



Ethos statement: We believe that through individual commitment, self-discipline, integrity and respect for others, we inspire everyone to learn.

The Royal Navy Team-Building Workshop for KS3 and IG Students

A huge thank you to Ms Harb who arranged for the Royal Navy to deliver a phenomenal workshop to our students.

This week, KS3 and IG students took part in an exciting Royal Navy team-building workshop, designed to help develop communication, leadership, and problem-solving skills. Throughout the workshop, students took part in a series of hands-on challenges that highlighted the importance of teamwork. Students took part in various activities, working in groups. The room was full of concentration, creativity, and plenty of laughter!

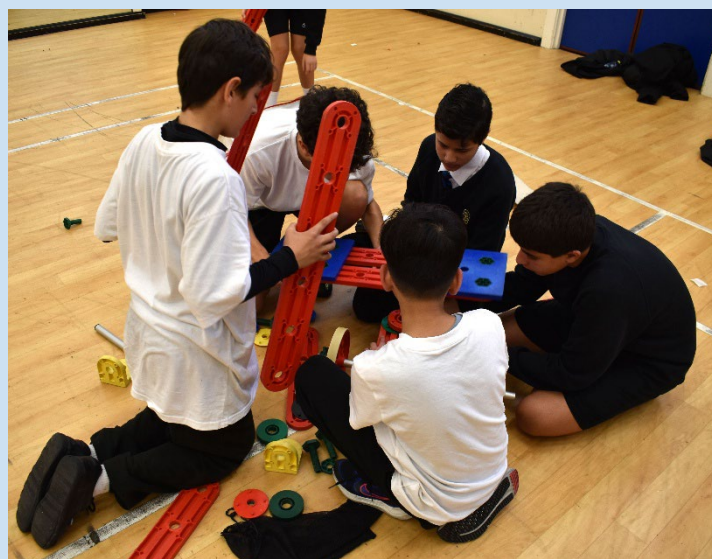
This activity encouraged students to think through problems together, listen carefully to each other's ideas, and adapt quickly.

To finish, some students explored what it means to lead as well as support others, rotating leadership roles within their groups during a construction challenge. This encouraged every student to step up with confidence and also recognise the importance of valuing the input of others. The workshop reinforced key messages about trust, communication, resilience, and teamwork — qualities essential not only in the Royal Navy, but also in everyday school life.

Well done to all the students that took part! It is fair to say students thoroughly enjoyed the workshops.



Year 9





Thought for the Week

'Being able to effectively communicate is the most important skill any leader can possess.'
Richard Branson



Royal Navy Teambuilding – Year 8



Royal Navy Team-building continued.... IG & Year 7



Year 9 News – Mr Munro

It is always a pleasure to share the incredible progress and achievements of our Year 9 students. I am immensely proud of how focused and mature they have been as they approach their GCSE options process.

Career Insights: IEAP Day Work Shadow

Yesterday's **IEAP Day** was a tremendous success, offering pupils vital exposure to the world of work.

- **Workplace Attendance:** We had over **60 pupils** attending work placements across diverse sectors, including **education, magistrates' court, orthodontics, restaurants, and pharmacies**. They thoroughly enjoyed this practical opportunity.
- **On-Site Careers Research:** Students who remained on campus spent the day researching careers of interest and creating presentations. These will be delivered to the year group to promote different career paths and the qualifications needed to pursue them.

Royal Navy Team Building Challenge

On Tuesday, November 4th, 40 of our Year 9 students participated in an engaging **Royal Navy Team Building Day**.

The challenge was deceptively simple: **"build a transportation device."** Students were supplied with various materials (planks, wheels, and bolts) but given no instructions, forcing them to rely on their team communication and problem-solving skills. The designs were innovative, demonstrating excellent collaborative spirit. The day culminated in a race to test the sturdiness and resilience of their creations. Students had to be ready to rush in and fix issues mid-race, adding an element of high-pressure teamwork. The Royal Navy staff presented awards for **resilience, best pitch, and overall best device**. Both students and staff found the day highly valuable and informative.

