

# NAVIGATE



## THE LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL

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As we enter the Easter holidays, I want to reflect upon the great successes that LNS students have enjoyed over the past six weeks. It has certainly been a busy and fulfilling term. The bulk of students' time, of course, has been spent learning new things in lessons, and in the case of Year 11 and Year 13, preparing for the qualifications that will open future doors to further education, apprenticeships and careers. This latest edition of Navigate once again showcases some of the wonderful work and opportunities experienced by our students that include details of; our two week football tour to Seville; Year 9 Nautical Boys back on the water at Westminster Boating Base; Theatre Trips to watch Shakespeare, an action-packed Science Week; the return of Model UN; MP Dr Rosena Allin Khan visiting the school and finally the fantastic Awards Ceremony for our Jack Petchey winners. It never ceases to amaze me how much we manage to achieve as a school community!

As always, I would like to express my gratitude to our school sponsors; The Honourable Company of Master Mariners, Trinity House, The Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, The Anchorites, The Baltic Exchange, The Marine Society, The Worshipful Company of Scientific Instrument Makers and Greenwich Hospital.

Lastly, I would like to wish all of our LNS community of students, families, staff, governors, and alumni a restful and very well-earned Easter break.

Mr Schofield (Headteacher)



# Sixth Form Football Tour to Seville

## WEEK 1

On a cold March morning, bags were packed and the Seville Football tour was ready to leave. Everyone was on time for the afternoon flight. No issues at the airport (apart from tearful parents!) we left on time and had a great flight.

Landing in Seville, we were met by the 3Si group who were the liaison group in Spain. A coach trip to the hostel and a late night the boys settled in nicely.

The next day was up and straight to the training ground for an introduction to the coaches for football and Padel. The students were a little tired but soon found their feet when a football was introduced.

Lunch and then onto the office for a meeting of the itinerary of the weeks ahead. The boys were issued with their stipend for the week and off they went to explore Seville. (Alas, most of them went straight to McDonalds!!)

Each day for the first week was quite the same routine, but a really good way of letting the boys settle in. To be fair to them they were amazing. Getting up and getting to the training ground on time, ready for lunch and office work for a presentation.

It took a while for the boys to get to grips with the hostel and the Spanish way of life (and the heat!! 30+ degrees).

The facilities were amazing and the boys really got on well with the coaches, who were excellent and the organisation was incredible.

Home cooking from some of the boys, feeding their whole apartment and even cleaning and tidying!

With a trip to Sevilla football stadium and tapas it turned out to be a fantastic first week. Two staff handed over to the next two staff for week 2.



# Sixth Form Football Tour to Seville

## WEEK 2

Week two started with the boys continuing their routine of training in the morning (which included football, athletics and padel) which the boys really enjoyed. They also planned their project proposals for their start up businesses set up in Spain, with all of the boys being very invested in their ideas.

With the boys being more comfortable with the local areas, they explored further afield and set up afternoon activities for themselves such as bowling night and shopping days!

Some boys chose to do some kayaking with Mr Jardim after training which was a 45-minute walk away (in 28-degree heat) so enjoyed a cool trip down the river of Seville. They crossed paths with some Olympic level rowers and canoers who were doing warm weather training for their season ahead. This was really good for the boys to see high level athletes train.

Second week also included a trip to Cadiz which is the beach town about an hour away. This was well received by the boys as it gave them a chance to cool-off and have a swim or splash on the biggest beach in Cadiz. They joined in with the locals by playing football (Obvious choice) but also volleyball. They had to communicate with the local people in Spanish which would have been daunting but they did very well and made the most of their Spanish classes provided by 3Si. Both Mr Jardim and Darren (Volenti Coach) also got involved and embraced the Spanish football culture but also had to teach our boys a thing or two.

Monday concluded the project proposals as each group had a 5-minute recorded presentation to try to convince 3Si board members to invest in their ideas, with all presentations being extremely convincing and well detailed. A team meal was then organised by the boys (having to book a restaurant by themselves in Spanish) and had a brilliant end of trip meal!

Tuesday morning (5am to be exact) was the wake-up time for a 6am meet to go to the airport! A few sleepy faces in the coach showed how tired the boys were, with them looking forward to a decent night's rest in the comfort of their own bed! Silent plane journey back (ALL asleep) dreaming of the next trip to Seville!

After landing on terra firma, the same sleepy faces were met by wet and gloomy weather, exactly as they left it. But were finally reunited with family and friends at the airport arrivals with words provided by Mr Jardim "Back to reality lads!"

