



# Stewards School

Summer 2011

## Newsletter



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### HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear Parents/Pupils,

After over 21 years as Deputy Headteacher at Stewards School, Mr Carrol will be retiring at the end of term. He has plans to travel, starting with New Zealand in order to see the Rugby World Cup. Recently Mr Carrol received the Jack Petchey Leadership Award and the citation was as follows:

*Mr Carrol has been Deputy Headteacher at Stewards School since 1990 – he has therefore given 21 years of dedicated service to the school. He has led the school through school planning, curriculum development and Raising Standards of Achievement for all pupils. He has played a significant role in improving standards in English and Mathematics and has been Director of our Specialism, Science, whilst managing an important workload. He always has time for individual pupils and celebrates their successes. He had been a loyal and dedicated colleague from the day he was first appointed 21 years ago!*

Past students who return to visit Stewards often call to thank Mr Carrol for his support, advice and guidance. His leadership has been instrumental in the continued improvement of the school, not least in raising standards of achievement. Mr Carrol is a highly respected figure amongst colleagues, not only from Stewards but across the education community. His wise words, his ambition for all students to achieve their best and his integrity and professionalism have characterised his Deputy Headship and will leave their mark for years to come.



Students, staff, parents and governors would all want to wish him well for the future and express our thanks for all that he has helped us to achieve.

### VISIT TO NORTH LONDON COLLEGIATE (INDEPENDENT SCHOOL) IN LONDON



On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July a group of able, gifted and talented girls in Years 9 & 10 visited North London Collegiate School in Edgware. The school is regularly in the Top 3 of leading independent schools. Stewards students had the opportunity to see the beautiful buildings and grounds and to listen to Year 12 students from North London Collegiate making presentations in their chosen subjects as preparation for University interviews.

*“On Monday 4th July, 14 girls from Years 9 and 10 visited the North London Collegiate School for Girls. After a brief tour around the school grounds we had the privilege of sitting in on a number of Year 12 presentations based around subjects we are interested in. The day was highly*

*inspirational and enjoyable to all. Thank you to Ms Murthar, Miss O’Neill and Mrs Bishop for giving us such a lovely opportunity”* India Brabbs Year 9

(for more quotes from Students please see page 10)

## ACADEMY UPDATE

Stewards has now received an Academy Order from the Government meaning that our application to become an Academy has been approved. We are now working on the legal and financial aspects related to becoming an Academy. Governors will meet early in the autumn term for a final decision to be made regarding a change of status.

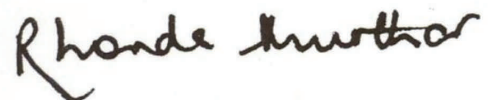
## STAFFING NEWS

We say farewell this term to the following staff: Mr Carrol (Deputy Headteacher), Mr Akin (Assistant Subject Leader for Maths), Mr Mamvura (Maths), Miss Drudy (Maths/Science), Mr Abedin (ICT), Miss Nolan (English) and Mr Mussard (French). Mr T Hughes (PE) is on a secondment for a year and Miss Dell has completed her training with us to move on and start her career as a Drama Teacher. From the Associate Staff, Mr Taylor (Technology Technician) and Mrs Kitson (Science Technician) are retiring. We also say farewell to Mrs Kenny (Aimhigher) and Mr Hannam (LSA). Mr Holland (PE Technician) and Mr Cooper (Science Technician) are leaving after their 'gap' year in order to go to university. In the autumn term we welcome a number of new staff including Mr Oranye (Assistant Subject Leader for Maths), Mr Rawlings (English), Mr Strathern (Maths), Miss Dwyer (ICT), Mr Nabi (ICT) and Mr Fullick who will teach vocational courses in our new Construction Centre. Congratulations to Mr Plested and Mr Perrin as Joint Subject Leaders for Science next year and to Mr Johnson and Mr Greenaway as Assistant Subject leaders in English. Miss Mohammed (Science), Mr King (History/French) and Mr White (Art) have been appointed to the staff following their success on the Graduate Teacher Programme. During Mr T Hughes secondment, Mr G Hughes will be Assistant Subject Leader for PE. A full staff list will be attached to the first Newsletter in September.

## END OF TERM

As you will see from the Newsletter this has, once again, been a very busy term with a full programme of activities. School closes at 1:00pm Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and I would like to wish everyone a very enjoyable summer break. Arrangements for the new term are as follows:

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET DAY
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	New Year 7 pupils start at 9:30am with prefects
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Staggered start for Years 8-11
	Year 10 9:00am
	Year 9 10.00am
	Year 8 11.15am
	Year 11 12.00 noon



**Rhonda Murthar**  
**Headteacher**

## GOVERNORS NEWS

As you are no doubt aware Mr Carrol our Deputy Head is retiring at the end of this term after 21 years at Stewards. I have worked closely with him for all of this time both as Chair of the Curriculum Committee and as Chair of Governors and have found him totally professional in all his dealings with us and supportive of the role of the governors as "critical friends". I am sure that you would wish to join me and the other governors in thanking him for all his work on behalf of the school over the past 21 years and to wish him a long and happy retirement.

