



Ernest Bevin Academy

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Newsletter



Autumn Term | Thursday 21st December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

December was another busy month as we begin winding down for the well-deserved holiday break. I would like to thank staff and students for all their hard work this Autumn term.

As the festive season approaches, we want to extend our warmest wishes to you and your families. We hope this time brings joy, laughter and cherished moments for everyone.

Christmas is also the time for giving. We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of our families supporting our local foodbanks collection. We filled 26 full shopping crates with rice, pasta, toiletries, tin foods, sweet treats, just to mention a few. These crates have been delivered to our supporting foodbanks and they have been extremely thankful for your support in these hard times.

We are proud to share that Ernest Bevin Academy has been re-awarded the Wellbeing Award for Schools (WAS). This accomplishment reflects our ongoing commitment to creating a positive and supportive environment that fosters the wellbeing of both students and staff. We are grateful for the collective effort that has contributed to making our academy a place where everyone can thrive.

Our students had the unique opportunity to visit

Downing Street. This trip was not only a reward for their hard work but also an insightful experience that broadened their perspectives and enriched their understanding of the world beyond the classroom.

This month we had our Winter Showcase. This celebration of diversity, highlights the multitude of talents that make our school community dynamic and enriching. It provides a platform for students to develop important life skills such as teamwork, communication, and stage presence. Our Winter Showcase is an opportunity for us to revel in the creativity, passion, and achievements of our students. It's a time to appreciate the individuality of each student and recognise the collective strength that makes our school a thriving centre of learning and talent.

This term we will be saying farewell to Ms Begg who we would like to wish well with her future endeavours. Ms Farrell will join us in January in the English department. Miss Young started maternity leave a few weeks ago and Ms Vazquez Losada will be teaching her Spanish classes until she returns. Mr Farah will be taking on Miss Young's Sixth Form duties.

Wishing you a wonderful December and a joyful holiday season!

Ms Dohel,
Principal

Principal's Breakfast This Month



Theme: Prepared and Organised

Key Dates

8th January Start of Term - 8.40am
8th January Year 9 Mid Year Assessments
15th January Year 8 Mid Year Assessments
18th January Year 10 Parents' Evening
22nd January Year 7 Mid Year Assessments
26th January INSET - School closed to ALL students
29th January INSET - School closed to ALL students

School News

Wellbeing Award



Wellbeing Award for Schools

The Wellbeing Award for Schools recognises the work Ernest Bevin Academy does to promote wellbeing and positive mental health. It was awarded because our vision, staff training, links to external agencies and work with students leads to a positive culture that ensures emotional wellbeing and positive mental health sit at the heart of school life.



SEND Afternoon Tea



We hosted a successful SEND afternoon tea with parents and local representatives from the SEND community. It was a great opportunity for all to meet and chat over a cup of tea and biscuits. Parents were able to share experiences and get to know each other. We had Carol Hill (from Wandsworth Local Offer) offering her expertise and showcasing what is available in the borough for parents whose children have a SEN. We were also joined by Jackie McCallum, the LA schools Inclusion advisor and Vanessa who informed us of her charity 'A2ndVoice' and showcased some resources.

ITV News Feature



At Ernest Bevin, we're committed to fostering a safe online environment for our students. Through dedicated education initiatives, we equip our children with the knowledge and skills to navigate the digital world responsibly. See our students featured on an ITN news report looking into how schools can support children to protect themselves online through education, by clicking [here](#). A huge thank you to Mr Kay and Mr Farah for organising this visit and our boys who conducted themselves professionally throughout the process.

Best Tutor Group

A massive congratulations to 8KEB for winning best tutor group of the year.



Student Stars



Congratulations

Best Uniform

We expect all our students to be dressed smartly.
We would like to celebrate the following who have received best uniform awards this month.

100% Attendance

We expect 100% attendance for all our students to help them attain their best results at school.
We would like to celebrate the following who have received 100% attendance awards this month.



Musa Year 7



Kobi Year 11



Daniel Year 11

Outstanding Behaviour

On Tuesday 19th December, 13 Blue Tie students were rewarded with a cooking session in recognition of their hard work and achievements this year. All boys involved have worked extremely hard since starting Year 8, have constantly followed all expectations placed on them and have gone above and beyond to exhibit positive behaviours.