Positive Behaviour: Leading the School

Year 9 is setting a fantastic standard for the school. They have demonstrated significant maturity and focus this term, which is reflected in their conduct:

Positive Logs: Year 9 has accrued over **9,500 positive behaviour logs**, making them the best-behaved year group in the school.

Teacher Feedback: I continue to receive daily glowing reports and shout-outs from their class teachers, highlighting their excellent attitude to learning.

Football Team Update: Through to the Next Round

Congratulations to the Year 9 football team! They are showing great form and have advanced in two major tournaments:

London Cup: They secured a decisive **6-2 victory** against Southborough High School in the first round.

Inner London Cup: They defeated Westminster Academy on penalties in a nail-biting first-round match.



Clean Air Project

Building on work started in Year 8, a small group of pupils is continuing to participate in the **Cleaner Air Initiative** delivered by Our Air, Our Action.

This initiative involves:

- Investigating the **air quality** around the Academy.
- Identifying and researching **ways to make improvements**.

Their findings have been shared with the entire year group to raise awareness and encourage everyone to contribute to cleaner air both around the Academy and in their local community. The students' engagement and intuition throughout this process have been commendable.

CNN Year 9 Trip

Following a successful visit last summer, a small group of our Year 9 students returned to **CNN International, London** on October 16th, 2025, to take part in an exciting live global broadcast!

Students **Safa, Marley, and Shayanah** joined peers from universities, primary, and secondary schools worldwide for an international stream that began in Australia and concluded in Los Angeles, USA, dropping into 17 different locations in total.

Global Media Connection

The core aim of this initiative was to connect **students with their peers** as they prepare to enter the global media industry. It also served as an opportunity for industry leaders to identify the best up-and-coming international talent.

Showcasing Wandsworth Culture

Our students played a key role in the broadcast:

Marley and Shayanah, expertly directed by **Safa**, delivered several live links to different segments.

These segments highlighted how Wandsworth schools have been celebrating being part of the **London Borough of Culture** and the **Welcome to Wandsworth initiatives**.

During the broadcast, when young people from Albermarle Primary School hosted, their segment included showcasing the podcasting event we hosted last year, further connecting our local initiatives to the global stage.

Important Dates: Options and Parents Evening

Please mark your calendar for a crucial upcoming event:

- **Date:** Wednesday, March 4th, 2026
- **Event:** Year 9 Options Evening and Parents Evening

This evening offers a dual opportunity:

1. **Parents Evening:** Discuss your child's **current progress** with their subject teachers.
2. **Options Evening:** Speak to **Subject Leads** about available GCSE options for Year 10. This includes subjects your child currently studies, as well as new subjects like Business Studies, Citizenship, and Health and Social Care.

Your attendance at this event is highly beneficial for both you and your child as they make these important choices.

I look forward to another successful half-term.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to email me on gary.munro@southfieldsacademy.com

Science Club – Mr Hayman

Egg-cellent Science at Break 2!

This Monday during Break 2, our brilliant Year 7 and Year 8 scientists turned the classroom into a mini crash-test lab and their brave test subjects? Eggs!

The challenge: could they protect their egg from impact using only the materials provided? With creativity (and a bit of eagerness) in the air, students wrapped their eggs in layers of paper, tissue, cotton wool, and even a few “mystery” designs that defied engineering logic but somehow worked!

Behind the fun and laughter, there was some serious science going on. Students were learning about forces, particularly impact force and cushioning, and how materials can absorb energy to reduce the effect of gravity and momentum. Each team had to think like real engineers designing, testing and adapting their ideas before sending their fragile passengers down towards their doomed descent!

There were cheers for the survivors and giggles for the cracks but everyone walked away with a better understanding of how science helps protect us every day from car airbags to bike helmets and beyond.

