



# Stewards Academy Newsletter July 2019



## HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, I find it hard to believe that I have almost completed a second year as headteacher of our remarkable school. It continues to be an absolute privilege to work with you all.

This half-term, as ever, has been a busy one, with a host of events and activities that enrich the educational experience of our young people. The PE Department have been particularly busy with **Sports Presentation Evening and Sports Day** on the agenda. Both events were organised with precision and wholly appreciated by all those involved. I doubt if any school would be able to match the perfect balance we achieve at Sports Day between competition and team spirit. You will find details of all our Prize Winners inside this newsletter.



The Performing Arts Department have also been very busy. **Sparkleshark**, our lower school production, was truly amazing and the **Y10 Drama Presentation** demonstrated how pupils progress in drama as they move throughout the years. As I write, preparations are being made for our **Summer Dance Performance**, followed closely by our Summer Concert the next day—another two evenings of delightful entertainment in store!

The Pastoral Team have been very busy with the **transition** process—visiting our new cohort at their primary schools and organising and delivering Taster Days. I am sure you will enjoy reading some of the comments made by our new pupils on pages 8 and 9. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 pupils in September.



This term we were pleased to hear that we have once again been awarded the **Inclusion Quality Mark** in recognition of our outstanding inclusive practice. The report we received was very pleasing, with our school being quoted as '*...one of the most inclusive schools I have ever visited*' by the IQM assessor! This is testament to our amazing staff, who always go the extra mile in everything they do. I will share with you some more quotes from this exceptional report in the September newsletter.

One of the marked strengths of our inclusive practice has to be our partnership with **Place2Be**, the mental health charity that provides a counselling service in school, alongside YCT. This year we celebrated the 10-year anniversary of our partnership, with an afternoon tea, with over 80 visitors: parents, pupils, staff and friends. We were pleased to invite back ex-students Callum and Lucie, who both spoke so eloquently about the support they had received from the service and what a difference it had made to their lives. It was a heart-warming event with delicious cake provided by our own Sue Penney.



As always at this time of year, we will be saying goodbye to some trusted colleagues: **Mr Kelly, Mr Atlaf, Miss Gilme, Mrs Anspach, Miss Menuet and Mrs Menchon**. We wish them all well as they move on to new adventures. This half-term, we have welcomed **Mrs Amin (RE)** and **Mr Whitby (Learning Mentor)** into the Stewards Family. Our best wishes also go to **Miss McGarry and Miss Rogers** as they begin their Maternity Leave; we look forward to hearing of the new arrivals over the summer.

At Stewards we continue to be committed to finding new ways to enhance our provision and there are a number of changes that we have shared with you in previous newsletters and emails. We have summarised these overleaf and have included some important reminders for parents. Please do make sure you read these carefully, so your child is ready for September.

Finally it just leaves me to thank you all wholeheartedly for your continued support. The commitment of our parents to collaboration is a considerable strength of the school.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer,  
Helen Ginger



# Information for Parents

## Important Information for Parents - New Academic Year

As the academic year comes to a close we have summarised below all the key information you will need for September. Please take your time to read these through carefully and discuss them with your child. Your support with these will be greatly appreciated and will help us get off to a positive and successful start.

### Timings of the School Day

I would like to remind you that the timings of the school day are changing in September and these are provided for your convenience below. We ask that pupils are on the school site by 8:55am in order to begin Morning Prep promptly at 9am.

**Front gate closure: 08.55** -This will ensure that pupils arrive promptly to Morning Prep.

**Morning Prep: 09:00 - 09:15** - Pupils will spend the first 15 minutes of the day with their form tutors. This will support tutor-pupil relationships and allow any matters to be addressed first thing in the morning.

**Period 1:** 09:15 - 10:30am

**BREAK:** 10.30 - 10.45am

**Period 2:** 10:45 - 12:00pm

**LUNCH:** 12:00 – 12:40pm

**Period 3:** 12:40 -1:55pm

**BREAK:** 1.55 - 2.10pm

**Period 4:** 2:10 -3:25pm

**Afternoon Prep:** 3:25 – 4:00pm



Please note that we return to school on **Thursday 5th September (Year 7 only)** or **Friday 6th September (Years 8-11)**. On Friday 6th we have **staggered start times** for each year group as given on penultimate page of this newsletter.



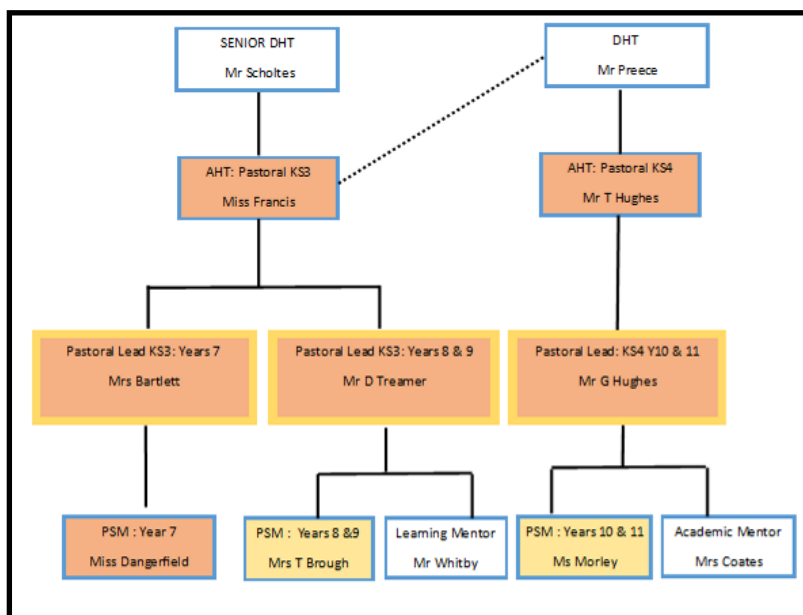
### Uniform

Our uniform requirements can be found on our website, but I would like to remind you that from **September only pleated skirts are permitted in Years 7-10**. Year 11 will be permitted to wear a straight-style for one year only. Please note that all skirts should sit below the knee.

### Pastoral structure

As of September, there has been some adjustment of the Pastoral Structure to ensure that the transition process from Year 6 to 7 is seamless and effective. Mrs J Bartlett and Miss A Dangerfield will now be working solely with Year 7. Mr D Trearmer and Mrs T Brough, aided by our new Learning Mentor, Mr Whitby, will be working with Years 8 and 9 building on the work done by the Year 7 team. Mr G Hughes and Mrs J Morley, aided by Mrs Coates, Academic Mentor, will then guide the students through their final two years.

