

This year has flown by so quickly, I just cannot believe it is the end of the academic year already. This academic year has been about RECREATING SCS. We have faced so many challenges that have shown the power that can be generated when everyone works together.

Students, you have been **amazing**, as always and **thank you** for the way you have conducted yourselves. At times you have no doubt been challenging, but SCS is here for you to help you show everyone that **you can achieve**. The journey is never smooth but it is by recovering from those issues that we learn so much about each other and we want to support you and your families **RE-CREATE your life chances**.

So, to my staff I would like to say a huge thank you for your continuous dedication in supporting and guiding SCS students in their journey. You ALL have been amazing to ensure the absolute best for ALL SCS learners and for those other schools we support every day. A special mention to my operation team – without these SCS would never function.

And to you parents/carers, thank you for the support you have given the school. As they say, it takes a whole village to bring up a child and that has never been truer. I am convinced that each and every one of our students will RE-CREATE themselves and go on to have a great life. As we all know they sometimes just need to stop and think.

This year has been special as we are one of only twenty-two schools in the country that have an Alternative Provision Specialist Taskforce (APST) and recently they sent their research team into SCS to conduct a case study with the fantastic work that is going on. We await the publication and I will share this as soon as it lands. This year we have had the best attendance at examinations, and we all know, this is an unsettling time. So well done to Year 11 for showing the way to other year groups within the school.

I have introduced a **recovA strategy** into school this year to further support the challenges that our students face. This has seen SCS strengthen its partnership with [TUTE.COM](https://www.tute.com), our online tutor partner, employ further staff to engage with our students and parents/carers and improve the opportunities for our students to engage in boxing and a whole host of sporting activities. Our SHINE programme goes from strength to strength, especially the fantastic work we have done working in partnership with our students to engage them in employment or further study. The government use this destination data as a significant indicator of how well a school does in this area and it is so good to announce that SCS NEET figure is zero. With the year 11's who have just left we have worked hard to ensure that this figure is repeated for our current year 11's. If they are reading this – remember CONNEXIONS are amazing and can support. I would personally like to thank CONNEXIONS for the work you do with all of our students – I really appreciate it and so do the students.

Look out for the activities that are available free of charge during the Summer – check out [SCS website](#) for information. Look out for our latest strategy – **raisetheWELLBEINGbar in** the new academic year.

Stay SAFE and have a SAFE SUMMER. Thank you for making SCS SHINE.

