

NAVIGATE



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A warm welcome to this latest edition of Navigate in what has been a truly inspiring and uplifting term! To see so many students across all year groups accessing such a wide range of activities and opportunities through our curriculum and extra-curricular offer has been so heartening. This edition really showcases some of the excellent work produced by the boys and is testament to their hard work and dedication. A huge thank you must also go to all of the staff involved in coordinating the vast range of opportunities.

This term we were honoured to welcome London Area Officer, Commander James Nesbitt, to visit our Sea Cadet Unit. Pictured above, Commander Nesbitt was incredibly impressed with the boys as they passed their inspection with flying colours! A special mention must go to all of our Cadets who have endured an incredibly frustrating two years as a result of the pandemic. The Unit can now look forward to some amazing opportunities in the coming months.

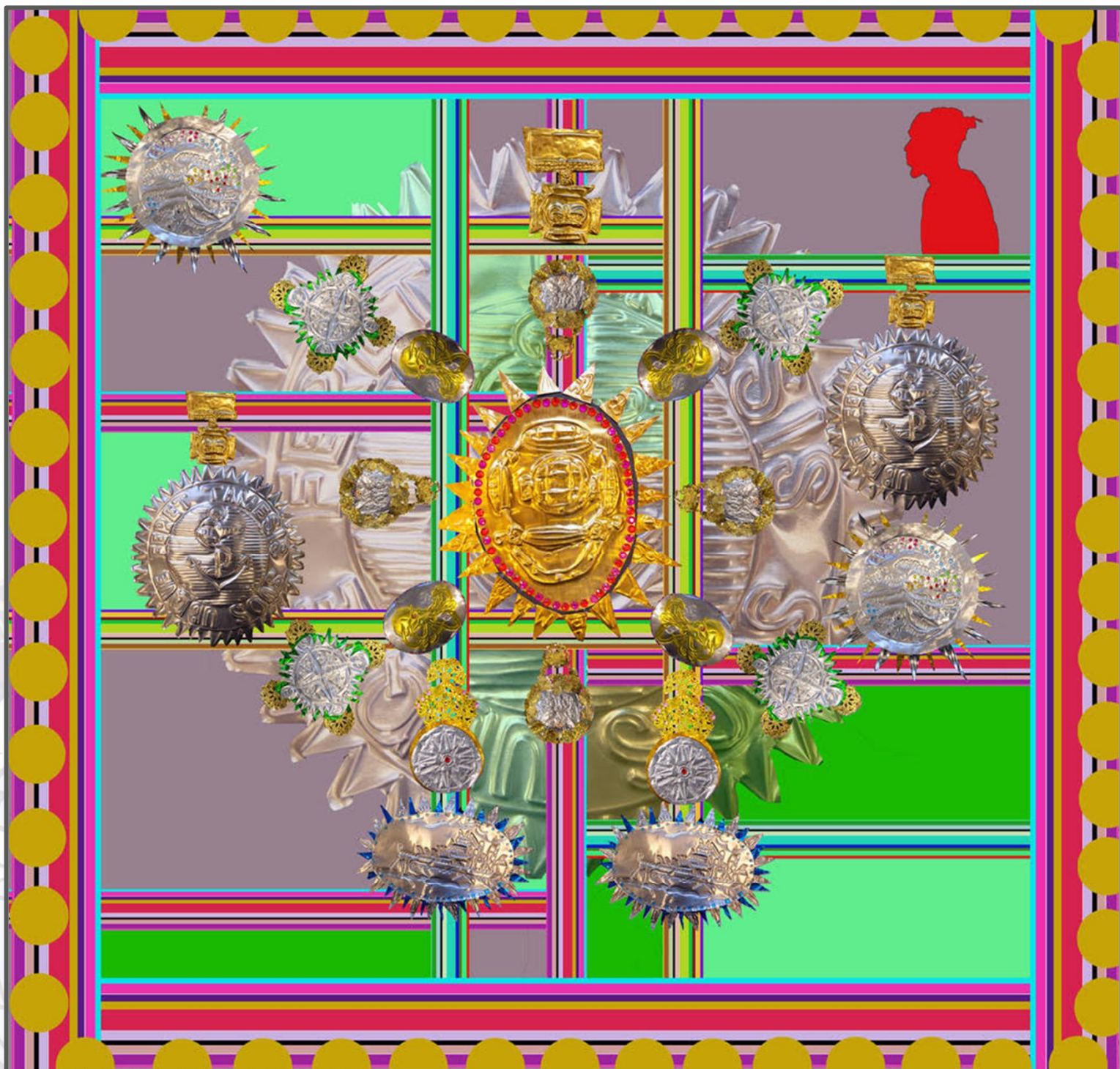
As we look to unwind a little over the coming week and enjoy the half-term break, it really is worth considering the unique circumstances that will see a whole set of celebrations, through the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, taking place across the country and also in many parts of the world. Many of our students will be taking place in various events across the extended weekend. I really hope everyone associated with the school; students, families, sponsors and friends enjoy the celebrations.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break.

