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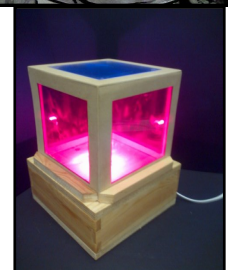
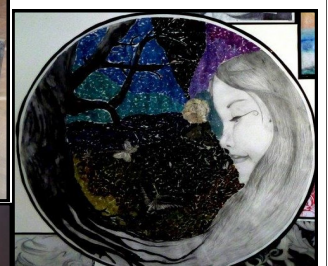
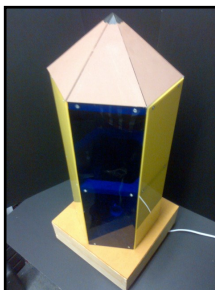
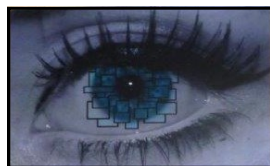
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HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear Parents and Pupils,

2012-13 has been a very successful year for Stewards Academy, we started with our best ever GCSE results, rose to the challenge of the OFSTED Inspection and since then have, through the Mo Farah and Stewards Foundation partnership, successfully raised almost £12,000 for charity. Leavers Day and Evening was a joyful occasion. The PE department has celebrated outstanding sports achievements this year at the annual Sport Presentation Evening with a guest appearance from Neville Southall (football) and Colin Nell. The Art, Photography and Technology Exhibition celebrated the work of our talented artists and designers and the finale to an outstanding year for the Performing Arts department will be the Summer Concert.



Our work with the Prince's Teaching Institute (PTI) continues to flourish. Two of our Year 10 students, Megan Baldwin and Chris Richards, were invited to join a panel of four students to talk to teachers at the recent PTI Residential Conference for English and History. Not only did they speak eloquently, they fielded a range of questions and engaged in a curriculum debate. Delegates were extremely impressed and one was heard to say; *"that's what an independent school education gets you"*... well we may not be an Independent school but our students gain such confidence at Stewards they can compete with the very best. Megan and Chris told me how much they enjoyed the experience – one of so many opportunities provided for our students. Mrs O'Sullivan, Mrs Tripp and Mr King were recently interviewed by a BBC presenter who filmed their lessons as part of a PTI DVD that has just been produced. A clip was shown to 60,000 people at Wembley Stadium. So ... the name of Stewards Academy goes far and wide! Ian Skelly who made the film said *"I do hope that I have done your wonderful school justice"* and the PTI is delighted with the film (to be shown to other teachers across the UK).

Enjoy reading the Summer Newsletter and see for yourselves just how much is going on. I wish you all a restful summer holiday.



Rhonda Murthar
Headteacher

Governors News

As all of you should know by now, the major event of this half term was the OFSTED Inspection on 5th-6th June. I would urge any of you who have not read the Inspectors Report in the special edition newsletter to take time to read it as it makes great reading for all of us associated with Stewards. I first heard of the Inspection on the afternoon of 4th June, purely by co-incidence that evening we had arranged our annual OFSTED training session. This is needed as the inspection framework changes on a regular basis often more than once a year. While this was intended to help us, as it did in the end, at the time it reminded me of how much we were expected to be able to recall about the management of the Academy. It was rather like being told before an exam all the things that just might come up!

Four of us met with one of the inspectors on the morning of 6th June for about an hour; when we returned after school for the feedback session and although we were not surprised with the report, we consider it a fair view of the school, we were relieved that we had not let the school down in anything we had said.

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.

Jeff Tarling
Chair of Governors

VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER – PARKING

If you are dropping-off or collecting children from school, please DO NOT ENTER THE SCHOOL CAR PARK TO WAIT. There is only limited car parking space for staff and school visitors. Often staff have to leave promptly to attend meetings after school, and are prevented from leaving due to blockages and congestion in the entrance to the car park. We have people arriving for swimming lessons after school and they are prevented access to the upper car park. Also, only people with a Disabled Badge may park in our disabled bays.

Please park as far away from the school entrance as possible; never on corners as this blocks everyone's view and is very dangerous; and the Nazeing bus needs room to manoeuvre to collect our pupils. It is vital that extreme care is taken to avoid accidents to pupils, parents and other road users.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Mrs Pat Jenkins, Business Manager

Attendance News

PLEASE NOTE - Due to amendments in Education Regulations 2013 – the Headteacher will not grant any holiday or leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Any request for leave of absence for exceptional circumstances must be written in a letter addressed to The Attendance Manager at Stewards Academy at the earliest possible opportunity.

Please note – any holiday taken during term time could result in a Penalty Notice being issued.

PARENTS/CARERS – YOU WILL BE TELEPHONED IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT REGISTER ON TIME OR SIGN IN AT THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL PUPILS ARE ACCOUNTED FOR EVERY DAY AND THAT ALL ABSENCES ARE ACCOUNTED FOR

REGISTRATION

8.45am – REGISTRATION (AM) FOR ALL PUPILS

1.55pm – REGISTRATION (PM) FOR ALL PUPILS

FAILURE TO ARRIVE IN TIME FOR REGISTRATION WILL RESULT IN A DETENTION BEING ISSUED

ABSENCE

IN THE EVENT OF YOUR CHILD BEING ABSENT YOU MUST INFORM THE SCHOOL BY 9.30AM (FOR EVERY DAY OF ABSENCE) – THE NUMBER FOR REPORTING PUPIL ABSENCE IS:

(01279) 772511 (please leave a message)

FAILURE TO REPORT YOUR CHILD ABSENT WILL RESULT IN AN UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE BEING RECORDED AND FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION IN THESE MATTERS

Important Information

NOTICE FOR ALL FAMILIES IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

Entitlement will expire on Wednesday 31st July 2013. Please remember to renew your claim with Essex County Council over the summer. This will guarantee continued entitlement when your child returns to school in September.



Lost property

Is located in the Main Office.

We are happy to let your child have a look through if they have lost something. Labelled property is easy to return; please clearly label all property that comes into school.

Bude 2013

On Monday 22nd of April 47 Year 7 students, accompanied by Mr Ford, Mr Locke, Miss Dangerfield and myself, set off for Bude in Cornwall at 5:30 am. Seven hours later we arrived and were straight onto the beach to catch the waves on our surfboards. Throughout the week the students participated in abseiling, caving, body boarding, surfing, canoeing, team trials, rock climbing, high wires and mountain boarding.

Throughout the week they overcame fears, completed tasks they have never attempted before and they gave their all with every activity even the 7am morning run! We arrived back to Stewards on Friday 29th having created memories that will last a lifetime.

"The week in Bude was amazing! I will never forget it. I'm happy with myself for overcoming my fear of heights. I had lots of fun all week." – Sarah Kitchen 7OK

"Once I stepped foot in Bude I was amazed. Everyday was new and exciting. My favourite thing was surfing because I've never experienced anything like it before." – Samir Ali 7KW

"Bude was epic and worth every single penny. Everyone should go there because there are so many amazing things to do." – Mitchell Hanrahan 7EM

"Bude was the best trip I have ever been on in my whole entire life. It has improved my confidence to try new things." – Lewis Harknett 7TS

"It all started with mountain boarding and then five hours of football, karaoke and basketball. That was just the first night!" Callum Morgan 7SPL



Miss Mc Garry and the Bude Team 2013



Charity News

RUNNING CARDIFF TO HARLOW IN UNDER 40 HOURS

“We are working to make a difference to the lives of millions of people”– Mo Farah

In collaboration with the Mo Farah and Stewards Foundations the challenge set was to run from Cardiff back to the Academy, covering 300 kilometres and passing through 10 counties.

