



**SANDWELL  
COLLEGE**

Central  
Saint Michael's  
Sixth Form

cadbury sixth  
form college

# STUDENT NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2026

## BLUE MONDAY STUDENT EVENT - BRINGING POSITIVITY TO CAMPUS



**STUDENT WELLBEING  
WEBSITE**



EVERYDAY MAY  
NOT BE GOOD



BUT THERE IS  
SOMETHING GOOD  
IN EVERYDAY

Blue Monday is often described in the UK as the “most difficult Monday of the year,” falling just a couple of weeks after Christmas when routines return, deadlines pick up, and the winter weather settles in. To support students during this time, the Student Union team hosted a series of positive, welcoming activities on the Central Campus site.

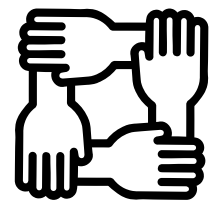
The aim was simple: create a space where students could pause, connect, and lift their spirits. Throughout the day, students were invited to drop in, take a break, and enjoy a range of relaxing and social activities. From board games and casual conversations to opportunities to meet new people, the event encouraged everyone to slow down and share a moment of community.

It was a chance not just to play, chat, and unwind, but also to remind students that they're never alone there's always someone to talk to and a place to feel supported. If you'd like to get involved in future events or learn more about what's coming up, feel free to stop by and speak to the Student Union team. They're always happy to welcome new faces and ideas

**“College feels lighter when you stay positive, get involved, and surround yourself with people who lift you up.”**

## ADULT ESOL PROVISION AND STUDENT SERVICES STANDING BY OUR LEARNERS

Our ESOL department and student services recently organised a thoughtful and meaningful event to support classmates who have been affected by the social and civil unrest in Iran. Many of our students from Iran have experienced deep personal loss during this time, with some having lost family members, friends, and members of their community. The impact has been felt strongly here at Sandwell College, and this event was created to offer a space of understanding, comfort, and solidarity.



The gathering provided students with a safe place to talk, share their experiences, and connect with others who understand what they are going through. It also offered an opportunity to learn about the support available both within the college and through external organisations.

Events like this remind us of the strength of our student community and the importance of standing together during difficult times. Sandwell College remains committed to supporting all students, and our staff are always available to listen, guide, and help anyone who needs support.



If you would like to get involved in future events or learn more about the support available, please speak to the Student Union or a member of staff.

## CADBURY'S STUDENT UNION HAS A NEW HOME!



### THE STUDENT UNION OFFICE HAS MOVED!

We have moved offices to a larger space to give students a place to relax!

You can now find us in C-Block  
**C0-03**

Mondays, Tuesdays and  
Thursdays!



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## LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH



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*LGBTQ+ History Month is a dedicated time to celebrate and educate about the history, achievements, and struggles of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people.*

***Join the Student Union in Celebrating!***

**MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 11:30 - 13:00**

**CHARITY BAKE SALE - ALL PROCEEDS GOING  
TO 'MIND OUT' - LGBTQ CHARITY  
CENTRAL SAINT MICHAELS CAFE**



**TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 12:00-14:00**

**LGBTQ+ SOCIAL**

**A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:  
BRACELET MAKING, BADGE MAKING,  
REFRESHMENTS AND MORE  
SANDWELL CAMPUS - ROOM TBC**



## STUDENT UNION'S VALENTINES DAY



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

# Valentine Day celebration

FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup>  
AT 11:45-12:45

FOOD  
LIVE MUSIC  
DANCE

Canteen Space

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### CADBURY COLLEGE

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

11:45 - 12:45

Canteen space



### SANDWELL COLLEGE

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

10:30 - 14:00

Aitrium



### CENTRAL SAINT MICHAEL'S

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

12:00 - 13:30

Cafe



### Student Union's Valentines Event



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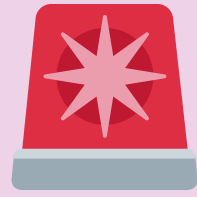
10:30 - 14:00

Central Campus Aitrium

Come along and share the love  
with roses, chocolates, candle  
painting, games, and more.

Featuring Sandwell Council's  
"For the One I Love"

## AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO BE PART OF THE POLICE STOP AND SEARCH SCRUTINY PANEL!



You can be part of the Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel for Sandwell and the Black Country to have your say on how the police operate in our community.

### WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

This panel is all about giving young people like you a chance to:

- Learn about your rights.
- Understand how stop and search powers are used.
- Improve the relationship between the police and local communities.
- Making a real difference by sharing your views and helping to shape change.

### HOW TO JOIN:

If you are interested in being part of this important project, speak to your course tutor. They can help you get in touch with **Liane McGee** (Student Development and Behaviour Manager) or **Rio Hackett** (Behaviour Coordinator) for more details.

This is your chance to make a real impact, whilst developing and building your skills and experience.

### WHY SHOULD YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Have a voice: Raise concerns and give feedback.
  - Make a change: Help shape how stop and search powers are used in your community.
  - Develop essential skills: communication, critical thinking, and leadership.
  - Build confidence: Working with others to build trust between young people and the police.
  - Get involved: Encourage your friends to take part too and make their voices heard. All great to add to your CV, future job or university application forms.
- The panel will meet every 2 months, and refreshments will be provided!

### WHAT HAPPENS AT THE PANEL?

You will:

- Watch real footage from body cameras worn by police officers.
- Review stop and search records.
- Share your opinions without fear of being judged.
- Take part in discussions and give honest feedback to help improve the police's actions.