



End of Term Newsletter

Friday 5th April, 2025

Principal note

The Spring Term has been nothing but eventful and has brought a series of challenges to us all; staff, families and students. Despite several disruptions and recent changes, the pupils have been supported and, in the main, shown their resilience throughout. I would like to thank staff, parents and carers alike who have worked hard through this period. I am happy and proud to see so many pupils participating in planned events and trips this term, of which there have been many. To name a few: Mr Renton took Year 11 to the Moca gallery; Ms Mohamed took Key Stage 4 to see *Macbeth*; 10a went to Westminster Abbey and Ms Shamyrbekova organised many life skills trips across all key stages. I am also looking forward to how we can continue to add to the cultural capital for our pupils into the Summer Term.

There are a few changes to the staff team to draw your attention to. Following Mr Parker-Tyreman's resignation, I will be taking on the role of Interim Principal. I want to take this time to recognise the incredible hard work Mr Parker-Tyreman has done to stabilise the school and thank him for his vision, his leadership and his care for the staff and students during the last two and a half years. I know he will be missed and know he wishes all the best for Vanguard. Mr North will take on the role of Interim Deputy Principal supporting the work to continue to improve the school.

Fatima Mohamed, Head of English will be with us for one more term. She has decided to spend more time with her beautiful daughter. She has shared this with the pupils in a touching social story. Fatima has been an incredible asset to the school and will be sorely missed. She has led the English department with enthusiasm and great diligence and has shown great commitment to the pupils to ensure the best outcomes. Steve Carroll will take over as Head of English in the new academic year. He has worked alongside Fatima and is keen to ensure that the department continues to do well and has some exciting plans to move forward.

Finally, I just want to wish you all a very restful and happy break as we start our holidays from 1pm tomorrow. I hope you are able to enjoy some valuable family time and look forward to seeing the students at the start of the new term.

Keep In Touch with MCAS

If you haven't yet begun to use the **My Child At School** App, why not go to the school website for guidance on how to download the app for all communications to and from school, including timetables and important dates.



Important Dates

Tuesday 22nd April Staff Inset Day

Wednesday 23rd April Students return to school at 11am

Wednesday 30th April Key Stage 4 Parents' Evening

Thursday 8th May Key Stage 4 and 5 exams begin

Friday 23rd May End of half-term

Monday 2nd June Students return to school



The English Department

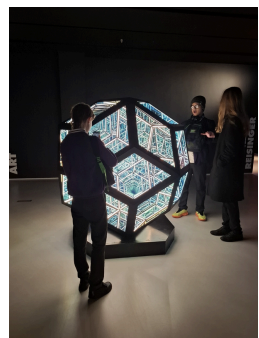
Years 10 and 11 enjoyed a thrilling production of **Macbeth** at the Lyric Hammersmith Theatre. It was great to see both parents and students enjoying themselves and the students had the opportunity to see Shakespeare come alive just before the exams!

Year 10 have been taking part in 'The Power of Voice'. This programme has been created by The National Literacy Trust to inspire the next generation of writers and invite them to understand how this can impact on social change. Our in-house author, Athian Akec, is a visionary of change and uses his voice and platform to good effect.

During World Book Day, comic characters, fictional characters and even inspirational people from literature came alive at Vanguard. It was great to see such passion from our students and I am sure the treats went down well during our Drop Everything and Read session on Friday! I can't wait to see next year's characters and costumes.



Change your story



Year 11 artists recently visited the new Moco Museum at Marble Arch. The exhibitions included contemporary artists such as Banksy, Marina Abramovic, Damien Hirst and Andy Warhol. The works seen included a Japanese Zen Garden, giant metal balloons, graffiti art and light installations.

It was really pleasing to listen to the students' thoughts and opinions all the way back to school. The ideas and skills seen are being used in the final developments of the exam preparation. Well done, Year11 artists!

The Art Department

Careers

Vanguard Sixth Form students attended the **UK University & Apprenticeship Search** event at Arsenal's Emirates Stadium on Friday, 21st March. The event provided students with opportunities to explore universities, apprenticeships, and career options by engaging with exhibitors from a range of institutions and industries. Informative seminars covered key topics such as student finance, personal statements, apprenticeships, and university life, helping students make informed post-18 choices.

Vanguard Sixth Form and Y10 students attended the Next Steps Lambeth Careers Event on 7th March, engaging with employers, universities, and training providers to explore future pathways. Students participated in workshops, networking sessions, and exhibitor stands, gaining valuable insights into apprenticeships, higher education, and career opportunities.

Year 10 students took part in a 9 week **Spiral Skills Employability Programme**. This included weekly sessions and up to three days of hands-on work experience in the hospitality sector, using the **Skills Builder framework** to develop key employability skills.