Stewards Academy and The Mo Farah Foundation is on a mission to save lives in Africa. The Mo Farah Foundation provides life-saving aid to some of the millions of people facing starvation and disease in East Africa. Set up by legendary double Olympic champion, Mo Farah, and his wife, Tania, The Mo Farah Foundation exists to save lives and support people affected by the horrendous drought conditions in the Horn of Africa.

Alongside supporting people in East Africa the Stewards Foundation aims to give back into its own community to benefit the pupils who attend the Academy.

As part of the challenge all pupils completed a 3 kilometre run around the school grounds on Friday 21st June to ensure all pupils were involved before seeing the running team off.

The challenge started with a tour of Cardiff City’s football ground before running onto the pitch at the millennium stadium, from there out onto the open road.

The run was completed by 12 members of staff and supported by many more people behind the scenes. The challenge was completed by the 12 running in 6 pairs non-stop day and night in the sun, wind, rain and the pitch black of night. With little time for food and less time for sleep the team pushed hard and completed the run in phenomenal time, arriving back to the Academy to a rapturous welcome from the pupils, staff and sponsors.



INSPIRING A GENERATION



“When we crossed the finish line I had a feeling of pride” Lauren Sykes 8CH

“Everybody gave an extraordinary welcome and the atmosphere was amazing” Olivia Clare 7MJ

“It was a fantastic experience” Paige Abbott 8MW

“Running into school that morning was the best feeling” Mollie Jarvis 8TMA

“As soon as they introduced it in assembly I knew I wanted to do it” Chloe May 9VM

“I was extremely proud of myself and the school because we had never done anything like this before” Lizzie Dorkin 8CH

“It made me feel like I was a real part of the school” Josh Eke 9MH

“The support was immense, a perfect way to end my five years at Stewards Academy” Alex Kilcare 11CW

Technology Department News

Design and Technology Week

To celebrate Design and Technology week the department ran a design competition. Pupils were encouraged to design a new computer or board game, a chocolate bar or a new school uniform. 1st place was awarded to Josie Jacobs 7EM, who produced ideas for a new school uniform. Watch out Vivienne Westwood, Stella McCartney and John Galliano!

2nd place was awarded to Rebecca Lever 8GM, who designed a new chocolate bar that just sounded delicious, yum yum!

3rd place was awarded to Brodey Fowler 7EM, who also designed a new chocolate bar but in the shape of a rocket.

The tutor prize was awarded to 7EM for correctly completing the design quiz, well done!

Thank you to everyone who promoted this event and entered the competition to make it a success.



Year 10 Product Design Pupils

Year 10 product design pupils are at the research stage of their GCSE course work and had the opportunity to visit Jerounds Infants School to conduct research into what toys pupils enjoy playing with. Pupils were able to take photographs of the children playing with a variety of toys and interview them. This research will be helpful in assisting them when creating their own educational toy.



Design and Technology Week at Jerounds

I had the opportunity of working with the pupils of Jerounds Junior School, setting them a competition to design a clock. The brief was to be innovative and creative and the winning designs were made into working clocks. The competition was fierce with over 70 entries and I want to thank Mrs Holland for allowing the competition to go ahead and to the pupils who entered the competition.



Year 3 winner - Alexandra Ion



Year 4 winner - Madison Holman



Year 5 winner - Leah Jelf



Year 6 winner - Chelsea Dogherty

Mrs Martin
Subject Leader for
Technology

Technology Department News

Go Go Go – Kart!

Two Year 9 Construction groups are locked in a dual to destruction competition with each other as to who has the best engineering skills of the term. The set task was for each team to design and produce a working Go-Kart that would be able to

compete in Speed, Timed, Slalom and Distance trials. Team 'Bones' and team 'Ghost Rider' have just finished their test runs and are putting their final tweaks and repairs to their chariots ready for the main event.

In addition to the actual trials, points will be awarded with regard to design, engineering, workmanship and teamwork! Stay tuned for the results to be announced in the next newsletter, in the meantime it's up to you to get behind the teams!



Year 9 Resistant Materials Pupils

Year 9 pupils have been building on their knowledge and understanding of wood and plastic to produce a maze game. This project gave them the opportunity to be creative, selecting a theme of their choice and making the maze difficult by adding extra holes.

"This project allowed me to develop my planning skills and creativity to produce a fun and enjoyable game." Max Lawrence 9VM.

"I had some difficulties during this project but I never gave up and kept trying. My final maze game is of a good standard and I am pleased with what I have produced." Jay Gumble 9RA.

"Making this amazing maze game has helped me to develop ideas and learn the skills needed in technology to produce high quality products." Matt Willitt 9MT.



Artjoms Bukis 9DN

Performing Arts News

DRAMA EXAM UNIT 1 – 'WAR'

Year 10 Drama students spent a day working as a class towards their Unit 1 assessment. They explored the topic of war, using photographs, poetry and media clips to inspire their work. The day began with the basic themes of war and peace, progressing towards role play and freeze frames based on the idea of signing up to fight and continuing on to look at the experiences of evacuees during wartime and the current role of social

media in informing and influencing people in modern conflicts.



SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

Next year we will once again be taking part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival. This organisation works with over 1000 schools to give young people the chance to perform Shakespeare's works in a professional theatre. GCSE Drama students have just auditioned for the plays 'Julius Caesar' and 'Macbeth'. Further information about the cast and performance dates will appear in the next Newsletter.

LOWER SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS

Not content with putting on two plays last year, this year's Lower School Production featured **four** short plays: 'Aladdin', 'The Black-Hearted Villain', 'Sherlock Holmes' and 'Mobile Phone'. These were performed by students from Year 7, 8 and 9, and directed by Year 10 students with the support of Miss Thurley and Miss Johnson. Year 6 students who joined us for the Taster Days were treated to two of these performances as part of their day, while parents and staff had the opportunity to see all four plays in the evening.

The Performing Arts Team

Performing Arts News

This half term has been an extremely busy one for Performing Arts. Here are just a few of the events that have taken place:

HALF TERM WORKSHOPS

Following on from choosing their options, Year 8 students were invited in to school over half term to take part in workshops designed to give them a taste of their chosen subjects. Miss Thurley ran a Shakespeare workshop for students interested in the Drama course, introducing them to playtexts and performing techniques. Miss Trowsdale presented a choreography workshop which demonstrated some recent work by current Year 11s and gave the students a chance to develop their own ideas.



HARLOW BUSINESS EXHIBITION

We took some of our singers and dancers to perform at Harlow Leisurezone for the 2013 Business Exhibition. Visitors saw performances from Hannah Kizilcan and the Lower School Choir led by Miss Thurley, followed by Dance Club and a piece of choreography by Year 11 students.



