



Stewards Academy

Newsletter

October 2012



Name _____

Tutor Group: _____

HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear Parents and Pupils,

Hira Shakoor of Year 8 came from a loving and supportive family and she was a mature, polite and responsible young woman who had a bright future. Her death last week as a result of a tragic household fire has had an impact on all of us. Although Hira had been at Stewards for only a year, she was a popular and ambitious student who played an active part in school life. Her teachers remember her as a caring and generous person whose quiet, gentle sense of humour endeared her to those around her. Her classmates, particularly her close friends in 8CH will always remember her with affection.

Hira was an enthusiastic member of the Ethnic Minority Pupil Voice Group (EMPV) and was a driving force behind the tutor group's organisation for the Cultural Food Event. She believed passionately in bringing people of different cultures together. The EMPV Group decided that the Cultural Food Event this year would go ahead and that this would be a fitting occasion for us to remember her as a whole school community.

My thanks to local schools, the police and other agencies for offers of support at what has been a difficult time for everyone. We have put in place support systems to help both pupils and staff deal with this tragedy. Should any parent or pupil wish to access this support please let us know by contacting Mrs Erwood (Assistant Headteacher) or Mrs Atkinson (PSM for Year 8).



THE STEWARDS ACADEMY CULTURAL FOOD EVENT 2012

Rhonda Murthar

**Rhonda Murthar
Headteacher**

MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNORS

I have to say that this half term has been an emotional roller coaster ride for all of us connected with Stewards. For me it began before term started on the day that the GCSE results were announced not only because overall they were the best the school had ever achieved but even more for the obvious elation of the individuals concerned, many tears of joy were shed by us all that morning.

As I write this the school is dealing with a much more difficult situation as a result of the tragic fire which resulted in the death of five children, one of them a Stewards pupil, and their mother, I am sure that tears will have again been shed. All of us associated with Stewards extend our heartfelt condolences to all those affected, both family and friends. On many occasions I have heard Stewards described as a big family, it is at times like this that we need to show how true this is by being there for each other.

Jeff Tarling Head of Governors

Young Writers

Budding young poets at Stewards



We are very proud of 21 of our Year 8 students who have been successful in a Young Writers' "Express Yourself" poetry competition. These students have been given the opportunity to have their poems published within a special anthology entitled "Express Yourself - The South & East of England".

We look forward to seeing our accomplished young poets' work in print when we receive our copy of the anthology, due for publication in November.

Congratulations to:-

- * Alice Nevill, Elliott Johnson, Katy Briant, James Burns, Lucy Flatts, Emma Lidbury, Rebecca Harrison, Cassandra Carter, Sara King, Jamie Venables, Amelia Mitchell-Harris, Callum Smith, Courtney Jacobs, Nadine Franks-Whelan, Georgia Prior, Megan Clark, Filip Szymanski, Nathan King, Molly Phipps, Samuel Stephens and Katie Turrell.

The English Team

Jeans for Genes provides funding for the care and support of children with genetic disorders. They also help to fund research into genetics and the development of effective treatments and cures.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the 'Jeans for Genes' charity on Friday 5th October.

The total amount collected is **£947.99**
Well done.



Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning

Thanks to staff who joined the worlds biggest coffee morning for Macmillan cancer support and raised a Grand total

of **£257.99**

Macmillan.org.uk



ST MARKS VIth FORM PARTNERSHIP

As you will already be aware Stewards Academy is forming a unique VIth form Partnership with St Marks, in collaboration with Burnt Mill and Passmores. The partnership is aimed at creating the opportunity for our students to proceed to an academically challenging environment in which they will receive a supportive and enriching VIth Form experience.

Year 11 students have already had the opportunity to learn more about the partnership and the experience and opportunities that will be available to them at our post-16 evening.

On Friday the 19th October students also had the opportunity to attend a taster day at St Marks School where they were able to participate in a range of A Level classes and gain some experience of what life will be like as a VIth Form student.

If you were unable to attend our post 16 evening and would like further information regarding the VIth Form partnership please contact Stewards Academy and we will be able to provide you with a prospectus and any relevant information

We will keep you updated over the coming months as this exciting opportunity develops.

Mr Scholtes Assistant Headteacher

Able Gifted & Talented News

Able, Gifted and Talented Support Evening for parents of pupils in Year 7 and 8

This evening was very well attended and the audience had the opportunity to listen to the views of pupils George Strachan from Year 10 and Ellie Thompson from 11(both of whom are part of the G and T cohort). The pupils talked about the many opportunities that there are to get involved in and to challenge themselves here at Stewards. They also mentioned the importance of reading and how this has helped them in their English oral examinations.