London Coaches Program

The London Coaches Program is a new partnership funded by the Mayor of London and the National Basketball Association (NBA) and delivered by Basketball England.



MAYOR OF LONDON

Last week I was accepted to do the London coaches programme, it's a course which allows me to attain practical and applicable skills like a health and safety certification and a license to coach from the basketball England organisation. This opportunity was provided by the school, I am extremely grateful, after attending the course I will have a high level qualification I can utilise on my educas and sixth form applications. - Gavin-Lee, Yellow Tie

Well Done Gavin-Lee

Staff Stars



A massive congratulations to Mr Blakemore who has been awarded the Pride of St Helens (his home town) in recognition for climbing Kilimanjaro for cancer charity. He raised £65k with a group of friends, and was awarded the Assured Life, Charity Champion Award!

Talented Student Work

Creating artwork inspired by Sonia Delaunay
Using geometric abstraction,
exploring colour theory and composition. -
Rasheed Blue Tie

Sonia Delaunay was a French artist, who spent most of her working life in Paris. She was born in the Russian Empire, in the area which is now Ukraine, and formally trained in the Russian Empire and Germany before moving to France and expanding her practice to include textile, fashion, and set design. She co-founded the Orphism art movement, noted for its use of strong colours and geometric shapes, with her husband Robert Delaunay and others. She was the first living female artist to have a retrospective exhibition at the Louvre in 1964, and in 1975 was named an officer of the French Legion of Honor.



Christmas card competition entries



Our Christmas card competition entries for a United Learning Competition. Well done to everyone who took part.

Yellow Ties Christmas Lunch

Our Yellow Ties, were treated to an extra special Christmas lunch with all the trimmings . The boys enjoyed pulling crackers and time with just their year group, tutors, and head of year.



Trips

Downing Street



We were very fortunate to be invited by the Naz Foundation legacy along with some other schools to 10 Downing Street for a Q&A with Myles Stacey OBE. Our boys represented themselves and their school superbly, asking well-considered questions and being inspired by Myles' journey and experiences. As one student said, "it was a day I would never forget". What a fantastic, memorable opportunity for our young people.

"When Ms Patel told us about the trip, I was really excited. However, I couldn't believe that it was happening. On Tuesday 5th December, we set out on an 'adventure'. We took the underground and once we got to Trafalgar Square, I was given a map to get us to Downing Street. Once we were there we had to go through security. This was quite a strange experience, anything metallic had to be checked. Ms Patel was told that we needed to knock on the door. We were greeted by Myles Stacey (a special advisor) and Larry the cat. We had a nice tour of Downing Street and Rishi Sunak walked past! We got to see a painting worth £25 million, by British artist William Turner. Our meeting with Myles Stacey was mainly about his upbringing and political journey. Overall, it was an incredible experience." – Kwasi Red Tie.

"When I went to 10 Downing Street, I was intrigued by the fascinating paintings on the wall, they were exquisite and extremely expensive, and one was worth 25 million pounds. Myles Stacey gave us a tour of the place and he introduced us to the different rooms, for example the 'White Room' where international meetings between Prime Ministers and Presidents take place." – Ryad, Blue Tie.

"On Tuesday 5th December. I was selected to go to 10 Downing Street. When Ms Patel told me that I was chosen, I was really excited and extremely grateful for this once in a lifetime opportunity. We left school by walking and using the underground. Once we arrived at 10 Downing Street, we were amazed. Ms Patel got to knock on the door! The inside of 10 Downing Street was filled with expensive paintings and portraits. After we admired everything, including Larry the cat. We met Myles Stacey, special advisor to Rishi Sunak. He told us about the life of Downing Street, while we asked him some questions. After Q&A was done, we got a mini tour around the house, and even got to go inside the 'White Room.' " – Robin, Blue Tie.

Aiming for A



At EBA, we believe that education is the first step for people to gain the knowledge, critical thinking, empowerment and skills they need. At the heart of our curriculum are our students.