YEAR 9 PERFORMING ARTS EVENING

A new addition to our roster of events, Performing Arts Evening gave our Year 9 students the chance to show their teachers, families and friends how far they have come since starting their GCSE courses in September. Miss Johnson's Drama group gave an abridged performance of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and Ms Batterham's group performed 'The Terrible Fate of Humpty Dumpty'. The audience also had the opportunity to see some of the group choreography currently being produced in Year 9 and the songs 'The Only Exception' and 'Give Me A Reason' which were performed by Music students working on their ensemble techniques.



PERFORMING ARTS AMBASSADOR – HANNAH KIZILCAN

Performing Arts Ambassadors are students who demonstrate excellence in their chosen subject and are fully involved with the promotion of the subject to audiences, the community and younger students. We are delighted to announce our latest Performing Arts Ambassador, Hannah Kizilcan. A talented singer and strong GCSE Music candidate, Hannah has performed at a great number of school events, both on and off site, and has represented the school with dedication and pride. Whenever an opportunity arises to showcase the high level of talent we have at Stewards, Hannah can always be relied upon to step up and produce a professional and committed performance. As part of the Upper School Choir she has sung at St. Clare Hospice, Presentation Evening, Christmas Concert and Upper School Showcase, has performed as a soloist at Harlow Business Exhibition and Jack Petchey Awards, and earlier this year she took the brave step of auditioning for the school production for the first time where she was successful in landing a principal role. We would like to congratulate Hannah on being selected as our latest Ambassador and look forward to following her achievements in Year 11.



Jack Petchey Award Winners

	PUPIL NAME	DEPT GRANT MONEY USED TOWARDS
Autumn Term 2012	Joe Mulligan	Drama
	Tim Levy	Garden of Remembrance
	Ben Harknett	Garden of Remembrance
Spring Term 2013	Dennis Perry	History
	Paul Burton	Drama
	Kimberley Ndungu	Sociology
Summer Term 2013	Hazel Owen	Art
	Billie-Jo Favell	Performing Arts
	Taylor Wesley	School Council

The Leadership Award 2013 went to Ms Johnson for her outstanding contribution to and leadership of the Performing Arts.



Ardèche 2013

Probably my best trip yet! The trip started on Saturday 8th June, leaving the school at 21:30. This meant that no one was going to get any sleep! It only took 14 hours, including a rough ride on the ferry, but we arrived on Sunday at 14:00. It was hot, sunny and not a cloud in the sky. Just the way Miss Morley likes it!

Our PGL site was in Lou Valagran, which is close to the Ardèche River. The scenery and location was unspoilt, with forest and hills all around. The students were lucky enough to see kites, lizards, toads and plenty of mosquitos. This year, Miss Bromage was certainly a mosquito's best friend! They just wouldn't leave her alone!

The first two days consisted of mountain biking, raft building, kayaking and overcoming fears on the Jacobs Ladder. It was amazing to see students solve problems, work in teams, and overcome any fears they had. Well done to Rebecca Dillimore for overcoming her fear of heights, by hanging on to the High Ropes for dear life!

The main activity was the Ardèche River descent. The students completed 32 kilometres in two days, with a stop for an overnight stay on the river side. The students fuelled up on Spaghetti Bolognese, cake, hot chocolate, and also a lovely hotdog or two cooked on the Barbie by Chef Coates! The students then slept under the stars in just their sleeping bags. It was a beautiful clear night so the students witnessed shooting stars and moving satellites.

Throughout the two day river descent students were able to rock jump, swim and paddle down some challenging rapids. They also had the mission of dodging Mr Hughes and his capsizing skills! Anyone in close range were bombarded and capsized! A perfect afternoon's activity!

Friday was a day of relaxation. We provided the students with a flavour of French life. The students were given time to walk around the town of Avignon, sample French cuisine and buy some presents. From what Chloe Mitchell says, McDonalds doesn't taste any different in France to what it does in Harlow!

The week finished off with a final day of activities before heading back to the UK.

The students built up so much confidence, made new friends and gained numerous memories over the week.

I would like to thank all the students, Miss Morley, Mr Coates, and Miss Bromage for making the trip so memorable. I would also like to thank everyone who helped raise the £80 that is going towards the Mo Farah Foundation Fund.

Mr G Hughes
Trip leader



International Dimension News

ARABIC DAYS AT STEWARDS ACADEMY

On Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th July, Stewards Academy hosted its third 'Arabic Day' event for Year 7 pupils. 40 pupils from Year 7 were invited to take part in the Arabic Day events. The Arabic Day aimed to give pupils a more informed view of the Arab world and challenge their misconceptions about the Middle East. Pupils were given the opportunity to explore and experience Arabic culture, food, language, religion, music, art, history and traditional Egyptian dance. Firstly pupils were asked to describe their impressions of the Arabic world and the Middle East. Pupils discussed and wrote down their ideas about the Arabic world and we hung these around the room as a comparison for later in the day. Pupils then started to explore the Arabic World by identifying which countries actually belong to the Middle East and what defines someone as being Arabic. We also considered what important goods come from Arabic countries such as fruits, foods, cotton and oil. Mrs Mohamed then helped pupils to appreciate Arabic culture by giving them a very "hands on" workshop on Egyptian dance. Pupils were each given simple traditional dress to wear around their waists and then performed simple dance moves which were greatly enjoyed by all. The language of the Arab world was explored as pupils learned counting and spelling out their names. We discussed religion in the Arabic world and pupils learnt that although most Arabs are Muslim, a large number are also Christian.

We discussed the importance of Islam with Salma Saidy (9NF) in Year 9 who very kindly spent some time with us and answered questions about her life as a British Muslim. Pupils also tasted traditional Arabic food such as couscous and beans. Finally, the girls were allowed to wear traditional head scarves. Pupils greatly enjoyed their day and learnt how varied, rich and interesting Arabic culture is, and how the Arabic world has helped to shape our own history and the world around us today.

Mr Hickman – International Dimension Co-ordinator



The girls are wearing head scarves, called the hijab, as a part of Islamic tradition.



Salma talking about the importance of Islam in her life.



Boys and girls showing their Arabic dancing skills

Leavers Day



Leavers Day



Work Experience News

WORK EXPERIENCE – AN EMPLOYER’S PERSPECTIVE.

Year 10 students from Stewards Academy *‘should be proud of themselves’* according to the many employers who supported the Work Experience Programme 2013.

More than 200 students completed their work placements having prepared for the experience during preceding months.

Below just a few of their comments:

Shannon Andrews 10CPT who joined MP’s at The House of Commons *‘exceeded expectations’*.

The Sunflower Nursery asked if they *‘could keep Nicole Wisbey 10 HS’*

Michael Whitting 10PM spent his time with Chartwells (a high profile catering company) and was identified as *‘amongst the 10 best students – ever’*.

Holly-Mae Pipe 10MR is apparently *‘a natural nursery nurse’* and **Ryan Burgess, Connie Clark and Taylor Walsh** impressed a local Primary School so much we were asked if they *‘could stay another week’*.

Alex Betts 10JG work completed during her placement at C U Phosco Limited, will be used in a commercial capacity which will look well on her curriculum vitae in years to come.

Jess Nimmo 10VG enjoyed a trip to court, during her time with solicitors.

Nick Myhre-Downes 10CPT was unsuccessful in trying to find a placement, several times, but found his niche at a local playgroup who told us *‘Stewards Academy can be proud of this young man’*.