Mr Michael Schofield
Headteacher

Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee

The Art Department have been very busy this half term. Working in conjunction with the Thames Festival Project, students from Year 8 have been supported by an artist designing a flag that will be paraded during the Jubilee Parade! Below is the final design - which has taken inspiration from the Queen's many different headscarves during her 70 years of service. We think her Majesty would be really proud of our design, just as we are! Well done boys!



LNS Aspire Club

Aspire lectures throughout this term have been incredibly interesting and enriching. Mr Hussain delivered a great session that looked at Islam's contribution to the modern world, with links to algebra amongst many other things! All the boys were thoroughly interested and asked some great questions throughout the session.

Mr Foley delivered a stimulating session on delayed gratification and self control, studying the neuroscience behind this and developing a better capacity for success. While Ms Wolkowski also delivered a fascinating session on exoplanets and how these may be located. Ms Wolkowski also explored the possibility of discovering other habitable planets!

All Aspire sessions throughout the year have covered a fantastic range of topics that have enriched students' love of learning, and in some cases provided inspiration towards their project qualifications.

*Mr Hussain discussing Islam's contribution
the Modern World*



Ms Wolkowski on Exoplanets



Mr Foley exploring Neuroscience

LNS Scholars



This term has been very successful for our 'LNS Scholars'.

On Thursday 5th May, Ms Constable and Ms Blake, hosted a fabulous evening for our Scholars. Part of the 'Scholars' programme has seen students offered the opportunity to gain the Extended Project Qualification. Fifteen students undertook the challenge, with the final part of the qualification requiring them to present their research to an audience of parents, staff and students. The projects were wide ranging and provided a wonderful celebration of all their hard work and effort. We would like to congratulate all of our 'Scholars', who overcame some initial nerves and apprehension, to deliver their presentations with a faultless display of public speaking!

Programme of Speakers

- **Dominic Steele:** Is it Worthwhile Conducting Further Exploration of the Ocean Floor?
- **Hose Lahrech:** Physical Features of Great Britain
- **Joe Deverson:** Human Impacts on Biomes
- **Gus Butler-Wright:** If Africa used its Power to Take Over the World, Why Would the Western World be Afraid?
- **Zayne Grant:** Who is the Greatest Footballer of All Time?
- **Daniel Quezada:** Impacts of Climate Change
- **Zakaria Tantawi:** How has the Design of Cars Changed Over Time?
- **Ayo Pedro:** Is Veganism Good for Humanity?
- **River Goss:** Why do we Lose our Teeth as we Age?
- **Henry Hodo:** Yellowstone Volcano Eruption: Causes and Consequences
- **Micah Mafe:** Climate Change Activism
- **Damir Hepher-Wallace:** What are we Doing about Climate Change?
- **Jaden Mafe:** The Bombing of Dresden
- **Tomas Ziulys:** How Can we Save our Oceans?

Year 7 get their dancing shoes on...

Throughout this term, as part of 'LNS Enrichment Curriculum', our Year 7 cohort have been getting into the groove with Rambert Dance Company. The theme for this term has been 'Creativity', and we were absolutely delighted when Rambert agreed to support our work. Each class was provided with the opportunity to work with Rambert dancers to learn some contemporary dance moves. The students have clearly enjoyed their time on this project and were able to build up a repertoire of moves, which culminated in their final showcase that took place on Friday 27th May. The improvisations were accompanied with a story, both of which were created by the students themselves.



The English department take to the stage again!

Year 10 were lucky enough to be invited to be the audience for Box Clever's production of "Macbeth" at The Brixton House Theatre. Using a blend of modern English with the original Shakespearean language, it made for a very exciting production; blending music, rap, dance and stage fights - with many members of our Year 10 boys joining the cast on stage to play key roles! Congratulations to Yasin as Macduff, Tamani as King Duncan, Stanley as Fleance and all the boys who became the Scottish noblemen at Macbeth's infamous banquet.



Our Year 12 and 13 A Level English students have enjoyed attending lectures given by university professors of English Literature this term. Dr Mark Turner from UCL gave a presentation on Sensuality in the Poetry of John Keats, and Dr Michelle Geric from Westminster University gave a lecture on Early Romanticism in William Blake's Poetry. The students asked lots of interesting questions and many left the sessions inspired to study English Literature at University.