Who knew physics could be so... egg-citing?



Our Day at CNN International – The Manifesto Global Takeover!

By the Media Club Reporters: Year 9

On **October 16th, 2025**, something *amazing* happened — our school got to take part in **The Manifesto's 24-hour Global Channel Takeover**, hosted at **CNN International**! It was a full day of live broadcasting where students from all over the world created at least one hour of live content each — all streamed straight to a global audience.



Our team was made up of Marley, Shayanah, and Safa, and we were super proud to represent our school on such a huge stage. Marley and Shayanah absolutely smashed it as presenters — introducing segments all about amazing events happening across our borough and keeping the show running smoothly. Meanwhile, Safa was the floor manager, which meant she was basically the boss of everything happening behind the cameras — giving cues, keeping time, and making sure everyone was in the right place at the right moment.

We were part of something massive — the channel started broadcasting in Brisbane, Australia, then moved through 17 locations across the globe, and finally wrapped up in Los Angeles, USA. It was like a worldwide relay of creativity and teamwork!

We also want to give a **huge thank-you to the amazing team at CNN International** for being such welcoming hosts! They showed us around, answered our endless questions, and made us feel right at home in their studios. Getting to see how the professionals do it was inspiring — and made us even more excited about the world of media.



We learned so much about how a live TV studio runs (spoiler: it's hectic but *so* exciting), and it was inspiring to see students our age doing professional-level work.

You can watch our segment as part of the 24-hour broadcast here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mFpoltrCjRA>

We're already dreaming about what we'll do next — but one thing's for sure: this was a day we'll *never* forget!

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Creative Writing – English Department

It's an entry from Year 11 this week and Daisy Rolls' (11BZI) vivid, moving and empathetic monologue as Eva Smith, the mistreated heroine of An Inspector Calls.

Sometimes I wonder if I really had anything at all or if it was all an illusion, a trick of the mind - pulling me into its twisted game and distorting its disguise. Every glimpse of hope, every promise of safety and warmth vanished - slipping through my fingers like sand in an hourglass. Now I'm left broken and tired, trying to piece together the fragments of a dream that I once had, a dream of a better life, where I saw a future and an image of something different.

Something came close to that dream, for a while at least. My gnawing desperation left me with no choice but to take a position at the Palace Variety Theatre, where the rich and the drunk sleazed about, passing you around for their own pleasure and amusement. I used to judge the young women who pranced about in there, hating how easily they surrendered their bodies to the touch of the old men about town — men who, despite having families and wives at home, still couldn't resist their own insatiable urges. They grasped at what little power they hadn't already chartered, taking it greedily when these girls offered it to them on a silver platter. Now I know why and I wished so much that I could have helped them instead of cowering over them like the very people who I had dedicated every bone in my body – every ounce of strength – to hating.

The day I met Gerald the disguise warped again like clockwork and I swooned into another path of deception. He was different from the rest. He looked kind, steady and exuded just the right amount of warmth I needed to relight my spark. He invited me in, made me forget who I was and treated me like someone deserving of care and attention, everything I had craved and so desperately wanted to cling on to. It blinded me though and I should have seen it coming, but my childish wonder made me foolish. I was too smitten to even realise. I only recognise now what kind of trap I had been lured into. But in the moment that lingering memory of him and his kindness buried itself into my heart; I was never going to let it dig its way out. That moment of carefree joy that he had perfectly captured was the best thing that had ever happened to me. Although I hated the cold feeling that his presence left once he had gone, I still could feel the slight tingle of warmth he locked away to keep me from freezing over.

