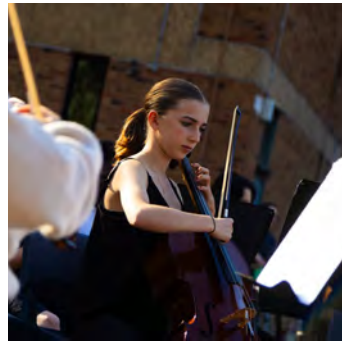
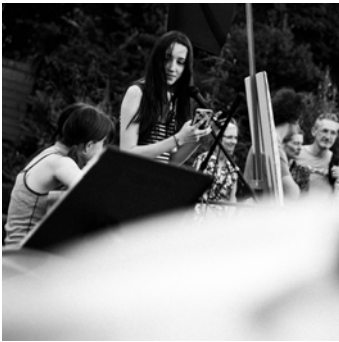




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TERM HIGHLIGHTS

Exploring tomorrow: students discover new possibilities at the Barbican!



This term, our STEAM Club enjoyed an inspiring trip to the Barbican Centre to visit *In Other Worlds* - an exhibition that invites visitors to imagine the future of humanity and consider the challenges, innovations and adventures that may lie ahead.

The exhibition featured thought-provoking displays exploring science, technology, space exploration and the possibilities of future life on Earth and beyond. Students had the opportunity to engage with a range of interactive exhibits, artworks and ideas that encouraged them to think creatively about how society might change in years to come. Throughout the visit, students asked insightful questions, took part in discussions and reflected on how advances in science and technology could shape the world they will inherit. Many were particularly interested in the exhibition's exploration of sustainable living, artificial



intelligence and journeys into deep space. The trip provided a valuable opportunity for students to extend their learning beyond the classroom and experience a world-class cultural venue. As well as developing their understanding of future global issues, students demonstrated excellent curiosity, maturity and respect throughout the day.

Dr Cooper, said:

"I was incredibly proud of how well our students engaged with the exhibition. They approached the experience with genuine curiosity, asked thoughtful questions and showed a real interest in the ideas being presented. Their behaviour throughout the trip was exemplary, and they were excellent ambassadors for the school. It was wonderful to see them embracing new perspectives and thinking so deeply about the future."

Reading ambassadors go for gold!



Congratulations to our Year 7 SNS Reading Ambassadors for completing more than eight challenges to promote reading over the last school year. Students recorded two podcasts, designed notice board displays, hosted a Year 8 World Book Day assembly - 'Heroes & Villains', produced a flyer with recommended reads for Year 6 and dramatised the Carnegie award winning book 'Wolf Siren'. A big thank you to V&A East for being so hospitable and welcoming!

Year 7 and Year 8 Interform



We had 60 Year 7 and 8 girls take part in the interform football competition this term! It was fantastic to see such high levels of engagement and enthusiasm throughout the afternoon.

We have always had strong participation in our girls football programmes and it's amazing to see that tradition continue. We look forward to seeing lots of trophies over the next few years!

Venice mask-making!



Inspired by the vibrant traditions of the Venice Carnival, the mask-making workshop was organised to celebrate Italian Language Month in May.

As is tradition, the event took place in the library and ran throughout the month. Students thoroughly enjoyed this creative experience, which concluded with Italian-style refreshments and classical music inspired by a masquerade ball. A huge thank you to the DT department for kindly providing scraps and materials for mask decoration.

SNS volleyball team heads to the beach!



Ms Ferreira's ever popular volleyball team had the rare treat of being able to play on an actual beach volleyball court this term!

It was an amazing experience for our students and they loved every second of pretending to be on the beaches of Cocacabana! Ms Ferreira said: "Taking our students



to play on a professional beach volleyball court was an incredible experience.

"For many of them, it was their first time stepping onto the sand to play, and they embraced the challenge with enthusiasm, determination, and a smile on their faces! I hope this memory stays with them for years to come."

Sixth Form Careers Network: Inspiring Futures Day

The Sixth Form hosted an incredible day of inspiration and opportunity! The energy was electric as students engaged with a wide range of professionals, gaining valuable insights into various career paths.

We were also proud to welcome back some of our dedicated alumni, who shared their journeys during and after their time at Stokey. Their stories were not only inspiring but also deeply impactful for our current students.