Overseeing KS3 and KS4 will be Mrs J Francis and Mr T Hughes who will be offering strategic direction making sure all of our students are best placed to tackle all that the future holds.





# 2019 UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge

On the 30<sup>th</sup> April it was the turn of our younger mathematicians to take part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. Sixty pupils from Year 7 and Year 8 answered a series of multiple-choice questions focused on mathematical problem-solving which challenges pupils to think creatively and logically. Over 270,000 pupils from across the UK sat the challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving a gold certificate, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze. We are very proud to announce that 15 talented mathematicians have been awarded certificates.



**Fleur Salhi** – *Also awarded Best in Year 8 and Best in School.* Fleur also qualified for the Junior Kangaroo Challenge, an extension to the Maths Challenge. This took place on the 11<sup>th</sup> June and we look forward to receiving the results soon.



**Max Arnold**

**Lillie Hudgell**

**Stavros Apostolidis**

**David Petrica**

**Henry Davy** – *Also awarded best in Year 7*

**Poppy Tant**

**Rafferty Groat**

**Finlay Thurston-McGowan**

**Mihai Ispas**



**Lucy Eels**

**Mithran Patnaik**

**Abdullah Qureshi**

**Aleena Muktiwibawa**

**Tiffany Page**



**Year 7 Winners**



**Year 8 Winners**

Well done to all the pupils who participated in this year's challenge and congratulations to our award winners.

**Mrs E Woolley, Maths Teacher**

## Governors Report

As we draw towards the end of the school year, we can look back at an extremely busy time at Stewards. This half term is the time when governors set the budget for the next school year and consider the finances for the following four years. We are pleased to say that we continue to appreciate the way Stewards finances are being managed by the finance team.

During this half term Stewards was reassessed for the Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) which we have held for a number of years; I am pleased that the initial feedback was very positive and we anticipate a very favourable report in due course.

In closing may I, on behalf of the governors, wish you all a good summer break, success in your exams, and for those leaving, good wishes for your future.

**Mr Tarling, Chair of Governors**



# Spotlight on MFL

It has been a busy and very successful year for the MFL department at Stewards Academy.

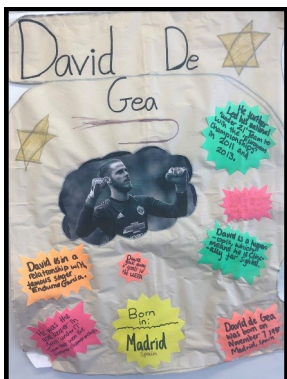
We began the year by celebrating European Day of Languages in which the MFL department hosted a range of activities showcasing the great and good of Europe including a 'Language Detective Trail' and a 'Same Word, Different Meaning' competition, with teachers greeting students in a variety of different languages throughout the day.

The week culminated in Stewards' first ever 'Great European Bake Off!' Pupils from all years and staff participated, bringing in a fantastic array of baked goods to share with the school community. The Stewards family enjoyed eating the delicious treats and monetary donations were collected in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. All competitors in the Great European Bake Off received positive points and entries were judged by Mrs Ginger.

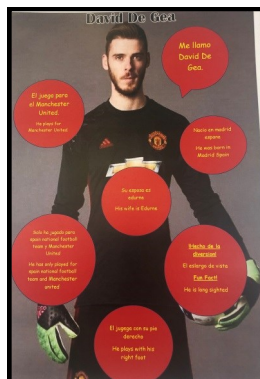
The winning entries were: Millie and Scarlett from Year 7, Teddy and Lillie from Year 8 and Katie and Izzi from year 9. All winners received prizes during assemblies. We look forward to the return of the Great European Bake Off on Thursday 26th September 2019. Get baking!



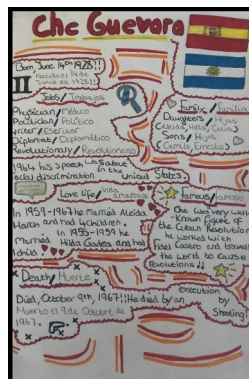
Throughout the year our Year 7 and 8 students have been working on extended projects in MFL where they have been researching famous French and Spanish speakers. Positive points have been awarded to all students that have completed the project. Some of our standout projects were completed by Satu (7JAS) and Erin (7UM) on David de Gea, Laila (7UM) on Che Guevara, Djamilia (7JAS) on Mafalda and Alfie (7JAS) on Joan of Arc.



Satu 7JAS  
David de Gea



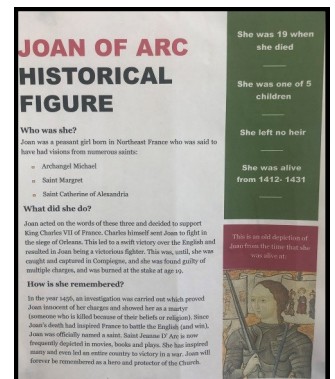
Erin 7UM  
David de Gea



Laila 7UM  
Che Guevara



Djamilia 7JAS  
Mafalda



Alfie 7JAS  
Joan of Arc

In KS4, students have been studying a range of topics for their GCSEs. For example, in Year 9 the pupils have been looking at environmental issues. Year 9 French students were involved in creating a Green environmental campaign party. They were asked to create speeches and PowerPoint presentations entirely in French explaining and raising awareness of their environmental concern. One pupil was able to use the information and speech that he has created in French to help him with his English-speaking presentation.



# Spotlight on MFL

We have a full itinerary for the summer term starting off with our annual trip to the Paella Tapas Bar in Southgate, North London for all Year 10 pupils who are studying Spanish. This trip will allow students to have a real taste of Spanish language, culture and cuisine. There will be a range of authentic Spanish Tapas on offer. The Spanish waiters will converse in the language and explain the history of the dishes. This initiative will allow students to experience Spanish culture and cuisine without having to travel to Spain.



The French department are also hosting their annual trip to Calais for all Year 9 French students. The trip will provide pupils with the opportunity to practise their language skills and experience French culture through a variety of activities. They will be visiting the 'Becasuc' Sweet Factory, an old-fashioned sweet maker where students will be able



to watch and listen to a French Artisan making the sweets, participate in the making of the sweets and try the delicious treats. They will also have the opportunity to discover the beautiful town of Boulogne sur mer and try local delicacies. We will round off the trip with a shopping spree at one of Europe's largest shopping centres, Cité Europe.