Danny Baker 10VG worked with Johnsons the Builders and impressed them with his hard work and commitment.

Halford’s Auto Centre would welcome Stewards students next year – thanks to the good impression **Rhys Parker 10CPT** gave them.

Joe Lacey 10DJ *‘showed impressive maturity’* during his time at Sainsbury’s.

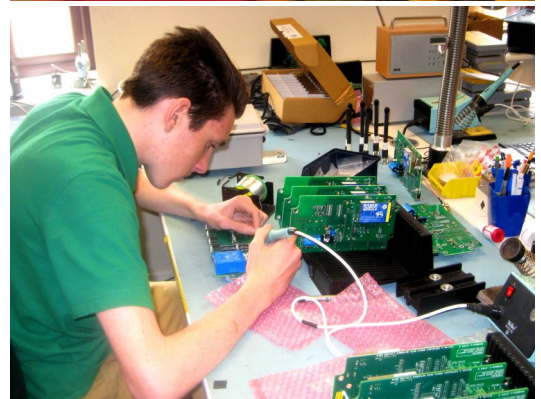
Darryl Saye 10THH was very nervous about joining the customer service department at Kier but shone during her time there, feeling confident enough to *‘ask for more work please’* thereby displaying an excellent work ethic to everyone in the department.

Many positive comments from our business colleagues too numerous to mention them all, and many offers of employment *‘if they were older’*.

We can all be proud of Year 10 who participated in the programme and

the preparation prior to the placements. They were committed and enthusiastic for experience of the work place and it will show rewards in the future.

Jack Taylor, Dan Parish, Connor Lewis, James Newman and Austin Dixon at their placements



Work Experience News

WORK EXPERIENCE

During the Easter Holidays Yr 10 students Megan Baldwin, Kiera Mager and Hannah Burns took part in work experience placements.

Megan 10 DJ, enjoyed her placement at the Bishops' Stortford Veterinary Hospital where she observed 14 operations and had plenty of opportunity to take part in consultations with pet owners. This opportunity has reinforced Megan's ambition to work with animals in the future. The employer said: Megan has a good rapport with the team and with the animals. A good communicator.

Hannah 10PM, worked at Kew Vets where she observed several operations. Hannah said she felt a little queasy at first but soon got used to the placement. Her employer was very pleased with the way Hannah integrated with the veterinary nursing team.

Kiera 10PM spent her placement at Daniel Robinson, the funeral directors. Kiera's employer said she had made a positive contribution in ensuring their newly installed monitoring system was up to date and were grateful for all her hard work. Kiera enjoyed working at the placement.

ENACT is a theatre group touring England inspiring young people to see the benefits of Raising the Participation Age.

Staff and students in Year 9 enjoyed the performance. The actors used lots of costumes and characterisations to help promote the A Level and Vocational routes into Higher Education and Apprenticeship opportunities were discussed too. The use of an interactive screen was popular with us all, too.

Compiling a 3 Stage Plan was promoted:

Where are you now? Where do you want to be in 5/10 years and how do you get there?

Overall, an entertaining, informative tool which effectively 'sent out the messages'.

*Mrs Hampstead
Vocational Learning Mentor*

P.E. Department News

We took a large group totalling 53 pupils across years 7-10 for the annual West Essex Athletics Schools meet at Chelmsford Athletics Stadium. This is the biggest athletics meet of the year with 14 schools in attendance.

Despite being an excellent 4th place at one stage, we eventually finished a very respectable 7th place overall, despite having fewer competitors than other schools.

There were some excellent individual performances throughout the day with 8 medals won.

The individual winners and medallists were;

Alfie Poole – Gold in 1500m

Rosie Poole – Gold in 1500m

Jessica Noruwa – Gold in Shot Putt

Kieran Miller – Silver in 400m & Long Jump

Owen Harknett – Silver in 800m

Jasmine Hardy – Silver in 800m

Molly Snow – Bronze in Shot Putt

Ryan Burgess – Bronze in Javelin



**Mr Sanders
P.E. Department**

P.E. Department News

Inter-Form Competition

It was the second year of the Inter-Form competition within PE this year, comprising of 4 events throughout the school year. The 4 events that the forms competed in were table tennis, dodgeball, football and tag-rugby. The competition was run throughout lunch times and generated a huge amount of interest and rivalry amongst the forms, with points won in this competition contributing towards their sports day totals.

The winners of this year's Inter-Form Competition are;

YEAR GROUP	WINNING FORM	COLOUR
7	KW	Light Blue
8	CH	Red
9	MH	Yellow
10	MR	Orange

The winning colour of the Inter-Form Competition

Colour	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
Yellow	21	23	30	26	100
Light Blue	27	21	19	13	80
Orange	19	13	16	29	77
Dark Blue	22	19	14	13	68
Purple	15	26	9	16	66
Green	15	7	22	18	62
Red	4	28	9	17	58
White	14	7	21	14	56

Congratulations to the winners and all those that took part within the competition.

Mr Sanders
P.E. Department

Year 7/8 Girls Cricket

The Stewards Academy girls junior cricket team competed in their first ever cricket tournament this year, representing Harlow in the Essex Summer games competition in Billericay.

With a high level of interest shown from the girls, it meant we were able to field two teams of Year 7/8 girls.

The tournament consisted of group stages with games of 8 overs per side.

The girls performed extremely well in difficult conditions, producing some excellent cricket throughout the day and eventually placed a very respectable 3rd and 5th.

TEAM 1 – 3rd Place

Izzie Dorkin ©
Rebecca Harrison
Mollie Jarvis
Alice Neville
Casey Holdcraft
Jasmine Bingham
Becky Dodd
Emma Lidbury
Georgia Whitefield
Gina Kotarja
Ellie Wiseman

TEAM 2 – 5th Place

Sara King ©
Darcy Giddings
Gemma Charles
Lauren Sykes
Megan Cunningham
Brooke Stringer
Ellie Wiseman
Tania Mamvura
Ila Chaplin
Erin Rogan



P.E. Department News

England Cricketers visit Stewards Academy

Following on from the Year 7/8 girls' successful cricket tournament in Billericay, we were delighted to welcome two England women cricketers to Stewards Academy.

We were fortunate to have Lydia Greenway and Beth Morgan, both of whom have represented England women's cricket team for a number of years, running a coaching master class and offering tips to the lucky few selected.

This was an excellent opportunity for the pupils to meet players that have performed at the highest level for a number of years. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves and took away some valuable coaching tips.

We look forward to welcoming them back in the future as we continue to develop cricket within Stewards Academy.

The lucky girls involved were; Izzie Dorkin, Mollie Jarvis, Alice Neville, Casey Holdcraft, Jasmine Bingham, Becky Dodd, Emma Lidbury, Georgia Whitefield, Gina Kotarja, Ellie Wiseman, Olivia Clare, Maisy Treacher, Elise Stingemore, Rebecca Osborne, Sara King, Gemma Charles, Lauren Sykes, Brooke Stringer, Ellie Wiseman, Tania Mamvura, Ila Chaplin, Erin Rogan, Shannon Smith, Emily Mead, Jodie Sangster-Dean, Georgia Simpson, Louise Devlin and Molly Snow.



*Mr Sanders & Miss McGarry
P.E. Department*

Essex Tennis Tournament

We entered the Essex Summer Games tennis tournament more in hope than expectation, but the team performed magnificently well throughout the day eventually placed 2nd in Essex.