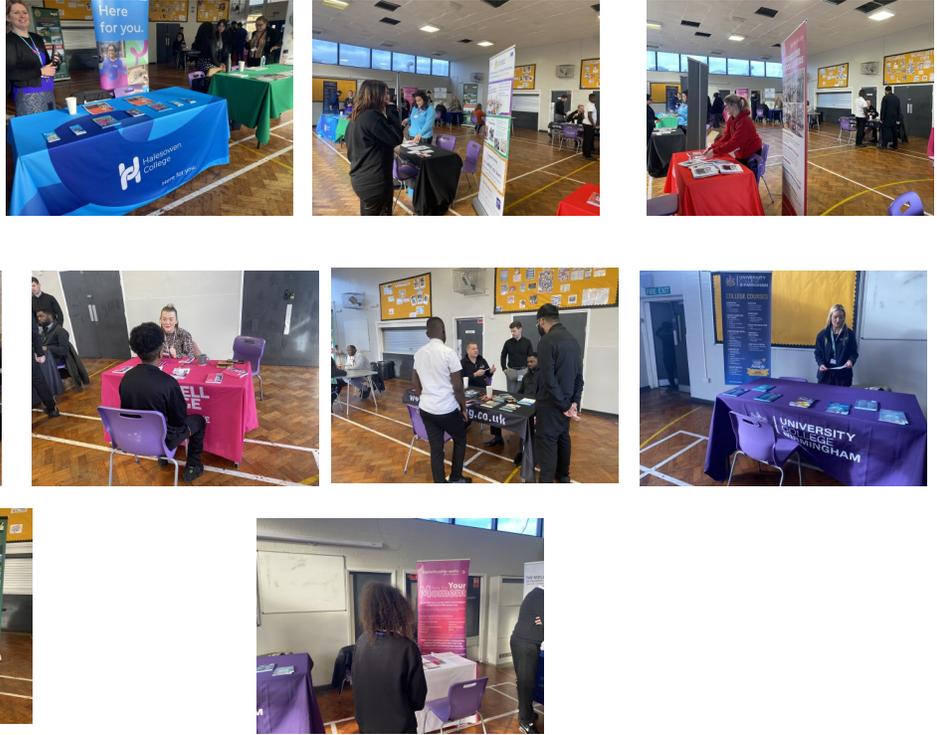
Kevin Morgan. Executive Head Teacher



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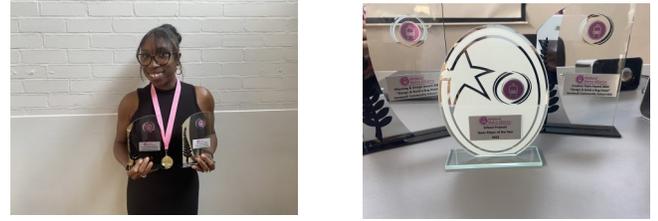
In May 2023 we hosted our own careers event for our year 11 and 10 students. We had various colleges, apprenticeships and sixth forms showcase the courses they provide at their education setting.



Art Award

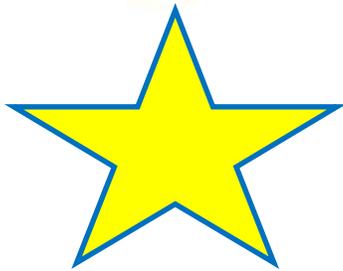


We are pleased to announce students at SCS have won KS3 planning & Design Award, KS4 Creative Team Award for the 'Build a Bug' Hotel competition. Well done to our amazing Art Teacher and all students involved!





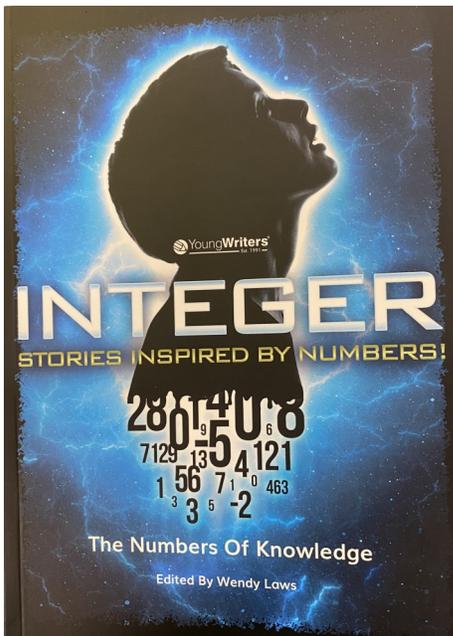
Young Writers



Once again our students have had their poems published in the young writers book, called Integer stories, inspired by numbers. They were selected from thousands of students from across the country. Well done!

#youngwriters #raisingthebar

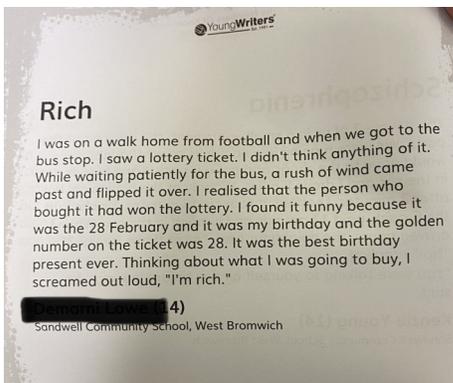
**"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
"Anything is possible"**



9

I woke up in an unknown lab with 9 printed on my wrists like a barcode. I didn't know what I was doing here but 9 was the only thing I saw. That was all I was, just a number 9. 9 was my identity. I looked around to find others like me. No one. Then I heard a loud voice saying, "You have been chosen. You are one of us now and you will accept your fate. You are up first." I took my place in the line and realised that 7 and 8 had jumped. I was next.

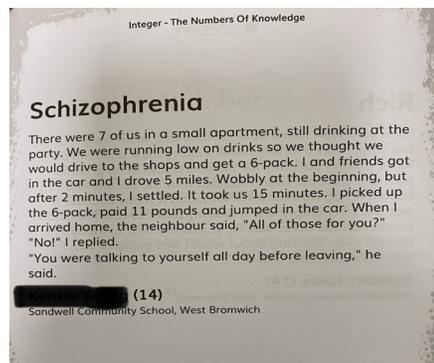
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Rich

I was on a walk home from football and when we got to the bus stop. I saw a lottery ticket. I didn't think anything of it. While waiting patiently for the bus, a rush of wind came past and flipped it over. I realised that the person who bought it had won the lottery. I found it funny because it was the 28 February and it was my birthday and the golden number on the ticket was 28. It was the best birthday present ever. Thinking about what I was going to buy, I screamed out loud, "I'm rich."

