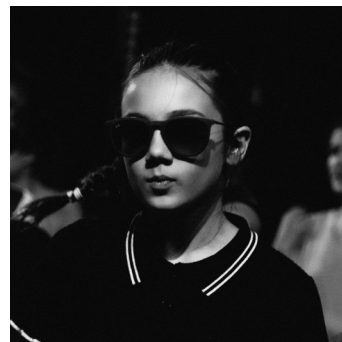
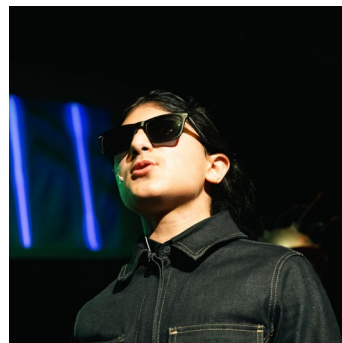
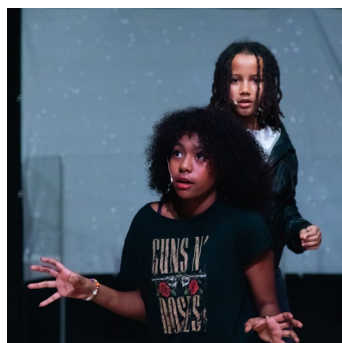
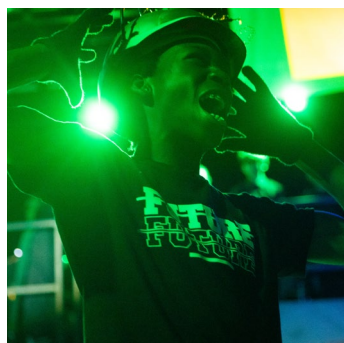




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TERM HIGHLIGHTS

Author Miriam Halahmy tells the story of Hanukkah



It was wonderful to host author Miriam Halahmy, who visited our students to teach them about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.

Miriam told the the story of Hanukkah, and lit the candles on the chanukkiyah to demonstrate how the oil lasted for eight days. Miriam then explained the accompanying blessing and even recited it for our students. It was a delightful 20 minutes in our library and our students listened impeccably.

Thank you to Ms Loy, Mr Hines, and Ms Komisarek El-Mahmoud for putting on such a great event. Earlier in the day, Miriam kindly popped into our Year 7 Religious Studies lessons to continue her teachings about Hanukkah.

Year 12 photography trip to Autograph Gallery



Our Year 12 photography students visited the incredible Autograph Gallery this week for a workshop. The students explored themes of identity, culture, and colonialism through the medium of digital photography and photo collage. Head of Art and Photography, Ms Atkinson, said: “The students were fantastic and thank you to Autograph

for helping our students experiment with new techniques and explore important themes.

“Autograph continues to give students a wonderful platform to learn new technical skills as well as deepen their understanding about race and social justice through the medium of photography.”

Stokey success at the Historical Association Great Debate 2025



Three Year 12s took part in the ‘Historical Association Great Debate 2025’ competition - the topic was the importance of private and public records.

Students competed from other academies and sixth forms from four East London boroughs - there were 20 speakers in total, and all three Stokey students delivered excellent speeches; and one of our students won and will go through to the next heat, before the final!

Ms Preedy, Head of History, said: “I’m immensely proud of our students today - they articulated their arguments really well in a very pressured situation. They were incredible ambassadors for Stoke Newington School and we’re looking forward to the next heat!”

UKMT Senior Team Maths Challenge

Congratulations to our team of sixth form students who represented the school in the regional final of the UKMT Senior Team Maths Challenge on Monday 10th November.

The students did themselves proud and worked really well as a team, pushing their problem solving skills to the limit. They finished in a very respectable 13th place out of 22 schools.

Maths teacher, Mr Anfossy, said: “I’m very proud of our students. They were fantastic representatives of Stoke Newington School and their hard work and determination to do well is testament to the great Maths department at SNS.”

Year 13 Politics Trip – Visit to the Old Bailey



On 27th November, our Year 13 Politics students enjoyed an exciting and insightful visit to the Central Criminal Court of England and Wales – the Old Bailey. Alongside observing real court cases and hearing engaging talks from two Judges, students also took part in a lively mock trial led by a KC — with their Head of Year Mr Maiden in the dock!

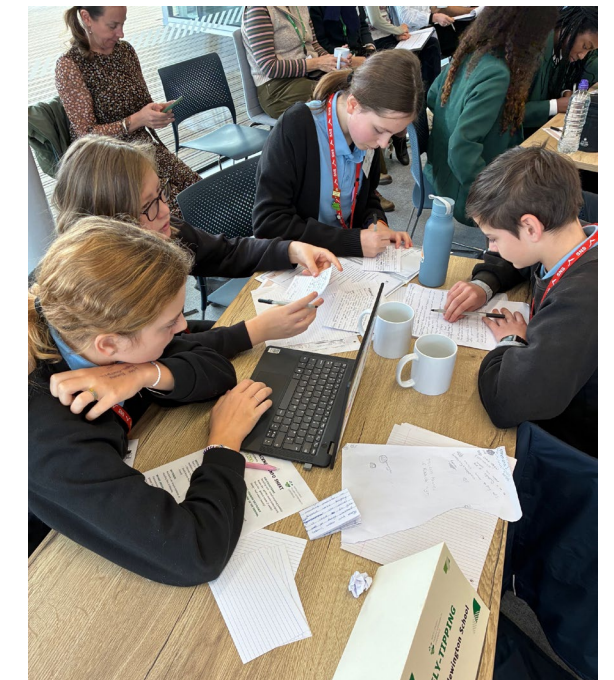
Head of Politics, Mr Harvey said: “It was a great day and a fantastic opportunity for our students - they got an insight in to the real-world workings of the justice system and the most famous criminal court in the UK.”