What an experience had by ALL!!!

Viva Espanha!!





# Sixth Form Football Tour to Seville





# Nautical Boys on the Water

Our year 9 Nautical students took to the water this term. Mr Scardino took the students to Westminster Boating Base where they took part in some kayaking. You can see by their smiles just how much fun the students had.





# Aiming High and cultural experiences

Students in years 7, 8 and 9 were given the opportunity to attend career events hosted by Lambeth LA this term. Various different industries were represented including the tech industry via Spotify, legal, engineering and local entrepreneurs. The students were given the opportunity to ask questions and learn about a variety of different industries and potential careers.



Ms Robertson organised for our year 7 students to visit the London Central Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre. This fits in with students RE curriculum as they study the history of Islam. The students had a talk about the Mosque and got to see the richly decorated interior.





# Science Week

Last week was Science Week here at LNS - the theme for science week this week was **connections**. During their science lessons, our students took part in a range of practical activities to allow them to see the connections between science and the world around them. Engineering challenges looked at the science behind the design of buildings and aircraft, with some impressive structures being constructed. The paper tower challenge proved popular, with year 8 undoubtedly coming out on top – there are some budding civil engineers in this year group!

Our students then investigated acid rain by making their own indicator using red cabbage and tested the acidity of rainwater collected in different parts of the school. Finally, testing the effect of acid rain on different materials in our lives and considering possible solutions to the issue - particularly relevant to us as our investigation showed the presence of acidic rain on our school site.

Outside of lessons, we developed our biological knowledge and completed an eye dissection, used our knowledge of forces to build a model hover craft using balloons and bottle tops. The week finished with a bang, or series of bangs, as our technicians prepared a range of chemistry demonstrations to round off the week. The hydrogen and oxygen explosion being the most popular and dramatic of them all!

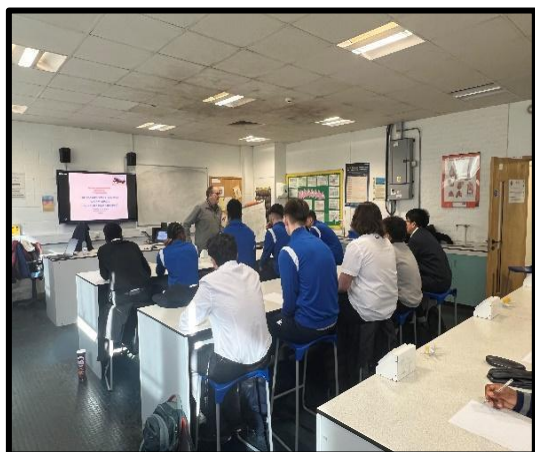


"It was a fun week to express our science knowledge and also have a lot of fun at the same time" James W  
"It was very interesting and I learned more about science and can apply it to my work and also helped me have more science knowledge than I had before" Haleem  
"It was very fun and I learned a lot" Alfie

# Supporting our budding Scientists

## Y13 Biology Conference

Year 13 Biologists took part in the Biology in Action conference at the Emmanuel Centre. It was a fascinating day where our students learned from word-experts in their respective fields - from gene editing to astrobiology. Discussions from the day have continued during lessons and have provided a range of novel contexts to draw from related to their A Level syllabus. A study skills and revision workshop also provided our Biology with practical strategies for exam success which will prove invaluable over the summer examination period



## Visit from an aerospace entrepreneur

Our sixth-formers had a talk from Ian Gilbert who started working in the aerospace business in 1967 as an apprentice with BEA. After gaining his degree he was involved with the development and introduction of the first auto-land and FMS systems as a Development Engineer with British Airways. In 1980, he moved on to Bendix Aerospace later becoming Director Technical Services Europe, Middle East and Africa for Honeywell Aerospace. Since leaving, he has worked as an independent consultant and expert witness specialising in data link, FANS, ADS-B and SatCom/connectivity. For over ten years Ian has worked closely with European agencies on the implementation of data link. He is a Chartered Engineer and a Member of the Royal Aeronautical Society. Below, Seni describes the talk:

## Stem ambassador visit

Reza from King's College London visited us to speak to students about careers and pathways, as well as university applications. Reza spoke to the students about his journey to studying medicine at KCL as well as starting his own business. He also shared tips around applying to universities through UCAS and how to write a stand-out personal statement.



