

8C Science Fair: A Celebration of Research, Creativity and Confidence

Over the past three weeks, 8C have been working with Ms Morgan on independent science research projects as part of a class science fair. This week, they proudly opened their doors and invited other Year 8 classes and teachers to visit, explore their work and vote for their favourite project.

Each student began by choosing a real-world issue to investigate, from fast fashion and plastic pollution to the extinction of polar bears and pandas, overfishing, palm oil in everyday products and sewage filtration systems. They carried out their own research, conducted surveys, and then built their presentation boards completely from scratch using cardboard, printed visuals, and creative materials.

It was a brilliant way to end the year. Students showed curiosity, imagination and real independence. Staff and peers commented on the quality of the work and how confidently students were able to speak about their findings.

Here are this year's top three:

3rd place – Mary Moore and Layla Rahim

Plastics: a visually striking and heartfelt project raising awareness about plastic pollution in the ocean. Mary and Layla created a vibrant 3D underwater scene, carefully layering plastic waste into the environment to show how it harms marine life. With hand-crafted seaweed, bright coral, and jellyfish made from plastic packaging, the level of care and creativity in their work stood out to every visitor. They also printed their research and confidently presented it to staff and students, a huge personal achievement, and a real highlight of the fair. Their effort, thoughtfulness and growth in confidence were noticed and celebrated by all.



2nd place – *Ayzah Panchoo, Sabika Qadeer and Adeena Waheed*

Fast Fashion: a thoughtful, hands-on project that explored the environmental cost of the fashion industry. The team designed and hand-sewed a full outfit using repurposed fabrics, including a top and skirt. Their work was supported by a clearly written and well-researched board that explained the effects of textile waste and encouraged more sustainable choices. The judges were especially impressed by the combination of practical skill and critical thinking.

1st place – *Leona Murungweni, Mysha Mohungoo, Rania Mehboob and Haadiyah Raja*

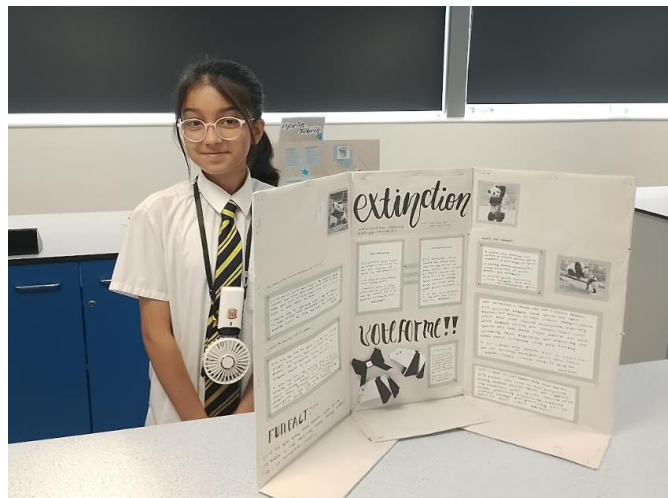
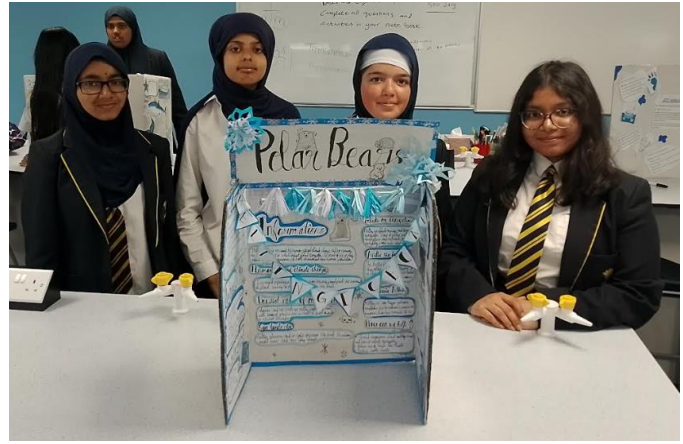
Fast Fashion: an outstanding campaign-style project investigating the ethical and environmental impact of brands like Shein and Primark. Their display board was beautifully designed, filled with data, research and carefully chosen visuals. As part of their work, the group created sustainable clothing prototypes, including a full dress made entirely from sheets of newspaper, a tote bag and headband. The level of detail, professionalism and creativity in this project made it a clear winner.



