



Stewards Academy

Newsletter February 2018



HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half-term has once again presented a wealth of opportunities and experiences for our young people. On my daily Climate Walk around the academy, it has been a pleasure to see **our pupils' enthusiasm, engagement and hard work** as I visit them in their lessons.

Year 11 pupils, particularly, have been working very hard. Having last term taken part in a mock interview and considered the next stage in their educational journey, **they are now focusing whole-heartedly on their studies**. Our Languages pupils have been preparing for their speaking exam with an additional set of practice orals and our Performing Arts pupils have completed their first unit, with an examiner visiting to observe their performances. In assemblies and tutorials they have been discussing revision and are beginning to prepare revision timetables. **Year 11 should be congratulated on the maturity they are showing with regard to their studies**. We are very much looking forward to sharing their success with them in the summer!



I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the newsletter and join us in **celebrating the success of our pupils across all aspects of school life**. I would particularly like to point out our double-page article: 'Spotlight on Science'. As you know, our status as Science Specialist is something we take very seriously. We have made a commitment to parents and pupils to provide a wealth of activities in relation to STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) because we recognise the importance of this in modern society. I am very pleased to announce that we will now be working with Public Health England (PHE), following the announcement that the organisation will now be based in Harlow. This is a very exciting collaboration, **linking our science specialism with industry** and will provide great opportunities for our young people.

I would also like to share with you **our success in continuing to raise standards**. If you remember I informed you, back in October, of our plans to ensure all pupils were on site by 8:40am to give a crisp start to period 1. Following a few reminder emails and support from parents, the vast majority of pupils are now arriving in plenty of time to be ready for learning at 8:45am. To quote my previous newsletter: **'When staff, pupils and parents work together the result can only be excellence.'**

I would also like to inform you of **further improvements to our site**. In the near future, a door entry system will be installed at reception. Visitors will be asked to speak to a member of the Reception Team before being given access to our academy. Additional security will also be added to the Pupil Entrance, to keep the site secure after hours.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to recognise how **privileged I am to be the headteacher of such a remarkable academy**. I thoroughly enjoy working with our amazing pupils and our supportive parents and governors to ensure that our academy continues to go from strength to strength.

Kind regards,

Helen Ginger

Headteacher





Stewards Learner

The Stewards Enrichment Programme

The Stewards Enrichment Programme ensures pupils have effective links to the real world and raises awareness of broad educational issues. At Stewards Academy, it is very important to us that pupils have the knowledge, skills and attributes to lead safe, fulfilling and purposeful lives, above and beyond examination results.

This year pupils have taken part in several Stewards Enrichment Programme workshops covering a range of topics, including:

- E-Safety
- Mental Health
- Disability discrimination
- Sexual and Relationship Education

E-Safety

Both Year 7 and 8 tackled E-Safety, looking at the importance of being safe online. The tutor groups worked through booklets covering a range of topics including: Privacy Online; Dangers of the Internet; Sexting -The Law: possessing, sending and receiving images; and Consequences of Your Digital Footprint. They reflected on their own actions and completed activities to deepen their understanding of this topic.

We were also fortunate to have Jack Rose and Ziey Kizzy performing an Online Safety Production, which helped reinforce the message of E-safety. This was well received by pupils and parents alike:

'You came to my daughter's school, Stewards Academy, today. I just want to say a huge thank you. She hasn't stopped talking about you guys since she got home and the first thing she did was make sure that her social media profiles were private. I have had a hard time with her on social media and she seems to have really listened to your advice, so thank you!' Message received from a parent



"Thanks for coming to Stewards Academy today! You were amazing. Your singing was amazing and your cyber bullying talk was really inspiring." Quote from a pupil.

Mental Health

Year 9 worked on Mental Health awareness to promote Children's Mental Health Week. Pupils tackled Myths and Facts surrounding Mental Health and answered questions giving them a clearer understanding of the world of mental health. Scenarios, conversation starters and role plays were all tasks completed with a focus on clearing the stigma around Mental Health. Anxiety and depression were topics discussed in detail and information on charities that are available were covered; ChildLine, Samaritans and Place2Be. Pupils had a session in the Conference Room by Place2Be and Place2Talk who discussed issues and answered questions written by pupils.