The MFL department have also been busy working in collaboration with the Art and Photography department in preparing Stewards first ever Spanish residential trip to Madrid for June 2020. The trip will provide Year 9 and 10 students with incredible opportunities such as visiting Retiro Park, a walking tour in Spanish (and English) of the city, excursions to Santiago Bernabeu Stadium (with a guided tour), the Royal Palace and a tasting of churros and chocolate at the world famous Chocolateria San Gines.



Finally, the MFL department would like to recognise the dedication and resilience shown by the Year 11 students this year in preparing for their Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing exams.



A special mention for the winners of The Jonathan Hewlett Awards for Modern Languages: French - Morgan-June and Spanish - Sophie who have both demonstrated great commitment to their GCSE studies and passion for the subject.

We would also like to thank the Jack Petchey award winners, Amelia and Peace who generously donated their grant to the MFL department. We have been able to subscribe to Linguascope, an online language learning platform for our KS3 students and buy a selection of French and Spanish DVDs and books for the department.

**Miss L Rafferty, Subject Leader MFL**



# Stewards Learner—Culture and Character

## Positions of Responsibility 2019-2020

It has been a busy half-term with the application process for all positions of responsibility for Years 7-10 taking place. Over 160 applications have been received and read, followed by speeches, elections and interviews depending on the post applied for!

It has been a real privilege reading the applications and what our wonderful students have to say in their speeches and interviews. All pupils have conducted themselves admirably throughout the process. Congratulations to all pupils that have successfully gained a place on the School Council or another position of responsibility; including peer mentor, prefect, student ambassador.

Pupils will be invited to a training session prior to the end of term.

More information to follow in our next newsletter.

## Head Boy / Head Girl 2019-2020

At the time of going to print our candidates for Head Boy and Head Girl have delivered their speeches to the school community and are awaiting the outcome of the voting on Thursday 18th July. Following a rigorous application and interview process, our 22 applicants have been narrowed down to 9. Good luck to all candidates!

Our candidates are:



Esther Ntow



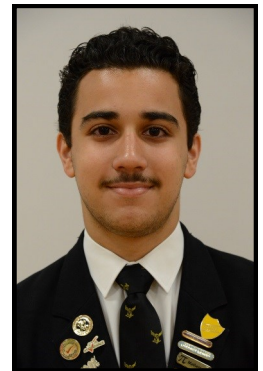
Frankin Nzeh



Kai Henson



Matylida Szczerba



Seven Hassan



Megan Taylor



Grace Pudney



Katie-Mae Braham



Skye Etherington

## School Council 2018-2019

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current School Council for all of their fantastic and hard work this year. They have been incredibly dedicated and contributed superbly at a range of events and meetings throughout the year. A number of them will also be lucky enough to be sample menu tasters for the new menus!

**Mrs da Vighi, Assistant Headteacher: School Organisation and Enrichment**



# Stewards Learner—Culture and Character

## Peer Mentors

As reported in my last article, the team have been busily working towards handing over their responsibility. They have been an integral part of the preparation and early stages of training for the new team, and I hope that they may be able to support me further in this respect, in the new academic year.

This has been my first year of running the Peer Mentor Programme, and what an incredible one it has been! In many respects, the team

have been my 'guinea pigs'; through their ideas and feedback, I have been able to develop the programme and fully understand the impact of being involved in a 'shared experience' enterprise.

It goes without saying that I could write extensively about their qualities and successes, however I thought I would share with you instead, some of the highlights of our year together.

*'Our Peer Mentor is brilliant. He is always there, and willing to work with students. He has suggested some activities and pupils to work with. He often helps a small group with their spellings, and has spoken to the tutor group about their options choices. The students he works with really enjoy the activities, and his support and encouragement has given them a confidence boost.'* : Ms Chandler - Year 8 Tutor

*'They answer any questions we might have, or point us in the right direction to talk to someone who can answer our questions.'* : Year 7 pupil

*'They make sure that everyone is OK.'* : Year 7 pupil

*'They help us with equipment and homework. And they help us if we have worries.'* : Year 8 pupil

*'They assist us in our troubles, and we talk to them about things that they may relate to.'* : Year 7 pupil

*'One of the benefits of being a Peer Mentor is the increased sense of responsibility.'*: Megan—Peer Mentor

*'I've had the opportunity to lead a group.'*: Esther—Peer Mentor

*'It has made me more confident and experienced in asking and answering questions.'*: Ayse—Peer Mentor

The Peer Mentor team are a committed, diligent and empathetic group of young people. It has been a privilege to guide and support them through the year, and I wish all of them every success in their future endeavours.

**Mrs Ramsey: Assistant Headteacher Responsible for Safeguarding, and Culture and Character**

## Safeguarding Update

While the summer holidays are a much anticipated and well-deserved break, they can also be a worrying time for parents in terms of keeping their children safe. Here at school, we have used our final weeks to continue to present assemblies on *Knife Crime* and *Staying Safe Online*, and while we are confident that we have provided our pupils with the most useful information available, we know that as parents, you will want to do the same. Listed below are links to websites that you, and your child, may find useful over the coming weeks. We wish you all a pleasant, and safe summer break.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/home-families/seasonal-events/summer-holidays/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/>

<https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/internet-crime/safe-surfing/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/staying-safe-online-summer-holidays>

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/staying-safe-online-in-the-summer-holidays-advice-for-parents-and-carers>

<http://www.utcswindon.co.uk/parents/parental-guidance/summer-time-safeguarding/>

**Mrs Ramsey: Assistant Headteacher Responsible for Safeguarding, and Culture and Character**

**Mr Ford: Safeguarding Lead**





# Year 6 Taster Days

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, Stewards Academy were delighted to host two very exciting Taster Days for our new Year 6 intake joining us in September. Just over 230 pupils joined us across the two days from a variety of schools and pupils were exposed to a range of activities including English, Maths, Science, Technology/Art and Performing Arts.

In the morning, pupils took part in a formal assembly with half of what will be their new year group, enabling pupils to meet key staff, learn about the school's values and expectations and understand the structure for the day. Similarly, in the afternoon, pupils came together as a year group to recap important information for September and to talk through the Year 6 Summer Transition project.