This event was especially important for students who may not have access to personal networks or career guidance. It provided a unique opportunity to connect, ask questions, and even secure work experience placements and professional contacts. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to making the day such a success. If you know someone who would like to support future events or share their career journey, please forward details to Leefiya Begum & Richard Maiden.



A-Level Physics students visit the department of Physics and Astronomy at UCL



This term, our A-Level Physics students visited the department of Physics and Astronomy at UCL.

As well as using industry standard X-ray and thermal imaging technology, students presented ideas in front of professors, PhD students and undergraduates.

This was the start of an extended year long collaboration with UCL which will see Year 12 students going on Work Experience to UCL, as well as early career mentoring and special sessions for science and business students on the intersection of venture capital and emerging green technologies.

London Buddhist Centre visits Year 12



Recently, our Year 12s had the pleasure of having a representative from the London Buddhist Centre visit for a Half-Day Drop Down.

Students explored Buddhist beliefs and ethics, heard a personal account of the journey towards ordination, took part in loving-kindness meditation, and discussed the life and teachings of the Buddha.

A huge thank you to the London Buddhist Centre for delivering such an engaging session; a thoughtful and enriching experience that sparked excellent discussion and reflection throughout.

A Visit to Thomson Reuters



Our Year 12 students enjoyed a highly insightful and engaging visit to the global headquarters of Thomson Reuters in Canary Wharf. The trip offered a brilliant window into the world of international media, showing students firsthand how legacy news is produced, verified, and distributed to global financial markets and newsrooms in a fast-evolving digital world.

The session was packed with practical learning. Students were given a behind-the-scenes look at the cutting-edge technology used to detect AI deepfakes and verify international sources under tight deadlines. The highlight of the day was an interactive workshop where the students stepped into the shoes of journalists, editors, and producers, getting hands-on experience in making and editing news inside a live studio environment.

Our students did SNS proud. They actively engaged with the senior editorial and corporate staff, refusing to shy away from asking hard-hitting questions about institutional objectivity, the economics of global news distribution, and - crucially - "how do I get an apprenticeship here?". It was a fantastic day out that beautifully connected classroom theory with the mechanics of a major global enterprise.

Mr Gavigan, who led the trip, praised the students for their conduct and engagement throughout the day. He said:

"I was incredibly proud of the way our students conducted themselves. They were confident, respectful and intellectually curious from the moment we arrived. The questions they asked showed real critical thinking and a genuine interest in understanding how global news organisations operate. Opportunities like this help bring classroom learning to life, and our students made the most of every moment."

Art department nurturing new generation of artists with a trip to NPG



On the 8th May, the Art department took selected KS3 students, our most improved and outstanding contributors from each class to the National Portrait Gallery. The students were exceptional, engaging confidently with a range of portraiture across different periods and demonstrating impressive knowledge, observational



drawing skills and enthusiasm. They represented the school impeccably, showing respect and maturity throughout. Stoke Newington School is clearly nurturing a talented new generation of creative thinkers who will go on to do great things.



Year 9 Peer Pressure Workshop

On Monday 20th April 2026, we were pleased to welcome The Riot Act into school to deliver an engaging workshop for our Year 9 students. The session focused on peer pressure and encouraged pupils to explore how everyday choices, influences, and social situations can impact their personal development and wellbeing. Through discussion and interactive activities, students were supported to build confidence, reflect on their values, and develop strategies for making positive, informed decisions. The workshop formed an important part of our ongoing commitment to supporting students' wellbeing and personal growth.



Year 7 mathematicians head to university!

A group of our Year 7 mathematicians were rewarded with an Axiom Maths trip to Kings College London last Friday. They are committed to attending Maths Circles every Monday after school – a challenging extra curriculum offer we have here at SNS. The visit to King's College London provided students with the opportunity to meet other young mathematicians from across the capital and experience mathematics in a university setting. They were also able to learn more about the exciting opportunities available to students who pursue mathematics beyond secondary school.

Year 10 take part in University of Cambridge Science Escape Room



To continue our celebrations of British Science Week, Year 10 Triple Science students had the exciting opportunity to take part in an escape room workshop led by Paul Elliot, an Admissions Officer from Homerton College, University of Cambridge.

During the session, students worked collaboratively to solve a series of challenging puzzles, each revealing

clues needed to crack an overarching mystery. The experience encouraged problem-solving, teamwork, and critical thinking in a fun and engaging way.