Place2Be is a school based counselling and mental health service. Place2Be's work in secondary schools helps young people to achieve their full potential and deal positively with the difficulties they face. They provide both universal and targeted services for young people in school, alongside support for parents and consultation and advice for school staff.

Alzheimer's and Dementia were also conditions that were covered to help pupils understand how they can contribute to being a Alzheimer's and Dementia friendly community and also how they might assist the elderly.

Pupils then had to work in a team to complete a selection of tasks and watched a variety of videos to help them understand the struggles faced by people who suffer from mental health conditions. They developed their own charity ideas, including name, slogan, radio advert, leaflets and posters.



Stewards Learner

Sexual and Relationship Education

Year 10 and Year 11 have, as recommended by the government, had sessions on Sexual and Relationship Education. The workshops were carried out by trained staff covering topics such as Contraception and Sexually Transmitted Infections.

The pupils showed remarkable maturity when dealing with some sensitive issues and are now feeling better informed and prepared to face life as an adult.

The 5 Rs :Guest Speaker, Javed Moore

The Stewards 5Rs: **Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Reflection and Resourcefulness**, were exemplified in a visit from Javed Moore. We were honoured to have Javed in school delivering his message to both Year 7 and Year 11 in assembly. The pupils that were spoken to, and who spoke with Javed, were truly inspired by his journey, with a few even having tears in their eyes. It is always a blessing when external speakers come into school to deliver the same message we aim to give our pupils every day. Javed Moore is a true inspiration and an amazing example of someone with great resilience and determination in life. Our Year 7 new school council members were amongst those who had the privilege of talking to Javed and having a photo taken with him.

They felt honoured with one pupil saying :

"If Javed can do so well, achieve 8 GCSEs and 2 A Levels with all the hurdles he has and still is facing in life, what excuse has anyone got? He has inspired me to be even better." Mihai Ispas (School Council).



This term's School Enrichment Programme will continue to enhance the education of pupils at Stewards Academy.

Ms Mohamed, Teacher in Charge of Stewards Enrichment Programme

World Scout Jamboree

Congratulations to Kai Henson , Ben Lavery and Mrs C Brough's daughter Charlotte, who have been selected to attend the World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) in the USA. The 24th WSJ held at The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia, USA, will be hosted jointly between Boy Scouts of America, Scouts Canada and the Scout Association of Mexico in July 2019. The World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) is a gathering of Scouts and Guides from all over the planet for an exciting programme of global development, peace, cultural understanding, adventure, friendship and fun. They are usually held on a 4-year cycle and move around the world. To date, every continent except Africa and Antarctica has hosted the WSJ.



"The World Scout Jamboree is a once in a lifetime opportunity for scouts like myself, it'll be a great learning experience for me, as we get to meet scouts from all around the world which makes it so exciting. We will get to learn and enjoy the culture that other scouts have come from and what they do in scouting in their country, and I am proud that I am able to represent my country and my unit. This is what I'm looking forward to the most at the Jamboree."

Kai Henson—Pupil

The boys will both be doing a range of fundraising to support their cause.

Mrs C Brough, Learning Support Assistant Science



Chair of Governors

As I write this report we are still in January and it seems no time at all since we were all celebrating Christmas. However, I would like to let you know about some of the practical, but very important work that goes on behind the scenes. At the end of last term, we received the **audited accounts** which, thanks to the fine work by Mrs. Avis, the Finance Team and our auditors, we were able to accept, so that they could be sent to the appropriate agency on time.

We have also been considering school policies, to see if any changes are required following changes in legislation or other circumstances. This is important work to ensure that the **ethos and values of our school** are maintained. In addition, we have been looking at **progress against the School Plan Targets** that were set at the beginning of the school year to ensure we continue to raise standards; I am pleased to report that we can be satisfied that we are on track or that steps are being taken to ensure that the **targets will be achieved by the end of the year**. Governors have also visited to look at various aspects of life at Stewards including Health and Safety, and preparation for job and college interviews.