Mrs Sherwood gave a presentation that revolved around her work as a GCSE examiner and Advanced Skills Teacher for Literacy within school. Her message was to really focus on the development of communication skills and to get involved in reasoned arguments weighing up pros, cons and consequences.

Mr Cooper spoke about being prepared for the future and encouraged students to start thinking about option choices and prospective careers.

All in all, the theme was about pupils achieving their best through a partnership between pupils, parents and Stewards staff.

Many thanks to all who attended, participated and we look forward to working with you.

Miss O'Neill Assistant Headteacher



STEWARDS CATERING DEPARTMENT NEWS



I am pleased to announce that Stewards Catering Department has been given a Foods Standards Health & Hygiene Rating of '5' ***** from Harlow District Council. This rating is marked as Excellent which reflects the standards of food hygiene found on inspection.

Andrew Saunders Catering & Hospitality Manager

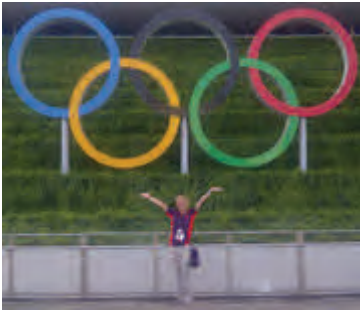
Cultural Food Event

The 7th annual Cultural Food Event was particularly poignant this year in the light of the loss of Hira Shakoor and her brothers and sister in the house fire which took place earlier in the week. The Ethnic Minority Pupil Voice Group was determined to carry on and hold the event despite this tragedy, as Hira had been a very committed member of the group and was planning the Tutor Group table along with the rest of 8CH. So the event went ahead and a book of condolence was made available for visitors to sign. Hundreds of people packed the Hall to capacity as food from over 30 countries from around the world was represented – from Latvia, Russia, Mexico, The Philippines, Ireland, Egypt, China, Australia, Wales, Scotland, Kenya, Thailand, Nigeria, France and of course England – to name but a few! Heads of the EMPV Group Ellie Thompson and Nqoba Mvitsho introduced the event. Pupils performed an Arabic dance, Latvian student Anastasia Smirnova sang in Russian, a group of pupils demonstrated Chinese martial arts and as has become traditional the Efua Sey African dancers and drummers were as inspirational as always. Staff, parents, governors and members of the local community were bowled over by the enthusiasm of the pupils and the sense of community which pervaded the whole event. One parent commented *“This is what makes Stewards unique, even in such a heart breaking week the school has managed to come together as one big family and celebrate the harmony of cultural diversity.”* Former Head of EMPV Matt Walton said *“Every year we think the event cannot get any bigger or better – and yet every year it does! I am very proud to be associated with this amazing school.”* We are sure that Hira would have been proud of us.

Mrs Erwood Assistant Headteacher



OLYMPIC NEWS



Well done to Miss Dangerfield (*Cover Supervisor*) and Jeff Tarling (*Head of Governors*) who received a letter from Downing Street thanking them for the part they played in making the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games such a huge success. They gave up their time to become Games Makers volunteering to help thousands of others in the behind the scenes roles at the 2012 Games.



COMMUNITY NEWS

We are proud to congratulate 3 of our Year 11 students who were awarded a Community Spirit Award at the Manor of Groves Hotel on Friday 12th October. Connor Fry 11SE, Lewis Fry 11DF and Stuart Marrington 11SE were nominated for the Award by local Police for volunteering hours of their time to organise regular football training on their local field for younger children. They attended the presentation with their families and were treated to a 3 course dinner before being presented with their awards. Well done to all of you.



PUPIL LUNCH OVERDRAFTS - A reminder to all parents/guardians - please ensure your child comes to school with either a packed lunch or has enough money in their cashless catering account to buy lunch. Pupils who have genuinely lost or forgotten their lunch money can come to the Finance Office to ask for a £1.00 overdraft on their cashless catering account. Pupils must ensure they repay the £1.00 into their account when next they return to school. Persistent non-payers will not be allowed further overdrafts if money is still owed.

Please would parents/guardians be aware that lunch overdrafts are for *EMERGENCIES ONLY*, and are not to be used as a means for your child to buy 'extras' at lunch time or break time.
FINANCE OFFICE

Science Department News

SCIENCE EDUCATION ACCESS DAY

AT THE STFC RUTHERFORD APPLETON LABORATORIES, DIDCOT

Mrs G. Wright accompanied by Mr G. Cooper, Mr A. Young and fourteen excited Year 9 students had an early start to visit the Rutherford Appleton Laboratories at Didcot, near Oxford where some of the world's most expensive and exciting scientific equipment is located.