We run an initiative called Aiming for A which offers wrap-around support for students targeted level 7 and above at GCSE and A and above at A-level.

This month's students were treated to a special EBA screening of Polar Express at the Clapham Picture House.



Careers



Our Purple and Green Ties were visited by Howden Insurance last week for our career talk about working in insurance. Our students were super eager and asked loads of questions about the world of insurance. Some of our inquisitive boys were also rewarded with Howden merchandise! Thank you to all involved and to Matt Hillier and Woj Olejniczak for coming down to speak to our students.

Careers - Q+A Session

A Red Tie student with a keen interest in becoming a chef when he finishes school, had the opportunity to interview the chef and café owner at Home Café in Earlsfield, to find out what it takes to make it in the hospitality industry.



Interview with Asher (chef) at Home Café in Earlsfield

Q. How long have you been in the restaurant business?

A. I've been in the business for around 15 years now.

Q. What do you enjoy about the business?

A. I'm passionate about food. I enjoy cooking and working in a team. I also love interacting with the people that I cook for. It's an open kitchen so it's great to get instant feedback from customers – which is usually positive.

Q. What is your favourite dish to cook?

A. I like to cook new things and to cook with and try out new ingredients.

Q. What's the most popular dish that you sell

A. In Earlsfield, customers particularly seem to like anything with aubergine in it!

Q. If you weren't doing this, what would you be doing?

A. I would like to have been a musician or basketball player!

Interview with Meg (owner) of Home Café in Earlsfield

Q. What made you want to open a café?

A. I used to work in Ikea, and I decided I wanted to do something that brought people together. The money we make in the café helps different people to come together who might be feeling a bit lonely. We serve them a meal, but it's a bit strange to sit with strangers and eat, so we organise activities for them to do together to help them get to know each other and to feel more comfortable, such as collaging, knitting etc.

We also run an independent foodbank, which was set up in 2013 and is part of the Independent Food Aid Network (IFAN), to help people experiencing crisis, through poverty, in our local area. We partner with schools in the local area to collect donations, especially at this busy and sometimes difficult time of year.



Jack Petchey - Speak Out Challenge



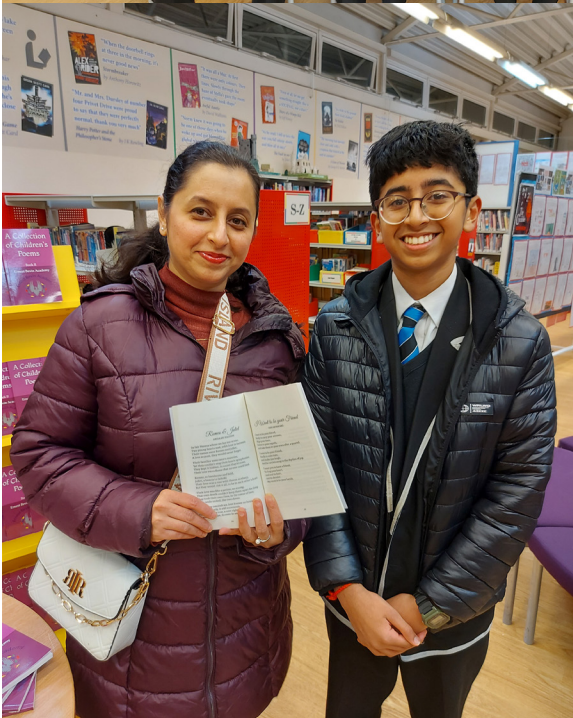
This month our Green Ties were given the opportunity to take part in a series of workshops delivered by the Speakers Trust and the Jack Petchey Foundation.

The Speakers Trust and the Jack Petchey Foundation have been delivering Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge! since 2006. Since its inception, this programme has transformed hundreds of thousands of young lives – helping students to find their voices and show their capabilities to their peers and communities.



Book Launch

This Tuesday saw the launch of our second book of poems by our talented EBA students. The event was filled with creativity and positivity, as students read their poems with a great sense of pride. A massive thanks to all who were involved making this evening special. We would also like to say a big thank you to Ms Begg for all her hard work arranging publishing of our poets. Our famous poets were also on hand to take autographs of their works.



