



# Stewards Academy

September  
2012

## Newsletter



Creative Partnerships



Healthy Schools



Cultural Diversity  
Quality Standard



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parents and Pupils,

Welcome back to a new year at Stewards Academy. On page 3 you will find a copy of the teaching staff for reference. We welcome new teachers: Mr Home (Subject Leader for Maths), Mrs McClean (Assistant Subject Leader for Maths; KS3), Ms Defoe (Modern Foreign Languages), Mr Hawk (History/RE), Mr Jones (Technology), Mr Nestor (English) and Ms Wilson (English). We are also pleased to welcome back Mr T Hughes (Assistant Subject Leader for PE) after a year's secondment teaching and coaching in Australia.

### GCSE Results 2012

We were delighted to receive our best ever GCSE results this summer with over 50% achieving 5 or more A\*-C with English and Maths and over 80% with 5 or more A\*-C. There were outstanding individual performances including all the students pictured here. Congratulations to the outgoing Year 11, to staff for their hard work and to parents for your support. We have now raised the bar and look forward to another very good year in 2012-13.



### St Marks VI<sup>th</sup> Form Partnership

Stewards Academy is helping to form a unique new VI<sup>th</sup> Form Partnership with St Mark's, in collaboration with Burnt Mill and Passmores. Our aim is to create a continuous academic VI<sup>th</sup> Form based on genuine cooperation and to provide a challenging, supportive and enriching VI<sup>th</sup> Form experience. The provision will commence in September 2013 and enrolment will start later this term for the current Year 11.

There is a clear desire amongst parents and students for Stewards Academy to provide a school based VI<sup>th</sup> Form education and this is the means by which we will achieve it. The partnership will create the opportunity for students to proceed to an academically challenging environment. The model of all 4 schools having a VI<sup>th</sup> Form is not sustainable, but this partnership will ensure there is sufficient school-based provision for students within the town.

In the initial stage most of the teaching will occur at St.Marks, but as a current VI<sup>th</sup> form provider I anticipate that some A level teaching will also take place at Stewards.

More information will become available over the course of this term.

Year 11 Parents are invited to our Post-16 evening on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October to find out more. Mr Scholtes (Assistant Headteacher KS5) will be leading this development on behalf of Stewards Academy.

My best wishes to all for a successful term ahead.

**Rhonda Murthar**  
Headteacher

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

# **STEWARDS ACADEMY OPEN DAY AND EVENING**



## **Thursday, 13th September 2012**

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

**Take the opportunity to tour this successful,  
innovative and friendly academy and find out what  
it is like to be a pupil in 2012**

### **Tours at 9:15am, 11.15am and 2.00pm**

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

**Doors Open at - 6.00pm  
Headteacher's talk - 7.00pm**

## STEWARDS ACADEMY – TEACHING STAFF SEPTEMBER 2012

	Title and Surname	POSITION
1	Ms Murthar	Headteacher
2	Mrs Orwin	Deputy Headteacher
3	Mrs Archer	Subject Leader for History and RE ( <i>not in on Friday</i> )
4	Mr Barden	Music
5	Ms Batterham	Head of Year 9 / Drama
6	Miss Bhalla	Maths
7	Mrs Bird	Technology: Food
8	Ms Cadden	English
9	Miss Defoe	Teacher - French / Spanish
10	Mrs Ellis	Head of Year 10 / PE
11	Miss Ellis	Science
12	Mrs Erwood	Assistant Headteacher : KS3
13	Mrs Fargeot	Co-ordinator of Information Technology / Subject Leader for BIS
14	Ms Feeney	English
15	Mr Ford	Construction Skills Tutor
16	Miss Francis	Head of Year 7 / English and Media Studies (Maternity leave)
17	Miss Gagliano	MFL – Spanish / French
18	Mrs Ginger	Assistant Headteacher : Assessment and Examinations
19	Mrs Goddard	Assistant Headteacher : CPD ( <i>not in on Friday</i> )
20	Mr Greenaway	English with responsibility for KS3
21	Mr Harman	Assistant Subject Leader for ICT / BIS / Work Related Learning Coordinator
22	Mr Hawk	History / RE
23	Mr Hickman	Subject Leader for Geography / International Dimension Co-ordinator
24	Miss Holden	Head of Year 8 / Subject Leader for Dance / PE
25	Mr Home	Subject Leader Maths
26	Mr Hooper	Geography
27	Mr Hughes	Acting Head of Year 7(maternity cover) / PE
28	Mr Hughes	Assistant Subject Leader for PE
29	Miss Johnson	Head of Performing Arts
30	Mr Jones	Technology
31	Mrs Kadwill	Science
32	Mr King	History
33	Mr Li	Art, Design and Photography / Responsibility for digital media in art
34	Mr Locke	ICT
35	Mr Marriott	ICT
36	Mrs Martin	Subject Leader for Technology
37	Miss Mash	English
38	Mrs McClean	Assistant Subject Leader KS3 - Maths
39	Miss McDevitt	Numeracy Co-ordinator - Maths
40	Miss McGarry	PE
41	Mrs Mitchell	Learning Support
42	Ms Mohamed	Science
43	Mrs Morrison	Science
44	Mr Naunton	Inclusion Manager
45	Mr Nestor	English
46	Miss O'Neill	Assistant Headteacher : Teaching and Learning
47	Mrs O'Sullivan	Assistant Headteacher : Literacy and Subject Leader for English
48	Mr Oranye	Assistant Subject Leader KS4 - Maths
49	Mr Perrin	Joint Subject Leader for Science (KS3)
50	Mr Plested	Joint Subject Leader for Science (KS4)
51	Mr Preece	Assistant Headteacher : KS4 and Subject Leader for PE
52	Mrs Ramsey	Head of Year 11 / English
53	Mr Rew	Science
54	Mr Sanders	PE
55	Mr Scholtes	Assistant Headteacher : Curriculum
56	Mr Shah	Maths
57	Mrs Sherwood	Lead Teacher Able, Gifted and Talented, Sociology, History and PSHCE/RE
58	Mrs Smith	Subject Leader for MFL
59	Mr Strathern	Assistant Numeracy Co-ordinator (STEM) / Maths
60	Mr Thompson	Construction Skills Tutor
61	Mr Thorogood	English (T)
62	Miss Thurley	Music / Drama
63	Mrs Tripp	Science
64	Mr Turner	Maths
65	Mrs Warren	Subject Leader Art, Design and Photography
66	Mrs Waters	SENCO
67	Miss Watson	English
68	Mrs Wichowski	EAL
69	Miss Wilson	English
70	Mrs Kang	Chinese Language Assistant

## HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

Elections took place at the end of last term for Head Boy and Head Girl. The following pupils stood for nomination:

Head Girl: Nikita Charalambous, Aphra Boittier, Jade Lucas, Abbie Martin and Ellie Thompson.

Head Boy: Nicholas Rogan, Lewis Townsend, Nqoba Mvitsho, Patrick McGovern, Shakur Dixon-Chennis, Daniel Stevenson, Dennis Perry, Paul Burton, Daniel de Franca, Aiden Warwick and Tom Dowers.

Congratulations to all who stood for election and to the successful candidates who are as follows.



**Head Girl  
Abbie Martin**



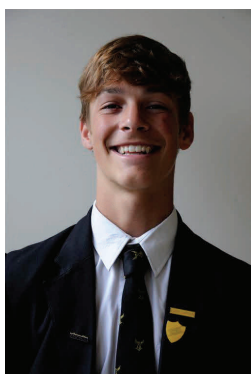
**Deputy Head Girl  
Jade Lucas**



**Deputy Head Girl  
Aphra Boittier**



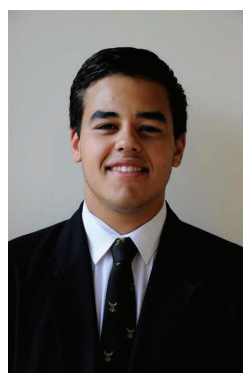
**Head of EMPV  
Ellie Thompson**



**Head Boy  
Dennis Perry**



**Deputy Head Boy  
Aiden Warwick**



**Deputy Head Boy  
Daniel de Franca**



**Head of EMPV  
Nqoba Mvitsho**

## Stewards Academy Health Education Programme 2012 to 2013

Year Group	Content
<b>7</b>	Reproduction and puberty (science) Personal Hygiene
<b>8</b>	Where's Your Head At? (Emotional Health) Fit and Healthy Keeping Safe
<b>9</b>	Sex Education (Sexually transmitted Infections, contraception and pregnancy, L8r programme) Health and the body (science) School Nurse talk (contraception)
<b>10</b>	Drugs education Keeping Safe DNA, cloning , IVF and embryo research (science) Moral dilemmas
<b>11</b>	Scenarios and dealing with situations

# STEWARDS MUSIC SCHOOL

*Would you like to learn a musical instrument?*

Stewards Music School runs on Wednesdays after school. We currently offer lessons on the following instruments:

Voice, Piano, Keyboard, Drums, Guitar, Bass, Trombone, Trumpet, Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute and Cello. Lessons are on a one-to-one basis with specialist tutors who are fully CRB checked.

Families who are eligible for Free School Meals can apply for a voucher from Essex Music Services which gives a discount on tuition fees. You can also hire instruments directly from Essex Music Services if required.

**Enrolment for the Autumn Term will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, from 3.00pm to 6.00pm in the Music Room.**

Please contact Miss Wang at the school for the latest information on fees, availability and enrolment.