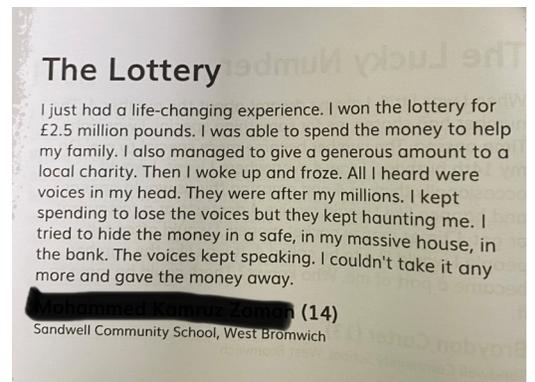
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Schizophrenia

There were 7 of us in a small apartment, still drinking at the party. We were running low on drinks so we thought we would drive to the shops and get a 6-pack. I and friends got in the car and I drove 5 miles. Wobbly at the beginning, but after 2 minutes, I settled. It took us 15 minutes. I picked up the 6-pack, paid 11 pounds and jumped in the car. When I arrived home, the neighbour said, "All of those for you?" "No!" I replied. "You were talking to yourself all day before leaving," he said.

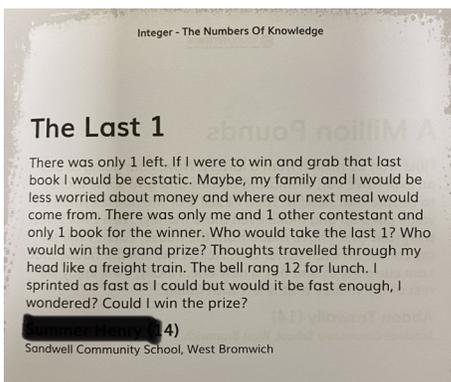
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The Lottery

I just had a life-changing experience. I won the lottery for £2.5 million pounds. I was able to spend the money to help my family. I also managed to give a generous amount to a local charity. Then I woke up and froze. All I heard were voices in my head. They were after my millions. I kept spending to lose the voices but they kept haunting me. I tried to hide the money in a safe, in my massive house, in the bank. The voices kept speaking. I couldn't take it any more and gave the money away.

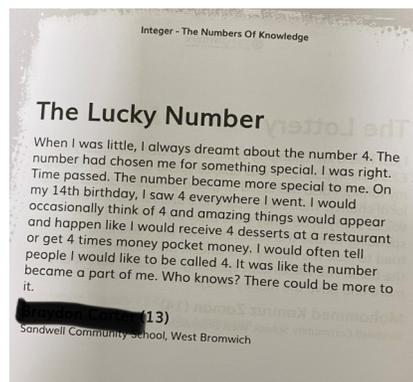
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The Last 1

There was only 1 left. If I were to win and grab that last book I would be ecstatic. Maybe, my family and I would be less worried about money and where our next meal would come from. There was only me and 1 other contestant and only 1 book for the winner. Who would take the last 1? Who would win the grand prize? Thoughts travelled through my head like a freight train. The bell rang 12 for lunch. I sprinted as fast as I could but would it be fast enough, I wondered? Could I win the prize?

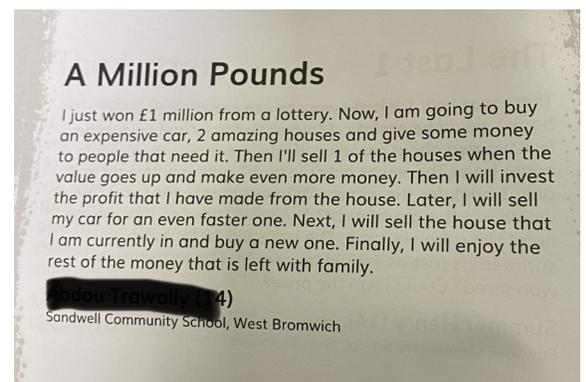
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The Lucky Number

When I was little, I always dreamt about the number 4. The number had chosen me for something special. I was right. Time passed. The number became more special to me. On my 14th birthday, I saw 4 everywhere I went. I would occasionally think of 4 and amazing things would appear and happen like I would receive 4 desserts at a restaurant or get 4 times money pocket money. I would often tell people I would like to be called 4. It was like the number became a part of me. Who knows? There could be more to it.

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A Million Pounds

I just won £1 million from a lottery. Now, I am going to buy an expensive car, 2 amazing houses and give some money to people that need it. Then I'll sell 1 of the houses when the value goes up and make even more money. Then I will invest the profit that I have made from the house. Later, I will sell my car for an even faster one. Next, I will sell the house that I am currently in and buy a new one. Finally, I will enjoy the rest of the money that is left with family.