Our day started with a tour of ISIS, an industrial scale neutron source used like an ultra high definition X-Ray machine for testing everything from Airbus wings to shampoo! Then we had a presentation about the world's most powerful LASER, just across the road but in use that day so we couldn't go and see it. Impressive none the less. After lunch we visited the Computer Building which consumes as much power as a small town! In one huge room we had to wear ear defenders as the noise of the cooling fans was so loud. This unit processes data from all the labs on site and also data from the Large Hadron Collider in CERN. A very interesting day with so much cutting edge technology for us to get up close to.

Becky Warwick (9RP) said: *"I had a fantastic day today. I learned a lot stuff and I enjoyed the lecture."*

Rebecca Willbourn (9NF) said: *"I think it was a very interesting day full of excitement and fun, such as the time when we were near the computers and saw the robotic arm. It was a FANTASTIC DAY!"*

Mr Young Science Technician



A model of ISIS with Stewards students looking on.



Riley Halson 9RP helping during the Liquid Nitrogen demonstration lecture.



Stewards Academy party:

Leanne Hooper 9VM, Robyn Webb 9NF, Taonga Chabva-Shoperai 9RP, Riley Halson 9RP, Rebecca Willbourn 9NF, Becky Warwick 9RP, Alex Dodd 9MT, Jay Moore 9MT, Ewan Isted 9RMP, Kerris Garbut 9MT, Jamie Paul 9JJ, Bethany Mead 9RP, Sian Curtis 9MT, Chloe Mitchell 9MT



Geography Department News

YEAR 11 FIELD TRIP TO BISHOP'S STORTFORD

On Thursday 11th October, 22 Year 11 GCSE Geography students travelled to Bishop's Stortford in Hertfordshire. The field trip is essential to gather information and data that will be used for the pupils' controlled assessment. The controlled assessment accounts for 25% of the total marks in GCSE Geography. Our pupils aim was to prove if its town centre provides adequate shops and services for the people of Bishop's Stortford.

To help prove or disprove their hypothesis, our pupils conducted a geographical enquiry by interviewing local people and asking them for their opinions. They also conducted traffic and pedestrian surveys, attitudinal surveys, took photographs and map surveys of the town centre in Bishop's Stortford. Our pupils created a very good impression on the people of Bishop's Stortford. Members of the Salvation Army commented on how polite, friendly and charming our pupils were when asking them questions about Bishop's Stortford.

Our pupils will now spend time analysing the large amounts of data they have gathered, writing up their results and developing a controlled assessment portfolio of 2500 words.

Mr Hickman – Subject Leader for Geography



George, Ben and Reece conducting surveys



The centre of Bishop's Stortford which our pupils studied in detail.



Shakur and Daniel hard at work inside the Jackson Square shopping centre.

PEER MENTOR 2012

Once again following intensive training, we have a group of Year 10 students giving up their free time to support our younger students.

The students are here to help Year 7's with the transition from primary into secondary education. The Year 10 students underwent a rigorous selection process followed by two and a half days training which will lead to a qualification.

We had 16 successful applicants this year to be Peer Mentors for the Year 7's. This has meant we were able to extend the service to include Peer Listeners.

In addition to working one to one in supervised sessions, the students are giving up one lunch time each week to be in and around the LSU to listen to any problems the Year 7's may have.

Mrs Munro Peer Mentor Co-Ordinator



Important Information

ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION

As you will know the road outside the school can become very busy at certain times of the day presenting a potential danger to pedestrians. We would like to thank the majority of parents who avoid parking on the yellow lines at the front of the school when dropping children off or collecting them at the end of the day. By keeping this area clear our pupils are able to cross the road safely. However we have had a complaint about cars stopping suddenly near to the corner of the junction when dropping children off. Please ensure that other drivers are aware of your intention to stop so that accidents can be avoided.

Mrs Orwin Deputy Headteacher

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. Therefore we advise parents to obtain a passport and EHIC.

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.

European Health Insurance Card [EHIC]

We advise all students to have their own EHIC card. To apply for your child you will need their NHS number plus full name, address and date of birth. Applications for the card can be made at your local Post Office.

NEW YORK 2013 Residential Trip

For those Year 11 pupils travelling to the USA next year, would parents/guardians please ensure that they have completed, on their child's behalf, the online *Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (ESTA)* application (web site: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta>). When approved, it would be appreciated if a copy of the Approved Authorisation be passed to the Finance Office.

Should your child require a visa to enter the USA, then please ensure you apply well in advance of departure.

Important Points to Remember:

- To qualify for any trip attendance and punctuality will be considered and is at the discretion of the staff involved.
- For your child to continue to qualify for a school trip, 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.

