



# The Wandle Weekly

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE



## Lisa's Inspirational Quote

"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things but in a great way."

— Martin Luther King Jr

## Wandle Valley Academy Alumni

### Meet our first member: Deaquon

Deaquon (affectionately known as Deccie) joined WVA in May 2016, in Year 4 and graduated Summer 2023

Carshalton College Year 1—Passed Foundation Media; Year 2—Sports Media Level 2

Hoping to do Year 3—Sports Media Level 3

Almost every Friday this young man comes back to WVA to join the staff for our Wellbeing Lunch.

It is impossible to capture how amazing he is and how much positive change he has demonstrated against all the odds and educational challenges he has faced.

Deccie would be the first to acknowledge that he was one of WVA's most challenging pupils when he joined us, but over time he used the support and grabbed all the chances that the staff gave him.

Deccie shows us all that what we do as a school, really does have a positive effect. But more importantly he shows the other pupils at WVA that if you want to achieve, it doesn't matter what your challenges are. You can do it, if you want to and you put the effort in.

Thank you Deccie for being such an amazing young man.



## TOP MATHLETES

Mathletics

1st—Nicholas—12,000

2nd—Damien I—1,069

3rd—Harrison—540

**Primary Athlete: Harrison**

## Support and Help

It seems that over time the negative and inappropriate language of our pupils, has become a cause for concern.

As a school we work hard to challenge this, but I am sure as you will all know, the online presence of our pupils continues to present more challenges. I acknowledge that when young people play games online, at times theirs and others language can be quite inappropriate and I understand that this is a challenge for all of us to monitor, but we are going to make it a key focus for the rest of this academic year. Working hard in school to try and change the negative and derogatory language that our pupils seem to use so freely.

I am fully aware that this is a big challenge and that as a school we will need all of you to all support us when the pupils are not in school, but I hope together we can and will be able to make a positive change.



Miss Harris

**REMEMBER:**

**LAST DAY OF TERM—  
FRIDAY 23 MAY 2025**



**RETURN—  
MONDAY 2 JUNE 2025**



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Wandle Valley Academy

presents

Wandle's Cultural Diversity Street Party

on

**Friday 23 May 2025**

*On the day:* Pupils are invited to wear the colours of their flag/traditional wear.

Pupils are encouraged to bring in a food/drink contribution from their culture.





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## *Primary Curriculum*

### **First Primary Walton Firs Trip of the Season**

Last week, the primary pupils were the first to visit Walton Firs this year. They had an amazing time, as you can see from the photos.



Mrs Garner was led through the caving activity by one of her Green Class pupils, who offered her guidance and encouragement the whole way!



**Well done Primaries.**





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## Secondary Curriculum

Wandle's Outdoor Area is now in full swing, with pupils contributing toward creating a path, digging the first vegetable bed and planting out the seedlings.



This is going to prove to be a valuable addition to Wandle—well done to those who have already put in so much hard work.

## Wellbeing Activities

As part of our Wellbeing sessions, a variety of activities take place.

Here you can see Secondary pupils making friendship bracelets—using a variety of textiles and tools to aid imagination and fine motor skills, as well as providing time for mindfulness.



## 9EM Numeracy

One a week, 9EM have a numeracy session. This is in addition to their Maths lesson and helps to consolidate the foundations of their Maths learning.

Here you can see the class hard at work.