The Phoenix by Robin -
Extract from A Collection of Children's

*The Phoenix is one of a kind,
One that has a majestic mind,
Its fiery, blazing wings takes it to the sky,
Just like how high we should be aiming
for.
Soaring into the heavenly clouds,
Leaving fresh, scorching feathers
floating to the crowds....*

A Collection
of Children's
Poems

Book II

Ernest Bevin Academy

Ernest Bevin Academy



EBA's second poetry book are on sale now
for £5.00!

They can also be purchased
from Amazon - Scan the QR
code to get yours now! or click
the [link](#) or via the school office



Passing Out Parade

This month saw our annual EBA CCF Passing Out Parade which took place in front of parents and family members. The Passing Out Parade is time to award and congratulate our cadets for their progress and efforts throughout the year. We were also fortunate to have a visit from the Mayor of Wandsworth Ms Juliana Annan who came to inspect our cadets. After the ceremony our cadets demonstrated life as a cadet.

Thank you to all who came along to support the pupils on this special occasion.



Sixth Form Open Evening

On Thursday 7th December, EBA Sixth Form hosted another successful open evening. It was an evening filled with enthusiasm, engagement and a strong sense of community as prospective students and their families gathered to learn more about the exciting opportunities available in our Sixth Form.

Throughout the evening, attendees had the opportunity to explore our facilities, including well-equipped classrooms, and dedicated study spaces. They also had the chance to see the exceptional work produced by our current Sixth Form students, with impressive displays showcasing their academic achievements and extracurricular accomplishments.

Our visitors also had the chance to engage with our current Sixth Form students, who willingly shared their own journeys, offering invaluable advice and perspectives on life in our vibrant and inclusive community.

A massive thank you to staff and Year 12 students who helped at this event.



Fundraising - Jolly Jumper Day



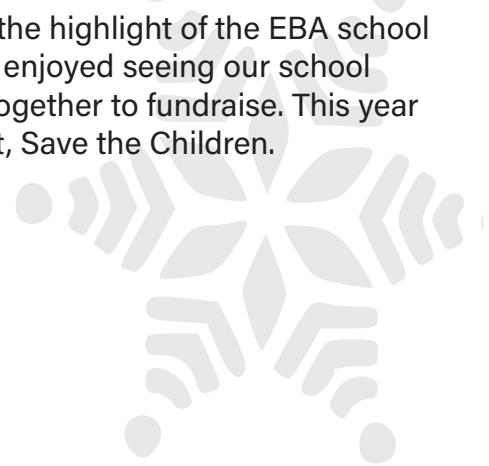
THANK YOU!

 Save the Children

**This Jolly Jumper Day
we raised £70.14!**



Jolly jumper day is the highlight of the EBA school calendar. We really enjoyed seeing our school community come together to fundraise. This year we proudly support, Save the Children.