I hope to have given you a flavour of the work of the Governing Body, since our last newsletter and the sort of activity that ensures that Stewards Academy runs as well as it does.

Mr Tarling, Chair of Governors

Pupil Voice

School Council



Congratulations to the year 7 School Council members on their election at the end of last term. They participated in their first meeting recently and discussed what it means to be on the School Council with the Year 8 pupils. All understand the importance and significance of their roles both within the year group and as part of the whole pupil body. They have already been issued their first project - the creation of their own mini newsletter - to be published later in the academic year.

Some excellent feedback from the KS3 and KS4 meetings has been fed back to staff about revision, PPEs (Pre Public Examinations) and being a Stewards Learner. This has all been very helpful with views from a large contingent of the pupil body and useful for future activities. In response to the Student Leadership Team on revision, Year 10 and Year 11 pupils have been

issued with a range of resources to help them and had an important assembly covering key preparation for PPEs.

Miss D Johnson

Charity News

The Charity Team had an excellent end of term, rallying support for St Clare Hospice through the selling of keyrings and toys, and staff Christmas card donations. Their efforts were supported by the Year 10 Construction class who made a wonderful array of Christmas decorations and candle holders and dedicated lunchtimes to selling these. All together the pupils raised over £350; an absolutely fantastic effort, well done!

This term the pupils have started discussing ideas for Sport Relief week and a summer term charity event. More information to follow!

Miss D Johnson



Teacher Training

Stewards Academy, in collaboration with The West Essex School Direct Partnership is committed to attracting, training and developing graduates to enable all schools within our area to reach the same level of excellence and quality of provision thus ensuring that all our trainees achieve their full potential.

In order to realise this vision our partnership schools have made a commitment to work together through the School Direct programme with our provider TES Institute to provide the very best school-based teacher training programmes in the Secondary sector.

The programme will seek to maximise time spent in the classroom by ensuring that the face-to-face professional studies programme is of the highest quality and delivered within our locality.

There are 18 schools in the partnership, all judged to be outstanding or good (Grade 1 or 2) by Ofsted and managed by Davenant Foundation School as the 'lead school'. Davenant is one of a small number of 'Teaching Schools' in the country and it was previously a 'Training School' from 2008 - 2012. The unique blended learning programme combines school based training, on-line learning materials, a network of experienced subject specialists to deliver pedagogy and subject knowledge and a number of off-site visits to special schools, primary schools and Leading Teacher days.

All of the schools have a track record of working with university PGCE providers and Essex ITT. The working partnership has been in existence for over 6 years which ensures that cooperation between the schools is established and is a strength of the partnership. Each school provides a fully trained Mentor for each trainee, supported by a Pathway Tutor from TES Institute who visits each half-term.

For information on School Direct please visit the DfE website: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/>

For enquiries about the various routes into teaching through Davenant Foundation School: schooldirect@davenant.org

Alternatively please see the Academy Website:

http://www.stewardsacademy.org/page_viewer.asp?page=Vacancies&pid=139

or contact Mrs S Goddard for more information.



Mrs S Goddard: Deputy Headteacher—Teaching and Learning

Vacancies

Every year, work begins early to ensure we have a full complement of highly effective teachers and associate staff ready for the next academic year. We are currently advertising the following vacancies for September:

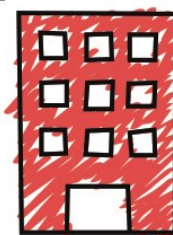
- Technology Teacher
- Subject Leader - Art, Design & Photography Teacher
- Maths Teacher (with responsibility for the right candidate)
- Science Teacher

We pride ourselves at Stewards for being a great place to work. Our staff are highly-valued and we are committed to good working practices that support a healthy work-life balance.

Further details can be found on our website:

http://www.stewardsacademy.org/page_viewer.asp?page=Vacancies&pid=139

Visits to the Academy are welcome by prior appointment.



