

ECS Newsletter

SIXTH FORM



September 2025



Recent Events

Sports Day

This year's Sport's Day at Lea Valley Sports Centre was an event fuelled by collaboration, teamwork, perseverance and enjoyment. Years ranging Seven to Ten were all able to sign up for different activities, such as the long jump, relay, javelin, and other events which promoted both fun opportunities for every student, but also a decent challenge. Several pupils have said that Sports Day was a fantastic opportunity for team bonding, with one stating in particular that it was a "enjoyable but tiring" experience, given the sunny, hot weather of the day. Winners of each event were given a range of medals between Gold, Silver and Bronze, based on 1st to 3rd place.

Overall, ECS' Sports Day this year was a pleasant success, and left many feeling accomplished and well-challenged. We'd like to thank both teachers in Upper and Lower School for their attendance and organization alongside the Sports Centre, as well as a huge thank you to the Year 12s who showed up in solidarity to help with the arrangements and overall aid with activities!

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Progression Week

Monday 30th June – Friday 4th July

During the first week of July, students took part in the highly anticipated Progression Programme, a dynamic and enriching initiative designed to help broaden horizons, ignite ambition, and spark ideas about life beyond school. Across the five days, our school hosted a series of engaging talks and interactive sessions led by 25 incredible guest speakers, both in person and via Zoom.

“Getting to understand the different journeys of solicitors at Vanderpump and Skyes evoked a sense of motivation and inspiration, giving us a clear insight into both the legal field and the culture of the firm. We were joined by 2 partners at the firm including Gary, head of litigation, and Rick, practice and finance manager. Overall, it was definitely helpful for learning about what it truly takes to be a lawyer, what type of experiences are considered valuable.”

- Zehna Ahmad, 12AN

Thank you so much to all the speakers who gave their time and shared their knowledge across an extensive range of subjects, and to the staff who made the event such a success!

UK Parliament Trip

In May, Year 12 Politics students took a trip to the Houses of Parliament, where they developed their understanding of the ins and outs of the systems of government. The class walked through both Houses - Lords and Commons - and learnt about the symbolism and importance of the interior design. They also found out more about the day-to-day routine of MPs and Lords, and were able to read through some legislation that was to be debated on the day. They then ventured over the road to explore the Supreme Court, where they looked through the museum there, and some of the courtrooms.

Students described the trip as a great addition to their political education, as the concepts they are taught now seem less abstract.

Thank you to the Politics department for organising such an amazing trip!





History Trip - Imperial War Museum

On Tuesday 8th July, Year 12 history students and Ms Costa visited the Imperial War Museum to see the First World War exhibition. During this trip, students were able to see a range of materials that supported them with not only broadening their own knowledge, but also to see different perspectives to support them with their coursework on the First World War. It was an educational and enjoyable experience, and special thanks to Ms Costa for organising the trip!



Debate Competition

The Enfield County Debate Team (Years 10 & 12) competed at South Hampstead High School in an exhilarating 4-round event; the debate motions covered ideas like feminist priorities, what benefits and disadvantages the neurodivergent community, whether or not citizen's journalism is harmful or not, and whether working from home should be the norm. Parliamentary debate is competed in trios, so the debate team was split into three groups of three.

This was the most successful debate competition yet, with all teams winning 2-3 rounds out of 4! Two trios placed in the top 10, out of 35 teams nationwide! It is such an achievement to place so highly in the nation's biggest debate competition, and every debater who participated should be incredibly proud of themselves!

Academic, Enrichment & Career Opportunities



Speech and Language Therapy Webinar

- 7th October 2025, 6:00-9:00pm
- Join the Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability for a free taster evening webinar for potential SLT students run by specialist Speech and Language Therapists
- Hear first-hand from a previous SLT student about their experiences.

Kiefer/ Van Gogh

- 28 June – 26 October 2025
- Royal Academy of the Arts, The Gabrielle Jungels-Winkler Galleries
- Vincent van Gogh has had an enduring influence on Anselm Kiefer. This exhibition will feature work by both artists side by side for the first time.



University of Sussex - Open Day

- 4th October 2025
- 09:30 - 16:30
- Falmer, Brighton
- Booking required
- Find out more about your subject of interest, meet tutors and current students, explore the campus and the local area.