During the day, pupils went off in groups with Year 7 prefects to get a small 'taste' of a variety of subjects they will experience in September. In English, pupils had the chance to show off their creative writing skills in the development of short stories and in Maths, pupils explored numbers, shapes and patterns in a practical-based 'magic carpet' exercise. In Technology, pupils had the opportunity to create and engineer chocolate/perfume boxes and in Art, the children got to demonstrate their imaginative skills by designing funny, strange, interesting and unique creative creatures. In Science, pupils were exposed to a water-based activity and pupils got to practically test out different household solutions for their water content. They also got to experience a highly exciting rocket launch, fuelled by the combustion of hydrogen and oxygen, a reaction which makes water.

In the afternoon, all pupils came together to watch the Lower School Production 'Sparkleshark' and were treated to a wonderful showcase of Drama by our highly talented cast of Year 7-8 actors. The show went down a storm with our Year 6 pupils, with many of them clapping, laughing and cheering our budding actors along throughout the performance, and the atmosphere across both afternoons was electric!

The year group as a whole behaved impeccably throughout the two days and the level of effort and work produced were truly outstanding! Year 6 really did step up to the mark throughout this experience and made an excellent 1<sup>st</sup> impression on all of the staff that had the privilege to work with them on the day; I want to say a really big well done to all of our new intake for your positive attitude and contributions across the two days. You are a credit to yourselves and your current school and we really look forward to welcoming you in to the Stewards family in September!

At the end of each day, we asked Year 6 to write down their feelings on transition day and the general consensus of the comments we received was overwhelmingly positive! Please see an example of the excellent feedback we received below.

Today was really fun because I got to learn so many new things, like learning how a chemical paper could change from blue to pink ~~and~~ by a little water. My favourite thing today was watching the play it was so funny and I liked the flashing lights.

In Science I have learnt how many stuff have water in it. I've enjoyed science and the performance. At first I was scared and nervous, but as the day went I became more and more confident. I really enjoyed it here in Stewards and can't wait to meet the other half of year 6's.

I enjoyed science my best part about it was when our teacher lit the rocket and it exploded

I really enjoyed maths because usually I don't like it too much however Mrs Wooley made the lesson incredibly creative and fun.



# Year 6 Taster Days

I enjoyed maths because we had a lot of fun. I also enjoyed science because I like doing experiments.

I am not scared now but before I was but as soon as I got here I was welcomed. I'm looking forward to meeting the teachers.

Today I have had so much fun. I have really enjoyed being with the older children in the school because they have shown me ~~me~~ how to act and how to be like around the teachers. My highlight of today has got to be being with all of the lovely teachers and children around the school.

Today has been amazing, I have made a new friend Billy he is a year older but he has helped me get through the day. Today I have learnt lots of things and am excited for September.

I really enjoyed Tech because I really enjoyed drawing and designing the box. Also I am looking forward to Maths in September.

I am looking forward to swimming, PE and science also art. Your school is the best secondary ever I was scared about the teachers

Today at Stewards Academy I had lots of fun meeting new people today I even made a new friend they made lessons really fun to Stewards is not as bad as I thought

Today my day was fantastic I enjoyed everything that I did but the best part was that I made new friends and the teachers were great



Mrs J Bartlett, Pastoral Lead Year 7/Year 6 Transition



# Performing Arts

## Sparkleshark– Lower School Production

Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 performed 'Sparkleshark', a play by Philip Ridley. It is a play about Fourteen-year-old Jake, the classroom 'geek', who takes refuge on the roof of a tower block in order to write his stories. Before long other young people join him and the taunting begins. Although at first he endeavours to hide, he learns to fight back in the only way he knows how - storytelling. Soon the whole group is enmeshed in the story, enacting a fantastic tale which resonates with the dynamics of their own friendships and enmities.

The students involved have been dedicated to rehearsals over the last couple of months led by Miss Thurley and a student-led technical and assistant directors team. 30 students took part from years 7-10 with two casts, ensemble and crew. Each cast gave two performances; one to Year 6 students as part of their Taster Day and one to an audience of families and friends. All pupils involved were an absolute credit to the performing arts department and should be incredibly proud of their accomplishments.



## Year 10 GCSE Drama



The Year 10 Drama class have been working incredibly hard this term on their final devising exam performances. This unit is worth 40% of their final grade and the pupils have put hours of rehearsals in to the preparation of their pieces.

On Monday 8th July the four pieces were performed to an audience of family, staff and friends. The powerful pieces all explore a range of stimuli connected to protests and issues that the pupils feel strongly about. They are emotive and thought-provoking pieces that deal sensitively and maturely with the topics they have chosen. Audience members were truly impressed with the work they saw.

The examination of the work took place on Tuesday 9th July and pupils delivered some excellent performances. All of them should feel incredibly proud of their progress this year.

My thanks to Miss Thurley for all of her hard work this term in preparing Sparkleshark and the Year 10s for their exam.

**Mrs da Vighi, Assistant Headteacher: School Organisation and Enrichment**



# Performing Arts

## The hard work keeps on going...

With two weeks to go until the end of term the Performing Arts team is still busy with five more big activities!

### Shakespeare Schools Festival

In preparation for the Shakespeare Schools Festival 2019, Years 7-9 auditions were held on Monday 15th July for 'The Taming of the Shrew'; one of Shakespeare's great comedies. This will be followed by Year 10 auditions for 'Hamlet'. Both plays are new to the Stewards repertoire and we are very much longing forward to developing these pieces. The performances will take place on Thursday 7th November at The Playhouse, Harlow, alongside Passmores Academy and Roydon Academy. Tickets will go on sale in September.



### Performance Evenings



At the time of going to press we will have just had our **Summer Dance Evening** on Tuesday 16th July followed by our **Summer Concert** on 17th July. With over 150 performers across the two nights from years 7-10 the evenings promise lots of fun and entertainment. Our talented dancers also treated us to a flashmob performance in the Quad!

More information and photos to follow in the autumn newsletter.



### Harlow Community Music Centre

At Stewards we are incredibly lucky to have the Harlow Community Music Centre based here on a Wednesday 3.30-7.30pm. It offers students the chance to learn a musical instrument with a specialist tutor as well as participate in a range of ensembles. It is open to all pupils aged 5 to 18.

The Harlow Community Music Centre team will be hosting an 'Instrument Zoo' on Wednesday 11th September. Any one interested in coming along to try an instrument, meet the tutors and/or try out the steel pans will be welcome. We will send out more information in September or you can contact Tina Hathaway directly on [tina.hathaway@essex.gov.uk](mailto:tina.hathaway@essex.gov.uk) or 07554 225645.

Lessons will start on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and run for 10 weeks. There are lessons available in woodwind / brass / strings / percussion / singing / piano / keyboard / guitar / ukulele / drums. And, music ensembles include Jazz / Rock Band / Steel pans / Ukuleles / Choir/ Orchestra / theory / musicianship.

