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STUDENT NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2026

Welcome to the first Sandwell College Student Newsletter of 2026! This is the place where you can find out what's been happening throughout the college, upcoming events and to share your views.

A LOOK BACK AT THE FESTIVE SEASON...



CHRISTMAS MARKET

In December the Student Union held a Christmas Market which included live music performances, a photo booth, free hot chocolate, free popcorn/candyfloss and plenty of festive activities. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made this events so enjoyable. A special shoutout to the music, photography & beauty departments for all their help! **We can't wait for our next event!**

THE FESTIVE SEASON CONTINUED



Student Union Trip to Winter Wonderland - Hyde Park, London

Our Student Union trip to Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park was a fantastic way to kick off the festive season. Students from across the college came together for a full day in London, enjoying everything the city had to offer at Christmas.



The group spent time exploring Winter Wonderland's rides, attractions, markets, and festive food stalls, soaking up the atmosphere and making the most of the Christmas celebrations. For many, it was their first time experiencing London during the holidays, and the lights, decorations, and energy of the city made the day even more memorable.



Alongside the main event, students also had the chance to sightsee around London — visiting famous landmarks, taking photos, and enjoying the buzz of the capital at its most magical time of year.

Overall, the trip was a huge success. Students had a brilliant time, created great memories, and appreciated the opportunity to experience London at Christmas together as part of the SU community.

Keep an eye out for the next SU Trip.



THE STUDENT UNION GIVES BACK



SU Christmas Foodbank Success Story

Over the Christmas period, our Student Union took an incredible initiative by setting up a foodbank to support families and individuals facing hardship during the holidays. What began as a small idea quickly grew into a hugely successful community project.

Treasure Igunbor organised donation points, coordinated volunteers, and worked tirelessly to raise awareness across the college and local area. Thanks to their dedication, the foodbank collected a remarkable amount of food, toiletries, and essential items — far exceeding expectations.



The impact was felt immediately. Dozens of households received support at a time of the year that can be especially difficult, and the project brought students, staff, and community members together in a powerful show of generosity and compassion.

Thus, students demonstrated outstanding leadership, empathy, and commitment to helping others. Their efforts not only made a real difference to people's lives but also, inspired many around them to get involved and give back to the community.

A truly brilliant achievement and a shining example of what young people can accomplish when they put kindness into action.

SANDWELL COLLEGE AT THE AOC REGIONAL SPORTS TOURNAMENT

Sandwell College had a fantastic showing at this year's AoC Regional Sports Tournament, with our students proudly representing the college across multiple events.

Our badminton players put in an excellent performance, taking on students from colleges across the region. They really enjoyed the competitive atmosphere and the chance to test themselves against new opponents. Their hard work paid off, with several strong results and plenty of positive feedback about the experience.



We also had our boys' basketball team competing in the regional tournament. They faced tough opposition from a range of colleges, but approached every game with determination and teamwork. The players described the tournament as a really positive experience, giving them the opportunity to challenge themselves, build confidence, and develop their skills against high-level competition.

Overall, the day was a great success for Sandwell College. Our students represented us with pride, enthusiasm, and great sportsmanship — and they've come away motivated for future fixtures and tournaments.

If you would like to take part in any SU sports, please get in contact with the team.

STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING - SANDWELL COLLEGE



Our recent Student Council meeting at Sandwell College was a really productive and encouraging session. Students from across different departments came together to share their experiences, offer feedback, and discuss how they want to see the college continue to grow.

The atmosphere was open and collaborative, with students giving thoughtful and constructive feedback on what is working well and where improvements could be made. They raised a number of important concerns, highlighting areas such as communication, facilities, and student support — all shared with the intention of helping the college move forward and make significant progress.

What stood out most was how passionate the students were about shaping their own learning environment. They spoke confidently about the changes they would like to see, the opportunities they want more of, and how they hope the college can continue to develop in ways that support every learner.

Overall, the meeting showed just how committed our students are to making a positive difference. Their voices will play a key role in guiding future improvements, and we are looking forward to working with them to turn their ideas into action.

Next Student council meeting will be in March.





COMING UP THIS TERM!



As a new year begins, we have many exciting events to look forward to...



Monday 19th January - also known as 'Blue Monday', the Student Union will be around with some fun activities to beat the Monday blues!



February means **Valentines Day!** We will be planning to celebrate with you and share the love on **Tuesday 10th February**.



LGBTQ+ History Month will be acknowledged and celebrated throughout February. We have an LGBTQ+ forum open to all students to contribute their ideas and thoughts.

Monday 19th January, 12-1pm, 3F / 63 central

For more events and updates, make sure you keep an eye out on our platforms and college notice boards. Or pop by our office at Central Campus G/40



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