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WORK

Deborah Souter—HR Manager



Spotlight on Science

Raspberry Pi



Members of the Raspberry Pi computer programming club are busy gearing up for this year's Pi Wars competition. Pi Wars is a challenge-based robotics competition in which Raspberry Pi-controlled robots compete in various non-destructive challenges to earn points. The Stewards team is preparing to undertake a number of challenges including: The Obstacle Course, Slightly Deranged Golf and Straight-Line Speed Test, as well as being assessed on the artistic and technical merits of their robot.

The 2017 event attracted over 50 teams comprising of schools, families and hobbyists from around the world, with categories from beginner to Pro/veteran. The Raspberry Pi is a tiny and affordable computer created for learning programming skills through fun, practical projects. We look forward to hearing from the team later in the year.

Rocket Club

2018 is set to be a busy year for competitions as another Stewards Team prepares itself for competition. Members of ADS Rocket Challenge team have begun the design stage of their small scale rocket. The team will use their designs to build a rocket which must be capable of transferring two raw eggs to an altitude of 820 feet and then safely returning them to the ground via parachute within a narrow timeframe of between 48-52 seconds.

The aim of the competition is to encourage teamwork, creativity and innovation as well as provide an insight into the aerospace industry's engineering design and testing processes. We look forward to following the progress of the team throughout the year.



Christmas Lectures

Year 7 pupils were amazed and enthralled when they took part in the science department's ever popular Christmas lecture series. The pupils took a trip to Winter Wonderland and observed flying teabags; expanding elephant toothpaste; the mysteries of the invisible test tubes as well as exploding and flaming methane bubbles. In 'Christmas Delight' the pupils heard the infamous screaming jelly babies; witnessed the explosive power of powders by blowing up a quality street tin and even found out how to set fire to money without burning it. In 'A Very Metal Christmas' pupils designed and created their own Christmas tree decorations using copper wire and beads, after learning about the properties of metals.

After a day of practical activities the pupils watched an exciting documentary about the remarkable life and death of Jumbo the elephant - a celebrity animal superstar whose story is said to have inspired the movie Dumbo. Pupils watched David Attenborough as he joined a team of scientists and conservationists to unravel the complex and mysterious story of this large African elephant - an elephant many believed at the time to be the biggest in the world

Mr Perrin – Assistant Headteacher & Head of Science



Figure 1- Mr Coates producing Elephants Toothpaste



Figure 2- Mr Rew demonstrating Thermal Convection by igniting tea bags

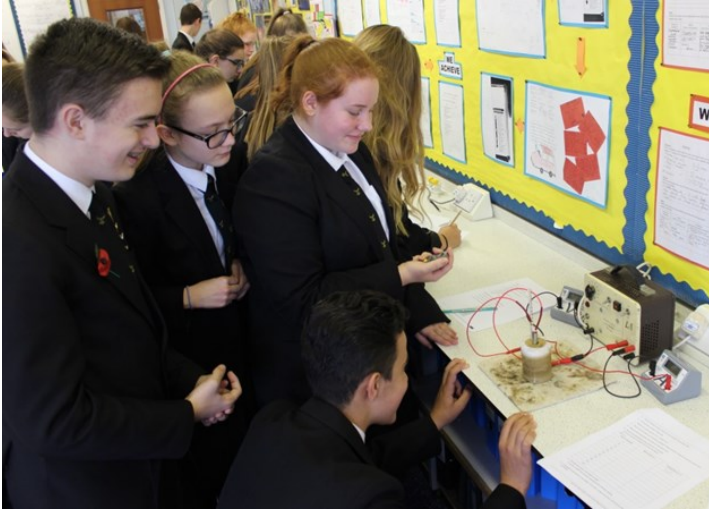


Figure 3 - Mr Wood demonstrating the explosive properties of powders - in this icing sugar



Spotlight on Science

Pupils studying science have been very busy lately; let's see what some of them have been up to.