Jack Petchey Speak out Challenge

On Tuesday 17th May Julian Appiah in Year 10 represented LNS at the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge regional final, delivering an absolutely brilliant speech to a packed audience of over 100 people!

His speech, entitled "Unsung Heroes", campaigned for recognition for those who work behind the scenes - the music producers, football coaches and even teachers. Although he didn't win (we were robbed!) he was a hugely popular contestant and really did us proud.

Special thanks to Ms Hale for organising the whole event at LNS, and to Ms O'Brien for coaching Julian to such a professional standard. Well Done Julian, we are all very proud of you!



Year 8 are mathematically challenged!

This term 28 of our top mathematicians in Year 8 took part in the Junior Maths Challenge. Students had to answer a series of challenging questions and our mathematicians certainly didn't let us down by scoring highly! Pictured below is Mr Kingsley, Head of Maths, handing out the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Well done boys!



Sea Cadets



Sea Cadet Unit Inspection by Commander James Nesbitt RN, 19th May 2022

Huge congratulations to our Sea Cadets unit who passed their first unit inspection. The lock down affected all sea cadet activities for the best part of two years, however it has been a pleasure to see the unit come back strengthened; well attended and enthusiastic.

It was an honour to be inspected by our headteacher Mr Schofield, Joe Sammon Business Support Manager MSSC and our London Area Sea Cadet Commanding officer, Cmdr. James Nesbitt RN.

The weeks before, the cadets went into overdrive working on their drill and tweaking the finer points of parade, including the tricky right and left wheel and about turn whilst marching. An evening practice session included shining shoes and lint rolling berets and jumpers in preparation for inspection.

When the day came, the cadets mustered on the parade ground; checking each other's uniforms; helping each other get their berets looking at their best. After quite a while standing at ease in total silence, the bosun's mate, cadet Naranjo J (Jeremy) called out "VIPs approaching" while giving a very serious salute.

As our VIPs came out into the playground the command "Ship's company HO!" sounded out and the unit stood impressively to attention. Commander Nesbitt was greeted by our lead cadet of the day Cadet Siddique I (Isa) who presented the unit. Commander Nesbitt went up and down the ranks and asked for the front row to step forward 2 paces. This did cause a brief moment of hilarity as some of the other rows decided they were also in the front row, but everyone regained their composure and displayed a very tight drill.

The Commander was very impressed and commented on the units turn out, discipline and enthusiasm. Our quartermaster, cadet Simmonds T (Tevez) and bosun, cadet Krekells D (Daniel) presented the Commander a school plaque to take back to HMS President. The commander thanked the unit and invited us to visit his ship in the future.

It was a day the whole unit could be proud of and it was lovely to celebrate it with our distinguished guests and with Mr Schofield and Mr Melia with cakes and drinks for everyone.

Next week a small group of cadets have been invited to represent the school at Her Majesty the Queen's Jubilee aboard a RN warship, with a big lunch and tour of the ship.

We would like to thank our cadets, parents, Mr Schofield, Mr Melia, Mrs Cronin and all the LNS staff for their support with our unit.

Our unit meet Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 15.00 to 17.00 hrs.

PPO Parson K / PPO Bradstreet J / PPO Parsons L / PPO Garcia R

Sam Still gets his sea legs!

Sam Still, our first year 7 to get his Sea Legs

Just after the Easter break Sam Still, Year 7 served at sea for 6 days on TS John Jerwood.

Interview by Cadet Simmonds. T (Tevez)

Sam, thinking back on your experience, how did you feel before going to Sea?

The day before I was quite excited and nervous. I was the only one going from my unit so I wasn't going to be with anyone I already knew. I remember thinking this could go terrible or absolutely amazing.

What was it like when you first boarded?

I think all the cadets were nervous and we really wanted to get things right, so there was silence but as soon as we were given duties we had to work together and people got to know each other.

Which duties did you have to do?

Every day we had four jobs; lookout starboard and port sides; navigation (charting the position and speed of the ship, the wind speed and depth of the sea); and taking the helm (keeping the ship in an even trajectory and making small adjustments in direction). We were so busy, but being used to cadets and taking orders it felt natural and even though there were some tricky moments everyone worked really well together.

What were the highlights of your stay on TS Jerwood?

It was a totally new experience. Some days the sea was calm and there was time to get to know each other. On days the sea was choppy and the ship would climb a few meters and then drop. That was really exciting. Unfortunately, on that day half the crew got sea sick and were harnessed onto the side for safety while they all vomited. I'm happy to say I wasn't one of them.