Winter Showcase

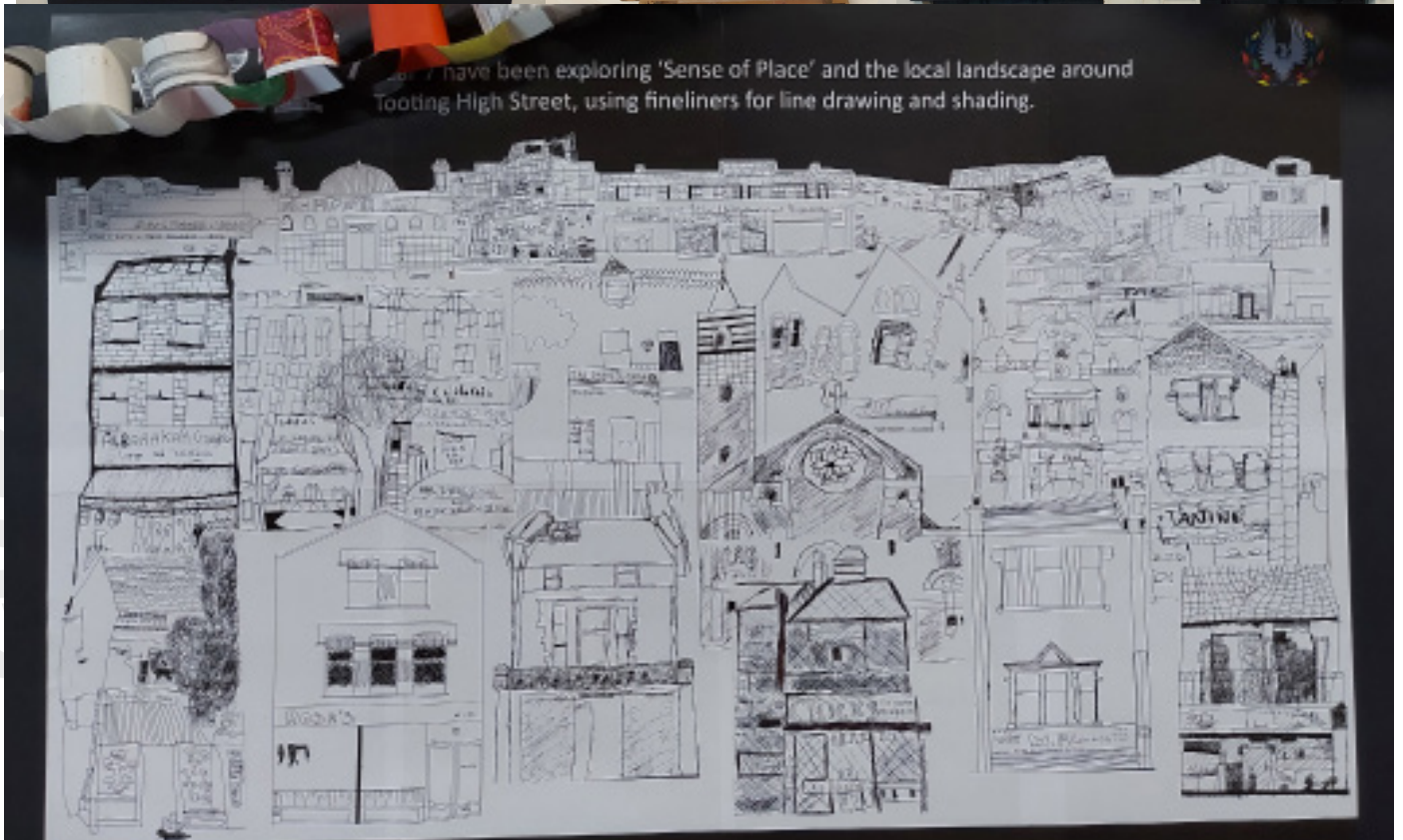
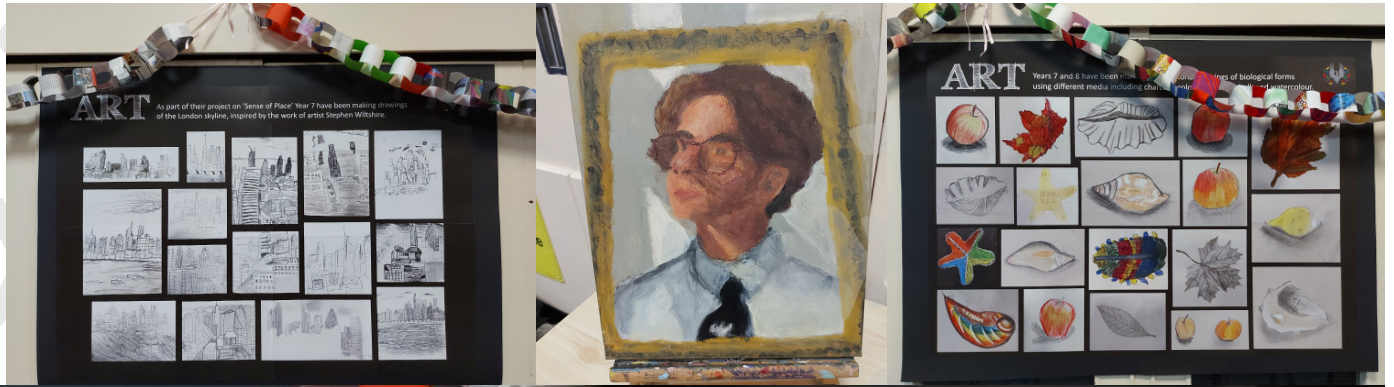
On Thursday 12th December, the Creative Arts Department successfully ran their annual Winter Showcase. With almost 50 students taking part, either by playing an instrument, acting or representing Art with work on display, the event was the best one yet. We would like to congratulate all the students involved and to thank all parents and staff that attended to watch the event.