## PERFORMING ARTS EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>DANCE</b>	Dance Club 3.00 - 4.00  Advanced Dance Club 4.00 - 5.00		Glee Club 3.00 - 4.00		
<b>DRAMA</b>		Production Rehearsals 3.15 - 5.00	Production Rehearsals 3.15 - 5.00	Othello Rehearsals 3.15 - 4.45	Lower School Drama Club 3.00 - 4.15
<b>MUSIC</b>	Girls Singing 3.00 - 4.00  Boys Singing 4.00 - 5.00		Glee Club 3.00 - 4.00  Music School 3.00 - 7.00	Rock Club 3.00 - 4.00 (starts w/c 17 <sup>th</sup> September)	Band Rehearsals 3.00 - 4.00

## STEWARDS ACADEMY GIFTED AND TALENTED SUMMER SCHOOL FOR YEAR 6 JULY 2012



This year our Summer School was based around the works of Roald Dahl and in particular Matilda. The pupils had opportunities to work with specialists and develop their expertise in art, drama, music, media and dance thanks to a really exciting programme co-ordinated by Miss Johnson and her team. Everyone went to the West End to see Matilda and the week culminated in an excellent show put on by the pupils. Here are some of the views of the audience;

*"Hugely enjoyable. Adam loved Summer School. We very much enjoyed the performance which is the culmination of much hard work on many peoples' behalf-thank you. Adam is extremely fortunate to have had such a positive introduction to Stewards Academy and we look forward to his time with great anticipation"* Claire Fleming (Parent)

*"I'm actually speechless at what has been put together in a week, really impressed and looking forward to my daughter Tinaeke being here for five years. I'm sure she will achieve great results and make steady progress all round. Well done Summer School, thumbs up!"* Miss Kamande (parent)

*"Thank you very much. I think it was brilliant for Jacob to be introduced to Stewards in this way, Especially the Performing Arts Department, it's amazing. I wish it had been this way when I was at school. Thanks again."* Stefan (Parent)

# Year Group Information

## Year 7

### **Welcome Year 7!**

This is the first of many newsletters you will be reading throughout your time here at Stewards Academy. As you will soon find out, there are many things going on around the school and I would like you to be involved in as many things as you can. The more activities you participate in, the more frequently your name and face will be in this newsletter! Make yourself known and make yourself proud of who you are. Enjoy your time here.

I wish you all the very best for your first term and your first year here at Stewards Academy. I know you will thoroughly enjoy it.

**Mr G Hughes**  
**Head of Year 7**

## Year 8

As the new academic year begins, I would like to welcome your child back as Year 8 and formally introduce myself as the new Head of Year. I would also like to recognise and personally thank my predecessor, Mrs Bird, for the important role that she has played, alongside Mrs Atkinson, in your child's first year at Stewards. As a parent myself, I can appreciate the concerns that every parent must go through when their child makes the transition from Primary to Secondary school and the support and encouragement that pupils have received from both of these colleagues, as well as their tutor team alike, has been second to none!

Following on from our Olympic success over the summer, I would like to start by congratulating your children on a very successful first year at Stewards. Many of our youngsters helped out on open days and taster days and have taken part in a range of events and trips including: sporting tournaments, Science competitions, the 'Cultural Food Event', the 'Bude' residential trip, 'Remembrance Day' and the 'Diamond Jubilee' celebrations. A number of pupils were also involved in various charity events including the 'One Mile Water Walk' the 'Strawberry Tea' and the 'Sport Relief Mile' and received various prizes on the Sports Awards and Presentation evening for academic and sporting success. In addition to this, who could forget the very entertaining performances of those pupils who took part in one of the two lower school productions - 'The Perils of Pauline' and 'Granny and the Wolf' and the team camaraderie that united every Year 7 in the ever-memorable and truly inspirational 'Olympic Week'.

This is just a flavour of what was a very positive, eventful and successful first year at Stewards but shows what your children are capable of if they push themselves to their full limits. There is so much potential in this year group, an example of which was the outstanding School Council speeches that I had the privilege to hear at the end of Year 7, and it is with this outstanding record of achievement that I am confident we CAN, and we WILL go from strength to strength in Year 8.

In-order to ensure that we accomplish this however, it is absolutely vital that your child sets high standards with regard to their attendance, punctuality, appearance, attitude to learning and commitment to their studies. Excellent attendance and progress come hand-in-hand, as does good punctuality and both factors really can make a difference in your child's overall attainment. When you are in school, you are ABLE to learn and where there is the FACILITY to learn, there is the CAPACITY to achieve. Being well equipped and organised are also paramount features in the success of our young people and I would like to request your support in achieving this. Finally, could I ask for your assistance in encouraging pupils to take pride in their appearance when they come to school and wear their uniform in the manner that it is intended. There will be a new whole-school detention system in place from September for any student flouting the rules regarding uniform, punctuality, behaviour and work ethic, so please, help us to help your child stay out of trouble and achieve their full potential.

