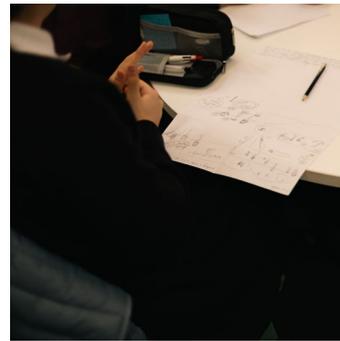




# SPOTLIGHT

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WORLD BOOK DAY + SNS LITFEST



SCIENCE MONTH

BLETCHLEY PARK



MATHS FUN



SIXTH FORM TRIPS

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## TERM HIGHLIGHTS

### SNS win big at the Hackney Music Service Gala!



We were delighted to win the 'Instrument Fund for Ensemble Development' award at the Hackney Music Service Gala on Tuesday evening; this is a £2000 grant that we intend to put towards funding a Saz ensemble at Stokey!

Our students also absolutely rocked the Empire Theatre during the Gala, performing a 'We Will Rock You' medley. Huge shoutout to Mr Stewart and Ms Bryant for their support on the night and to our fabulous students for their commitment and star quality!

### UK University and Apprenticeship Fair



During the last week of spring term, the Year 12 cohort attended the UK University and Apprenticeship Fair, hosted at Emirates Stadium.

The event had over 100 stands from a range of universities, apprenticeship providers and employers that allowed students to explore life after SNS.



### 'Girls Can! – Great Big Live Assembly'



This term, all staff and students took part in the 'Girls Can! – Great Big Live Assembly', hosted by the Sanctuary Foundation.

Together, we celebrated the courage and contribution of women and girls - reflecting on the power of voice, resilience and opportunity. The Great Big Live Assembly brought inspiration and challenge, featuring:

- A live quiz for teachers
- Shout-outs to schools across the country
- Inspiring messages from women across the UK
- A Minecraft programmer sharing her journey into tech
- A powerful and moving story from Afghanistan

It was an opportunity for our students to learn, to be challenged, and to hear real stories of determination and hope. Moments like these help to empower young people - especially girls - to speak up with confidence, pursue their ambitions, and know that their voices matter.

### Year 10 Art visit V&A East

Year 10 Art students visited The V&A East to look at the collection and take part in a workshop on Identity to support their current coursework.

It was an exciting trip to a quite amazing place and students heard how the artefacts were curated by the team, often from surprising and contemporary locations such as the Glastonbury bins and parts of a 1970's housing estate in Poplar (part of the facade of which is in the gallery).

A big thank you to V&A East for being so hospitable and welcoming!

## Year 12 Science Careers Trip Visit to St Bartholomew's Hospital



In celebration of Healthcare Science Week and British Science Week, we have been invited to an Open Day at St Barts Hospital with a focus on careers within the medical profession. This event supported students who are considering future career pathways within healthcare, medicine or the NHS.

The day consisted of presentations from healthcare scientists, hands-on demonstrations with real clinical equipment including CPR training and a behind-the-scenes look at how healthcare scientists play a vital role in patient care.

The students were great ambassadors for the school and the day proved to be a real eye opener for students, as well as very enjoyable.

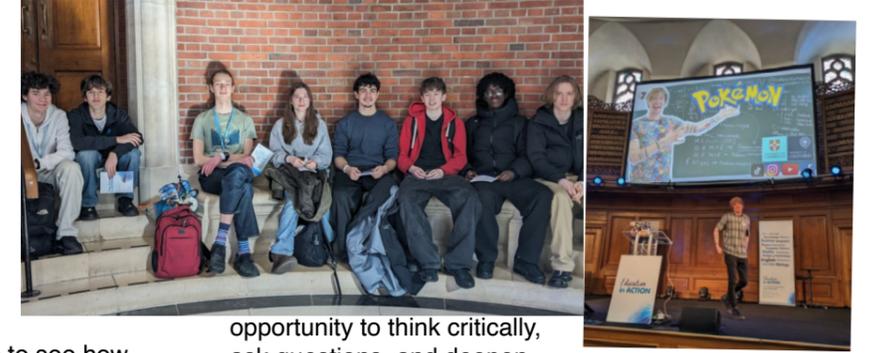
## Olé! Year 13 Spanish A level trip to Madrid

Our Y13 students had the opportunity to immerse in the Spanish culture during our trip to Madrid. They visited historical sites, museums, monuments, try fantastic food, went to a Flamenco Show, talked to locals and even learned how to cook a paella!



# It's all adding up at SNS!

We had lots of maths events this term, it was great to see students so passionate about one of our core subjects! A big shout out to our teachers for making maths fun!



## Maths in Action

Our Sixth Formers went to Maths in Action in March, giving them the chance to see how mathematics extends far beyond the classroom.

