



Stewards Academy Newsletter

Remembrance Edition



HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

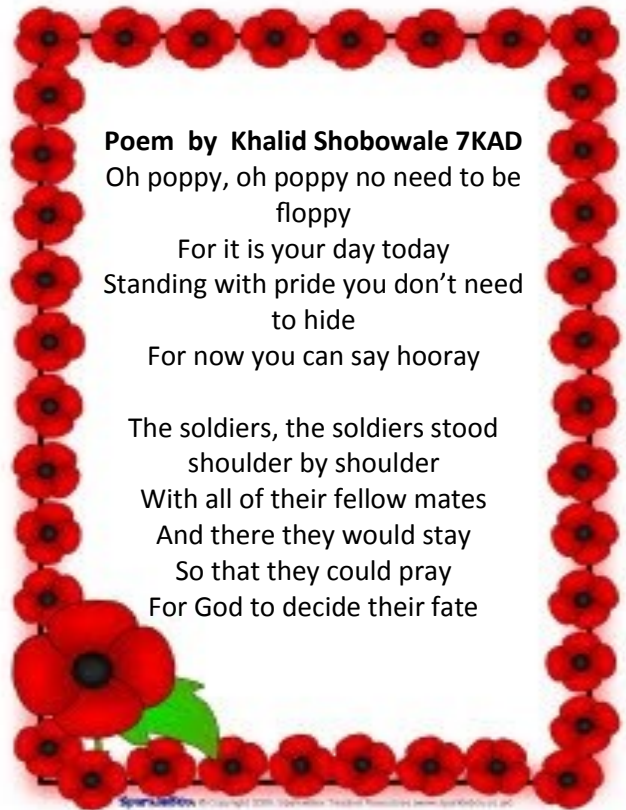
I couldn't have felt more proud and privileged to be the Headteacher of Stewards Academy on Friday 10th November 2017. Our Remembrance Service typified everything that is Stewards; our excellence, our integrity, our success and our soul were exhibited in their full glory.

The superb organisation and the absolute dedication of the pupils and staff involved made this such a memorable event. A particular thank you to Mrs Erwood for her commitment to coordinating such a worthwhile event for the Stewards community.

We can be confident that the future will be safe in the hands of these young people, who showed the utmost respect and integrity.

Kind regards,

Helen Ginger, Headteacher



Poem by Khalid Shobowale 7KAD

Oh poppy, oh poppy no need to be floppy

For it is your day today
Standing with pride you don't need to hide

For now you can say hooray

The soldiers, the soldiers stood
shoulder by shoulder
With all of their fellow mates
And there they would stay
So that they could pray
For God to decide their fate





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Remembrance Ceremony

Stewards Academy held a very special whole school Remembrance Ceremony on Fri 10th Nov. Guests of honour were Normandy veterans 96 year old Harry and 92 year old Richard who both have a longstanding relationship with Stewards. In 2014, as a result of a personal friendship between Mrs Ellis and members of the Hoddesdon branch of the Normandy War Veterans Association, Stewards was honoured to be invited to accompany the veterans to France, to commemorate the D-Day landings in 1944.

On that historic 70 year anniversary, Mrs Erwood, Mrs Ellis and Mrs Archer accompanied four year nine pupils, Becky Dodd, Izzy Dorkin, Charlie Dowers and Stanley Saunders, on a never to be forgotten trip of a lifetime. Bonds were forged and memories were made which are simply unforgettable.

In the past year we have sadly lost several of those wonderful men, whose bravery and positivity were simply humbling.

Therefore we were determined to mark Remembrance 2017 in typical Stewards style. An invitation was made to all pupils to invite along any family members who wanted to come. Many responded! Pupils who belong to organisations such as guides, scouts, air, sea and army cadets, or the fire service, were allowed to wear their uniforms to school. They formed a guard of honour for visitors from the local community.



During the ceremony Head Girl Courtney Blackburn read 'In Flanders Fields.' Head Boy Ethan Baldry said the Kohima Prayer and Deputy Head Boy Max Leijs said The Exhortation. The Last Post and Reveille were played and a specially chosen group of year 7 pupils dropped hundreds of poppies from the balcony. Over 1200 members of the Stewards community stood respectfully in absolute silence. The ceremony ended with the National Anthem. It was a deeply poignant moment, and tears were shed by many, as brave Harry and Richard stood to attention. After the National Anthem the pupils spontaneously burst into applause for our dear veterans.