Year 9: Studying Specific Heat Capacity.

Kane O'Conner, Katie Mae-Braham, Seven Hassan and Katarina Jurigina are measuring how much heat energy is transferred to different metal blocks. They eventually used these measurements to calculate the specific heat capacity of different metal blocks.

Knowing the specific heat capacity of different metals is extremely useful, particularly when it comes to making cooking utensils like saucepans and frying pans. Copper has a lower specific heat capacity than steel, so it is easier to control the temperature of foods cooked in saucepans made of copper rather than steel.

Year 10: Studying Static Electricity.

Darcy Wylie goes wild (just her hair) when she charges herself up on the Van De Graaff Generator. Static charge builds up in the metal dome on top of the generator and in turn flows through to Darcy. Since Darcy is standing on a plastic box which insulates her charge cannot flow to Earth and so builds up (becoming static) on Darcy causing her hair to stand on end.

Static electricity can be extremely dangerous if it is allowed to build up, particularly when refuelling vehicles and aircraft. It can also be great fun, for example if you want to attach balloons to the ceiling at a party or just make your hair stand on end!



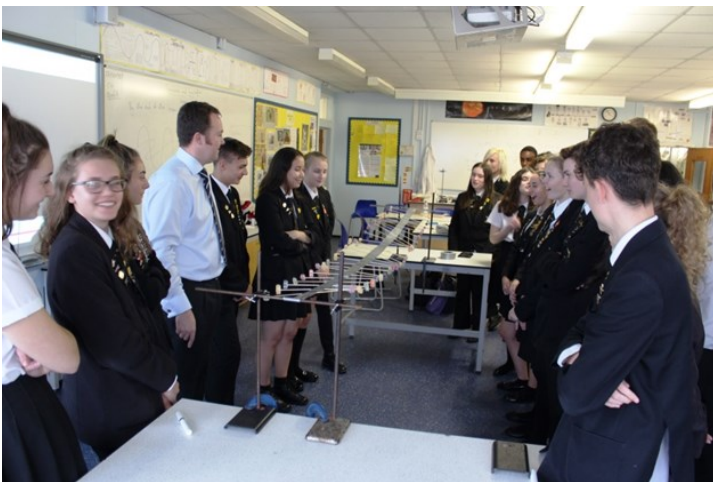
Year 11: Studying Electromagnetic Waves

Year 11 students in Mr Perrin's class worked together to build a model of a transverse wave using wooden skewers, gaffer tape and jelly babies. They built the model to illustrate the transverse nature of electromagnetic waves.

Understanding the nature of electromagnetic waves is essential to our modern way of life. Examples of electromagnetic waves include radio waves, microwaves, visible light, Infra-red, X-rays and gamma rays.

In the 1960's Charles Kao and George Hockham began to develop fiber optic cables, at STL in Harlow, capable of transmitting laser light for use in the telecommunications industry. Now Harlow bears the title of "The birthplace of the Fiber Optic Cable" – look at the signs next time you drive into Harlow.

George Hockham is the uncle of our science technician Mr Hockham.



Mr Perrin, Assistant Headteacher & Head of Science



Performing Arts

Popstars! The 90s Musical

This year's production is 'Popstars', a story where girl band meets boy band set to the pop soundtrack of the 1990s, featuring the songs of East 17, the Spice Girls, Backstreet Boys, Christina Aguilera and many more.



It's set in a school in the 1990s where Mark is head over heels in love with his girlfriend, Queen Bee, Shannon Van de Witt.

When Shannon learns that pop-band impresario Simon Austin is the surprise judge at the State Talent Show she dumps him for her chance at showbiz stardom.

Mark rapidly goes from High School hero to High School zero. His garage band buddies rally around him and soon a plan for revenge is hatched to change their grunge band to a boy-band and snatch the Talent Show title from Shannon's Candy Girls.

There's just one small problem... the boys can't dance. Mark enlists the help of the ultra-talented new girl Ella to help with their boy band make over and sparks soon fly.