The blizzard came shortly after and my body was close to freezing once more. I shook and shivered as I made my way to my last resort – a place that held some sort of promise to give me a way to rebuild my life from the pile of ashes it had now burnt into. A poised and sharp woman took in my request, her naturally cold and hollow presence was unnerving and assured me that whatever I had to say wasn't worth the trouble of mentioning. Even so, I expressed my desperation and pain into each word, hoping she would see that underneath my impoverished state I was still just a vulnerable girl, on the brink of breaking. Her face twisted into horror as I concluded my request and my heart leapt inside, believing I had finally got past the towering exterior wall the rich had put between us - thankful she finally saw my pain. But her look of disgust wasn't at my situation. It was at me. To her, I was like dirt under her shoes and whatever I had said made me look even more worthless in that moment than how I had ever felt.

I guess, after all, the hope that had bubbled up had now finally fizzled out. Maybe I was happy there was nothing for me to hold on to anymore, nothing left to give me promise because the brink of breaking was easier to grasp than the never ending and distant hope of change.

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 19th November 2025 – Year 8 Parents' Evening

Monday 24th November 2025 – INSET Day

Thursday 27th November 2025 – Prize Evening

Thursday 4th December 2025 – Year 10 Parents' Evening

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fuel for learning



Magic Breakfast supports your child's school to provide nutritious breakfasts each morning.

We're pleased to let you know that your child can enjoy a free, healthy breakfast at school every day.

Available from 7.15-8am each morning in the Canteen.

A well-balanced breakfast can positively impact learning, well-being, concentration, friendships and much more. And with breakfast on offer each morning, you can be confident your child has access to the food they need to start their day fuelled and ready to learn.

Did you know?

Young people who regularly consume breakfast each morning achieve nearly two exam grades higher than those who don't.*

*Based on research carried out by the University of Leeds



Find out more

Riverside Radio Opportunity

We are delighted to share an exciting opportunity for our students aged **11–16** to take part in the **Riversider's Radio Club** - the media training programme at **Riverside Radio** in Battersea.

This programme gives young people the chance to develop real broadcast and digital media skills inside a working radio station, supported by industry professionals and SEND-qualified trainers from their partner organisation **Sound Vision**.

Students will learn to:

- present and produce radio and podcast content
- build confidence in communication and teamwork
- develop digital media and technical skills
- gain nationally recognised awards and qualifications
- feature on-air across Riverside Radio

No previous experience is required- just enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved!

Riversider's Radio Club would like to invite interested students, parents and carers to their **open day** on **Monday 24th November at 4:00pm** at the **Riverside Radio Studios, 281-281 Battersea Park Road, SW11**

Places on the programme are limited, and they encourage early attendance to secure a spot.

To register interest or request further information, please contact: info@riversideradio.com

We believe this programme will be a valuable experience for young people considering future pathways in media, journalism, creative industries, or simply looking to build essential life skills.

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- LEARN HOW RADIO WORKS FROM REAL BROADCAST PROFESSIONALS
- BUILD CONFIDENCE AND CREATIVITY
- TRAIN IN A LIVE RADIO STATION STUDIO

WHO CAN JOIN?

SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS (AGE 11-16)

COME ALONG, FIND OUT MORE & SIGN UP!

RIVERSIDE RADIO, SOUTH WEST LONDON
MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER — 4:00PM

LIMITED SPACES — DON'T MISS OUT!



Free and discounted swimming for Wandsworth children and families

We're delighted to share a range of free and discounted swimming opportunities for Wandsworth residents as part of our Access for All and Wandsworth Moves Together initiatives.

- Free swimming for all Wandsworth children under 8 (must be accompanied by an adult - one adult per two under 8s).
- Free swimming lessons for children in Years 2–7 during school holidays, for those unable to swim 25 metres. Lessons will run across local leisure centres.
- Access for All groups can swim for free during off-peak hours (before 5.30pm weekdays and all-day weekends).
- Free and discounted entry to Tooting Bec Lido during the season for adults, under 18s, and students.

Learn more and book: [Swimming offers - Wandsworth Borough Council](#)



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All Wandsworth children under 8 swim for FREE at our leisure centres.



Find out more visit wandsworth.gov.uk/swimming-offers