If you are interested in enrolling your child please contact Tina for more information.

#### Current fees per term are:

30 min lesson + ensembles £160

15 min lesson + ensembles £100

Ensembles only £50

Tuition Discount is available subject to status. For more details visit our website at

<https://www.essexmusichub.org.uk/site/parents/carers/tuition-discount/>

**Mrs da Vighi, Assistant Headteacher: School Organisation and Enrichment**



# Burghley House



This summer term Year 9 photography students visited the beautiful Burghley House. During our trip students got to spend time walking around the grounds of Burghley whilst being emerged among the Sculpture Garden and Garden of Surprises.

The amazing contents of the Garden of Surprises are inspired by this Elizabethan garden and are hidden from the outside – waiting to reveal their surprises to those who enter. Features such as the moss house, the swivelling Caesar busts, basins of water, jets and the mirrored maze have been designed to be accessible to all regardless of age or interest.

The day provided students with glorious sunshine allowing students to enjoy a relaxing ice cream at the end of the day. The students were a credit to the school who gathered hundreds of photographs for their current coursework project 'Structures'.



Miss H Martin, Head of Art and Photography



# Friendship Group

Friendship Group began life as 'Club in a Box', a project to promote Pupil Voice. At the end of the project the students involved were asked how they wanted the project to continue and in 2015 Friendship Group was born. It is a club where pupils could get involved in activities and make new friends. Pupils were able to invite friends to join.

Since then the group has grown year on year and we now have over twenty five regular members. We were joined by LSAs Mrs Tremer and Miss Pelka last year and LSAs Miss Spowart and Mrs Brooks this year. Activities this year have included talks by Mr Hawk on his hobby of knitting and Crochet, whilst Year 10 pupil Harrison Matthews spoke to pupils about how learning to play guitar helped him.

There have also been regular magic shows by Mr Waters, films and board games. Mrs Sams joined us for a card making session whilst pupils have also had the opportunity to decorate cakes and biscuits as well as a make-up session. We have had two parties this year, the Christmas Party in December and in May we had a Goodbye Party for our year 11 students.

Friendship group meets every Friday lunch time in room 31.

*"It's the place to make friends and have a good time"* - Kylan

*"I cannot put into words how much Friendship Group has helped me"* - Lily

*"It's a friendly environment"* - Shane

*"I enjoy it because you get to do different things"* - Jay

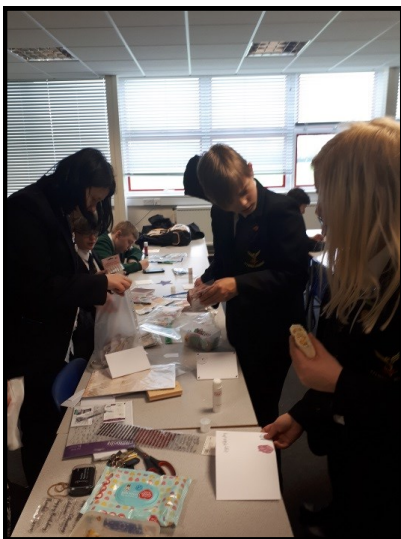
## Invitation



You are kindly invited to the Friendship Club where you can play games and meet new friends. The club will be run at lunch time in room 30 or 32. If you would like to join then meet us in room 32 on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015 for our first meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.



CLUB IN A BOX  
\* 801 3013



Miss E Coericius



# PE - Sports Day

## Inter-Form Competition

Congratulations to the following tutor groups who have won their inter-form competition;

**Year 7JAS (White), Year 8FD (Orange), Year 9JS (Yellow), Year 10NMK (Yellow)**

The forms competed throughout the year in 6 different sports to find the winner. The Year 7 and 8 competitions were very keenly contested and the lead changed hands throughout. The winners will collect their trophy in the final assembly of the year. All points won in the inter-form competition will contribute to the forms sports day totals.

## Current Colour Standings for the Inter - Form Competition

	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Total	Position
<b>BLUE</b>	35	42	54	22	153	4
<b>GREEN</b>	41	29	37	0	107	6
<b>PINK</b>	55	54	18	16	143	5
<b>PURPLE</b>	42	24	26	14	106	7
<b>ORANGE</b>	52	55	35	33	175	2
<b>RED</b>	21	42	9	19	91	8
<b>WHITE</b>	66	51	33	22	172	3
<b>YELLOW</b>	39	34	75	39	187	1

Forms	X-Country	Basketball	Football	Dodgeball	Trampolining	Table Tennis	Total Points	Position
VE	0	8	5	7	7	8	35	7
RN	10	2	3	12	11	3	41	5
SE	16	6	8	12	7	6	55	2
ROG	9	1	2	8	12	10	42	4
CV	11	4	2	9	14	12	52	3
UM	4	3	6	8	0	0	21	8
JAS	14	7	7	15	8	15	66	1
EW	6	5	4	8	4	12	39	6
Forms	X-Country	Basketball	Football	Dodgeball	Trampolining	Table Tennis	Total Points	Position
EM	10	8	7	4	7	6	42	4
SJG	4	3	4	12	6	0	29	7
SPL	13	6	8	6	8	13	54	2
TEC	7	1	0	5	4	7	24	8
FD	7	7	6	11	14	10	55	1
SD	8	5	5	11	5	8	42	4
HM	10	4	2	9	14	12	51	3
ALC	6	2	4	9	3	10	34	6
Forms	X-Country	Basketball	Football	Dodgeball	Trampolining	Table Tennis	Total Points	Position
LCR	14	8	7	12	13	0	54	2
EG	11	6	5	13	0	2	37	3
GM	4	1	2	7	0	4	18	7
KH	0	4	4	3	8	7	26	6
KT	8	4	6	5	6	6	35	4
CH	0	4	1	1	0	3	9	8
MSW	8	4	3	13	0	5	33	5
JS	14	7	8	16	14	16	75	1
Forms	X-Country	Basketball	Football	Dodgeball	Trampolining	Table Tennis	Total Points	Position
RT	14	0	4	0	0	4	22	3
EO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
LW	8	0	8	0	0	0	16	6
PH	0	0	0	8	0	6	14	7
LM	7	0	5	8	0	13	33	2
JMB	6	0	0	0	0	13	19	5
PBT	0	0	7	0	0	15	22	3
NMK	11	0	7	8	8	5	39	1



# PE—Sports Day

What a day we had this year at our sports day! Fantastic weather, enthusiastic staff and hardworking pupils all contributed to what was a highly entertaining and absorbing sports day. Pupils took part in a variety of tutor activities and sports including; tag rugby, netball, swimming, football, track events and field events in what was an extremely busy day for all involved. The day culminated in the 100m and relay races in front of the whole school.