Can Mark get the girl, get the Grand Prize and get even with the scheming Shannon closing in? It's anyone's guess as the countdown to the Grand Finale begins. It's sure to be one to remember.

The production is beginning to take shape with cast and crew working hard at rehearsals every week. Principal cast members are busy learning their lines, set pieces are starting to form on the stage and the Performing Arts Department is alive with the sound of 1990s pop.

'Popstars' will be performed at Stewards Academy on **26th, 27th and 28th March 2018**. Tickets will go on sale after half term; stay tuned for updates by following us on Twitter @stewardspa

St Clare Hospice Christmas Visit

As part of our annual Christmas events we visited St Clare Hospice, an organisation which provides care for people with life-limiting conditions and their families. Stewards Academy has a long-standing relationship with the Hospice and each year we arrange for some of our pupils to perform Christmas songs for the day therapy patients.



This year a group of Year 9 pupils were chosen to perform a selection of carols and popular Christmas songs including 'Away in a Manger', 'Silent Night', 'Jingle Bells' and 'Let it Snow'.

Christmas Concert 2017

The Stewards Christmas Concert was a showcase for some of our most talented pupils who provided a festive evening of dance, drama and music.

Hosted by Abi Johnson and Paige Patterson from Year 11, the concert opened with the Woodwind Ensemble who played 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer' and 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'. Pupils from Dance Club performed 'Walking in the Air' and Drama Club presented some Christmas-themed pieces, including 'The Naughty and Nice List' and 'A Christmas Carol'.

Further musical entertainment came from our GCSE pupils in Year 9 who performed 'Santa Claus is Coming To Town' and 'Merry Christmas Everybody'. Year 10 ensembles performed 'Jingle Bell Rock' and 'Warm This Winter' and the Year 11 band played 'Santa Tell Me'.

Soloists included Paige Durling (Year 11) singing 'Lonely This Christmas', Ashleigh Jolley (Year 11) singing 'All I Want for Christmas is You' and an intimate rendition of 'White Christmas' performed by Jamie-Leanne Wheatland (Year 11) on vocals and ukulele.

Headteacher Mrs Ginger gave her thanks to performers, parents and staff for the concert, saying that it was a 'wonderful way to round up the term'. The concert closed with the Year 9 Band performance of 'One More Sleep'.



Performing Arts





Jake Salhi - 8JF

On November 5th Harlow Judo Club hosted a competition at Leisure Zone. Over 200 competitors competed at this event. Not only did Jake help set up the competition he also fought and won 4 fights to gain a gold medal. Jake trains 3 times a week at Harlow Judo club and is also training to be a referee.

Girls Football

On Thursday 18th January the year 7 girls football team attended the district Football tournament at Passmores. All schools from across Harlow attended and there was some excellent football played by all. Now some would say I was biased but our year 7 girls were amazing; they won 4 games and drew 1 and had by the best goal difference in the tournament. With all these wins they only went and won the whole competition!!!



It was a massive achievement for the girls considering they only train once a week and some of the girls have never played before. Special mentions went to Chantelle Layden and Daisy Billington for their performances. Player of the tournament went to Divine Idehen-Amen who was absolutely fantastic in her play as well as scoring some superb goals.

Massive well done to them all and I hope they manage to do the same next year.

The girls that played were – Nancy Osagie, Divine Idehen-Amen, Tiffany Page, Leonor Vieira, Nailah Hassan, Chantelle Layden, Daisy Billington and Maisie Flitcroft.

Mr T Hughes, PE Teacher

Futsal

Futsal is a fast paced version of indoor football, which is growing in popularity with young footballers. Passmores hosted several tournaments for different age groups, boys and girls over the last term and Stewards teams have performed excellently within the tournaments.

Year 7 and Year 9 boys emerged victorious in their tournaments whilst the Year 8 boys and Year 8/9 girls both finished runners up in their respective age groups.

This is an excellent introduction to the football season which will take place across the Spring term. Training has commenced every Monday after school for all year groups, with fixtures upcoming it is important that pupils attend training.