Throughout the day, they listened to engaging talks from leading mathematicians, exploring everything from the surprising patterns hidden in nature to the maths behind modern technology and decision-making. Interactive demonstrations and real-world examples helped bring complex ideas to life, and students enjoyed the

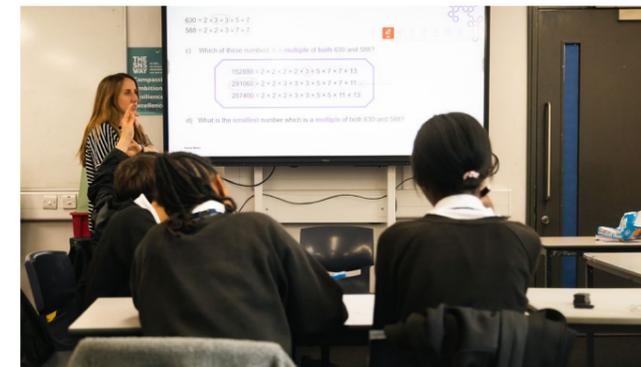
opportunity to think critically, ask questions, and deepen their appreciation for the subject. By the end of the trip, many felt newly motivated and excited about the possibilities that mathematics can offer for future study and careers. One of the highlights was definitely a fascinating talk that used Pokémon statistics and game mechanics to show how mathematical modelling and probability shape strategy and gameplay.



## Pi Day!

Wow, our students continue to surprise us every day! We marked Pi Day with a fantastic celebration of memory and mathematical magic! Our students took part in a friendly competition to see who could memorise the most digits of Pi - and the results were incredible.

An enormous well done to our Pi Day champion who recited an astonishing 345 digits of Pi from memory! She beat her previous record of 268 from last year! A huge well done to all the students who took part - whether they remembered 10 digits or 300, their enthusiasm made the day truly special. And of course, a big thank you to our maths teachers who organised the event. And an even bigger thank you to our Sixth Form students who helped record younger students' efforts from Year 7, 8 and 9. It's always great to see!



## Math Circles!

This term, our Math Circles club has been in full force! Ms Parsons runs a fun maths club where passionate mathematicians meet and take part in fun maths exercises.

The sessions are a lively and collaborative space where students from different year groups come together to explore mathematics in fun and creative ways. Older



students take on supportive leadership roles, guiding and encouraging younger members as they tackle puzzles, challenges, and hands-on activities each week. From logic games to problem-solving races and practical maths experiments, every session offers something new to spark curiosity and build confidence. The mix of ages has created a friendly, team-focused atmosphere where everyone learns from one another while enjoying the excitement of maths beyond the classroom.

# SNS Litfest!

## Celebrating World Book Day 2026!

We marked World Book Day this year at Stoke Newington School with an exciting week long programme of events, competitions, a Big Book Jumble and dressing up!

Our talented Reading Ambassadors gave an interactive presentation on their favourite heroes and villains from books to Year 8s in a special WBD assembly. Students had to vote on whether the character was

a hero, villain or even an anti-hero!

A huge thank you to the parents/carers (all published authors) who generously gave their time and shared their professional skills to run fantastic creative writing workshops and host year group assemblies. Students had fun finding out about a Y.A. murder mystery set in Iceland, working out how a character might escape from a dystopian nightmare and how to write a break up scene in a Rom-Com!



# SNS Sixth Form Annual Concert

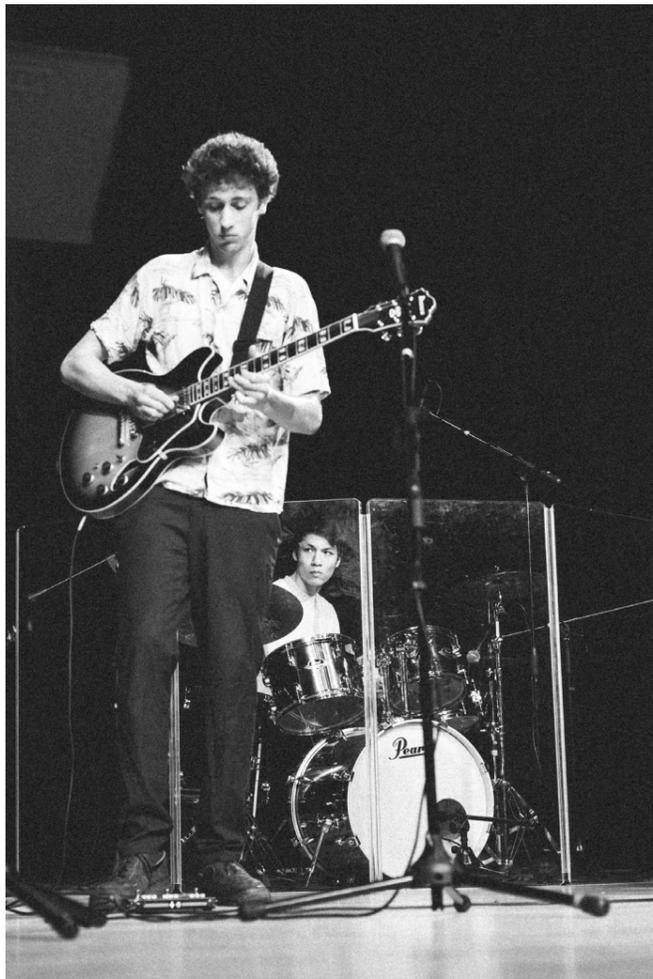
The annual Sixth Form Music Concert hit all the right notes, and for one night only, transformed the school theatre into a mini festival! Friends, family, and staff turned out in force, creating a party atmosphere that made the evening such a lot of fun.