Mrs Wilson Administration

Charity News

FUND RAISING FOR OXFAM WATER WEEK – YEAR 7

During Oxfam Water Week which was 2nd of July to 6th of July, 7MPH decided to do what they could to raise money to help those in poorer parts of the world get access to safe drinking water. 7MPH delivered a fantastic assembly to the whole of Year 7 to tell them about the problems caused by a lack of water in many poor parts of the world and what we could do as a year group to help.

A sponsored walk was organised for the 3rd of July. The route covered a distance of 3.6 miles, the average distance Africans have to walk each day to collect water, around the cycle paths of Harlow. 37 pupils from Year 7 took part in the walk and they all received a certificate for their efforts, as did staff after complaints about not receiving one initially! 7MPH also held a cake sale throughout the week which proved to be very popular, so much so that we sold out after the first day.

The pupils in 7MPH came up trumps again though and got busy in the kitchen to bake many more! The total amount of money raised was **£224.49p** for a very worthy cause. 7MPH would like to say a big thank you to the staff and pupils that took part in the walk and to everyone who donated money for Oxfam Water Week. Also a big thank you to Mr Hooper for organising a great week of fundraising.

Miss Bromage (Co-tutor to 7MPH-now 8MPH)



Where Are They Now

NATHALIE BOAKE

Left Stewards in 2009

I attended St Mark's sixth form where I started up an EMPV group and held their first ever cultural event. Then at Harlow College I studied A levels and for 2 years held position of Student Governor. I have attended a work placement at the BBC and also worked within my community and with local council for the Black History month committee.

I have just started a degree in Business and German at Hertfordshire University. My ambition is to work for a large corporation in the U.S.



PE Department News

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

In wet conditions on Thursday 11th October the District Cross Country Event took place at Burnt Mill Academy. With no hesitation or reservation about the weather all of the Stewards Academy runners were keen to run the course as fast as they could. The new Yr.7s gave a strong account of themselves taking all three top positions with Lewis Harknett, Alfie Poole and Owen Harknett finishing in first, second and third respectfully. Rosie Poole also had an impressive run finishing clearly in first place by a large margin. Well done to all of the participants who took part in the event.



WEST ESSEX NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Saturday the 13th of October the year 8 and senior netball teams played in the West Essex netball tournament at Mark Hall. Although the year 8 team were entered they were playing against Yr.9 teams with more experience. However the girls showed that they could contend against the older girls. They played six tough and gruelling games and were victorious against a strong St Nick's team. Participating in the competition has given them valuable experience for their upcoming matches and will hold them in good stead for next years competition. Team: Darcy Giddings (C) Izzie Dorkin, Lauren Sykes, Megan Cunningham, Mollie Jarvis, Rebecca Dodd, Sara King, Alice Neville, Casey Hendricks and Emily Mead. The Senior team had just as tough a competition with them also playing up into the year 11 competition. They did however prove their worth and won two of their five games against Passmores and Mark Hall. Well done to Maisy Treacher, Louise Devlin, Elise Stingemore, Hannah Burns, Sarah Warby, Charlie Cook, Louise Martin, Georgia King, Holly Mae Pipe and Molly Snow.



PE Department News

Interschool Swim Meet

Monday 15th October Results



FRONT CRAWL – 4PM

YEAR GROUP	NAME	POSITIONS
Yr 7 Boys		
Yr 7 Girls	Brooke Stringer	2 nd
Yr 8 Boys	Bradley Leathers	2 nd
Yr 8 Girls	Emma Lidbury	1 st
Yr 9 Boys	Bradley Leathers	3 rd
Yr 9 Girls	Chloe Mitchell	1 st
Yr 10/11 Boys	James Pickering	1 st
Yr 10/11 Girls	Louise Devlin	1 st

BACKSTROKE – 4.15PM

YEAR GROUP	NAME	POSITIONS
Yr 7 Boys		
Yr 7 Girls	Brooke Stringer	3 rd
Yr 8 Boys	Shiv Sharma	2 nd
Yr 8 Girls	Georgia Whitefield	2 nd
Yr 9 Boys	Shiv Sharma	2 nd
Yr 9 Girls	Tayla Leathers	3 rd
Yr 10/11 Boys	Mason Arnold	1 st
Yr 10/11 Girls	Chloe Scott	1 st

BREASTSTROKE – 4.30PM

YEAR GROUP	NAME	POSITIONS
Yr 7 Boys		
Yr 7 Girls	Rosi Pite	3 rd
Yr 8 Boys	Filip Kusnir	1 st
Yr 8 Girls	Phoebe Jewell	1 st
Yr 9 Boys	Filip Kusnir	1 st
Yr 9 Girls	Chloe Eves	2 nd
Yr 10/11 Boys	James Pickering	1 st
Yr 10/11 Girls	Jasmine Hind	1 st

BUTTERFLY – 4.45PM

YEAR GROUP	NAME	POSITIONS
Yr 8 Boys	Shiv Sharma	2 nd
Yr 8 Girls	Phoebe Jewell	2 nd
Yr 9 Boys	Filip Kusnir	2 nd
Yr 9 Girls	Chloe Mitchell	1 st
Yr 10/11 Boys	Mason Arnold	1 st
Yr 10/11 Girls	Jasmine Hind	1 st

FOOD TECHNOLOGY NEWS

THE GREAT STEWARDS BAKE OFF

This is a lovely example of the wonderful culinary skills of our current Yr.11s with a finish like this I think we'll see these students on Master chef one day!