Year 8 & 9 Girls Football

The girls participated in a seven a side football tournament at Passmores and performed really well. They finished a very creditable 3rd place. The girls defeated Passmores 2nd team 2-0, St Nicks 1-0, drew with Burnt Mill 0-0 and Passmores 1st team 0-0 and lost to St Marks 1-0. Skye Stevens was voted as one of the players of the tournament and Divine Idehen-Amen also received a nomination for player of the tournament.

Players involved within the tournament; Eva Hart, Emily Kelsey, Lauren Miller, Jessica Brayne, Skye Etherington, Esther Ntow, Arletta Czamecka, Jamie-Lee Hunter, Skye Stevens ©, Chelsea Manton, Divine Idehen-Amen

Mr Sanders - Head of PE





Rugby team

The Year 9 rugby team have reached the Harlow and West Essex final to be played at Upper Clapton Rugby club on Thursday 22nd February against either West Hatch or Davenant. Good luck gentlemen!

The following boys have been awarded a rugby badge for representing the team at both training and fixtures consistently:

Jesse Le-Vien, Owen Smith, Kilian Tebith, Bobby Mansell, Leon Cousins, Dylan Ball, Charlie McLaughlin, Robbie Haythorpe, Alfie Fishenden, Malik Hassan, Morgan Arnold, Walter Mashonganyika.

The Player's Player nomination has also been made for Sports Presentation Evening 2018, with Player of the Year still up for grabs following the final.

Basketball team

The league finished just before the Christmas break and the basketball team have also reached their respective final to be played on Thursday 8th February at Passmores. After 5 wins from 5, the following boys go into the final on a high:

Kilian Tebith, Franklin Nzeh, Kai Jordan, Nathan Luckin, James Patten, Morgan Arnold, Tony Carr, Patrick Snowden and Wisdom Idehen

SPE18 Players player and Player of the Year are be decided after the final.

Year 9 Sports Council

At the end of term the team ran a Premiership football tournament during tutorial time in the sports hall with over 50 pupils taking part. This has been followed up with a basketball and netball tournament. A table tennis competition is also planned for later in the term.

The team plans, communicates the event to the year group and runs the competitions without any input from staff. Great work to date with participation levels really high – Well done!

Year 10 v 11 Annual Christmas Game



YEAR 10



YEAR 11

A big well done to all the players who took part, a hugely entertaining game, played with great spirit!

The pitch was in fantastic condition which allowed for a free flowing game. Although the game finished 6-1 to Year 11, the result doesn't do justice to how well the Year 10s played throughout the whole game. Goal scorers were Charlie B, Gift O, Jake L, Josh B and Marley J plus an own goal with Evan S picking up the goal for the year 10 team.

Year 11 have won every game played so far, will this always be the case...

2014 result – 7-0

2015 result – 6-3

2016 result – 8-1

2017 result – 6-1



Autumn Term Celebration Event

Congratulations to all those that attended our first of three celebration events. On Monday 18th December 2017 over 400 pupils were awarded the opportunity to celebrate their success and achievements. The Heads of Year thought long and hard and planned a Roller Disco; something that had never been done here at Stewards Academy.

Our new sports hall was filled with bright lights and loud music and it was amazing to see all the pupils having fun. It was something different and new for many of them too. Even some of our staff came down to have a go, bringing back many memories for them from when they were young... a very long time ago!!!

The new merit system has proven to be a great success so far with many pupils being awarded the opportunity to attend the first event. Please remind your child that they have two more opportunities to join in with the fun. This can be done by working hard and achieving a total of 40 merits each term. Pupils can gain merits in a number of ways, but particularly by focusing on the 5 Rs – **Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness, Resilience and Reflection.**

'Opportunities don't just happen – You create them'

Special Congratulations go to the pupils achieving the most merits in each year group:

Year 7 : Neve Oehme

Year 8 : Blessing Zimani

Year 9 : Matylda Szczerba & Kai Henson

Year 10: Matthew Hatchwell

Year 11: Emily Oliver



The Head of Year and PSM Team



Work Related Learning

Work Experience

Judging by the conversations we have had with Year 10 pupils about their work experience placements during the past few weeks, it seems there will be pupils enjoying opportunities with many different companies. We have had confirmed placements in restaurants, nurseries, accountancy firms, primary schools (to name a few). We look forward to hearing all about their experiences when they complete their placement (work experience takes place 21st – 25th May). More details and final preparation for all pupils will take place next term.