The team finished top of their group winning all of their 3 matches against Deans, Billericay and Alec Hunter.

This put them in to the final against a strong St Martins team and despite an excellent performance they narrowly lost out 3-2.

I would like to single out Becky Dodd and Alice Neville for particular praise as they remained undefeated throughout the whole day.

Well done on a brilliant performance.

The team were;

Alfie Babb

Dylan Sibanda

Becky Dodd

Alice Neville



Sports Presentation Evening

Award	Year Group	Winner
Player of the Year (Football)	7	Samir Ali
	8	Tommy Wickenden
	9	Tyler Bull
	10	Hayden Cook
Players' Player (Football)	7	Elijah Dixon-Bonner
	8	Bradley Russell
	9	Ryan Clark
	10	Billy Wickenden
Player of the Year (Rugby)	7	Kieran Gray
	8	Zac Rogers
	9	George Deboo
	10	Louis Giddings
Players' Player (Rugby)	7	Taylor Young
	8	Jim Cooper
	9	Matt Oliver
	10	Alastair King
Player of the Year (Netball)	7	Tania Mamvura
	8	Sara King
	9	Lauren Spencer
	10	Molly Snow
Players' Player (Netball)	7	Brooke Stringer
	8	Alice Neville
	9	Devon Abbott
	10	Maisy Treacher
Player of the Year (Basketball)	7	Samuel Dodd
	8/9	Jacob Juniper
	10/11	Tyler Bashford
Players' Player (Basketball)	7	Kieran Gray
	8/9	Alex Dodd
Player of the Year (Girls Basketball)	7/8	Erin Cassidy
	9/10	Mollie Jarvis
Players' Player (Girls Basketball)	7/8	Megan Cunningham
	9/10	Louise Devlin
Player of the Year (Cricket)	7/8	Luke Luckin
	9/10	Owen Warwick
Players' Player (Cricket)	7/8	Kieran Gray
	9/10	Daniel Whellams
Player of the Year (Rounders)	7/8	Rebecca Harrison
	Senior Girls	Poppy Rogers
Players' Player (Rounders)	7/8	Emma Lidbury
	Senior Girls	Elise Stingemore
Player of the Year (Table Tennis)	7/8	Alex Curaba
	Senior Boys	Joshua Poland

Sports Presentation Evening

Award	Year Group	Winner
Player of the Year (Girls Football)	7/8 Senior Girls	Becky Dodd Louise Devlin
Players' Player (Girls Football)	7/8 Senior Girls	Mollie Jarvis Shannon Andrews
Sports Achiever of the Year – Lessons Award	7 8 9 10	Jasmine Bingham and Samir Ail Izzie Dorkin and Nayeem Ahmed Alarna Mace and Dylan Dezilva Elise Stingemore and Joseph Leadley
Sports Participation Award - Extra Curricular	7 8 9 10	Brooke Stringer and Samuel Jenkins Mollie Jarvis and Charlie Dowers Josh Eke Louise Devlin and Danny Palmer
GCSE Award Year 9		Aaron Harris, Alex Dodd, Jessica Noruwa and Chloe Mitchell
GCSE Award Year 10		Zack Pace, Connor Lynch, Maisy Treacher and Shannon Andrews
Swimming Award		Mason Arnold and Phoebe Jewell
Runners Award		Lewis Harknett, Owen Harknett and Alfie Poole
BTEC Award Year 9		Taylor Roberts
BTEC Award Year 10		Taylor Walsh and Nathan Rudgley
Key Stage 3 Dance Award		Alisha Brooks
Key Stage 4 Dance Award		Rebecca Pressman and Aimee Shipp
Special Recognition Award (memorable moment)		Tyler Bull 7th Feb – Fitness lesson Work with Josh Wood – holding hand/ encouraging
P.E. Department Award		Zack Pace and Molly Snow
Premiership Winners - 1st	7 8 9	Johnathon Martin, Alfie Mottram and Owen Harknett Luke Luckin, Reece Walsh, Alfie Babb and Baylie Gasson Ryan Pike, Mason Phillips, Daniel McCarthy and Riccardo Schillaci
Team of the Year - Year 8 Girls Football		Becky Dodd, Izzie Dorkin, Casey Hendricks, Lauren Sykes, Mollie Jarvis, Alexandra Lubbock, Shannon Smith, Jasmine Bingham and Emily Mead.
Sports Day House Cup		Yellow
Dedication to Sport Award		Joshua Poland and Louise Devlin

Able, Gifted & Talented News

STEM PROJECT YR9 GIRLS (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHS).

Following the introduction of the Project to the girls in February, we hosted a follow up event to include parents in April. This was a great success with all 19 of the applicants from the introductory event attending as well as 26 parents, a terrific response.

Skills shortages and an ageing workforce are preventing productivity, growth and innovation in Essex. Against a backdrop of increasing levels of youth unemployment in Harlow, we have been asked to join a project being run in conjunction with Essex County Council and Harlow College, and funded by local company Applied Scintillation Technologies Ltd, (AST).

As part of their funding plans, AST have offered to purchase a 3D printer for Stewards, which is a fantastic gesture and will greatly enhance students' experiences in the future.

The aim is to increase the pool of STEM based work experience placements available to young people, and to inspire them to embark on an apprenticeship, or continue in full time education, studying STEM subjects. Work experience will also provide the young people with the opportunity to build on the

employability skills they will have developed through working with a mentor.

Activities planned include 'taster' days at Harlow College, mentor sessions with a variety of STEM related local companies, and a visit to a university.

The 'taster' days took place on Saturday 11th May and Saturday 18th May at Harlow College, when 12 of the group attended, accompanied and assisted with 11 parents, a fantastic show of support from parents. These were introductory sessions and involved some problem solving sessions with students and parents all entering into the spirit of things before a pizza lunch.

One of the companies involved in the mentoring is Denne Construction, who are working in partnership in Harlow

on the regeneration of 4 sites within the town. On the 19th June, Nicholas Fowler of Denne delivered an introduction to 11 of the STEM Project team of the CREST Award, a qualification that can be gained by completing a task to a desired level. In this context, Nicholas has put forward a project for the team to work on, to develop a housing plan for the development of 10 homes on a site, taking into account of specifications and incorporating sustainable resources and technology. The girls have formed 3 teams and will be proceeding with the planning and development during forthcoming team sessions. There is also to be a visit to a current Denne construction site in Harlow to give everyone a practical view of a development similar to that being completed in the classroom.

The STEM Project will continue during Year 10 in September with further mentoring and a visit to the Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford. All activities will be summarised and reported in future Newsletters.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY DUX SCHEME 2013

On the 15th May, Matthew Fleming 9VM and Isaac Lucia 9NF visited Nottingham University to participate in the DUX scheme which included working with their current student ambassadors, higher education quizzes and a tour of the award winning University Park Campus. They were accompanied by Ms Batterham, Year 9 Head of Year, and Mr Cooper, Able Gifted and Talented Mentor.

The day visits to the University are part of a larger initiative involving Russell Group universities, to encourage students taking part to strive for a place at a top institution. Dux means 'leader' in latin.