Battenberg cake made by Chelsea Wells and Keira Buckley

Mrs Bird Food Technology



Chinese chicken and rice noodles made by Keeley Anderton

Year Group Information

Year 7

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

This is our Year group motto and you certainly are doing just that. You have all made a great start here at Stewards Academy and have just completed your first half term. Your attitude, your attendance and your punctuality have all been fantastic. You are a credit to myself, Mr Ford, and also your tutors. From time to time, make sure you thank them for all their hard work.

As I have walked around the school and visited each tutor group, I have noticed enthusiasm, focus and a great deal of learning. Many of you have settled in very well and have given 100% in all subjects. Attendance in extra-curricular activities and school events has also been brilliant. Congratulations to Lewis Harknett, Alfie Poole, and Owen Harknett who finished 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the Harlow Schools Cross Country. We have had numerous Football, Rugby, and Netball matches, all of which have been very competitive. Not only have you participated in Sports, but Music, Science and Drama have also been very popular and well attended. I am looking forward to seeing many of you in the lower school production!

It was excellent to see so many of you at our Annual Cultural Food Event, bringing along your family and friends to taste flavours from all over the world. Every tutor group had a table representing a different country, and put on a fantastic display for all.

Earlier on in the half term, we had Open Evening and I am so proud of all those that volunteered to speak at such an important event. Here are just a few comments from students expressing how they have settled into Stewards Academy.

'My first week at Stewards has been eventful. I have gone from a big fish to a tiny tadpole which was quite daunting. But all that said, I have been made to feel really welcomed by all teachers and pupils.' – **Millie Steele 7SPL**

'If I had to describe my first few weeks here in three words, they would be welcoming, interesting and fun. I am really enjoying Stewards.' – **Janet Randazzo 7DS**

'Stewards is great, staff are amazing.' – **Sam Dodd 7SPL**

'The prefects and staff have been a great support.' – **Adam Fleming 7EM**

'Stewards Academy has given me a chance to meet new people and I have already been elected form captain.' – **Jamie Webb 7KW**

Half term is a time to relax and enjoy yourself, but you must remember that this break is a busy time. You have Halloween on Wednesday 31st October and then Bonfire Night on Monday 5th November. Be sensible and stay safe.

Well done on your success so far!

Mr Hughes Head of Year 7



Year Group Information

Year 8



On Tuesday 2nd October, Year 8 pupils of Stewards Academy were privileged to have the opportunity to meet a very special guest named Jeanne Stacey, who had the great honour of representing Harlow as an official torch bearer for the 2012 Olympic Games over the summer.

Jeanne is a Drama teacher who was nominated by a work colleague for this prestigious role, in recognition of the dedication

and passion that she has demonstrated to hundreds of pupils over her long-standing career in education. She was invited to speak in assembly as part of a motivational initiative to raise aspirations amongst our young people and pupils were not only given the opportunity to listen to her experiences about carrying the flame, but were also able to see and touch the Olympic torch that passed through their home town and pose questions to Jeanne about what it felt like to be part of an Olympic legacy.

Jeanne's story was truly inspirational and the sentiment in her speech was very powerful. She talked about the pride that she felt when she received the call that her application had been successful and expressed the overwhelming sense of emotion that swept through her when she represented her country in the Olympic torch relay. She modelled the standard white tracksuit with the Olympic grey rings as a symbol of the journey involved in bringing the Olympic Games to London and showed off the actual torch that was used in the relay to unite the country in the 2012 Olympic Dream.

Students related well to Jeanne's story as most saw some, if not all of the Olympics and Paralympic Games. They listened carefully to the whole process leading up to, during and after the event and asked a variety of questions about this experience to understand the true scale of this opportunity. Examples of questions directed included:

- Why she was nominated to be an Olympic torch bearer?
- What skills, qualities or characteristics were essential in fulfilling this role?
- Where the design for the torch came from and what was it meant to reflect?
- How heavy was the torch and how easy was it to carry whilst running?
- What sort of training did she do to prepare for this event?
- How did she feel before, during and after the race?

