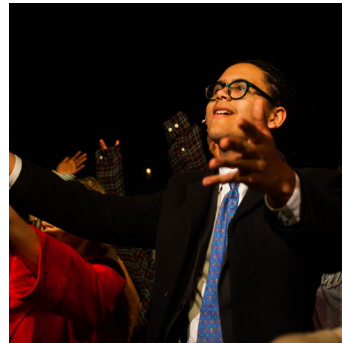




# SPOTLIGHT

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ANNIE | CHRISTMAS MARKET & WINTER SHOWCASE  
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**ON THE COVER AND BELOW:** OUR INCREDIBLE PERFORMANCE OF ANNIE

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



## TERM HIGHLIGHTS

### Edward Scissorhands at Sadler’s Wells



As the term neared to an end, a group of Year 7 students went to see Edward Scissorhands at Sadler’s Wells Theatre. As part of our partnership we get free tickets for certain shows.

### Tree of Life Projects



This term, some of our Year 7 and Year 8 students participated in the Tree of Life Project run by Growing Minds. Over six weeks students have explored their; inner strengths, roots,



experiences and aspirations in a group environment. At the end of the project, they presented their tree to friends and family - well done for speaking so well in front of lots of people!

### Schoolastic Book Fair



The Schoolastic Bookfair came to SNS! Discounted books, stationery and tote bags were all available to buy.

It was great to see so many students exciting about reading and discovering



new stories, genres, and authors. Thank you so much to all the parents/ carers who supported us by buying books - it really helps us build a better library for all our students.

### WW1 collector donates to SNS



A local WW1 antique collector kindly donated various objects for Year 10s to study up close, while studying trench warfare in WW1. Objects included trench art, embroidered postcards, shells, shrapnel, and even barbed wire from the trenches, all over 100 years old! It’s incredible to have such a supportive community helping us to give our students the best education possible.



### Year 7 Reading Ambassadors visit New Beacon Books

Year 7 Reading Ambassadors visit New Beacon Books in Finsbury Park - the UK’s first black publisher, specialist bookshop and international book distributor.

### 3G Astroturf Boot Request

We are running low on spare football boots which we lend to our students. If you do have any moulded boots which are no longer required sizes 4 – 11, please do send them into school for the PE department.

### Year 7 make shields in History



Our Year 7s created shields inspired by the Battle of Hastings - either an Anglo Saxon shield or a Norman shield!



## Year 8 Ecowarriors!



Congratulations to our Year 8 Ecowarriors who were involved in letter picking on the River Lea this term.

They were really engaged in the classroom activities on the six Rs of sustainability at the Leaside Trust then set sail to help clean up the River Lea. Favour, wrote of the experience:

“The excursion proved to be a delightful and thrilling experience. We embraced the opportunity to navigate the River Lee aboard canoes, which took us beyond our usual boundaries. Once on the water, the canoeing

expedition offered both exhilarating and calming moments, making it a truly enjoyable and serene adventure.. Anticipating more such delightful excursions in the future”

The students involved will now meet on a termly basis to discuss how they can apply some of what they've learnt to reducing their own environmental impact as part of a school community.

## Slade visit

Our partnership with Slade School of Art continues to prosper, as they led a printing workshop for our Sixth Form students this term. The work produced was excellent and students were able to experiment and learn new techniques to further their practice.



## SNS Diwali Week

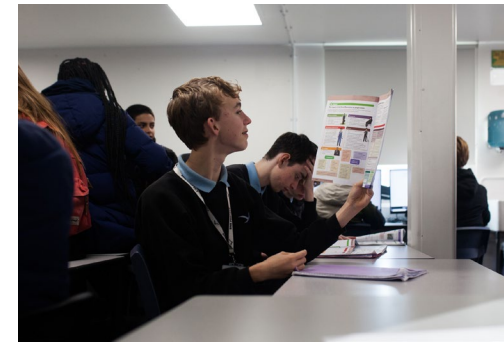


Students across year groups took part in this well-received activity supervised by peers in Year 13, Izdihar, Jemaya and Frida.

Beautifully designed Diya lights were part of the week-long mesmerising display in the Library by Ms Loy and Ms Dehon. Some students even had the opportunity to taste traditional Indian desert, gulab jamun.