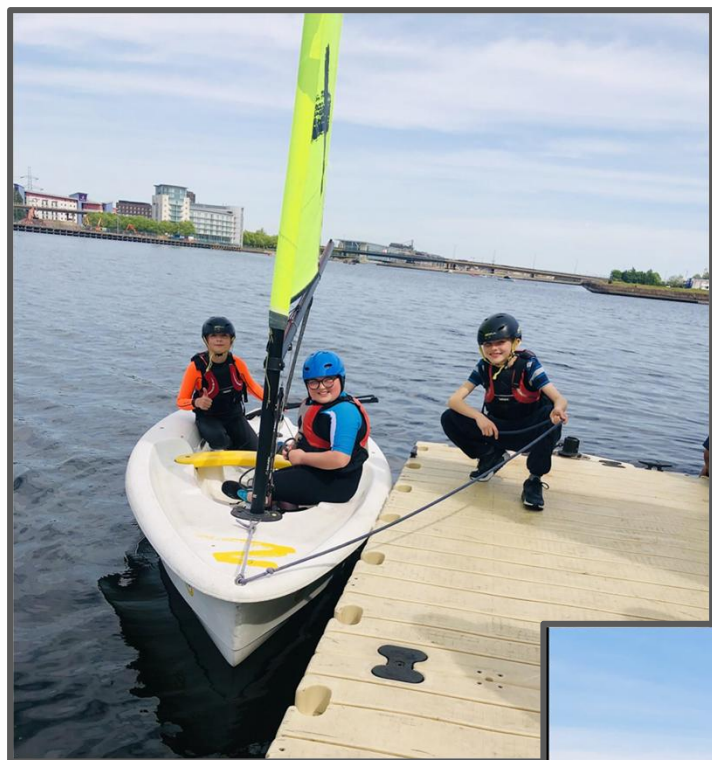
What advice would you give LNS boys thinking about going on a Training Ship?

Do it! It's an amazing experience! Watch carefully for when the courses come up with sea cadets and choose something nearer to you. Don't worry if you're the only one from your unit, you slot straight in with the other cadets and make really good friends. I will do it again and I think in the future I would like to go to sea with the navy.

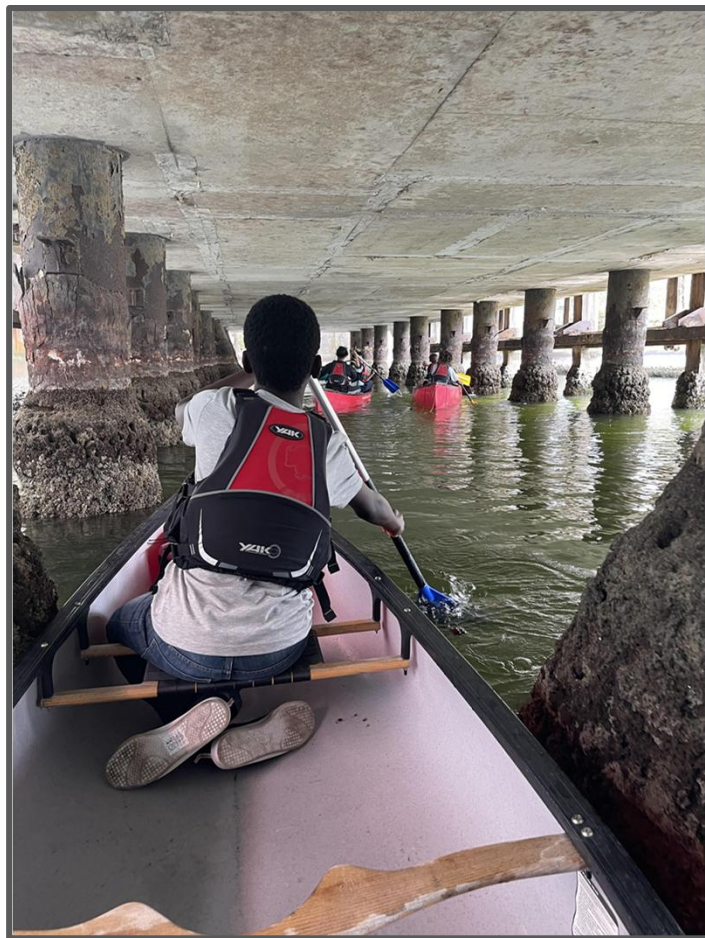


Year 7 and 8 take to the water!

We are delighted that this half term we have re-started our 'Splash Days'. With the warmer weather our boys have taken to the water at the Royal Victoria Docks. Students learnt how to sail in small two man pico boats and well as canoes, they also had fun on speed boats and enjoyed had a marvellous time.



Splash Day fun continued...





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