Jeanne was extremely humbled by this experience and pupils were undoubtedly moved by her story. Out of hundreds and thousands of applicants Jeanne was selected to represent her country and carry the Olympic flame on behalf of Harlow town and this transpired as a result of the hard work, passion and commitment that Jeanne demonstrates in her everyday teaching.

Jeanne didn't know what she wanted to be at 13 years old and didn't have any more opportunities than anyone else her age to shine, she simply worked hard to achieve her potential and set her sights high for the future. Jeanne is an ordinary woman with an ordinary background, who was born and bred in Harlow, but the dedication she has shown in her career for inspiring others has been extra-ordinary.

The key message behind this assembly was that 'you only get out of life, what you are prepared to put in' and that 'nothing is impossible if you want something enough, you just have to work hard to achieve it!'

Thank you to Jeanne for giving up her time to come in to Stewards Academy and speak about her experience. I know I am speaking on behalf of our entire year group when I say it was a truly inspirational assembly!

Miss Holden Head of Year 8

Year Group Information

Year 9

Year 9 have made an excellent start to their GCSE courses and are rising to the academic challenge. Below are some of their comments:

'There is more homework in Year 9 and I have had to step up. My favourite option is BTEC PE.' Kyle Francis

'Modern History is my favourite option. It is really fun learning about the Cold War.' George Catling

'There is definitely more homework in Year 9. I am enjoying the challenge, especially in Music.' Phillip Howlett

'In Year 9 the teachers expect a lot from us which is a good thing as it will build our characters.' Jacob Juniper

'I am enjoying Drama because I can try out my different accents' Matt Fleming

'I am enjoying Modern History as it is intellectually challenging' Taonga Chabva Shopera

'I am enjoying Sociology. It is more serious than I thought it would be and quite challenging.' Riley Halson

'I think Year 9 has been good so far. The subject I am enjoying most is Media' Ryan Pike.

'I have really enjoyed being in Year 9 because people have really matured.' Hollie Reading

'The best thing about Year 9 is Hospitality!' Robyn Webb

Congratulations to all of year 9 who have received a prestigious 'Nigel' post card for an area of achievement. I am hoping to continue sending these throughout the year to celebrate success.

In Year 9 assemblies each tutor group takes it in turn to choose music. One week it is the group's choice and the second it is the choice of the tutor. Reasons for this choice are given to the year group. 9VM chose 'Beautiful People' by Chris Brown and Abdul Altajer gave the following reason.

'We all know that we are a beautiful year group but this song has a particularly strong message as it states that beauty is deep within. Let's all release our inner beauty by dissolving negative emotions and replacing them with positive ones. This will increase our energy, efficiency, confidence and happiness.'

A lovely sentiment and one that I hope will become embedded in our year group philosophy.

Ms Batterham Head of Year 9

Year 10

Year 10 continue to work hard in their chosen options. I have been extremely pleased with their positive attitude this year, and the way they present themselves around school.

Although it may seem a long way away, students and parents should take advantage of open evenings at schools and colleges, in order to make an informed decision as to where they would like to continue their education after leaving Stewards.

I would also encourage students and parents to research into gaining suitable work placements for later on in the year. The earlier this is started, the more chance students have of gaining a really worthwhile placement.

Mrs Ellis Head of Year 10

Year 11

Year 11 have really stepped up to the mark and have started their last year at Stewards in a very positive way. Most of the year group are accessing the Extended Schools Programme and are remaining in school after lessons finish in order to attend the one of the many sessions that are on offer. If you would like a copy of the after-school programme or would like to discuss it please do not hesitate to contact me.

The sessions are run by teaching staff to help students to gain the most from their time here and to help with revision, catch up and homework.

This year really is all about effort. There is really no substitute for hard work and dedication. This year is a very short one and students do not have long left to make their time here count.

Those students who are considering moving on to Sixth Form or College need to be attending the many open evenings at schools and colleges. Details of these can be obtained from Mrs Hampstead or Mr Cooper. Students need to be considering very seriously where they intend to move on to next year.

GCSE's have already got under way and we are already in the thick of the exam process. I appreciate that, for some, revising and sitting exams can be both stressful and daunting. Subject teachers and the Year 11 team are here to support all of our students through this year.

I feel very proud of the way that the Year Group have started this term. The Prefects are doing a wonderful job and the students are showing that they are going to meet their full potential by working extremely hard.