Any outstanding placement forms should be returned to Mrs Rogers, Mr Cooper or Miss Care ASAP.

Mock Interviews

Colleagues from local businesses and the community joined Governors at the annual Mock Interviews of our Year 11 pupils in December 2017.

These interviews took place at school; the pupils dressed in smart attire and all looked very professional. In preparation for these interviews, pupils prepared a personal statement. Pupils were invited to share their ambitions for the future, highlight their strengths and weaknesses and discuss their hobbies and personal interests. Some pupils found the interviews a little daunting, but this was invaluable practice for the future.



Pupils were prepared for the types of questions that they might be asked, along with practising handshakes, keeping eye contact and speaking with confidence. Our pupils are usually nervous before their interview, but leave feeling reassured and better prepared.

All pupils were asked to complete an evaluation form, giving details of their experience, how they feel it went and how they could improve. Here are some examples of pupils' comments ;

"I think it will help in the future because now I am more prepared for interviews for sixth forms and colleges."

"It will help me to be more confident and I know how to have a good personal statement."

Our interviewers were extremely impressed with our pupils and their ambitions. We are sure that this practice will have given the pupils an insight into how an interview is conducted, along with helping their confidence and encouraging them to show themselves at their best. Some of the feedback we received from our interviewers included:

"Fantastic opportunity for the pupils' experience of personal statements and interviews."

"All interviewees were a pleasure to interview. All responded well to my questions and gave the best they could during the interview".

Thank you to Stewards Academy friends for supporting our Year 11 pupils;

David Guest, Jeff Tarling, Steve Dodd, Leanne Bondy, Alan Dawson, Emma Underhill, Donella Briden, Karen Kingsmill, Sam Johnson, Stacey Littleton, Phil Harris, Billie Dash, John Tennison, Rob Pegram, Kim Prince, Karen Hughes and Bob Robertson.

Writtle College Trip

A group of pupils who are currently studying the Land Based Course at Pets Corner, Harlow, were given the opportunity to visit Writtle College for the day in December. Whilst we were at the college we were able to see lots of different animals as well as helping to change food and help feed the mammals and amphibians. The pupils were also shown around the campus, including the aviary and outside animal enclosures.

Throughout the day the instructors gave lots of information and useful facts about different animals and the correct care for them. The pupils had a fantastic day and learnt lots, ready to take back to the classroom at Pets Corner.

A massive thank you to the staff at Pets Corner and Writtle College.

Miss H Care, Work Related Learning Co-Ordinator



Key Dates

FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday 11th - New York Trip returns

Monday 12th - Friday 16th - Half-Term

Wednesday 21st - Wicked Theatre Trip

Monday 26th Feb - Friday 2nd March - Year 11 Languages Speaking Exams

MARCH 2018

Monday 5th March - Year 11 and 10's Mock exams begin

Thursday 8th March - Upper School Courses Evening

Friday 23rd March - Subject Enrichment Day

- ⇒ Year 10 History Trip IWM Duxford
- ⇒ Ski Trip Leaves
- ⇒ Production Technical Dress Rehearsal

Monday 26th March - Production - Primary School Performance

Monday 26th - Wednesday 28th March - Production - 7pm

29th March - Term ends 1pm

APRIL 2018

Monday 16th April - Summer Term Starts - Week 2

Wednesday 25th April - School of Rock Theatre Trip

MAY 2018

Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday

Monday 21st May - Friday 25th May - Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 28th - Friday 1st June - Half Term

June 2018

Thursday 28th June - Leavers Day and Prom

JULY 2018

Friday 20th July - Term ends 1pm