Organiser Mrs Erwood said: 'Occasions such as this show the outside world what Stewards is all about. People sometimes say that young people today 'don't have respect for their elders.' This has never been the case at Stewards. Our young people are hugely proud of our veterans and they understand the real meaning of Remembrance. Year 11 helped to organise the whole event with me, and they were so proud of the whole ceremony. Every visitor left Stewards with a visual memory of a cloud of red poppies being lifted skyward by the wind. The legacy of Remembrance will always be at the heart of Stewards Academy.'

Mrs M Erwood, Deputy Headteacher





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My parents attended the Remembrance Assembly on Friday, and to say that they were blown away is a complete understatement. My dad has not stopped talking about the way ALL of the children behaved, and the level of maturity that they all showed. He cannot believe that a secondary school would have shown that much respect to something that is so special.

He wanted me to email you to thank you, and your staff for teaching the children respect, manners and common courtesy.

Thank you
Parent



Just wanted to say how wonderful this morning's event was. Well done to all concerned - staff and pupils. Fantastic to see Harry - what a character! Thank you so much.

Grandparent



Today (10/11/17) we remembered those who risked their lives fighting for our freedom. It was an honour to see the veterans and watch the poppies scatter in the wind. Emma, year 9

Today's event was truly beautiful. I will remember it throughout my life...It's sad to see the little number of veterans left but it is special we still have some.

Jack, year 10



It was extremely touching to see that many people gathered to commemorate the soldiers who gave their lives for us. It was also emotional to see the poppies dropped from the balcony. Katie-Mae, year 9



Today's Remembrance ceremony was a once in a lifetime moment. It was beautiful when a gust of wind blew all of the poppies up in to the air, this made it a moment that I will never forget. Seven, year 9



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Today was so emotional and powerful. Standing in front of the whole school reading a poem made me feel so proud. I felt honoured to be part of this special day. I will never forget it. Courtney, Head Girl

A day of reflection and emotion that I feel honoured to be a part of. Truly unforgettable due to the inspirational veterans. Max, Deputy Head Boy



Today was such a day to remember. Seeing the veterans standing on our balcony made me feel proud to be British. The poppies floating in the air was such an amazing picture. "We will remember them". Sara, year 10



The event was moving and heartfelt and the presence of the two veterans on the balcony was just so special! It brought a tear to my eye.

Miss Coericus

I thought it was an excellent and very moving event. Recognising the sacrifices made in the past and present by our Armed Services is still so very important. I think we can all easily forget that men and women from our country are still serving in dangerous places around the world like Iraq and flying missions over Syria.

It was also a reminder for me that members of my family served in the Royal Navy and the Army during World War One and World War Two. One of my Grandma's lost two of her brothers during the Battle of the Somme and my Grandad served with the Royal Artillery during World War Two for 4 years. The people who have to go to war make huge sacrifices, as do their families who stay behind at home and worry.

Seeing those two brave old soldiers with their medals made me think of the horrors they must have seen during World War Two when they were so young. It also made me think how they came back home and so bravely rebuilt their lives. Two very dignified people indeed.

Mr Hickman



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Year 9 Cinema trip: Dunkirk

I was very impressed with the attitude and behaviour of Year 9 on the trip to the cinema to see *Dunkirk*. Students thoroughly enjoyed the film and, on reflection, succeeded in recognising the significance of the event in connection with Remembrance day. Year 9 got a taster of conflict which will be the theme of the poetry that they will be studying after Christmas. As a Year 9 tutor, Miss Feeny was very proud of the students and how they reflected on the importance of the events in the movie during tutorial. It was very moving seeing Year 9 break out into applause when the film ended. It showed their empathy and appreciation for those who lost their lives in battle. That respect and gratitude was presented, again by our students, during the Remembrance event held on Friday.



Miss N O'Grady, English Teacher

Year 9 Duxford

On Wednesday 8th November Year 9 pupils visited the Imperial War Museum at Duxford. The trip enhanced Year 9's knowledge of a range of conflicts from the First World War to the Cold War. Pupils were able to study the history of the parachute regiment from D-Day to Iraq. The trip provided the opportunity for pupils to reflect on what they had learnt so far about the Cold War in their GCSE studies. The American Air museum provided pupils with examples of the aircraft that were used during this time. Year 9 even had the opportunity to see part of the Berlin Wall. As the trip took place in the week leading up to Armistice Day pupils were also able to pay their respects to those who have fallen fighting in the armed forces. Year 9 were very respectful and represented their school with pride.



Mr J King, Subject Leader for History