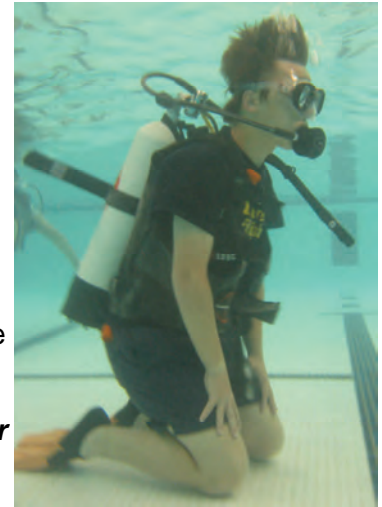
Mrs Ewington PSM Year 11

POOL NEWS

IN THE DEEP END

A short course in SCUBA diving was on offer at the beginning of the summer break and was taken up by Poppy Rogers, Tom Kitchen, Louise Devlin, Mason Arnold, Charlotte Geddes, Chris Richards, Hannah Kizilcan and Megan Baldwin. They were instructed by Mr Roy White and his team from Harlow Sub Aqua Club. Once safety procedures and equipment use were explained, the group was off and away. I was in awe of their confidence as I watched them swim together into the deep end of the pool. They tested their agility and skill by playing a game with a spoon and a ping pong ball, by trying to keep the ball down with the spoon. The skills they have gained will give them confidence and an advantage if they wish to dive on holiday or to take the sport further.

Mrs Larkin LSU Manager



DIVING

I was given the opportunity, along with a group of Year 10 students, to take part in a SCUBA Diving course held every Monday night during the six weeks holiday at Stewards Pool. During the course we learnt how to put the equipment together, as well as the basic safety rules including hand signals to use when underwater. After getting to grips with how to use the regulator and read the pressure gauge we started to play around and learn lots of different skills. *"I really enjoyed the course and would love to be able to use these skills in the ocean one day. It was a great experience and one which I hope to be given again."* **Poppy Rogers – 10DJ**

"It was great to be given the opportunity to do something different from the usual sports we take part in at school. I'd definitely do it again, it was great fun!" **Louise Devlin – 10DJ**



LOST PROPERTY

As winter approaches and winter coats come out, Please remember to label all items that your child brings into school.



CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed your telephone number or moved house please remember to inform the school office. studentsupport@stewardsacademy.org

Performing Arts News

SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

This year Stewards Academy is once again taking part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival, and in preparation for this we took a group of GCSE Drama students to a cast workshop at Broxbourne Civic Hall. They took part in a number of warm-up activities and drama games, followed by a demonstration of an extract from 'Othello', which they have been working on since the beginning of term. The workshop leaders helped the cast to develop their work and gave them plenty of advice and guidance for their final performance, which will be held at Broxbourne Civic Hall on **Thursday 8th November**.



MUSIC SCHOOL

Stewards Music School is held on Wednesday afternoons, from 3.00 in the Music Department. We currently have specialist visiting teachers in Singing, Flute, Piano, Cello, Keyboard, Drums and Guitar (Acoustic, Electric, Bass).

Tuition for this term is already under way, but if you would like to enrol your child for lessons in the Spring Term, the next enrolment session will be held on **Wednesday 9th January 2013 at 3.00 in the Music Room**.

We offer lessons of either 15 minutes or 30 minutes, which are booked per term in blocks of 10.

Families who are eligible for Free School Meals can apply for a substantial discount on the cost of lessons. Please contact Miss Wang at the school for the latest fees and timetable information.

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DRAMA EXAM

Year 11 students have just completed Unit 1 of their GCSE Drama exam. This was a largely practical day with students exploring the themes and issues raised in the play 'Find Me' by Olwen Wymark. Using extracts from the script, they used techniques such as freeze frame, monologue and thought tracking to create their own pieces of drama.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS THIS TERM

Upper School Showcase on Wednesday 14th November

Christmas Concert on Wednesday 19th December

Performing Arts Ambassadors

To recognise the commitment and hard work of a number of students in our subjects the Performing Arts team is pleased to announce the first of our Performing Arts Ambassadors. These are students who represent excellence in their chosen subject and are fully involved with the promotion of their subject to audiences, the community and younger students.

Joe Mulligan- Drama, predicted grade A

Throughout his time at Stewards Joe has proven his love for drama both within the classroom and with his commitment to the extra-curricular activities offered. He has taken leading roles in various school plays including 'Free!' and 'The Demon Headmaster', he has performed in 'Macbeth', 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and the forthcoming production of 'Othello' as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival. Last year Joe asked if he could set up a Year 7 Drama club which was highly successful and he continues to be one of the drama leaders this year with a club of 50 KS3 students. Joe also relished the opportunity to co-direct the Lower School Production of 'The Perils of Pauline' last year.



