

Super Learning Day!



By Zara Islam - Media & Marketing Manager

Super Learning Day on Wednesday 21st March 2018 saw over 15 trips go out across all year groups. Students participated in a range of cultural and educational experiences, from watching theatre productions, visiting places of worship to going to the Tower of London.

Year 7 students spent the first half of the day at the Tower of London where they visited the Crown Jewels and the Bloody Tower. Some students were even brave enough to take a picture with the ravens that guard the towers! The second half of the day was spent at the theatre where our students were lucky enough to watch a matinee showing of *Wicked!* It was an amazing production which had all our students singing by the end!

Year 8 students were in school for their Options Consultation Day, which was held in the Library. There were also various Careers and University Stalls, including stalls from St Mary's University, Kingston University, Canary Wharf Group and Thinkforward. Information and guidance during the option choosing process was provided.

Year 10 students were split into groups, getting the fantastic chance to visit Goldsmiths University, Westminster University and visit various museums including, the Science Museum, the V & A and the Natural History Museum.

Half of our Year 11 students visited London Zoo while the other half spent the day in Greenwich visiting the Cutty Sark, the Royal Observatory and the Maritime Museum.

Our sixth form students also had a busy day, with Year 12 visiting various places of worship, including Notre Dame Church, a Mandir and London Fo Guang Shang Temple. Year 13 students took part in some exciting teambuilding activities at Go Ape and one group visited a West End theatre!

A massive thanks to all those who helped and took part, especially to Mr Gardner, Mr Lee and Ms Khatun, who organised the whole day. We cannot wait for what Arts Week has in store for us!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 16th Apr

**Start of Summer Term
Late start for students - 9.30am**

Wed 18th Apr

**Year 10 Parents/Carers' Evening
4pm-7pm**

Fri 20th Apr - 22nd Apr
**Year 9 Boys Residential
(Selected Students)**

Mon 23rd Apr
**Year 11 Parents'/Carers'
Information Evening
3.45pm-5.00pm**

Fri 27th Apr - 30th Apr
**Year 7 Girls Residential
(Selected Students)**

Mon 7th May
**Bank Holiday
School Closed**

Mon 28th May - Fri 1st June
2018
Half Term Holiday

FEATURE POEM

The Rose Family

The rose is a rose,
And was always a rose.
But the theory now goes
That the apple's a rose,
And the pear is, and so's
The plum, I suppose.
The dear only knows
What will next prove a
rose.
You, of course, are a rose -
But were always a rose

By Robert Frost





By Rebecca Roberts
- Deputy Leader
of Learning in KS3
Science

World Book Day Parade!

By Diane Wells -
Library Manager

World Book Day is something we love to celebrate and this year was no exception.

Staff members dressed up as characters from Peter Pan, The Wizard of Oz, Holes, An Inspector Calls, 1984, Pinocchio, Dracula and many more.

We had a costume parade during break-time where students tried to figure out which characters and books were being represented.

The students commented saying how much fun it was trying to guess who's who! We all look forward to next year.

The 'Heart' of Science

Year 5 students from the East 1 Partnership Schools visited Swanlea School in March to experience science in a secondary school environment as part of Science Ambassadors' Day.

Students carried out a range of experiments to become expert ambassadors. Some of the experiments included cutting up hearts and finding out how they work, learning about acids and alkalis and so much more!

They then went back to their respective schools, with goody bags containing the equipment needed, to teach the rest of their class how to carry out the investigations.

Thank you to the Swanlea Science department for organising and supporting the day!



By Diane Wells -
Library Manager

Bali Rai Visits Swanlea!

After a year and a half of waiting, Bali Rai finally visited Swanlea School and it was a great experience! Due to his incredibly busy schedule, we booked his visit in October 2016 and the earliest date he could make was March 8th 2018.

Bali made the students feel at ease as soon as he met them, lightening the mood and talking about his own childhood.

He focussed on the importance of reading and how his love for reading helped him be the person he is today- a very successful author with 43 books published.

The students had so much fun and started picking his books off the shelves once Bali Rai left!



Swanlea Speak Out!

By Margaret Williams -
Senior Leader

Well done to Alina Shafiq, 10W, for representing Swanlea School at the regional Jack Petchey SPEAK OUT challenge. She wrote an amazing speech on Teenage Independence and performed it with confidence and maturity.

Professor Peter McOwan, the Vice Principal for Public Engagement at Queen Mary's University London, said;

"Wow, outstanding young people, the future is in good hands!"

A massive thank you to Ms S Ahmed, an English mentor at Swanlea, who worked with Alina and to Julia Maile who came to Swanlea to run the initial training session.



Alina with her parents