'The trip was a thoroughly enjoyable one, it has certainly cemented my decision to attend university, and has helped my choosing by discussing parts of student life I may not have considered before'. Isaac Lucia.

'The trip to Nottingham University was extremely beneficial. It was a fun day out but also included a lot of facts about university'. Matthew Fleming.



Able, Gifted & Talented News

MATHS INSPIRATION EVENT, GREENWICH THEATRE LONDON 2ND JULY 2013

On Tuesday 2nd July, Mr Cooper, Mr Strathern and a group of 11 Gifted and Talented Year 9 students attended 2 presentations at the Greenwich Theatre in London. It was a joint Maths/Science/STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths). This meant an early start from school at 7.15am in the minibus to Loughton Underground station from where we proceeded to travel to the theatre. The trip was smooth and without problems and we easily made it to our seats in time for the first of 2 shows of different themes but with the same message to give young people an inspiration for Maths, described as the language used in Science. The event was hosted by an amusing presenter who told us of his own enjoyment of Maths and how some numbers have unique aspects. We were also told that the event was being filmed for a DVD which would be available for schools in the future.



The first show called 'Weird and Wonderful Maths' involved two guests who informed us how their love of Maths had helped them in their careers. David Acheson of Oxford University included an explanation of the action of sound waves and gave us a performance on his electric guitar. Steve Mould is the science expert on BBC's Britain's Brightest and Blue Peter, and he included a look at 'solids of constant widths' that produced the same effect as a 3D wheel!

After a short break, we were introduced to the presenters in the second show entitled 'Roller Coasters and other Flying Objects'. Hugh Hunt was recently seen on Channel 4 recreating the Dambusters and he entertained us with boomerangs, spinning wheels and bending balls! John Roberts is an engineer specialising in building rollercoasters and was instrumental in building the London Eye. He is currently working on projects in California and explained how maths calculations are important in everything he does.

During the afternoon we had time to visit the Maritime Museum and look at many of the interesting exhibits before departing to arrive back at Stewards at 5pm. A long but enjoyable day for all concerned.

Some comments describing the day were;

'The speakers were informative and explained everything really well. My favourite part was the rollercoaster talk, that was brilliant'. Megan Jenkins 9RA.

'I really enjoyed the trip today as it was very informative and entertaining. The speakers made the talks funny while interesting as I learnt a lot'. Tayla Leathers 9VM.

SUMMER SCHOOLS 2013

Once again, we made application for places this year at the Summer School of the University of Sussex. Places are always in high demand, but we were successful in placing two of our Year 10 Gifted and Talented students for the 4 day residential event in July. Congratulations to the successful students, Colyn Edmondson 10VG and Holly Fegan 10VG. Holly has returned this week exhausted but highly motivated, having had a great experience at Sussex. She says, *'I have had a fantastic time and made many new friends. The days were so full with fun activities and workshops, I did more things than I thought possible. It has given me a new outlook on going to university and I feel much better informed to make my decision'.*

Summer schools are aimed at Year 10 students who have the academic potential to benefit from progressing to university but may have no immediate family with experience of higher education. Results will be increased confidence, more understanding of themselves and the relevance of higher education, and the ability to make informed decisions about higher education as a future route for their own lives. Past experiences have shown that everyone has an enjoyable time too, with many social events planned for the evenings.

We were also pleased to have received the opportunity to apply for Summer School places offered by Anglia Ruskin University on a non-resident basis, for two Year 10 student events. The first took place on 24th/25th June at the Harlow University Centre, and involved 2 days in the Journalism Centre and included filming a TV interview, recording a radio bulletin and designing newspaper and magazine pages. Our successful students were Charlotte Geddis 10PM and Rachel Barlow 10VG.

Charlotte said, *'The Summer School was really good, especially when we used the studio to make a radio and TV programme. It was exciting to work with the new people I met during the two days'.*

Rachel said, *'A really good opportunity, I enjoyed taking part and getting involved. It was very useful and helped to reinforce my ambition of going into journalism as a career. The highlight was putting together a radio broadcast in the studio'.*

The second is being delivered at the University in Chelmsford on the 3rd/4th July and involved unlocking the secrets of mobile phone programming and app inventing! Luke Sams of 10DJ gained a place.

Luke said, *'Summer school was very interesting and I learnt to do new things with a good crowd of colleagues. The highlight was making an app and the whole thing was very worthwhile'.*

Science Department News

Mending the Pond in Stewards Ancient Meadow with Harlow Conservation Volunteers

Three years ago in February, a very cold and wet day, we dug a wildlife pond in the meadow with Harlow Conservation Volunteers and lined it with a PVC liner. The pond was adopted by the wildlife that lived in the meadow and it flourished. Over time the students have dipped the pond to see what was living in it not only during lessons but also after school at Science Club. Last summer we noticed that the level of the water was going down suggesting a hole in the liner. Therefore the task to mend the pond was placed in the HCV diary, picking a lovely dry day in July.

On Sunday it was forecast to be very hot so everyone turned up smothered in sun cream and wearing floppy hats to guard against getting too burnt. The HCV consisted of Andrew, Colin, Marion, Linda and Dennis. The students were: Eleanor Fleming 7DS, Tyler Hampson 10HS, Michael Whitting 10PM, Callum Smith 8JS and his parents, Emma McAleer 8CH, Blessing Oridupa 11DEM and her little brother from Kingsmoor Junior School.

We started the day by emptying the pond of the water, plants, creatures and mud on the bottom, keeping it in buckets so that we could put it back when we had finished. This was a very mucky and smelly part of the task. Once done we then exposed the edges of the old liner by removing the turf. Michael, Emma and Callum proved their worth on this task; it needed a lot of muscle to remove the turf because the soil had baked quite hard over the years. Once removed we cleaned up the old liner, removing any sharp stones and spread the new liner on the top. Large

rocks were put in the bottom to stop the liner floating up and then we were in a position to start putting the water back in.

Last time we tried to use a hose but the water pressure was very poor; it only trickled out of the hose by the time it reached the pond. So we ended up performing a bucket run from the outside tap near the Boiler Room up the raised car park to the pond. This was very tiring and time consuming. This year we tried filling a wheelie bin with water from the tap, trundling up the raised car park to the pond then emptying it using buckets. That worked a treat and in a couple of hours and 8 wheelie bins of water later we had filled the pond!

The old pond water, mud and plants were poured back, returning the wildlife to their new, refurbished home.



Callum cutting back the grass



Filling the pond



The bucket run

**Mrs Geraldine Wright BSc (Hons)
Science Curriculum Development Manager**

Renaissance Reading News

This year has been a very busy one for our pupils.

The Renaissance Reading scheme was introduced in November and all Year 7 and 8 pupils, and some Year 9's are enrolled on the scheme. The scheme aims to improve pupils' reading ability through frequent testing, reading of the correct book for their ability, and testing of their understanding of the book.