If you wish for your son to take part in instrument lessons, please do contact the school to leave a message with Ms Beddoes.

Behind the Scenes



Showtime



Sports Round-up

Football Focus

Ernest Bevin Blue Ties football team recorded a comfortable 6 - 2 win away at Southfields Academy on the 12th December. After initially going behind, 2 goals a piece from Freddie and Isra followed by goals from Malick and Ibrahim rounded off a great performance. Solid defence from captain Elijah and left back Franky helped us to victory. Well done boys!



Volleyball Friendly

At the end of October we hosted a friendly tournament with Archbishop Tenison's school organised by John Lowney our Volleyball coach.

Developing volleyball through inter-school friendlies plays a pivotal role in nurturing a passion for the sport among our EBA students. These friendly competitions provide a platform for students to showcase their skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship, instilling values that extend beyond the volleyball court. As we engage in regular inter-school matches, a healthy competitive spirit emerges, motivating players to continuously improve and reach their full potential. The exchange of strategies, techniques, and experiences during these friendlies contributes to the overall growth of volleyball programs at EBA.

Many of the skills the students learn on the court will be skills they use for life.



Community Work

Thank you so much for all your generosity supporting this year's chosen Foodbanks - Earlsfield Foodbank and Tooting Community Kitchen. We filled over 26 shopping crates. A big thanks to our amazing school ambassadors who were instrumental in driving our students to bring in donations.



Tooting Community Kitchen



Earlsfield Foodbank



Odd Socks Day



A massive thank you again for all the donations to Tooting Community Kitchen for odd socks day. We managed to raise £123. Your money will be used to buy treats for those who use this valuable service.



Purple Tie Graduation Fundraising

Our Purple Ties have started fundraising for their end of year graduation. This week they have been busy baking cakes for their bake sale this Wednesday. Everything was sold out and they raised over £100.



Curriculum Focus

Food Tech



"Over this term, I have been working with Ms. Patel in Food Tech. We've been learning about food hygiene and kitchen safety. So far, I have learned how to make a fruit salad, practising our chopping skills. We made bread rolls, stir fry, scones, and pizzas as part of our assessment. We also made chocolate chip biscuits. We made pasties which my family said was amazing. I enjoy Food Tech. as I like to impress my family with my cooking skills (and I like to eat my food as well)" - Emile, Yellow Tie



8 REASONS TO TAKE A SHORT WALK

by @inner_drive | www.innerdrive.co.uk

- 1. IMPROVES HAPPINESS**
- 2. INCREASES ATTENTION**
- 3. INCREASES SELF-ASSUREDNESS**
- 4. REDUCES ANXIETY**
- 5. REDUCES ANGER**
- 6. REDUCES BOREDOM**
- 7. MAKES YOU FEEL CALMER**
- 8. BOOSTS YOUR CONCENTRATION**



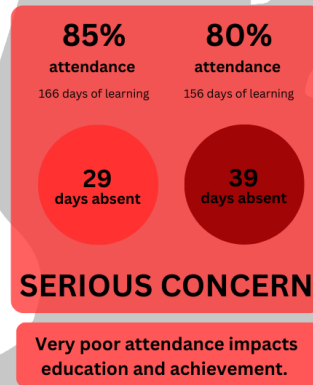
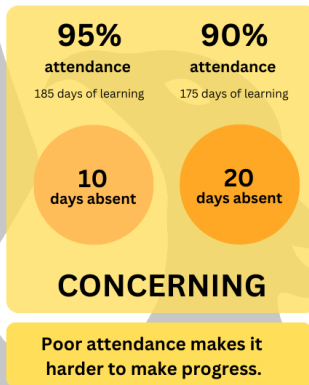
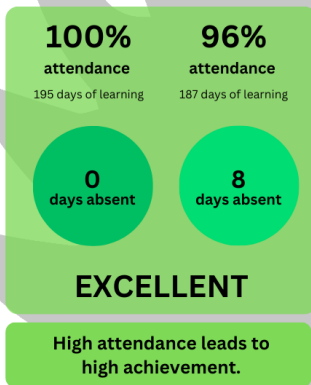
Parent Notices