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ASSESSMENT

WEDNESBURY CENTRE

A Day Trip in the Shropshire Hills

On Thursday 13th July the students at Assess visited the Shropshire Hills as part of their sport lesson. Not all of the students had attended a walk like this in the past, so it was something new and they were unsure what to expect. But – we did it! We made it!

WOW! What amazing team work the students showed during the trip. They encouraged each other when they were struggling, they cheered each other on when milestones had been met and listened to instructions carefully to keep themselves safe

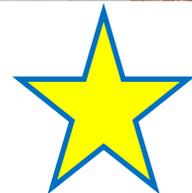
Just look at the photos from our fabulous day out...



COPE

SMETHWICK CENTRE

Students at Cope have been hard at work creating Vision Boards in English. Students engaged well in the task and the boards look extremely ambitious and promising. Well done, Cope Campus!



Alternative Provision Specialist Taskforce Team

The APST programme **was introduced in 2021**. Its aim is to effectively respond to the **complex needs** of AP pupils, to **re-engage them in their education**, to improve **attendance, behaviour and attainment** in school, and reduce involvement in offending and **serious violence**.

The Team



Mental health therapist

The Therapist will support young people in developing their social skills and emotional intelligence, providing counselling and therapy to address any mental health issues, and working with families to address any home or environmental factors that may contribute to the child's behaviour.



SALT

Speech and Language Therapist (SALT) can help pupils develop the ability to express themselves effectively, understand social cues and norms, and make appropriate decisions. This can ultimately reduce the risk of them becoming involved in criminal activity in the future.



Family Support Worker

The family support worker can work with the families of pupils to provide support and guidance in addressing any home-based factors that may contribute to criminal behaviour. This may include supporting the family in managing financial difficulties, addressing relationship issues, and providing counselling and therapy services to improve family dynamics and overall well-being.



Youth Worker

Our youth workers can provide mentorship and guidance to the pupil, helping them to develop positive relationships and coping mechanisms that can prevent them from committing crimes.

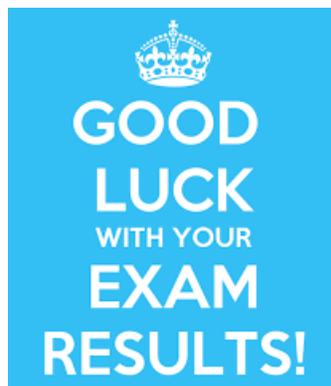
If you feel your child would benefit from seeing one of our specialists you can either contact the school office on 0121 533 5802 and ask to speak a member of the APST Team or email aptaskforce@sandwellcs.org.uk

FOOD VOUCHERS

If you have any issues or concerns during the holiday period regarding food vouchers please email enquiries@sandwellcs.org.uk

RESULTS DAY

School will be open on 24th August 2023, 10am–1pm for all year 11's to collect their results.



APST HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



LOOKING FOR FUN, FREE ACTIVITIES TO DO DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAY THEN LOOK NO FURTHER!

**WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY –
FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST 2023
10AM – 2PM**

Sandwell Community School,
Westminster Road, West
Bromwich, B71 2JN



TO REGISTER YOUR PLACE
CONTACT THE SCHOOL
OFFICE ON 0121 533 5802
BY 7TH JULY 2023

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Helping Families Thrive



What is a Family Hub?

**Children's Centres
are growing to
include more
support and services
and will become
Sandwell Family
Hubs.**

Our mission is to help all families in Sandwell thrive

Family Hubs will offer the right help, in the right place, at the right time by offering services and support for all families with children aged 0 – 19 (or 25 with SEND) and extra support is available for families during pregnancy and in your baby's first years.

To see how Family Hubs can support you and your family, head over to our Sandwell Family Hubs website where we offer support and guidance. You can also use our session finder to see what support is available.

www.sandwellfamilyhubs.com



School's out for summer!

It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

Skips Educational

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Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Term dates 2023—2024

Autumn Term

Term starts: 4th September 2023

Half term: 30th Oct- 3rd Nov 2023

End of term: 22nd December 2023

Spring Term

Term starts: 8th January 2024

Half term: 12th —16th Feb 2024

End of term: 22nd March 2024

Summer Term

Term starts: 8th April 2024

Half term: 27th May -31st May 2024

End of term: 23rd July 2024

SAFEGUARDING



Good to Know News

SPDC Parent Career Newsletter
June 2023

Spa Day!
WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY
10:00AM-2:00PM
Village Hall (Sally, Catterick Park, Birmingham B15 2JX)

Enjoy a day of relaxation at the Village Hall before the busy school holidays!
Take the opportunity to have a dip in the pool, relax in the sauna or access the gym.
A light lunch will be provided.
Email spdc@spdc.org.uk for bookings or to view your brochure.
There is no charge for this service.