Throughout the event, the classroom was buzzing with conversation. Students from other classes took time to read, ask questions and vote for their favourites. There was a real sense of pride in the room and it was such a joyful way to celebrate the end of term and a powerful reminder of what young people can achieve when given space to explore their ideas.



Here are some more brilliant examples of our student work. Well done 8C!



Summer activities

The school has been offered FREE tickets to live theatre performances over the summer through Sage & Jester, the production company behind [STOREHOUSE](#).

They would like to **offer groups of young people free tickets to see London's biggest immersive production over the summer.**

With an extraordinary set based in a former newspaper warehouse, you'll uncover a sprawling, hidden archive, built to house every news story, message, memory and meme ever transmitted across digital networks the world over.



STOREHOUSE will leave you questioning everything you think you know about truth and trust...

About STOREHOUSE

Playing at Deptford Storehouse, this is an ambitious immersive theatre experience set within an awe-inspiring space covering 9,000 square metres. Performances take place until September.

You can see how audiences have been reacting here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7gxfv2GKIU>

And see more information on the experience here:
<https://sageandjester.com/shows/storehouse/>



What's on offer

The students can claim free tickets for performances from now until 22nd August.

You can book up to 4 free tickets per transaction using the link below:
<https://tickets.sageandjester.com/event/33825?PROMO=SHFOMCOMP>

T&Cs

- Up to 4 tickets per transaction using the unique link.
- Valid for performances until 22nd August 2025.
- All tickets are subject to availability.
- Strict age recommendation of 12+.

Parent Governor Election

We would like to thank all parents/carers for their support during this process.

I am pleased to announce that the following parents have been successful. On behalf of the school and the Governing Body I look forward to working with them

- Ms Rothwell
- Ms Fitzgerald
- Ms Ellis

The new governors bring a wealth of experience from various backgrounds, and we are confident that their expertise will be invaluable to our school. They join us with a shared commitment to ensuring Connaught School for Girls remains a supportive, high-achieving, and inclusive environment for all our pupils. Their roles will include helping to set the school's strategic direction, supporting and challenging the leadership team, and ensuring we continue to deliver the best possible education for your children.

With their fresh perspectives and dedication, we are confident that our new governors will make a significant, positive difference. They will work closely with staff, students, and parents/carers to support the ongoing development and improvement of the school.

Our governing body plays a crucial role in championing our school values and ensuring every pupil can thrive and achieve their potential. As always, we are committed to working collaboratively with you, our families, to provide the best for our students. Over the coming months, there will be opportunities for you to meet our new governors at school events and parent forums. I certainly look forward to working with the new, and existing governors on continuing the hard work of school improvement.

PTA ice pops on the final day

The PTA has arranged for every student to be given an ice pop on the way out of school today, a small thank you from the school and the PTA for being the fascinating group of girls that make our school community so brilliant! Have a lovely summer,



The friends of the PTA

ECP after the break

After the break, there will be a survey to students over what they would like to have in the new extracurricular program, so watch this space for development next year.

Year 9 preparation for GCSE

A quick note for Year 9 families: As part of preparing Year 9 students for their GCSEs starting in September, all students should undertake wider reading in their options subjects over the summer each subject they will study. This work may include research projects, reading, or watching documentaries and films to keep them engaged and motivated. Each subject they will be studying should require no more than a couple of hours to look at wider reading in the first topics they will be studying. All the subject plans and curriculum overviews are on the school website [HERE](#). Any additional reading around the topics and any additional work done over the summer will keep the brain engaged and support you in your first lessons back after the summer break.

As always, have a great weekend... except this time have a fabulous 6-week summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone back, fully recharged in September!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Silk'.

Mr. Silk
Headteacher