Parking Notice - Polite Reminder

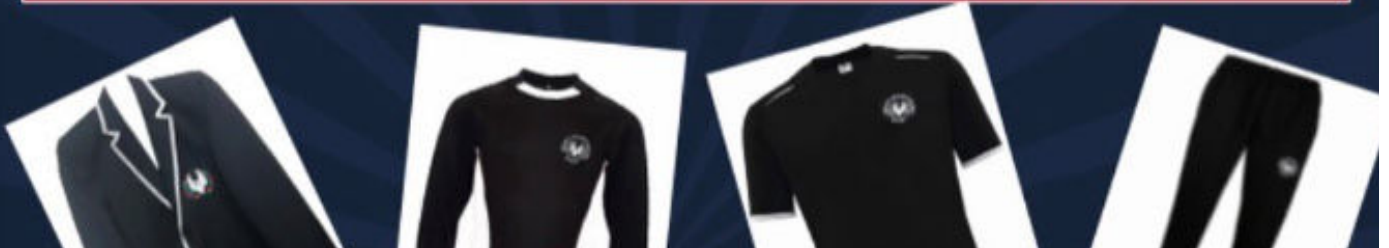
We kindly request that you refrain from parking on the single yellow lines outside the school premises. We've received complaints from local residents about this issue and it is causing significant concerns. Not only does it inconvenience our neighbours, but it also poses a safety hazard by blocking emergency exits and impeding access to car parks. Your cooperation in adhering to parking regulations outside the school is greatly appreciated and will contribute to a safer and more considerate environment for everyone.

What is Good Attendance?



PLEASE DONATE YOUR PRE-USED GOOD QUALITY UNIFORM

UNIFORM DRIVE



Pre-loved Uniform Wanted

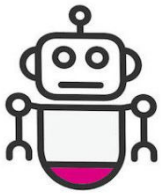
If you are having a clear out over the holidays, please can you donate any good quality clean outgrown uniform via the collection drum in reception or ask your son to bring the uniform items into the main office. We are keen to help families and the environment by finding homes for outgrown uniform.

Everything from ties to PE tops are welcome! We are particularly keen for large trousers.

Community Notices

**WE'RE GOING FOR 2025
LONDON BOROUGH OF CULTURE**

Let's do this together.
Support our bid at wandsworth.gov.uk/culture



75%

of **ALL MATERIALS**

in old electrical items

**CAN BE
RECYCLED!**

Unwanted cables
stashed away in
UK homes could
circle the Earth

**MORE THAN
5 TIMES**

recycle
your
electricals



Tickets
available from
£11 + fees

**PETER
PAN
THE PANTO**

December
16th – 23rd
Wandsworth Civic Suite

Join our
adventure
and book
here before
we sell out!



SW – South West Basic Command Unit

Date: 15th December 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Please can you help us to help you?

I wanted to write to you regarding our focus on school and youth aged robberies in the local area of Wandsworth. I am really pleased and proud to be able to report that we have made significant reductions in reported crime over the last twelve months. Wandsworth borough has recorded outstanding reductions more than anywhere else in London in both robbery and burglary offences. We are also shown as the top borough in relation to trust with the public which is testimony to the relationships we have fostered with all our external partners and you the public we serve. I want to thank you all for the guidance and advice you have shared with the children under your care, as without this I have no doubt we would not have achieved such amazing results.

The South West police command area remains as the safest of all London Boroughs, however we must still remain vigilant and as such I would like to remind you of some ways in which you can continue to help. I would like to focus on robberies as this is an area we can all help with. The peak times that robberies occur are between 3pm-5pm (during term time) which obviously correlates directly to school dispersal times.