We had a number of school records (24) broken during the day, such was the high standard on show.

## YEAR 7 SPORTS DAY RECORDS

Gabriel Keita SE – 200m – 28secs  
William White JAS – 1500m – 5min 55secs  
Gabriel Keita SE – High Jump – 1.60m

## YEAR 8 SPORTS DAY RECORDS

Alicia Bovelle SJG – 300m - 54secs  
GIRLS SD – 4x100m – 1min 6 secs  
Divine Idehen Amen AF – Long Jump – 4.37m  
Ben Noruwa EM – 300m – 49secs  
BOYS EM – 4x100m – 54.24secs

## YEAR 9 SPORTS DAY RECORDS

Emily Kelsey JS – 300m – 53secs  
Holly Nelmes Feint KH – 800m – 3minutes  
Ashleigh Snowdon JS – High Jump – 1.40m  
Wisdom Idehen Amen LCR – 300m – 47.4secs  
Danny Raymond KT – 800m – 2min 14secs  
Liam Short JS – 1500m – 5min 2secs  
BOYS JS – 4x100m – 55secs  
Callum Sellick JS – Long Jump – 5.09m

## YEAR 10 SPORTS DAY RECORDS

Kate Lidbury LW – 300M – 55.2secs  
Esther Ntow PH – 800m – 2min 54secs  
Taisia Tiron JMB – 1500m – 6min 45secs  
GIRLS PH – 4x100m – 1min 4 secs  
Esther Ntow PH – Javelin – 18.95m  
Jada Dixon-Bonner PH – High Jump – 1.45m  
Kai Jordan EO – 300m – 44.4secs  
Morgan Arnold NW – 1500m – 5min 6secs



Congratulations to the following tutor groups who each won their respective year group competitions;

**Year 7SE (PINK) Year 8EM (BLUE) Year 9JS (YELLOW) Year 10LW (PINK)**

We also had new colour winners this year, finally the yellow team were knocked off the top of the perch. The BLUE team emerged victorious, but only just ahead of a resurgent pink team with white finishing in the top 3 for the first time in a long time!

Congratulations to all those that took part in the day and throughout the sporting year. Enjoy your summer and see you all next year, when the hard work begins again.





# PE - Sports Presentation Evening

## Sports Presentation Evening Awards 2019

Congratulations to the 77 pupils that have distinguished themselves this year within the PE department. They have shown themselves to be the best of the best within the Stewards sporting fields. A special congratulations must go to the Year 10 award winners who enjoyed the evening for the final time this year. Thank you to Scott Carpenter Year 11 leaver, who returned with distinction to present the dedication to sport awards. Scott has won numerous awards at sports presentation evenings during his time at Stewards. We wish him all the best in his representation of the Great Britain triathlon team. Thank you to all the parents / carers for your continued support with your child's sporting progress, without which it would not be possible. Good luck to all those taking sport in the summer.



Sports Awards		Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Football		Player of the year	Player of the year	Player of the year
		<b>Emmanuel Addo-Sunu</b>	<b>Kennedy Mupomba</b>	<b>Morgan Arnold</b>
		Players Player	Players Player	Players Player
		<b>Justin Osagie</b>	<b>Danny Raymond</b>	<b>Morgan Arnold</b>
Sports Awards	Year 7	Year 8		
Girls Football		Player of the year	Player of the year	
		<b>Rachael Carpenter</b>	<b>Tiffany Page</b>	
		Players Player	Players Player	
		<b>Mia Stokes</b>	<b>Nailah Hassan</b>	
Sports Awards	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Seniors
Netball		Player of the year	Player of the year	Player of the year
		<b>Cate Austin</b>	<b>Elsie Pudney</b>	<b>Megan Philpott</b>
		Players Player	Players Player	Players Player
		<b>Coco-Noelle Hayles</b>	<b>Divine Idehen-Amen</b>	<b>Jennifer Moss</b>
Sports Awards	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Rugby		Player of the year	Player of the year	Player of the year
		<b>Daniel Rolfe-Doyle</b>	<b>Max Arnold</b>	<b>Luke Donnan</b>
		Players Player	Players Player	Players Player
		<b>Harry Boutall</b>	<b>Caleb Ansen</b>	<b>Donald Okafor</b>
Sports Awards	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Basketball		Player of the Year	Player of the Year	Player of the Year
		<b>Gabriel Keita</b>	<b>Caleb Ansen</b>	<b>Patrick Snowdon</b>
		Players Player	Players Player	Players Player
		<b>Ramy Mamouri</b>	<b>Caleb Ansen</b>	<b>Paul Osazee</b>
Sports Awards	Junior	Senior		
Athletics		<b>Gabriel Keita</b>	<b>Danny Raymond</b>	
		<b>Divine Idehen-Amen</b>	<b>Esther Ntow</b>	
Sports Awards	Boys Achievement	Girls Achievement		
Swimming	<b>Max Arnold</b>	<b>Carys Brealey</b>		
Sports Awards	Year 7	Year 8	Senior Girls	
Rounders		Player of the year	Player of the year	
		<b>Shauna Saahene</b>	<b>Nancy Osagie</b>	<b>Kate Lidbury</b>
Premiership	Year 7		Year 9	
	<b>Liverpool</b> <b>William White</b> <b>Caleb Johnson</b> <b>Luis Oliva</b> <b>Frankie Jennings</b> <b>Harry Stokes</b>		<b>Kennedy Mupomba</b> <b>Wisdom Idehen Amen</b> <b>Donald Okafor</b> <b>Liam Short</b> <b>Louis Davy</b>	



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Sports Achiever of the Year – Lessons	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
	Bradley Bartlett	Jack Lawrence	Emily Kelsey	Alfie Fishenden
Libby Lewis	Steph Nketia	Tom Whitefield	Charlotte Goodenough	
Honours Programme	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
	Lucy Eels	Rafferty Groat	Jack Willis	Alfie Fishenden
	Albie Marsden	Divine Idehen-Amen	Daisy Poole	Amie Presnall
GCSE Award Year 9	GIRL		BOY	
	Daisy Dove Eva Hart		Daniel Monk Danny Raymond	
GCSE Award Year 10	GIRL		BOY	
	Faith Idehen Esther Ntow		Seven Hassan Fraser Mann	
Cambridge Nationals	Year 9		Year 10	
	Blaise Faure Ashleigh Snowdon Charlie Ward		Nathan Luckin	
DANCE AWARD	Year 9		Year 10	
	Daisy Dove Georgia Cleall		Chloe Bull	
P.E DEPARTMENT AWARD	GIRL		BOY	
	Esther Ntow		Morgan Arnold	
DEDICATION TO SPORT AWARD	Carys Brealey		Kennedy Mupomba	