Students who successfully solve the final clue will be invited to a special celebration event in Cambridge, where they will have the chance to take part in a real-life maze experience.

Year 10 History delighted to welcome author and researcher Martin Fitzgerald



Our Year 10 History students were delighted to welcome author and researcher Martin Fitzgerald for a fascinating and thought-provoking talk on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Sharing insights from his extensive research, Martin explored one of history's most debated events, demystifying key figures such as The Umbrella Man and encouraging students to question popular

misconceptions. One of the most powerful messages from the session was the importance of not becoming too focused on individual details, but instead stepping back to understand the wider historical context and the bigger picture. Students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to hear from an expert in the field. The visit was a fantastic enrichment opportunity and complemented our Year 10 GCSE History studies on the USA, bringing the topic to life in an engaging and memorable way.

Proms - 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 we believe many of these students will go on to great things.

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, Ms Diprose, 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 evening had an extra layer of poignancy as we also said goodbye to Ms Patel, who is retiring at the end of this academic year.

The Year 13 celebration was held in the theatre and you couldn't move for the amount of students and family members crammed in - true testament to the support our students receive from their families. Our house bands were amazing and we had speeches from Director of Sixth Form, Mr Bell-Nevin, Head of Year, Mr Maiden, 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.





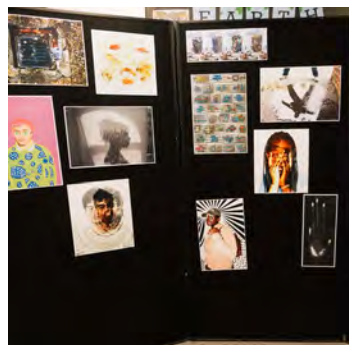




Community Evening

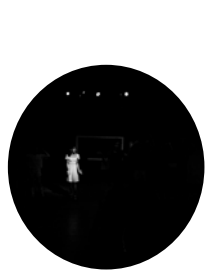
Community Evening - we just love it! It's our annual celebration of the wonderful, diverse, kind and supremely talented community that is Stoke Newington School. With dishes from around the world, made by our wonderful staff and parents and carers, our Cube playground area became a street food market. It was packed with hungry guests until all the food was gone! Our students also performed some of their favourite songs to great applause from the crowd. Thank you to everyone who came along!

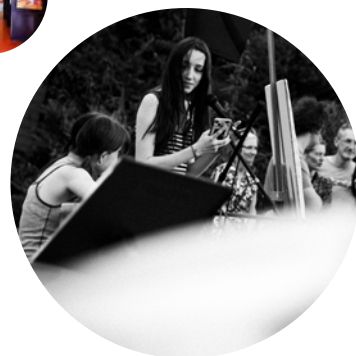
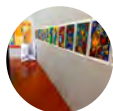




Summer Showcase

The soaring heat of the sun made for one of the best Summer Showcases in recent years! Our students were also bringing the heat with their performances and creative work - be it music, dance, drama, or the media, art and photography work on display - it was amazing. An enormous thank you to all the parents, carers, and students for coming - the Summer Showcase is truly one of the best ways to see out the summer term.

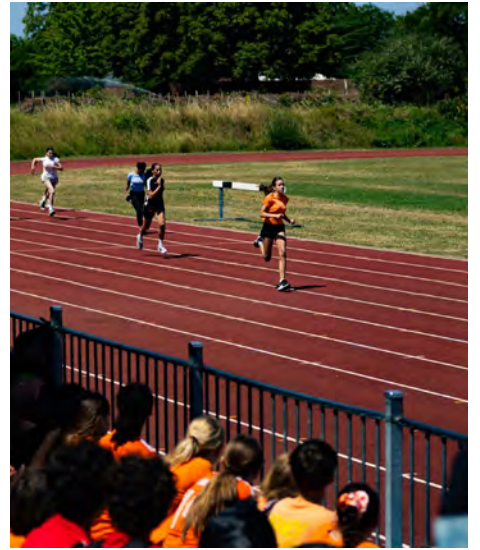




Sports Day!

Another amazing Sports Day! The good vibes were stronger than the sun. Records were broken, especially the one for the levels of decibels reached for cheering! Big shout out to the PE department for always putting on a show.





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