For our celebratory lunch, our Catering Team cooked a delicious traditional meal. The Blue Bird Café was full of colourful light shows and music recommended by students.

## Think Tank!



This year saw the opening of the SNS Think Tank in the playground for Year 11 students only to support the lead up to their examinations. The Think Tank provides a dedicated revision and workspace for Year 11 students at lunchtime and after school until 4.30pm, and is fully equipped with thirty computers and a wider range of revision resources.

It has proved a resounding success with 40% of students using the space for homework completion, online revision through platforms like Seneca or to make revision resources such as flashcards on a daily basis. It continues to be a great way for them to spend their lunchtime focused on their learning, using the time to improve their knowledge.

Last week we also showcased 5 subject masterclasses, in English, Maths, Science, Geography and History. Teachers gave up their lunch break to deliver a 'Ted Talk' style lesson aimed at stretching and challenging their thinking and prepare them for their Mocks. The showcases were well attended by Year 11 students and showed their willingness and enthusiasm to get the most of out their teachers' expertise, even at lunch!

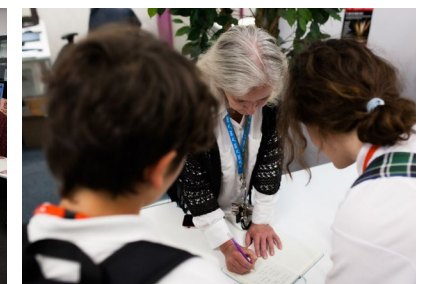
Despite the success so far, we would still want more students to take advantage of this resource, so if you feel your child is falling behind in a certain subject or wants to improve their overall grades through revision, please encourage them to use the Think Tank.

## Clubs Fair success continues all term with record numbers

At the beginning of term we held our clubs fairs for Year 7 and 8 students. There was a real buzz and enthusiasm from students for the enrichment offer that has continued throughout term - with record number of students continuing to attend clubs all term.

This year we have a huge selection of clubs on offer, over 50 different clubs, taking place before school, during lunch break and after school.

From Basketball Club to Photography club, Gardening club to Jazz band, we really do have something for everyone. All students are encouraged to attend at least two clubs to increase their cultural capital, learn new skills, broaden their hobbies/interests and make new friends.





# Annie

You're never fully dressed without a smile

Every year during our annual drama production, our students continue to surprise us with just how incredible they are throughout the process. From learning their lines, turning up for every rehearsal, to giving it their all in the final performances - they astound us with their professionalism and virtuosity. This year, we performed Annie - the tale of an orphan in 1930s USA who flees the misery of life at Miss Hannigan's Orphanage and find a fairytale Christmas with famous billionaire Oliver Warbucks.

One audience member said of the play: "The show was exceptional on so many levels and as a regular attendee to all your fantastic performances I would like to congratulate to every member of staff in your teams and students for achieving such an amazing success."

Thank you to all the parents/carers, friends, and family who came to watch the show. We hope you all enjoyed it. And well done to our students involved - you are all stars!