Thank you in advance for your continued and relentless support of both your child and the school. As I embark on my new role with excitement and pride, I would like to wish my new year-group a very successful Year 8.

**Miss Holden**  
**Head of Year 8**

# Year Group Information

## Year 9

## Year 10

A big welcome back to all of Year 9, I hope that the summer holidays have been restful and have set the pupils up for the hard work that lies ahead. This year is the start of a new chapter in their lives and at the end of the journey they will reap the rewards of what they have put in to their studies. Good study habits and regular homework are crucial and need to be supported by us as staff and you as parents. Please make time to read the student planner regularly and sign weekly to let us know that you are aware of the homework that has been set. The planner is an opportunity for a dialogue between school and home, however, do feel able to contact your child's tutor, myself or Mrs Brough, if you have any queries. Please also be aware that any absence in term time can be detrimental to your child's progress.

The next 3 years will be full of ups and downs, hopefully more ups than downs, but good GCSE results can unlock the door to future success.

**Ms Batterham**  
**Head of Year 9**

Welcome back to Year 10. I hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful break, and are now prepared to get yourself organised and put in all the effort required to get the best possible grades in your GCSE examinations. It is imperative that you come to all lessons with the correct equipment, meet all deadlines set, and complete homework on time. This will then avoid putting extra pressure on yourselves, that could be detrimental to your progress.

If you have any concerns or queries regarding your studies, don't keep this to yourself, but communicate with the relevant members of staff.

**Mrs Ellis**  
**Head of Year 10**

## Year 11

Welcome back! I hope that you have had a good holiday and have come back rested, refreshed and ready for the challenges that Year 11 will bring. The end of Year 10 was very positive and marked the start of our first 'lasts'. It was our last Sports Day and it was wonderful to see so many of you participating and putting your all into it. I shall never forget the 'Invincibles', Hazel Owen dressed as a giant banana and our group of very blue Smurfs!

The GCSE Exam results that the class of 2012 received will be a very hard act to follow. The set of results were fabulous and I am sure that you will live up to your full potential and that Results Day 2013 will be a wonderful celebration of your achievements.

This last year of your time at Stewards will pass by extremely quickly, ask any previous Year 11! Time is now limited and the onus will be upon you all to reach your full potential through motivation, dedication and hard work in the next few months. There is no doubt that your exam results will open the door to your further education and employment. Our current economic climate means that competition for college places and jobs is fiercer than ever. Your results will be vital for you to compete with other students from around the country.

There is also no doubt that, in order to succeed, you will have to put in a lot of hard work and effort. We do expect you to complete all coursework and homework on time and to a high standard. Teaching staff will have very high expectations of you.

Your Year 11 Team of Tutors, Mrs Ramsey, Mr Preece as Head of KS4 and myself are here to support you and guide you through this year. Mrs Hampstead and Mr Cooper from our Careers Department will also be on hand to guide and provide advice. Please do not hesitate to ask for help or support if you need it. This year will provide many new challenges and we are here to make sure that your last year is a success.

Our new Head Girl and Head Boy as well as their Deputies will be leading the way where expectations of our students are concerned. Stewards, and your Year Team, expect you to be a good example to the rest of the student body. You are now at the head of the school and the lower year groups will be looking to you to lead the way. Mr Preece will be initiating a new behaviour protocol which we expect all Year 11's to adhere to at all times. As Year 11's you will have a responsibility to the school to provide the example to follow. I have no doubt that you will rise to the new challenges and prove to be an exemplary Year 11.

I wish you all good luck as you start your final year here.

**Ms Ewington**  
**PSM for Year 11**

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### SEPTEMBER

13th Open Day and Evening  
19th Music School Enrolment (3pm-6pm)

### OCTOBER

5th Jeans For Genes Day  
8th-9th Inset days  
18th Cultural Event 4.00pm  
25th Year 7 Parent/Child Event 6.00pm  
26th Photographs Day  
29th Oct-2nd Nov Half-Term



## 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**

## Behaviour Protocol – Attitude for learning

We would like all parents to be aware that we have introduced a new behaviour protocol in order to create a consistent environment for learning, success, independence and achievement. Pupils have all been informed of the new systems in place through assemblies on the first day of term. This is in order to support the home-school agreement and reinforce the systems we already have in place. Pupils who do not comply with our school expectations regarding punctuality, uniform, equipment or homework may be placed in 1 hour detention the following evening. It is the responsibility of the pupil to write the detention in their planner and inform their parents, who will therefore have 24hrs notice.