pleased to say that one of our teams finished in 1st place, beating many independent schools and specialist maths schools including Kings College Maths School – an extraordinary achievement!

This demonstrates how our creative approach to teaching, not just in maths but across all subjects, really develops students' problem-solving skills in a way many other schools do not. A big well done to our maths teachers for helping to cultivate these mathematical minds!



Year 10 Maths competition - Maths Feast success!

Ms Patel took two Year 10 teams to compete at the Maths Feast on 14th February - a Maths competition competing with schools from across London - our two teams came 2nd and 8th out of 16 teams. Well done to our participating students!

SNS LitFest 2025

This World Book Day, we weren't content with simply celebrating one day. We needed more. So, our superstar librarian Ms Loy and her team organised the first ever SNS Litfest! We celebrated a whole week of books, with amazing guests on each day of the week, talking about the wonder of literature and the creative arts.

On Monday, author and illustrator, Miriam Gold visited to share the story behind her beautiful book, 'Elena: A Hand Made Life', which is all about the extraordinary life of Dr Elena Zadik – her granny. Miriam (or Ms Gold!) is also a former SNS art teacher, so it was wonderful to welcome her back and for her to see lots of familiar faces.

On Tuesday we were welcomed by author, Ben Tomlinson, who delivered a fantastic assembly to our Year 8 students. Then, it was straight into the library for a workshop on how to write a romantic comedy.

On Wednesday, we were very lucky to have actor, writer and director, Romola Garai, answer all our questions on what it's like to work in the world of acting and directing. Our Year 13 Drama students asked some great questions for our audience of Year 11s.

On Thursday, Romola visited again, this time to speak to our Year 10s.

On Friday, author Ashley Hickson-Lovence popped by to speak to our Year 9s in assembly, and then it was back in the library for a creative writing workshop. Ashley's spoken word poem about his book 'The 392' stunned both students and staff with its power.

We already can't wait for SNS LitFest 2026!



Year 11 History Trip



Eighty Year 11 students embarked on a memorable day trip to Belgium, exploring key historical sites connected to their studies of World War I. Their journey took them to the trenches, Hill 62, and the solemn Tyne Cot Cemetery. Immersing themselves in history, students had the unique opportunity to dress in period uniforms and gas masks while expert tour guides vividly described the harsh realities of life during the war.

The weather was on our side, with golden sunshine casting a poignant glow over the white stone

graves at Tyne Cot Cemetery. A particularly moving moment came when one of our students, whose relative had fought in WWI, laid a wreath on behalf of our school. We ended the trip with a visit to the town of Ypres, visiting the famous chocolate shop that has become legendary with our Year 11 students from yesteryear.

It was an insightful and deeply moving experience. Our students conducted themselves impeccably, with the tour guides praising them as a true credit to our school.

SCIENCE WEEK!



To celebrate British Science Week 2025 we have had a range of activities for each year group. Year 7 are looking forward to a Safari Session in the theatre on the 29th of April. Super scientists from Year 8 were invited to come and do exciting experiments during lunch times. We flame tested mystery solutions to identify them, made toothpaste for elephants, generated static electricity, made flames dance to heavy basslines and set a science teacher on fire!! The students in each session definitely enjoyed them, and there was a lot of interest from other

students looking through the windows as well! We took Triple Science students from Year 9 to the Science Museum this week, and Combined Science students enjoyed exciting lessons about space. Year 10 Triple Science students conducted a project to design innovative solutions to the problem of plastic waste in the ocean. All year groups took part in a science themed Kahoot! and a poster project on the theme "Change and Adapt". The winning posters will be awarded prizes in assembly after Easter.



CREATIVE DAY!

Our Creative Days are always one of the most exciting days on the school calendar, and this term was no different.

Year 7 visited a number of cultural landmarks across London including: The Design Museum, Serpentine Gallery, Science Museum, National Centre for Circus Arts, Sadler's Wells Theatre, Garden Museum, Hayward Gallery, Kew Gardens and Tate Britain.

Year 8 participated in the famous Spy Day! A day where every student becomes a spy and has to solve clues to find out which staff member is selling staff secrets! Students learned how to

crack codes, make spy gadgets and use invisible ink.

Year 9, like Year 7 were out and about in central London, enjoying what our fantastic city has on offer.

Year 10 enjoyed a pre WEX immersive experience from Ted Talks to develop their understanding of how work experience links to future career aspirations, develop their understanding of the skills and qualities employers look for.

Year 11's focus was exam preparation.



IN SIXTH FORM...

On History's Creative Day Year 12 and Year 13 History students came together for a special screening of *The Wind That Shakes the Barley* at the iconic Rio Cinema in Dalston, enriching their studies on Ireland and the Union. As they watched the powerful film, popcorn was shared, and emotions ran high, with many moved by its gripping portrayal of the Irish Civil War. In the afternoon, Year 12 students embarked on an

immersive Chinese cooking workshop, delving into the culture and cuisine as they worked in teams to create delicious traditional dishes. Meanwhile, the Year 13s were engaged in their own history skills workshop, but both year groups reunited at the end of the day for a family-style meal. They shared their freshly prepared dishes, exchanged advice, and got to know one another - a perfect way to round off an enriching day of learning and collaboration.