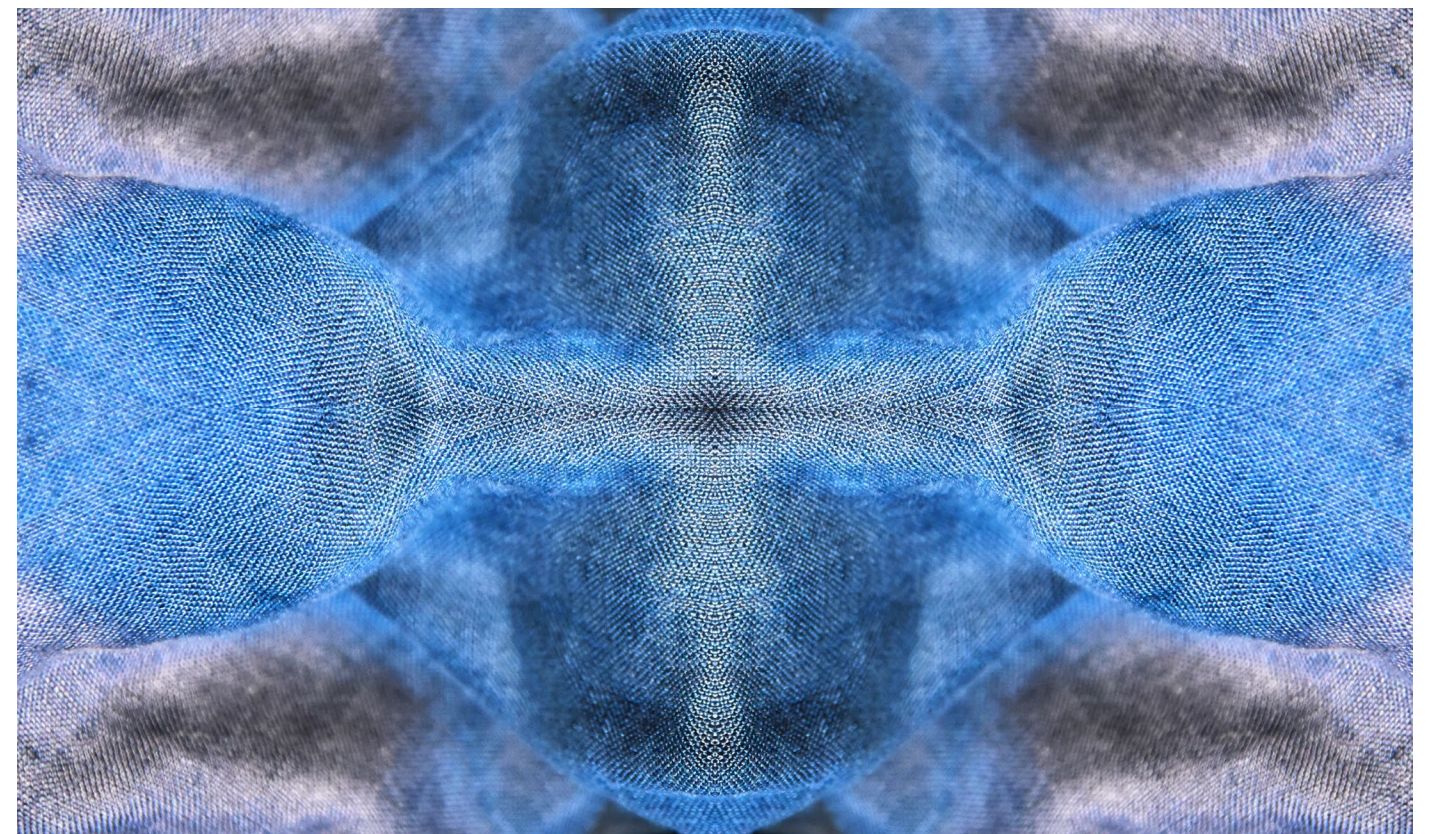
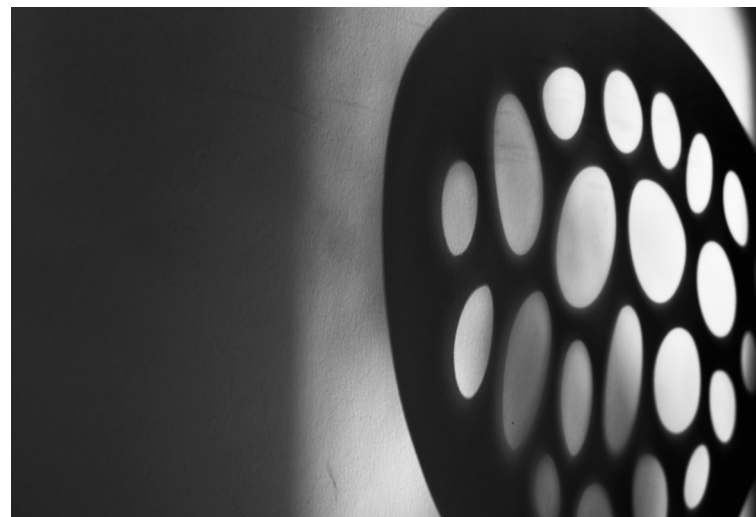
