

Welcome to the final Sandwell College Student Newsletter of 2025! This is the place where you can find out what's been happening throughout the college, upcoming events and to share your views.



MEET YOUR STUDENT UNION REPS

Meet your Student Union team for the 25-26 academic year! Feel free to say hello or approach the team with any queries.



Sandwell College & Central Saint Michael's Student Union 25-26



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS AT CADBURY, CSM & SANDWELL COLLEGE

This October, we proudly celebrated Black History Month with two unforgettable events—one at Cadbury College and one at Sandwell College—bringing our community together to honour Black heritage, culture, and creativity.

A MONTH OF REFLECTION & CELEBRATION:

Black History Month is more than a moment—it's a movement. Through music, food, film, and community, we honoured the past, celebrated the present, and looking forward to a future that is shaped by inclusion and unity.

FILM NIGHTS THAT INSPIRED:

We hosted special film screenings featuring Captain America: Brave New World and The Six Triple Eight, spotlighting stories of courage, resilience, and representation.

These films reminded us of the importance of visibility in media.

FOOD THAT BROUGHT US TOGETHER:

We shared delicious delicacies inspired by African and Caribbean heritage, creating a space where students and staff could connect over culture and conversation. Foods, Snacks and Drink on offer for a token of £2.00 where; Rice and Peas, Curry Goat, Jollof Rice, Chicken, Stewed Beef, Fried Plantain, Chin Chin, Puff Puff, Meatpie, Plantain Chips and Chapman (non-alcoholic exotic punch).

MUSIC & VIBES:

Both campuses were buzzing with energy thanks to the incredible DJ Holy, who kept the crowd moving with a powerful mix of music that celebrated Black artistry and rhythm.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and made these events so special. Let's keep the spirit alive all year long!







DIWALI CELEBRATION LIGHTS UP CENTRAL SAINT MICHAEL'S CAMPUS



This October, Central Saint Michael's Sixth Form came alive with colour, music, and joy as we celebrated Diwali—the Festival of Lights—with a vibrant campuswide event that brought students and staff together in the spirit of unity and tradition.

MUSIC & DANCING:

The celebration was filled with energy as students danced to lively beats and enjoyed a festive atmosphere that honoured the rich cultural heritage of Diwali.



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DELICIOUS FOOD & ASIAN SWEETS:

From savoury bites to traditional sweets, everyone indulged in a delicious spread that showcased the flavours of South Asian cuisine—bringing people together over shared plates and smiles.

A CELEBRATION OF LIGHT, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY:

Diwali reminds us of the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil. At Central Saint Michael's, it also reminded us of the power of community, creativity, and compassion.



CREATIVE TRADITIONS:

Students had the chance to paint their own colourful Diya lamps and get beautiful henna designs painted on their hands, embracing the artistry and symbolism of Diwali.

GIVING BACK: In a heart-warming show of generosity, the Student Union raised £102 for the Punjabi India Flood Relief Appeal by Khalsa Aid, helping support communities affected by recent floods. Thank you to everyone who helped make this celebration so special!

BBC INTERVIEW: YOUTH EMPLOYMENT & THE UPCOMING BUDGET

On the 10th November, some of our fantastic students from Sandwell, CSM & Cadbury were asked to participate in a 'Round Table' disucssion interview with Ben Godfrey from the BBC



The discussion was based around what young people want from this year's Autumn Budget, from tax to investment in education and skills. The students highlighted their struggles and successes within the world of youth employment offering their suggestions on what the government could do to make it more accessible for all. The intent of the interview was to capture the voices of young people

making decisions about the future, helping to shape the national conversation on a wider scale. The interview will air via BBC Midlands Today on the 20th November - keep your eyes peeled!

AUTUMN STUDENT CONFERENCE: SHARE YOUR IDEAS, SHAPE THE FUTURE!



This November, students from all campuses were invited to join our annual Student Conference at the Cadbury Campus. The event brought together learners to exchange insights on key aspects of college life, including safeguarding, inclusion, teaching and learning, leadership, and enrichment.





Students participated in a range of workshops, where they had the opportunity to share their opinions, concerns, and solutions—culminating in a Q&A session with our Senior Leadership Team. The feedback collected will play a key role in enhancing opportunities, strengthening student leadership, and further fostering a supportive, ambitious environment. The next Student Conference is scheduled for March!