So here is where you can help!

Your local police are currently taking many active steps to prevent any further robberies and bring offenders to justice. Some of these tactics you may notice, such as increased after school patrols in specific crime hot spots, more engagement with our local communities, researching and looking to find safer routes from school to transport hubs. Others may not be quite so obvious, such as plain clothed police officers patrolling in unmarked marked vehicles and an increased use of covert CCTV. We are also working closely with second hand shops, phone unlocking services and similar outlets where historically offenders have targeted to sell on stolen items. In addition, our Safer School Officers are working directly with schools giving presentations on various topics tailored to each year group, including Personal Safety. They also conduct follow up visits at school with any victims of robbery.

There are some simple steps children can take to make themselves less vulnerable to crime. One of the most effective methods is as easy as just keeping desirable property out of view when on the streets and to always remain vigilant. The wearing of earphones/buds and looking at mobile phones sadly causes two issues. Firstly, it can distract the wearer from what's going on around them, but secondly it highlights they are likely to have high value items which are easy to steal and easy to sell. Please ensure that your child/children stick to routes that are busy, endeavour to stay with groups of trusted friends, choose a route that has good street lighting and ideally with local shops. Remind them that the short cut down the dark alley may well save 5 minutes but it is not worth the additional risk. Empower and reassure them that if they feel uneasy or threatened in any way to go into a shop or approach an adult and ask them to phone the police.

However most importantly of all, make sure that they understand that if they are threatened for their property to simply hand it over. It is far better to lose personal possessions than to be injured trying to keep them.

Be aware of your surroundings

- If you need to call or use your phone on the street, look out for anyone on a bike or a moped near you. Look up, look out.
- Make it quick so you don't become distracted.
- Don't text while you're walking – you won't notice what's going on around you.

- If that's not possible, stand away from the roadside, close to a building or wall, so no one can come up behind you.
- Going hands-free can prevent a thief from snatching your phone out of your hand.

Use security features on your phone

- You must switch on your phone's security features to protect your phone.
- Use the keypad lock so that thieves cannot immediately access your phone, or use the biometric authentication if your phone has it (fingerprint or facial recognition).
- Your phone may have other security features you can use – these could allow you to wipe data, lock your handset, or prevent a thief from restoring a phone to its factory settings from another internet device.
- Consider installing an anti-theft app. These can be an effective way of helping police trace your phone and identify the thief.

Know how to identify your phone if it's stolen

- Every phone has an IMEI number which helps police and insurance companies to identify it if it's stolen. UK network operators can also stop a stolen phone from working across their networks with its IMEI.
- Find your IMEI number by dialling *#06# from your phone and keep a written note of it; if the phone is stolen, report the number to your mobile provider to stop it being used.
- Register your valuables on an accredited property database.

I would like to encourage parents and students to report any incidents to police as well as any information that could lead to identifying any suspect(s). If an incident is happening at the time or has just occurred, please call 999 immediately (get someone near you to do this if your phone has been taken). This gives us the best chance of apprehending the offenders and is the most effective way of reducing robberies. I do understand that students can be quite scared as offenders often make threats, please rest assured that we are sensitive to this and have procedures in place to reassure and safeguard victims and witnesses. If a student is scared and does not want to talk directly with us, then I would encourage them to report the incident to [Fearless.org](https://www.fearless.org) who will provide police with an anonymous report.

I would also encourage every parent and student to look at the following:

- www.immobilise.com (register any personal items for free and increase your chances of having it returned if it is ever lost or stolen.)
- Panic Guard app (this app allows the user to create safe routes monitored through GPS, to record audio and video discretely and upload it to the cloud if an incident occurs) (Flyer attached)

I understand this letter may indeed worry you, but please remember that the fear of crime is far, far greater than the risk of becoming a victim of it. The South West remains the safest area of London in relation to personal robberies and we remain committed to working with our local communities in reducing crime across all four Boroughs.

Yours Sincerely,

Craig Baker
Wandsworth Youth Engagement Acting Police Sergeant