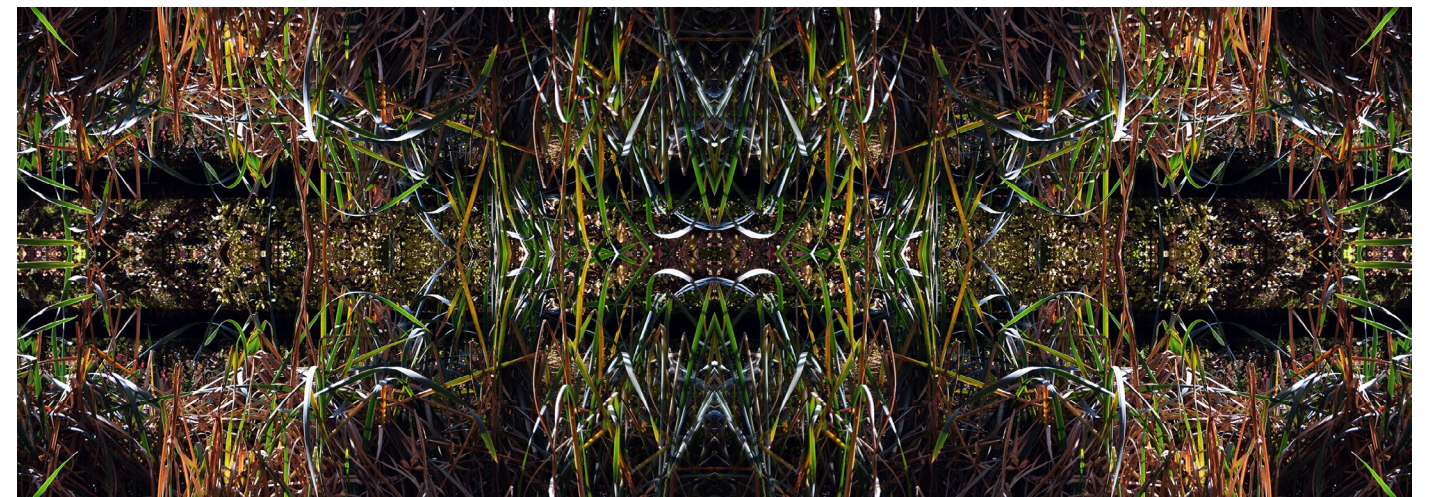
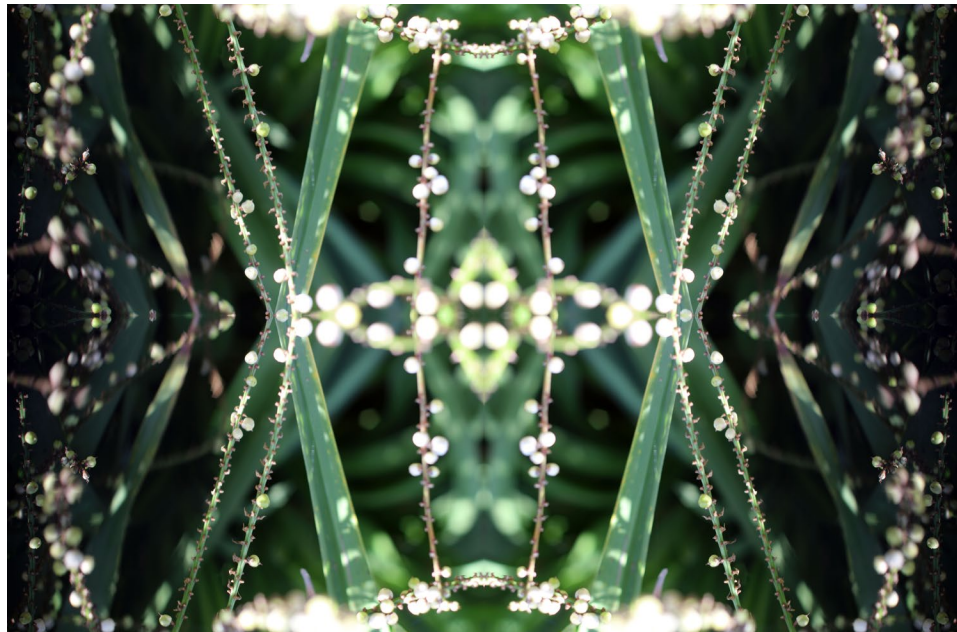