Here are some highlights:

- 6 times as many books are being borrowed from the library compared to last year
- Nearly 3000 reading quizzes have been taken
- Over 63 million words have been read by the pupils on the scheme
- There are 12 "word millionaires" i.e. they have read more than 1 million words each

The following books were voted by Stewards pupils as being their favourites:

- ⇒ New Moon – Stephanie Meyer
- ⇒ Catching Fire – Suzanne Collins
- ⇒ The Hunger Games – Suzanne Collins
- ⇒ The Harry Potter series – J.K. Rowling
- ⇒ Diary of a Wimpy Kid – Jeff Kinney
- ⇒ The Hobbit – J.R.R.Tolkien

These figures tell us the stark facts about reading at Stewards Academy, but as you walk around the school you get a sense of just how much pupils here are enjoying their reading – the library is very busy at lunchtime (not just when it's raining!), pupils queue to take their quizzes on the computers and they're choosing to read when they get the opportunity. Generally, there's a buzz about reading here – pupils are talking to each other about their books and are eager to read the next book in the series.

The summer holidays are one of the best times to get stuck in to a good book, so could I ask that you encourage your child to read during this time so that when we return in September we can continue where we left off.

Thank you and keep reading!

Mr Ginger

Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge 2013

JACK PETCHEY SPEAK OUT CHALLENGE 2013- ANOTHER PROUD MOMENT FOR STEWARDS ACADEMY.

I was immensely proud of the 26 Year 10 pupils involved in this year's *Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge* on March 18th. They were mature, motivated, co-operative and exceptionally positive throughout the day. In fact, our trainer Jonathan Drew told me that they were one of the best groups that he has ever worked with. Chris Richards represented Stewards superbly at the Regional final and was highly commended by the judges. Well done to all of you!

Below is just a small selection of comments made by pupils about the workshop:

Mason: "I really enjoyed it and would love to do more activities like it."

Ellie: "I felt far more confident in speaking in front of a group at the end of the day and the trainer was very encouraging."

Taylor: "I feel more confident in myself. And maybe I could now achieve better GCSE grades."

Thara: "I walked in with hardly any confidence, now I have a bit more confidence and understand the basic techniques of speaking. Thank you for the opportunity."

Miss Feeney
English Department

Important Information

TRAVEL ABROAD

Whilst at Stewards your child has various opportunities to travel abroad - from residential trips within the European Union, North America and Asia - to day trips. Opportunities may be open in future academic years to go even further afield! So as you and your child are well prepared for these exciting trips the Academy advises parents to obtain for their child their own passport and if travelling to an EU country, a European Health Insurance Card [EHIC]; this ensures that should your child require medical attention abroad, treatment will be at a reduced cost or free.

Passport

The Academy would advise parents/carers to obtain for their child, a 5-year laminated UK passport. Passport forms can be obtained from your local Post Office. For further information about child passports visit www.passport.gov.uk or telephone the Passport Advice Line on 0870 521 0410. Be aware that some countries ask for passports to have at least 6 months validity from date of departure or visa application. Passports can be renewed no more than 9 months prior to expiry date.

European Health Insurance Card [EHIC]

From 1st January 2006, a valid EHIC card should be obtained and carried by each pupil whilst travelling in the European Union (EU). If you are a UK resident, you are entitled to medical treatment that becomes necessary, at reduced cost or sometimes free, when temporarily visiting a EU country, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland. Only treatment provided under the state scheme is covered. However, to obtain treatment you will need to take a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) with you. To apply for your child you will need their NHS number plus full name, address and date of birth. The card is free and is now a plastic 'credit card' type. This card is easily obtainable by phone (EHIC Applications Line 0300 330 1350), via the web site www.ehic.org.uk or by post (pick up an EHIC application pack from your local Post Office branch). School travel companies require passport numbers, dates of issue and expiry, etc, well before departure. Delays in obtaining the above documents may mean your child will miss out on exciting and interesting trips. So don't delay – make sure your child has their own passport or renew their passport well before expiry and has their own EHIC Card.

Important Points to Remember:

To qualify for a school trip attendance and punctuality will be considered and is at the discretion of the staff involved.

For your child to continue to qualify for school trips, they must have and continue to have good attendance, punctuality, behaviour and attitude towards school.

If you withdraw your child from a school trip you will not be entitled to any refund unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Should you fail to keep to the payment schedule for residential trips, your child's place on the trip will be in jeopardy.

*Mrs Willson
Administration*

ALPHASMART - Keyboard



As we come to the end of the year we are asking if you could all have a look for our Alphasmarts, see picture. We have given several out to students over the year and most come back but we have a couple still out there in the wild! Please if you've got one or have left it round school somewhere can you bring them back home to the LSU. Thank you.

Mrs K Larkin - LSU

Year Group Information

Year 7

Well, that is it – a whole secondary school year complete! A huge congratulations to all Year 7 students. Every single one of them has learnt something new, tried something different, and has added a little something to the Stewards Academy family. This year really does prove how fast time travels, and how important it is to take up every opportunity that crosses your path.

BEING PROUD

It really is important for our students to be proud of themselves as they have achieved so much this year. All students in Year 7 have gone through a big change in their life – transferring from primary to secondary school. This is not easy, but all the students have done so, smoothly and so well. They have also achieved great results. Many of the Year 7's have demonstrated their academic success by achieving or exceeding their subject targets. The students are enthusiastic about their learning and want to develop their knowledge and skills.

The Year 7's should also be very proud about being part of this years Ofsted report. Their behaviour, their attitude towards learning and their consistent conduct around the school played a great part in Stewards Academy achieving such a successful report. Well done.

EVENTS

By now, you will have realised that Stewards Academy is an inclusive school and this is evident through the array of events we organise. This year the Year 7's have played a huge part in raising money for the Hira Foundation, as well as the Stewards 150k a day challenge. I'm pleased to say we have raised enough money to build a well for a village in Somalia, providing them with fresh, clean water. Students have also experienced Curriculum Days, Sports Day, Sports Presentation Evening, Presentation Evening, The Cultural Food Event and the all new Cultural Fashion Show. Students have also been recently inspired by a well-known footballer – Neville Southall.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Recently, our students were given the opportunity to stand for School Council. Those that put themselves forward spoke in front of the whole year group, which was a very brave thing to do. All speeches were excellent, and it was the largest group of nominations to date. I'm pleased to announce the new council members for Year 8 are:

Girls

Brodey Fowler, Brooke Stringer, Phoebe Douglas, Sarah Ngochinya, Jasmine Bingham, Tania Mamvura (Reserve), Janet Randazzo (Reserve) and Elena Marculescu (EMPV).

Boys

Adam Fleming, Mac Favell, Ty Hunter, Owen Harknett, Ronny Gisbourne, Callum Morgan, Johnathon Martin (Reserve), Mitch Hanrahan (Reserve) and Wilson Jokonya (EMPV).

MOVING ONWARDS AND UPWARDS

The summer break is a time to reflect on what the students have accomplished this year. 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, could have focused more. If you are one of those students, think about what you need to do in order to be the best. What goals will you be setting for Year 8, what options do you want, and do you deserve your number one option?

Make a difference and be the person you want to be.

Mr G Hughes
Head of Year 7

'Don't be anything less than everything you can be'

Year Group Information

Year 8

As we call 'time' on another year for Year 8, I would like to reflect on a number of highlights throughout the past half term and draw your attention to the exciting but important times ahead.