*Ian spoke about Malaysia Airlines flight 370 and how it was supposed to fly from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. However the plane vanished in the Indian Ocean. Everything was going to plan until it left Malaysian airspace when it took a sharp turn and flew West. The last contact with military radar was made just west of Malaysia, then it is suspected it took another turn South and flew into the Indian Ocean where it ran out of fuel. It is speculated that there were other factors which lead to the crash, rather than a technological fault. - Seni*



# Trips to see the Bard...

## Hamlet at the Southwark Playhouse

The English Department's most recent reward trip saw an enthusiastic group of Year 8 students heading to the Southwark Playhouse theatre to see a new production of *Hamlet*.

When we arrived we were seated right at the front, which in this small, intimate theatre meant we were right in the middle of the action! The production of *Hamlet* was modern, inventive and immersive, with sound and visuals being used in a way students had not seen before. Students had lots to say about the directorial decisions made, for example, they found the staging of one character's death particularly interesting - it was dramatised through film, with a camera following the actor as they walked to their death backstage, which captivated the entire audience.

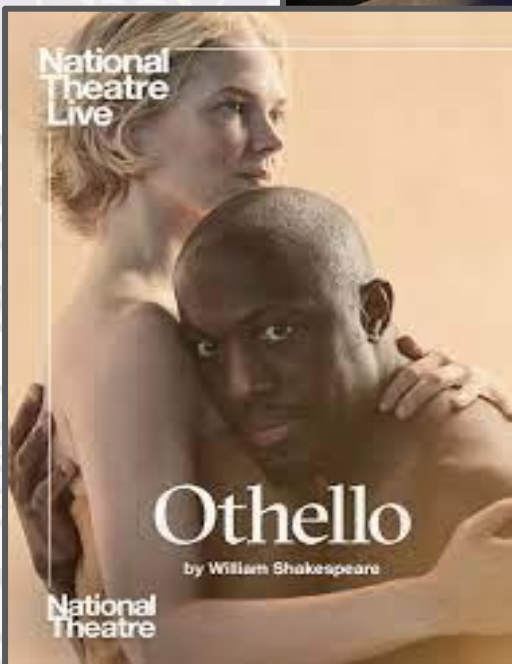
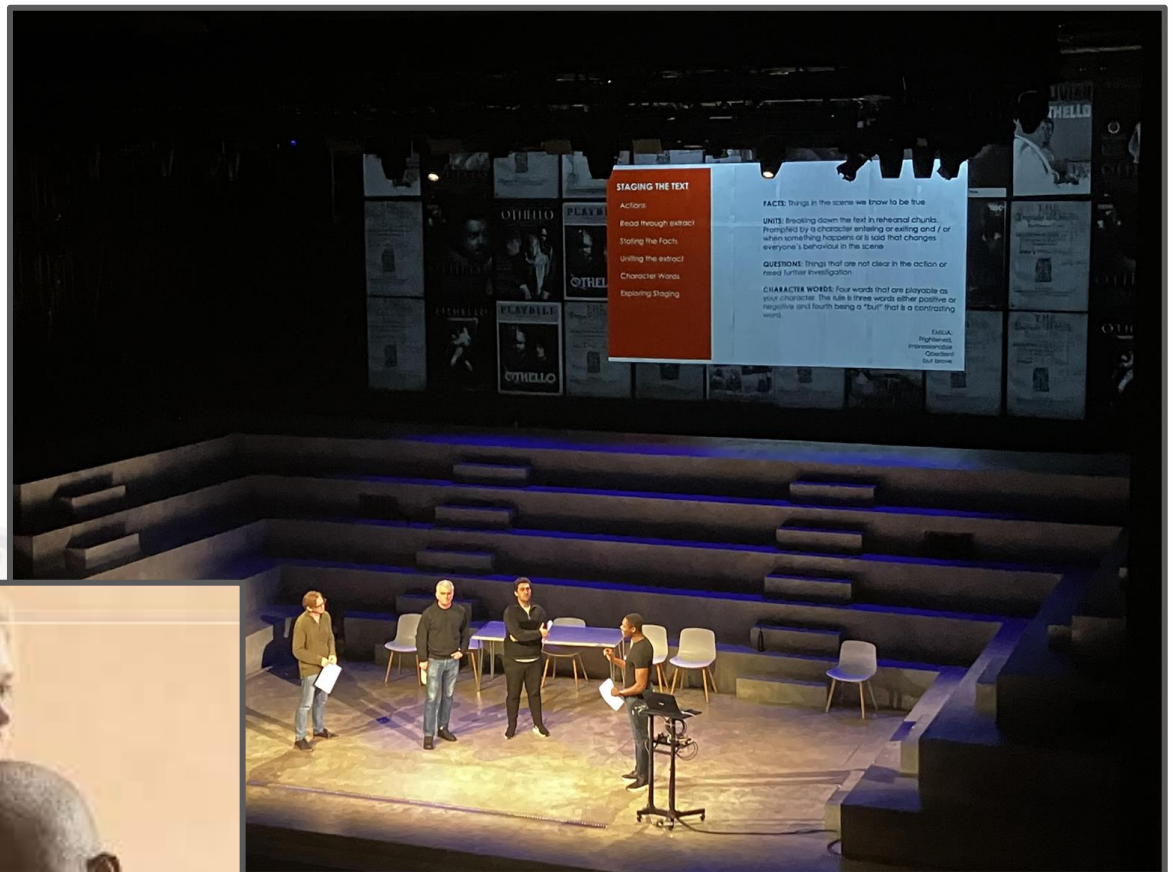
The fun continued with a year 7 visit to the Globe to watch a production of *The Tempest* at the globe. The students enjoyed the colourful and engaging performances right in the heart of London.