Emma Barker and Amy Watkins- Dance, predicted grade A

It is impossible to separate these girls, who both absolutely love dance and have taken part in every opportunity given to them over the last four years. To list all of the events that they have been involved in over the last four years would take a whole page but as a snapshot here are a few from last year; dance chorus in 'Disco Inferno', 'Sparks will Fly', 'St Mary's Flower Festival', Opening Ceremony of the County School Games, Cultural Food event, Upper School Showcase and Artsmark Gold Celebration event. Both girls attend the Advanced Dance Club weekly and support in the running of the Intermediate group.

Congratulations to all three students for being selected as our first ambassadors. We look forward to seeing who will join them.



Miss Johnson Head of Performing Arts

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

29th Oct -2nd Nov HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

7th Yr.7 Parent/Child Evening 6.00pm
13th Graduation Evening
14th Upper School Showcase 6.00pm
16th 'BBC Children in need' Day
22nd Yr.11 Parents Evening 4pm
27th Work Experience briefing for Parents and Students 6 –7pm

DECEMBER

4th Yrs.9/10 Able, Gifted & Talented Evening
13th Yr.7 Parents Evening
19th Christmas Concert 6.00pm
20th Christmas Dinner
21st **TERM ENDS - 1.00PM**



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



Dear Parent or Carer

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

There is a vacancy for a parent governor on our Academy's Governing Body and I am writing to invite nominations to fill this.

Parent governors play an important role as members of the governing body, which is responsible for directing the conduct of the academy and for promoting high standards of educational achievement. The term of office for parent governors as determined by the governing body is four years. Training is available for all governors and those new to being a governor are encouraged to attend induction training.

If you would like to stand for election please arrange for the enclosed nomination form to be completed and returned to the academy not later than Monday 12th November 2012.

Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the academy on the day that nominations close. Parents/carers putting their names forward are invited to provide some brief biographical details suitable for inclusion in the ballot paper (should this be required). Parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 hours per academic year or more or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand in these elections.

The enclosed sheet summarises the qualifications to serve as a governor. Anyone standing for election must certify that he/she is not disqualified for any reason.

If there are more nominations than vacancies the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

Yours sincerely

Rhonda Murthar
Headteacher

Qualifications to serve as a governor

Schedule 6 of the Constitution Regulations covers the qualifications and disqualifications of governors.

A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of his/her election or appointment and cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school.

A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a governor or associate member if he or she:

- is detained under the Mental Health Act 1983 during his or her period of office;
- is subject to a bankruptcy restriction order or an interim order;
- has had his/her estate sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;

is subject to:

- a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Act 1986
- a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989
- a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002

- an order made under Section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a County Court administration order);

- has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by the Charity Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement, or under Section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from participating in the management or control of any body;

- is included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children;
- is disqualified from working with children or subject to a direction under Section 142 of the Education Act 2002;
- is disqualified from registration for childminding or providing day care;
- is disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006;

- has received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than 3 months (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years before or since becoming a governor;
- has received a prison sentence of 2 years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- has at any time received a prison sentence of 5 years or more;
- has been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the 5 years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
- is employed at the school for more than 500 hours per academic year if wishing to stand for parent governor at the same school;
- is an elected member of the Local Authority (applies to parent and community governors only).

Appointment of Ex-offenders – information for applicants

The Criminal Justice and Court Service Act 2000, extends the definition of ‘Regulated’ positions for which criminal records checks can be made through the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) under the rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions) Order 1975 from time to time enacted and amended. One such regulated position is that of school governor.

Appointment to the position of school governor will not be confirmed until a satisfactory clearance has been received by the Local Authority (LA). The LA has a nominated person who will deal with criminal records checks for school governors and they will remain confidential to that person and the County Council’s Disclosure Unit which is responsible for processing the checks. A previously issued Criminal Records Disclosure Certificate will not be accepted. You should speak to the nominated person at the LA if you already possess a current Criminal Records Disclosure Certificate.

Criminal records will be taken into account for school governor recruitment purposes only when the conviction is relevant. Having a criminal record will not necessarily bar you from appointment as a school governor. This will depend on the background, nature and circumstances of your offence(s).

Essex County Council meets the requirements of the Criminal Records Bureau and its code of practice in relation to the processing, handling and security of disclosure information. A copy of the County Council’s policy on the employment of ex-offenders is available at the school for information. If you would like to see a copy of the Criminal Records Bureau’s Code of Practice, please contact Essex Governor Services who will arrange a copy to be sent to you.



NOMINATION FORM FOR THE ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

Name of Nominee

Address

I wish to submit my nomination for the election of Parent Governor

I confirm (i) that I am willing to stand as a candidate for election as a parent/staff governor and (ii) that I am not disqualified from holding office for any of the reasons set out in the School Governance Regulations.

Signature

(Date)

The nominee may set out overleaf information about him/herself, in no more than 500 words, to go out with the ballot papers.

Completed nomination forms must be returned to the school by Monday 12th November