Sports Participation Award	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
	Freddie Ashton	Millad Hotaki	Jessica Purser	Cherifa Hanouti
Extra-curricular	Rachael Carpenter	Tiffany Page	Patrick Snowdon	Franklin Nzeh
TEAM OF THE YEAR 4	Year 9 Basketball			
	Patrick Snowdon, Paul Osazee, Alfie Wilson, Daniel Monk, Wisdom Idehen Amen, Caleb Ansen, Ben Noruwa, Omar Ahmati, Donald Okafor			



# PE—General News

## Year 7 Honours

This year myself and Mr Hughes have had the pleasure of running a year 7 honours programme to a select group of pupils in year 7 who have shown an outstanding commitment to the PE department both through their lessons and involvement in extra-curricular activities. Honours has been running both during lunchtimes and after school each week and the pupils involved have had the opportunity to take part in sports and activities that they wouldn't usually do in lessons. Each session has been met with an eagerness to learn new skills and to try and beat the teachers, unfortunately this didn't happen for the year 7 team this year - better luck next year! We would like to say a thank you to the year 7 honours group for their commitment to both the programme and PE department this year and look forward to this continuing over your next years at Stewards academy.

**Miss C Venables, PE**

**Teacher**

## West Essex Athletic Team

This year five of our students were selected to represent the West Essex Athletics team at the Essex County Athletics championships. Danny Raymond, Donald Okafor and Divine Idehen Amen were part of the intermediate team who competed at Chelmsford on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> June. Danny competed in the 300m, Donald in the High Jump and Divine in the High Jump. Gabriel Keita and Rachael Carpenter were selected for the Year 7 team and competed in Chelmsford on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. Despite Gabriel coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in his heat, his time wasn't quick enough to get through to the final. Rachael competed in the 1500m and despite it not being her favoured distance, ran competitively against the other

athletes. Unfortunately, they didn't bring home any medals this year however to be selected for the team is a big achievement and the experience will hold them in good stead for next year.

**Miss G McGarry, PE Teacher**



## Zoggs Oceans of Fun Day

This day was on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019. It was to open a new leisure centre in Waltham Abbey. The first thing that I did with my cousins was go and meet Sharon Davies. She is an Olympic champion swimmer. Her first Olympic games was when she was only 13 years of age; today this would be too young to go to compete in the Olympics. Her best advice for any swimmer is "Make the most of every single length and make sure you always finish; don't stop halfway through a length."

Before we went into the water, we met another Olympic swimmer who gave us an introduction to his swimming career. He was called Grant Turner and he swam at the 2012 Olympic games in London. His biggest achievement was beating a 7'3 Russian giant! He also won a Commonwealth Silver Medal in 2010. We also met a lady called Genevieve Randall - she was a synchronised GB team swimmer in 2013.



After this we were put into our five groups for the day; I was in blue band with my two cousins. Then we went down and all got changed into our swimming gear and then we sat on the side of the pool ready and waiting. First, we watched Genevieve do a Synchronised Swim, which was amazing; then we watched Grant do the fastest swim he could, which was also amazing. The five activities were water polo, synchronised swimming, Rookie life guarding, CPR and fast swimming. We then raced against Grant, there were 10 of us and... I won!

**Danny McCarthy in Year 9**

## Year 9 PE Honours Programme

Twenty pupils were chosen at the start of the year to take part in a PE honours programme. The aim of the honours programme was for talented and enthusiastic PE students to challenge themselves by participating in a variety of new and exciting sports. Pupils would participate every Monday after school and compete against each other in sports such as; ultimate frisbee, table tennis, tag rugby, capture the flag and multi sports to name a few.

**Mr Sanders**



# PE—General News

## Harlow and West Essex District Track and Field Championships

27 students were chosen to represent Stewards Academy at the Harlow and West Essex District Track and Field Championships at Chelmsford Athletics Stadium on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. As we arrived at the venue it was clear to see, from the double decker buses and luxury coaches, that we would be the smallest school competing in the event. That didn't deter our 27 athletes and they set themselves a target of coming home with one medal per year group.



In the field events they competed in discus, javelin, high jump, long jump, shot put and triple jump and on the track with 100m, 200m, 300m (year 8 and 9 boys), 800m, 1500m and the 4x100m relays.

First medal of the day went to Gabriel Keita who won gold in the Year 7 High Jump and it set the winning tone for the day. Within the hour, Gabriel had another gold medal hanging around his neck for the 800m. Rachael Carpenter also in Year 7 got the girls off to a brilliant start with a silver in the 800m. The only medal of the day for the Year 8 team came from Ben Noruwa with a bronze in High Jump. The first of the medals for the Year 9 team came from Danny Raymond with another gold in the 800m followed by a silver for Danny in the long jump and bronze for Jack Willis in Javelin. Liam finished the boys competition off perfectly with a gold in the 1500m. The Year 9 girls performed exceptionally as well with a silver for Megan Philpott in the 200m, silver for Emily Kelsey in the 300m and a bronze for Ashleigh Snowdon in the High Jump.

The first of three medals for the seniors went to Kate Lidbury with a bronze in the 300m but it was Esther Ntow who shone for the seniors finishing her school athletics career with a bronze in High Jump and shining gold in the Senior Girls 100m final!

In total Stewards came home with 14 medals and for a school with only 27 athletes competing with them that is a remarkable achievement. They smashed their target of one medal per year group. This builds on the 10 medals from last year's competition and definitely puts Stewards on the Athletics map for the future.