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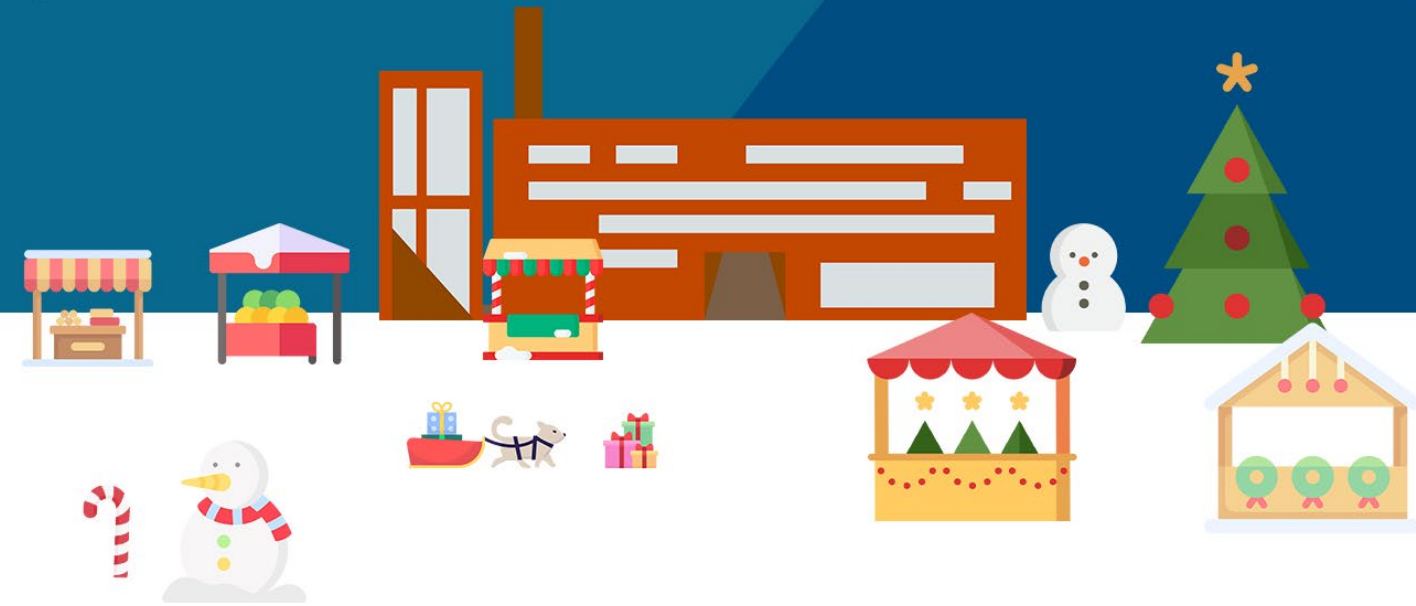
As with every issue of Spotlight, we like to showcase some of our students' excellent creative work. Here is a selection of images made by Year 9 Photography students, as they experiment with photographing texture.

# PHOTOGRAPHY





# Christmas Market & Winter Showcase



Wow! Our Winter Showcase was a great start to the Christmas season. It was terrific to have the community come together celebrating students' talent. The young people (plus a few staff!) did all the hard work: decorated the Christmas Tree in the Main Foyer, sold handmade Christmas goods in the market, and those important students and colleagues serving food and refreshments. Many thanks to those of you who attended and made the evening so special. Due to your generosity, we raised £1600!





# CREATIVE DAY

Our Creative Days are always one of the most exciting days on the school calendar. Year 7, to complement their reading of the gothic novel *Coraline*, exercised their imaginations through a variety of spooky themed tasks! In the morning they visited the local nature reserve of Abney Park- one of the Seven Magnificent London Cemeteries- for inspiration on how to describe

settings. Then they brought their ideas to life by designing and building their own creepy creatures which featured as characters in their spooky story writing. Year 8 and Year 10 students visited various cultural landmarks/venues in London. Year 9s took part in various Black History Month activities, and Year 11 did special preparation for their exams.





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