Textiles students visit V&A East Storehouse

Year 10 GCSE Textiles students visited the V&A East Storehouse. After a guided tour looking at artefacts that had been made using waste materials, and items of local interest, the students took part in an up-cycling fashion workshop with resident artists. The focus was waste and sustainability in fashion and textile design.



SNS at the Sustainability Conference 2025



Our Year 9 sustainability ambassadors went to the North London Sustainability Conference this term. Here's Daniel's report of the day.

We started the morning in our geography classroom. After meeting Mr Harvey, we set off together, chatting on the walk to the Overground. The journey itself already felt like a part of the trip as we saw evidence of fly-tipping from the train, and by the time we got off at Silver Street and caught the Superloop to the EcoPark, everyone was in high spirits.

We were the first school to arrive, which meant we got first pick of the pastries — a definite highlight! As the other schools joined us, the atmosphere became really lively. Lizzie from the NLWA welcomed everyone and helped organise the different groups. While the council leaders headed off to discuss the challenges in their boroughs, we got to work in our teams, exploring ideas and getting really stuck into the challenge.

The morning flew by, and after lunch we were introduced to Mete Coban, Deputy Mayor of London for Environment and Energy, who gave an inspiring speech that made our efforts feel genuinely important. Councillor Clyde then presented the awards, and it felt great to be recognised for the ideas we had come up with. We wrapped up the day with lots of group photos and big smiles all round. Overall, it was a brilliant experience — fun, interesting, and definitely a day we'll remember.



WE WILL ROCK YOU



Slade School of Art Workshop

The recent UCL printmaking workshop provided an exceptional opportunity for our Year 12 Art students to deepen their understanding of traditional printmaking techniques. The session began with students etching their own designs onto clear plates, a process that encouraged precision and creativity. Once the plates were prepared, ink was carefully applied and worked into the etched lines, then the plate went through a print press to transfer their designs onto paper. Students had the opportunity to explore the full cycle of printmaking from concept to final print expertly guided by the UCL instructors Nia and Mataio. The workshop was extremely well received, with students expressing enthusiasm and pride in their finished pieces. Overall the day was a resounding success and a valuable addition to their creative journey.



Winter Showcase!

Thank you to everyone who came to our SNS Winter Showcase 2025! It was a fantastic evening, led by our students who performed beautiful Christmas songs, sold cakes and crepes (as popular as ever!), and intricately handmade Christmas crafts. All the money raised from selling crafts and cakes will go back into school supplies for students or to charity.

Well done to our music team of Mrs Foden-Lloyd, Mr Berry and Mr Finn who, whilst being in the middle of musical rehearsals for We Will Rock You!, organised an impressive concert of Christmas songs played by students from Year 7 to Year 13.

A final big thank you for Ms Cheetham and her team for organising the whole event! Ms Cheetham said: "Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our Winter Showcase. It means a lot to see so many people supporting the school and our students. We hope you had a great evening and enjoyed all the music, food and drink, and festive crafts."



YEAR 7 TEA PARTY

Well done to all our Year 7 students who partook in the inaugural Year 7 SNS Tea Party!

Our new Year 7s hosted a tea party to celebrate their primary school teachers and headteachers. Headteacher Mrs Jaffer and Head of Upper School Mr Enebeli both gave speeches to welcome our guests, and then our Year 7s stood up and introduced their

teachers. And then the festivities started, with staff and students listening to music, chatting, and trying all the homemade bakes!

It was fantastic to see the Year 7s catching up with their favourite primary school teachers and showing off the work they've done so far at SNS.



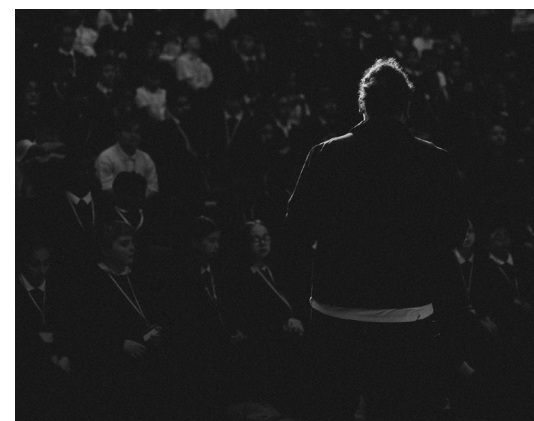
ALEX HOLMES OBE DELIVERS ANTI-BULLYING SPEECH AT SNS

As part of our anti-bullying week, Alex Holmes OBE - founder of a peer-to-peer anti-bullying ambassadors programme - visited our students to speak to them about the impact of bullying.

Alex told students the story of how he founded the programme aged 16 following his own experiences of being bullied. The programme has since trained 50,000 young people across 5,000 schools.

Alex's assembly covered all aspects of bullying, from recognising and preventing bullying, to online abuse and internet safety. He also told stories about how he taught rapper Central Cee when he was a teacher, and what it's like to meet Prince William - and even offer him advice!

It was a great assembly, and our students were excellent and engaged listeners.



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