# Othello Workshop

Year 12 and 13 English students enjoyed The National Theatre's award winning production of "Othello" this term. They were also fortunate enough to be invited to attend a whole day conference to meet the directors, actors and producers of the production to get a real behind-the-scenes insight into the decisions made when translating a 400 year old play to a 21<sup>st</sup> Century audience. They then enjoyed a lecture from a visiting Professor of English Literature on post-colonial readings of the play's performance history. It was wonderful to see many of these ideas being used in their essays and mock examinations, and to hear how they were inspired to research careers and Further Education in theatre.





# Model United Nations

After a two year hiatus due to Covid the Model United Nations conference was back. Several boys from across the school took part in the two day conference all representing different countries

Hosé Lahrech	Republic of Korea	GA
Micah Mafe	Pakistan	GA
Za-Rye Baxter	Finland	GA
Abubakr Ouattar	Argentina	GA
	Malaysia	GA
Matheo Kolodziejcyk	Hungary	GA
	Indonesia	GA
Demani Vassall	Austria	GA
Ali Shaker	Switzerland	GA
Theo Pruvost	Cambodia	HRC
Dominic A Steele	Finland	HRC
Zacaria Tantawi	Canada	HRC
Marc Ellis Nunez	Singapore	HRC
Kadael Kamara	Switzerland	HRC



Micah was the absolute stand-out on day 1, representing Pakistan really well. He spoke in front of the General Assembly, wrote a joint resolution with Thailand and lobbied hard throughout. Ali had a debate with Russia and China about the problems with the P5 having veto powers. Kadael called the United States hypocrites.

On day 2 almost all of them spoke in front of their whole committee which is a brilliant achievement. They all worked hard debating issues ranging from the treatment of whistle-blowers to the censoring of education.





# Becoming A Man project receives a special visitor

The Becoming a Man (BAM) project is a 2-year, group based therapeutic intervention, supporting boys from years 9-11. Our students who engage with the BAM programme are taken through a curriculum of 6 core universal values; integrity, accountability, self determination, visionary goal setting, respect for womanhood and positive anger expression. Our purpose is to provide young people with a non-judgmental space, where they are able to express and reflect on how they present in the world, build on their self-awareness, build on prosocial behaviours and express their emotions. Our goal is to have a lasting impact, believing that through BAM the young people engaged will develop into empathic and reflective young men who are community orientated.

Recently, we were visited by Shadow Minister of Mental Health and MP of Tooting, Dr. Rosena Allin Khan, who sat in a circle with the young people currently involved in BAM. The boys welcomed Dr. Khan, who in turn only had positive things to say.

It was inspiring to see so many young men learning how to build good mental health through accountability, integrity and self determination.'





# Jack Petchey Awards

The Lambeth Jack Petchey achievement awards ceremony was finally held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January after being postponed last year. Tommy Hill, Maxim Istrati, Tomas Ziulys, Hose Lahrech and Abijah Hewitt, along with their families, attended St John's Smith Square near Westminster for an evening of celebration and entertainment. The Mayor of Lambeth handed out the medals that the boys achieved for their positive contributions to the school community, and the crowd was entertained by a very talented young singer. Great work boys, the awards were very well deserved and a great evening was had by all.





# Now and Then

"Every Now and Then" the school has the most touching and tangible reminders of our great schools' history and impact on our former students and families. In January 2023, we were very honoured to have a school visit from Micky, Vivienne, Cliff and Genevieve who are the children and daughter in law of Alumni Donald Vivian James, pictured below left.