From heartfelt solo ballads to full-throttle band covers, the night had something for everyone. Each act put their spin on their favourite songs - we heard amazing covers of Fleetwood Mac, Nirvana, Frank Sinatra and so much more.

Head of Music, Ms Foden Lloyd, said. "I'm incredibly proud of every single performer. Their hard work, creativity, and courage really shone through tonight. They absolutely lit up the stage!"

The evening wrapped with huge cheers, big smiles and a standing ovation for all staff, performers, and the tech team. If this year's concert is anything to go by, next year's audience might want to book their seats early - the Sixth Formers are clearly just getting started.





# SCIENCE MONTH!

To celebrate British Science Week 2026 our science department brought some extra creativity to a range of science themed events!

Year 7 were wowed by Safari Pete, who showed them some exciting animals you wouldn't see in Clissold Park - we saw a snake, a barn owl, a tarantula and much more!

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!!

Our GCSE science students took part in activities to aid them in their upcoming GCSEs!



## Unlocking secrets: Year 11 visit the historic Bletchley Park



Our Year 11 Computer Science students enjoyed an inspiring and memorable visit to Bletchley Park, the historic home of wartime codebreaking and a key site in the development of modern computing. Throughout the day, students took part in the full range of educational activities offered to school groups, including guided tours of the iconic locations where cryptographers once worked and hands-on workshops that brought the history of computing to life.

Students explored the exhibits and interactive experiences, bringing the history of codebreaking to life. They visited the codebreaking huts, wartime offices, and learned how the teams worked together to break encrypted enemy messages.

They also learned about the story of Alan Turing and saw the impressive Bombe reconstruction, which demonstrates how early machines revolutionised

codebreaking. Within the hands-on workshop, students tried their own code-cracking activities, used cipher machines, and engaged with practical challenges that highlighted the foundations of modern computing.

Our students were engaged, enthusiastic, and well-mannered. They asked thoughtful questions, contributed to discussions, and demonstrated an impressive understanding of the subjects explored. From learning about the achievements of codebreakers to exploring early computing machinery, the trip offered a valuable opportunity to connect classroom learning with real-world history.

A big thank you to Ms Ray-Chaudhuri and Ms Khanam for organising such a fantastic day that broadened students' understanding of the roots of computer science, and gave them a deeper appreciation of the problem-solving skills and teamwork that shaped the field they study today.

## Year 8 take part in First Give Charity Programme Final



This term, our Year 8 students took to the stage for the First Give Charity Programme Final!

Each form group delivered passionate presentations championing local charities and the causes that matter to them. Their commitment to social action was truly outstanding. A huge congratulations to our winning form,

who impressed the judges with their heartfelt advocacy for Hackney Foodbank. We're so proud of their hard work, empathy, and dedication to making a real difference in our community.

Well done to all our Y8 students for their remarkable efforts - you are change-makers in the making!



## Year 9 boys football team pull off epic comeback!

What a game! SNS Year 9 boys' football team faced Acland Burghley in the Round of 16 of the Inner London Cup – and it was full of twists and drama. At halftime, SNS were 2-0 down... not the start we wanted! But after a rallying team talk from Mr. Yates and a few clever changes on the pitch, the boys came out firing in the second half. Olu scored two brilliant goals, bringing SNS back on level terms. We even had two more goals disallowed (the referee's decision... questionable!). Extra time couldn't separate the teams, so it all came down to penalties. Tyler had a bit of bad luck hitting the crossbar with the first kick, but the team kept calm. The rest of the penalties went in, and then Lorenzo saved not one, but two penalties in a row - absolute hero stuff! The result? SNS are through to the quarter-finals of the Inner London Cup, after an incredible comeback from 2-0 down. What a performance!



## British Rowing inspires students during exciting school visit

The school was delighted to welcome the British Rowing outreach programme for an inspiring and energetic visit aimed at encouraging students to get involved in the sport.

During the sessions, coaches introduced students to the fundamentals of rowing, shared stories from the world of elite competition, and highlighted the physical and mental benefits of the sport. Students took part in fun, hands-on activities and indoor rowing challenges designed to spark interest and build confidence. As part of the programme, the coaches also kept an eye out for any emerging talent with the potential to progress towards high-level training - and possibly even future Olympic pathways. The visit left students motivated, informed, and excited about the opportunities rowing can offer.