Assemblies have played a significant role this year in raising aspirations and encouraging your children to achieve and exceed their potential. This half term, one assembly that was particularly poignant and thought-provoking, was based on the inspirational story of the 1985 iconic 400m legend – Derek Redmond. Derek suffered a devastating injury at the pinnacle moment of his career in the 1992 Summer Olympics and failed to achieve his dream of winning an Olympic medal. In the face of adversity he somehow found the inner strength, courage and self-belief to overcome his torment and complete the race and although he did not win it, he will always be remembered as a legend world-wide for the determination and resilience he showed at such a difficult time. Against the odds, Derek went on to achieve many other great things in his career and the message behind this assembly was "Nothing is impossible." "Don't be afraid to fail. Learn from your failures and go on to the next challenge. It's OK to fail. If you're not failing, you're not growing".

Another motivational assembly involved two contrasting obstacle courses and was based on the concept of 'Overcoming Obstacles'. Two pupils with two separate pupil guides were blindfolded and given the practical task of tackling their individual obstacle courses. Both pathways were similar in nature, but varied in height, direction and difficulty and pupils had to rely on the support and effective communication of their guides to safely conquer their different challenges. The guides symbolised parents/teachers and friends and the obstacle courses represented the various challenges and barriers that pupils face in their learning. The obstacle courses also reflected the different ways in which pupils approach their learning from those that simply 'coast,' to those that actually 'push themselves beyond their basic limits'. The purpose of this assembly was to encourage pupils to not to settle for anything less than their absolute best and to not be afraid to 'take risks' in their learning. A big thank you to Tommy Wickendon, Luke Luckin, Bayley Summerfield and Ellie Burgess for their practical help with this.

Another highlight this half term was the Cardiff Charity run. Four year 8 pupils were successful in their application to take part in the final leg of the run, namely Izzie Dorkin, Lauren Sykes, Mollie Jarvis and Paige Abbott and have become part of a unique legacy which will save and influence the lives of many to come over the next couple of years. This is a highly prestigious accolade for which these pupils should be congratulated, and it is their efforts, along with both the staff runners and all of you that have supported this event, that has helped us to raise over £10,000 for both the Mo Farah Foundation and the school itself. So thank you!

Following on from this, this half term has also seen Year 8 win both the Rounders league and Harlow Tournament and finish a very credible 2nd in Essex in the Junior Tennis. A number of very talented, budding young actors and actresses also took part in one of four lower school productions i.e 'Aladdin, 'Sherlock Holmes,' 'Black-Hearted Villain' and 'Mobile phone' which were very entertaining, so very well done to all involved! The whole year group then united to round off the year, with excellent team spirit in the ever-memorable and truly inspirational 'Olympic Week'.

In addition to the many successes identified above, I would also like to pay credit to the 34 girls and 21 boys that stood up in front of their year group and applied for School Council next year. Unfortunately there are only a limited number of places for this prestigious role so not everyone was successful, but just by 'taking the risk' and 'giving it a go' took a lot of guts and showed real courage and I am extremely proud of each and every one of you for your efforts. Well done Year 8! Congratulations to the following pupils who were successful in securing a place: -

POSITION	GIRLS	POSITION	BOYS
School Council	Bayley Summerfield	School Council	Alfie Babb
School Council	Laura Cleary	School Council	Reece Walsh
School Council	Becky Dodd	School Council	Dylan Sibanda
School Council	Lauren Sykes	School Council	Keanu Jackson
School Council	Izzie Dorkin	School Council	Kieran Miller
School Council reserve	Rexhina Kotarja	School Council	Zac Rogers
School Council reserve	Chloe Davis	School Council reserve	Stanley Saunders
EMPV	Casey Hendricks	School Council reserve	Jackson Rushbrooke
		EMPV	Bradley Leathers

Finally, I would like to conclude by commending year 8 on a very successful year. There have been ups and downs and highs and lows along the way, but they all made it through in the end and have made significant progress as a year group. Next year is a very exciting but important year for your children as they start their options, so enjoy the summer break but come back in the new-year with a positive and focused attitude and be prepared to work hard as you move in to the next phase of your learning.

Miss Holden
Head of Year 8

Year Group Information

Year 9

It hardly seems possible that the year group has completed a whole year of GCSE study and that they are now officially Key Stage 4. The year has been a successful one and I hope that your son or daughter's report reflects this.

As I reflect on the year there are too many individual successes to list, but I would like to mention a few recent sporting achievements.

Alex Dodd of 9MT has reached the top 100 in the UK for his U14 age group and is number 2 in Essex.

Alex won his semi - final in the Road to Wimbledon tournament. He lost in the final but hopes to make the finals as one of the best runners up.

We wish him every success.

Mason Cook in 9RA has been picked from the NCFootball Elites squad to represent them and the South-East of England in the Gothia Youth World Cup which is held in Sweden. It is a very prestigious youth tournament and will take place in the Gothenburg Stadium. This is a fantastic opportunity for Mason.

Rosie Poole and Jessica Noruwa both achieved gold in the recent West Essex Athletics meeting. Rosie for the 1500m and Jess for the shot putt. Congratulations girls.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very relaxing holiday and to thank you for your continued support.

Ms Batterham
Head of Year 9

Year 10

The Year 10's who put themselves forward to be Head Boy and Head Girl, have recently given their speeches to the year group. I was incredibly impressed with the quality of their speeches and the number of people who expressed an interest. This was the most students ever; 12 girls and 18 boys. They now have a week to campaign before the voting on Tuesday 16th July. It will be very difficult for me personally to cast just one vote for a girl and boy, as I feel they are all capable of doing the job. Year 10 have recently completed their one week work experience, and for the vast majority this has been a very positive and worthwhile experience. These are a few comments from the students
Joe Leadley – worked with the safer neighbourhood team of the police *"I really enjoyed working with the public, and seeing the police deal with different situations. It has really motivated me to try and do this type of work."*

George Johnson – worked in a call centre *"It was really worthwhile. I learnt a lot, and the people were very friendly and approachable."*

Chris Richards – worked at Tesco's at Church Langley. He told the visiting teacher that he had learnt a lot, that it was a good insight into the world of work, and he is now more determined to seek employment post 16.

Danny Royall – worked in plumbing. He said that he had enjoyed all aspects of the work experience, and it had given him an insight as to what work is required of a plumber. He wished it had been a 2 week placement.

Thara Gould – worked at the local hospital. *"It reassured me that this is what I want to do in the future, and helped me understand the working environment in a hospital."*

Aimee Hunt – worked at Coopers of Stortford in the florists. She told the visiting teacher that she had enjoyed the week, it had been useful, and that it had helped to improve her self confidence

Whitney Akonedo said of her time at Latton Green Primary that *"I wouldn't change anything. It confirms that I want to follow this route as a career path."*

I hope that all the students have an enjoyable and restful summer, and come prepared to work hard to achieve their potential in Year 11.

Mrs Ellis
Head of Year 10

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July

19th School Finishes 1pm

September

2nd Inset Day
3rd Year 7 only (9.30)
4th School resumes for all year groups
Staggered start time ;
Year 7 arrive at 9.00am for tutor time
Year 8 arrive at 11.15am for assembly
Year 9 arrive at 9.00am for assembly
Year 10 arrive at 10.00am for assembly
Year 11 arrive at 12.15pm for assembly

12th Open Day
17th 50th Celebration



ABSENCE LINE

The absence line to report pupil absence is

01279-772511

Please give your child's name, tutor group and reason for their absence. Please follow up the absence with a note on the **first day back** explaining why your child has been absent from school



Mrs Barker
Attendance Officer