Athletics Team: Emmanuela Ankomah, Rachael Carpenter, Libby Lewis, Gabriel Keita, Divine Idehen Amen, Tiffany Page, Ben Noruwa, Max Arnold, Justin Osagie, Erika Lomo, Megan Philpott, Ashleigh Snowdon, Daisy Poole, Emily Kelsey, Holly Nelmes-Faint, Donald Okafor, Luke Donnan, Jack Willis, Danny Raymond, Daniel Monk, Patrick Snowdon, Liam Short, Kate Lidbury, Esther Ntow, Faith Idehen, Arletta Czarnecka, Morgan Arnold



## Rounders

This year we have been taking part in rounders tournaments hosted at Burnt Mill each week with years 7, 8 and a combined 9/10 teams against the local schools. An enthusiastic group of year 7's did extremely well in their first tournament coming **3<sup>rd</sup> place** overall. A solid performance from all showing excellent resilience and determination throughout. Year 8 girls worked well together stopping rounders being scored and working together in their fielding to come an impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> overall! Finally the combined year 9/10 team showed their enthusiasm and skills to work together in the year 10's last ever rounders competition. All of the pupils involved in rounders this year have showed an excellent level of commitment and enthusiasm towards the sport. Well done to all involved in the rounders teams this year.



Year 8 rounders team



# Year Group News

## Year 7

Well your first year at Stewards is over! I agree it has flown by... It has been a pleasure working with year 7 this term. An enthusiastic year group with a great attitude. Seeing the transition from new members of the Stewards Family in September, to the responsible, respectful and hardworking young people that are ready to start their journey in year 8. Their first sports day was a particular highlight -fierce competition with an array of imaginative fancy dress sporting their tutor group colours for the first time. Let's take that winning mentality into our lessons next year!

Have a great summer Year 7; you deserve it. Mrs Brough and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

**Mr D Treamer, Pastoral Lead Year 7**

## Year 8

So Key stage 3 is over... you have made your option choices and are ready to start your GCSEs. I have every confidence that you will all make a great start to your Key Stage 4 subjects. Watching you all develop into the mature, respectful and responsible young people has been a pleasure this term and I am confident that your continued dedication to your learning will result in you making a great start at this new stage of your Stewards journey.

Another strong performance from Year 8 on sports day was great to see. By far the most competitive year group in the school! Mrs Brough and I hope that you all have a great summer and look forward to seeing you back in year 9!

**Mr D Treamer, Pastoral Lead Year 8**

## Year 9

Congratulations to everyone on completing their third year here at Stewards Academy, but more importantly, completing the first year of their GCSE courses. Their time in and out of the classroom has been very worthwhile. Many of the students have continued to make excellent contributions to school life by taking part in the wonderful extra-curricular activities we have on offer.

It is evident that all the students thought long and hard about what choices to study at GCSE as the work and progress has been excellent this year. I can see the motivation, focus and enthusiasm as I observe lessons and firmly believe that the students in our year group will continue to work hard to ensure they are successful and prepared for the real working world.

If anyone hasn't worked as hard as they should have, then Year 10 is the time to get it right. Get organised, get prepared and seek the support you want and need. Please don't leave here at the end of Year 11 knowing you could have worked harder.

### **Work experience**

Towards the end of May 2020, your child will be on work experience, which they will need to organise themselves. Please take time over the summer holidays to think about what would suit your child and what sort of experience would support their future. This is something that needs to be organised early so that everyone has a week of valuable experience and enjoyment. If your child has something in mind, please let Mr Cooper or Miss Care know as early as possible.

### **Reflection**

After such a busy year, you all deserve a well-earned break (parents included)! However, your time away is also a time to reflect. As a whole, the students have been fantastic, but I do believe there are students out there who could have worked harder, could have applied more time to their studies, and could have focused more. Your next two years are the most important and valuable years for your child. All students need to be focused, organised and dedicated. They must also realise that we are here to support, guide and help them with their studies. If they need help or if you feel they need help then please let us know. The pressure will definitely increase in Year 10 so it is in the interest of the student that they work with the teachers around them, and not against them.

Enjoy your summer!

**Mr G Hughes, Pastoral Lead Year 9**



# Year Group News



Congratulations on completing your second year of your GCSE courses. This year has been a tough one for all, and the majority of you have coped extremely well. Throughout the year your commitment and dedication has been excellent across all subjects, and if this continues next year, I have every confidence that you will leave with great results.

As well as working hard academically, many students applied to be prefects, school council representatives and Head boy and Head Girl. This is just another example, among many this year, that demonstrates the 5 Rs. Congratulations to everyone of you that applied for this.

All students have now completed nearly their last of everything. Their last pre-sports day event, sports day, sports motivation day, and their major school trips. This coming year is their last year here at Stewards Academy. I want everyone to leave knowing they have reached their full potential. We are all here to help, so if any support is required then please speak up! We are a team and no one should be left behind.

Have a wonderful break and make sure you are ready for September.

**Mr G Hughes, Pastoral Lead Year 10**

## Key Dates

### July 2019

**Friday 19th July** - Year 9 French Trip to Calais

**Wednesday 24th July** - School finishes at 1pm

### September 2019

**Tuesday 3rd September** - INSET day

**Wednesday 4th September** - INSET day

**Thursday 5th September** - Year 7 only 9am start

### Friday 6th September

**Year 7** - 8:50am line up in the Quad, 9.00am assembly in the Hall, 12.45pm - 1.30pm Lunch

**Year 8** - 9.20am line up by Flexisuite, 9.30am assembly in Flexisuite, 1.30pm - 2.00pm Lunch

**Year 9** - 11.25am straight to Tutor Room, 11.30am Morning Prep, 1.30pm - 2.00pm Lunch

**Year 10** - 11.25am straight to Tutor Room, 11.30am Morning Prep, 1.30pm - 2.00pm Lunch

**Year 11** - 12.45pm line up by the Hall, 1.00pm assembly in the Hall, 1.30pm - 2.00pm Lunch

**All Years Finish 3.25pm**

**Thursday 12th September** - Open Day

**Friday 13th September** - late start 10.45am

**Friday 20th September** - Jeans for Genes Day

**Friday 27th September** - INSET day

### October 2019

**Monday 21st October** - School photos - Years 7, 9 and 11

**Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November** - Half Term

### November 2019

**Thursday 14th - Friday 15th November** - INSET days



*The Staff and Pupils  
of Stewards Academy would like to invite all members  
of the local community to*

# STEWARDS ACADEMY OPEN DAY AND EVENING



## Thursday 12th September 2019

**You may have seen the Academy from the outside and  
may have wondered what goes on inside!**

**Take the opportunity to tour this successful, innovative  
and friendly Academy and find out what it is like to be**

### Tours at 9.00am, 10.30am and 2.00pm

**We think school days should be among the best days  
of your life!**

**The Academy will be open between 6pm and 9pm.**

### Headteacher's talk - 6.30pm and 7.30pm