WALK & TALK WITH SPDC

MONDAY 10TH JULY
Monday Almonds, The Pavilion, 91 Logborough Hill, S47 3JG
10.00am-11.30am

THURSDAY 20TH JULY
Sandwell Valley Park Farm, West Bromwich B70 2JG
10.00am-11.30am

Let's walk and talk whilst taking in some fresh air, we will finish off with a hot drink in the cafe.
Parking is free & refreshments are being shared.

SPDC Coffee Shop-Taster!
Our Coffee Shop Taster sessions can be booked directly on our website and are free to attend. Book for a great afternoon with us!

The book at home club is still running on Wednesdays during the school holidays (10th June-2nd Aug).
Bookings will close on Wednesday (10th June) at 5pm.

Do you have a spare couple of evenings per week? Have you ever thought of being of Youth Worker?

Sandwell Youth Service is recruiting for Part Time Youth Workers! Vacancies are available in youth clubs, detached youth work, SEND youth work and at Conegre Arts Centre.

Come along to an information session on Tuesday 4 July from 5pm-8pm at Conegre Arts Centre, Sedgley Rd East, Tipton, DY4 8XA

For more information, email: youngpeople_services@sandwell.gov.uk



Places Leisure
Part of Places for People

Whatever your requirements

West Bromwich Leisure Centre
Aqua Natal Classes

Four-week free courses provided in partnership with Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

- 1 Targets specific muscles, improving your core stability, posture and balance
- 2 Low impact exercises while you experience feeling weightless in the water
- 3 Increased resistance in the water improves your flexibility and fitness

These classes are tailored for mums-to-be, providing a safe haven for you to workout and socialise. The programme is expertly designed and takes a holistic approach to an expectant mums physical and mental well-being, combining relaxation with cardiovascular exercises to help prepare the body for birth.

www.bookwhen.com/changes

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Items for donation

- Movers Boxes
- Newborn Nappies (size 1 & 2)
- Nappy Bags
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Shampoo
- Baby Lotion
- Liquid Baby Soap
- Baby Goggles
- Shampoo for Mums
- Shower Gel for Mums
- Toiletries for Mums
- Diapers
- Breast Pads
- Maternity Pads
- Baby Towels
- Muslin Cloth
- Small Baby Bottles
- Movers Boxes Baby Sheets
- 6 mths Baby Clothes
- Small Baby Toys
- Colic Hood
- Gills for Mums

Drop off point

New Beginnings Community
2 Manor Church Lane, Sandwell, Sandwell, West Midlands, B70 7LJ

check our website for opening times

NEW BEGINNINGS
community

All your generosity enables us to make our bundles a beautiful gift for mums and babies who are experiencing hard times. Thank you so much!

New Beginnings Only Donor - Credit Details
Telephone: 0121 622 0229
Email: help@newbeginningscommunity.org.uk
Bank: New Beginnings Baby Bundle

What does the Beginning do?

We provide, through registered retail agencies, newborn bundles for the most vulnerable mothers in our communities. These generally consist of a Movers Boxed Ward with toiletries and clothing for the first six weeks or so of a new baby's life, gifted to families in need. We operate on donations from the public, and are very grateful.

What can you do to help?

Being Free
We are grateful for all help offered, as if you can spare an hour or so, or have a spare or surplus, we would love to have you join us! Our volunteers are a really friendly group and always happy to welcome new people. We are able to make use of any surplus, with you might have to offer. Please speak to a member of the team for more information.

Being Digital
Everything we give away is checked by our amazing generous community. If you are in a position to purchase online, while shopping, or use a great quality second hand 0-6 mths baby clothes they will always be put to very good use.

Being Thriftily
We are very careful with our funds and have fundraising events, because we do on occasion need to purchase items. Some babies that do brand new babies which we purchase from a supplier.

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OLDBURY
Wellbeing Hub
Monday's
13:30-14:30pm

ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE!

WELLBEING HUB LOCATION

Various activities both indoor and outdoor to improve participants' physical & mental wellbeing.

Every Monday
13:30pm - 14:30pm
Barnford Hill Park,
Wood Road,
Oldbury,
B48 3ED

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK, CONTACT:
david.jones@sanfoundations.co.uk 01358 871324

SHAPE
YOUTH SUMMER FEST
SATURDAY 15 JULY 2023
12NOON - 3PM
SANDWELL VALLEY WEST RECREATION, BT1 4BP

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SPORTS ZONE

BLIND DATE'S COLOUR RUN

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