Springsteen - Deliver Me from Nowhere

- Springsteen biopic releases 24th October, detailing the life of American singer-songwriter, whose music defined the 70s and 80s in America



Media Recommendations



At the Beach, In Every Life (2025)

- **Gigi Perez**
 - 12 songs, 46 minutes
 - Favourite Track: Normalcy
- Gut wrenching exploration of queer struggle, love, and loss. Visceral and relatable. Cathartic instrumentally.



Heaven or Las Vegas (1990)

- **Cocteau Twins**
 - 10 songs, 37 minutes
 - Favourite track: Heaven or Las Vegas
- This album is consistently airy and dreamy, albeit each song is unique in its own right. Instrumentally stunning.



Born to Run (1975)

- **Bruce Springsteen**
- 8 songs, 39 minutes
- Favourite track: Thunder Road

Springsteen is an artist who I've been familiar with my whole life, but I relistened to this album after seeing the trailer for the biopic. Astounded by his storytelling.

The Bear (2022 - 2025)

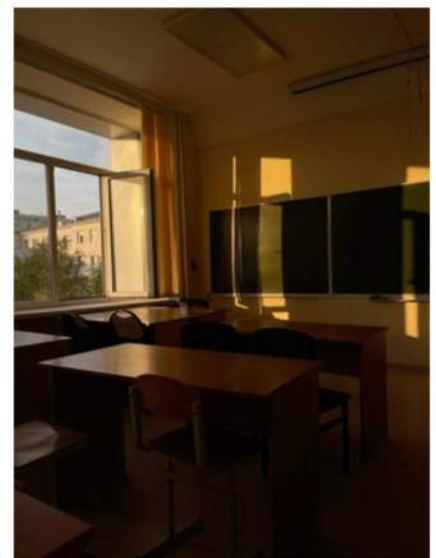
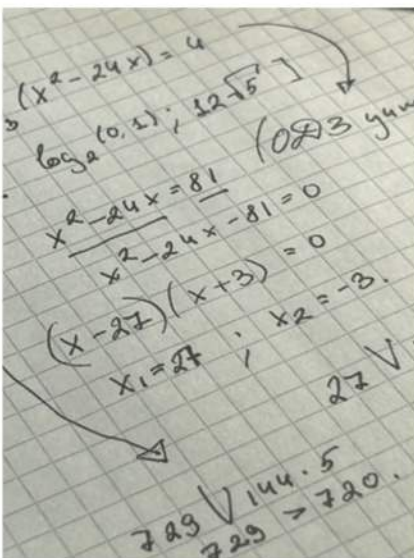
- 4 seasons, Disney+
- Carmy (Jeremy Allen White) is left his family's sandwich shop in his brother's will, and with the help of Sydney Adamu (Ayo Edebiri) aims to transform it into something bigger and better, much to the resentment of his close family friend, Richie. (Ebon Moss-Bachrach)

The Bear is potentially one of the best pieces of television I've watched to date. It doesn't shy away from the good, the bad, and the ugly, getting deep into the nitty-gritty elements of Carmy's relationship with his family, and how that affects all other aspects of his life. Carmy is one of the most fabulously written, albeit intensely frustrating, characters I've encountered in any piece of media. However, the *most* frustrating element of this show is the writer's complete denial of SydCarmy, when they are the ultimate yearners of the century. Genuine 10/10.



Key Upcoming Dates

- October - Black History Month
- 3rd October - Year 12 Trip to Activate at the 02
- 16th October - Sixth Form Open Evening
- 22nd, 23rd, 24th October - Inset days
- 27th - 31st October - Half term
- 3rd - 7th November - GCSE English and Maths Resit Week
- 3rd - 7th November - Y13 PPE#4
- 10th - 14th November - Y12 PPE#1



Media Team Comments

Welcome back!! The media team hopes that everyone had a restful break, and is ready and raring to go! This month's newsletter was designed to hopefully remind everyone of where we left off before the summer holidays, and what we have to look forward to in the new school year.

A warm welcome to our new Year 12s, who will be reading the newsletter for the first time, we hope these newsletters will give you a strong taste for what Post-16 education is like.

This month's edition covers from April - July 2025, and hopefully will give you some ideas on what you can do to aid your post-16 education, whichever subject you're taking.

Thank you for reading!