Donald (Don or *Jimmy*) was born and brought up in Clapham, South London. He was the middle of four brothers. From a young age Don was keen to enter a career at sea and experience what the world had to offer. He was lucky enough to obtain a place at the *London Nautical School* for his secondary education when it was based in Rotherhithe close to Surrey Docks (Silwood Road). We think he joined the school in 1934 aged 11 and remained until 1938.

Captain Harvey, a teacher at the school, arranged for him to be recruited by *The Hain Steamship Company* as an apprentice on *S.S. Trekieve* prior to training as an Officer. The Port of London and the docks both north and south of the Thames were very busy and vibrant at the time with cargo being exported and imported from across the world. Don travelled to India and countries in the Middle and Far East, Asia and North and South America.

During the Second World War Don was commissioned as an officer and worked on bringing essential supplies to the United Kingdom joining convoys which were frequently under attack from enemy submarines.



Don experienced his ship being sunk; at 14.46 hours on 4th November 1942 the unescorted SS Trekieve (Master Edwin Aubrey Grant Jenkins) was torpedoed and sunk by [U-178](#) east of Maputo in the Mozambique Channel, pictured left. Three crew members were lost. The master, 38 crew members, six gunners and two passengers (DBS) made landfall at Inhaca Island, Portuguese East Africa.

Unfortunately, Don's career in the Merchant Navy was cut short as a result of contracting tuberculosis (TB) which was a significant health hazard at the time, particularly for seamen. He was required to spend time in a TB sanatorium in Liphook (Hampshire) where the main treatment involved rest and being in bed in the fresh air.

Afterwards, Don was unable to return to sea after recovery, so joined Decca and was able to contribute to safety at sea and in the air by the manufacture of navigation equipment for shipping and the aircraft industry.

Don's ashes were buried at sea in the Solent, very fitting for a man whose passion for being at sea remained throughout his life. In memory of Don, his family very kindly have agreed to sponsor a prize that will be presented in his memory at our 2023 Prize Giving.



In memory of Donald Vivian James - January 1923 - March 1978.

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# LNS Alumni

In February the school welcomed back four alumni from 1965 to 1969 who carried on the school tradition of rising to Captain and Master Mariners.

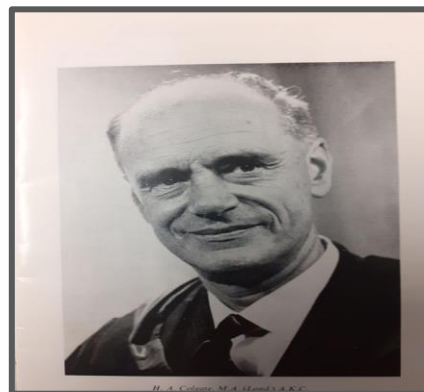


Pictured during their visit are:-

Steven David Gross 1965 to 1969,  
Nicholas Granger Pearson 1965 to 1968,  
Edward Cherry 1966 to 1969,  
Selwyn John Nichols 1965 to 1969,

The four were the first of our Alumni to attend the schools current building 61 Stamford Street following the move from our school on Broadwall.

Our Headmaster at the time the Alumni attended LNS was Mr Hugh Colgate, OBE, pictured right; another Royal Navy veteran who as Lieutenant saw action protecting the convoys in the North Atlantic and Far East during the second World War.



This month, we were lucky enough to be contacted by Sarah Sears, who on behalf of Mr Allan Futti, donated a collection of antique books for our Headmasters library.

The books formerly belonged to his father Edwyn who was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1901. Edwyn ran away to sea aged just 16 and then went to night school to gain his Master Mariner qualification sometime in the 1920s, the books date from 1918.

Thank you to Ms Vikki Muir from Trinity House for putting both parties in touch.



Also in February, the school welcomed ex staff members Mr Peter Gilbert and Ms Sandy Slinn. Peter taught at LNS until 2005 and was responsible for much of the schools archival information about our schools evacuation to New Quay during the second world war and also the preservation of accounts of the school's 1950 France trip. Sandy was our Geography and SEN teacher, starting work with LNS in 1974.

The school also belatedly notes the passing of the death of Mr Vic Delbourgo in June 2020 who was Head of French in 1974. Vic left LNS in the middle 80's to teach in a private school but returned to the LNS in the nineties and finally retired some five years later.

Thank you to Sandy and Peter for their visit, memories of LNS and for their donation of artefacts to the school archive.





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