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## Item

### [Grease the Musical](#) - ACTION REQUIRED

Our talented students are bringing Grease to life with show-stopping songs, fun choreography and a whole lot of school spirit!

**Performance Dates:** Tuesday 3rd March, Thursday 5th March, Friday 6th March

**Venue & Time LAB Theatre:** 5 - 6:30 pm

**Ticket Prices:** £2: Children, £5: Adults

Tickets are now available for you to purchase via [Eventbrite](#).

Join us for an unforgettable evening celebrating our students' hard work and creativity. It's going to be electrifying!

### World Book Day Day Dress-Up - GO ALL IN – Thursday 5th March 2026 - ACTION REQUIRED

On Thursday 5th March, LAB will celebrate World Book Day: a charity event organised by UNESCO to promote the enjoyment of books and reading, particularly amongst children living in countries with relatively low literacy rates. This is also the National Year of Reading in the UK and students are encouraged to Go all in! You can find out more information about local events on this [website](#).

As you know, we take reading very seriously at LAB; our students read for over 30 minutes each day in their lessons, and are expected to read for 30 minutes at home each night. To celebrate World Book Day in style, therefore, on the 5th March we would like to invite students to dress up as a favourite literary character for a voluntary donation of **£1 to UNESCO – this can be donated via parent pay**. However, we would ask that, true to the spirit of the day, students do not wear a costume representative of a character from film or TV, but rather a literary text.

Moreover, as much as we might encourage students to read *The Catcher in the Rye* or *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, alongside other seminal classics from the young adult genre, students are not permitted to dress as characters that mimic the everyday dress of young adults.

All students in Key Stage 3 have also been issued with a £1 Book Token where they can visit various retail outlets and get a great book for £1.

If students do not wish to take part, they should wear their uniform as usual. You may find this [website](#) helpful in providing simple and economical suggestions.

Please note that students who have PE on this day will be required to wear their PE kit as usual.

If you have any questions regarding World Book Day, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### RBG Spelling Bee 2026

On Thursday, more than 300 students from Years 7 and 8 participated in Round 1 of the RBG Spelling Bee 2026. We are looking forward to finalising the two teams that will represent LAB when we host the competition as reigning champions on Tuesday, the 11th of March!

### Attendance and Punctuality

Being on time is the first step to a successful day. If a student is 10 minutes late every day, they miss nearly a whole hour of learning every week. We want every student to have a 96% attendance record or better. This ensures they don't miss out on important lessons, rewards, and time with their friends.

#### Year 10 Work Experience - Weekly update

Year 10 students must secure their work experience placement and upload full details to Unifrog using their school email address. The deadline for completing the Unifrog placement form is 20/03/2026. Please ensure all information is submitted accurately so placements can be approved. The step by step placement guide can be found here: [WEX Letter](#). If any parents or carers are able to offer a placement or have professional contacts who may be willing to support a student, we would be very grateful to hear from you. Please contact Mr Hughes at [oliver.hughe@blackheath.latrust.org.uk](mailto:oliver.hughe@blackheath.latrust.org.uk)

#### Year 12 UCAS Parent/Carer Talk

It was great to see so many parents, carers and students at the talk on Thursday evening. These are the [slides](#) from the evening for your reference. Information about universities and apprenticeships can also be found on our [website](#).

#### PD Newsletter

This [document](#) was shared earlier this week, just in case you missed it.

#### Bromcom updates

We have been busy updating our Bromcom student profiles to better reflect our students' experiences at school. If you see new details on your child's profile, this is part of that update.

#### Snack Shack

The Snack Shack has seen great success since its launch in September. For your reference, we are attaching the most recent [menu](#).

#### Royal Academy of Arts - Young Artists Summer Show 2026

**Calling all young artists!** This is an incredible opportunity for UK students (ages 4–18) to see their artwork displayed at the Royal Academy of Arts. Whether on-site or in our online gallery, your talent belongs here. [Submit](#) your entry today!

#### Social Media Trend: School Wars

Please find attached the [letter](#) that was shared this week relating to the recent social media trend.

We would like to reassure everyone that school will proceed as normal next week. The gate will open at 8:00 am and all clubs and societies will run according to their usual schedules. We are staying in close communication with the police regarding the ongoing situation. Please rest assured that we will pass along any relevant updates the moment we receive them.