I had the pleasure of being invited to attend the School Council on 7th July; this was the first time I had been able to attend due to work commitments. I hope it will be the first of many. Two things impressed me, first the keenness and confidence of the members of School Council in speaking about their ideas and experiences, and second the breadth of experiences they have had at Stewards, only some of which make it into this newsletter. I really left with an impression of how much they were able to contribute to and participate in the life of Stewards.

The Lower School Production on 5th July was also a treat that I was glad not to have missed. The production of "Free" was full of comedy delivered with a sense of timing that does credit to all the cast and to those responsible for their training and direction. I would like to congratulate all those involved in whatever capacity for a truly wonderful evening.

**Jeff Tarling**  
**Chair of Governors**

# Important Information

## PUPIL LUNCH OVERDRAFTS

A reminder to all parents/carers - 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 school's Finance Office to ask for a £1.00 overdraft on their cashless catering account. Pupils must ensure they repay the £1.00 into their catering 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 break or lunch time, nor to only buy cakes or drinks (water can be obtained from the water fountain opposite the Main Office). For £1.00 your child can purchase one of the following: a sandwich, baguette, jacket potato, salad pot or pasta pot.

FINANCE OFFICE

## TRAVEL ABROAD

Whilst at Stewards your child has various opportunities to travel abroad - from residential trips within the European Union, North America and Asia - to day trips. Opportunities may be open in future academic years to go even further afield! So that you and your child are well prepared for these exciting trips the school advises parents to obtain for their child their own passport and if travelling to an EU country, a European Health Insurance Card [EHIC]; this ensures that should your child require medical attention abroad, your child should not incur medical fees.

### Passport

The school would advise parents/carers to obtain for their child, a 5-year laminated UK passport. Passport forms can be obtained from your local Post Office. For further information about child passports visit [www.passport.gov.uk](http://www.passport.gov.uk) or telephone the Passport Advice Line on

0870 521 0410. Be aware that some countries ask for passports to have at least 6 months validity from date of departure or visa application. Passports can be renewed no more than 9 months prior to expiry date.

### European Health Insurance Card [EHIC]

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006, a valid EHIC card should be obtained and carried by each pupil. Your child will need their NHS number plus full name, address and date of birth. The card is free and is now a plastic 'credit card' type. This card is easily obtainable by phone (EHIC Applications Line 0845 606 2030), via the web site [www.ehic.org.uk](http://www.ehic.org.uk) or by post (pick up an EHIC application pack from your local Post Office branch). School travel companies require passport numbers, dates of issue and expiry, etc, well before departure. Delays in obtaining the above documents may mean your child will miss out on exciting and interesting trips. So don't delay - make sure your child has their own passport or renew their passport well before expiry.

## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

### REGISTRATION

**8.45am** – REGISTRATION (AM) FOR ALL PUPILS

**1.55pm** – REGISTRATION (PM) FOR ALL PUPILS

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

### LATENESS

PUPILS MUST SIGN IN AT THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE IF THEY ARRIVE LATE FOR REGISTRATION IF LATENESS IS DUE TO A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT – PROOF OF APPOINTMENT MUST BE PROVIDED

PUPILS WHO ARE LATE ON 2 OR MORE OCCASIONS IN A WEEK WILL BE ISSUED A HoY DETENTION FOR 1 HOUR AFTER SCHOOL ON THE FRIDAY OF THE SAME WEEK

### ABSENCE

IN THE EVENT OF YOUR CHILD BEING ABSENT YOU **MUST** INFORM THE SCHOOL **BY 10.00AM** (FOR EVERY DAY OF ABSENCE) – THE NUMBER FOR REPORTING PUPIL ABSENCE IS:

**(01279) 772511** (please leave a message)

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

### HOLIDAYS

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ANY HOLIDAYS TAKEN **WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED** AND COULD INVOLVE A PENALTY NOTICE BEING ISSUED BY THE EDUCATION WELFARE SERVICE

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO MOVE AWAY FROM THE AREA – PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

### COMING SOON!

LOOK OUT FOR THE **ALL NEW** 100% ATTENDANCE AWARD BADGES!!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION IN THESE MATTERS

**Mrs Barker**  
**Attendance Office**

**Mrs Willson Administration**

# Jack Petchey



On the evening of 22<sup>nd</sup> June a group of students attended the Harlow Playhouse to receive their Jack Petchey Achievement Award medals. The Awards celebrate and publicly recognise young people for their own personal achievements.

Also presented on the evening was the Leader Award which was awarded to Mr Carroll who has been our Deputy Headteacher since 1990 – giving 21 years of dedicated service to the school.

TERM	PUPIL	REASON FOR AWARD	GRANT MONEY USED FOR
<b>Autumn Term 2010</b>	Matt Walton	Contribution to Performing Arts and technical support over a sustained period of time	Theatre Trips for G&T pupils
	Jack Leadley	Technical support to Performing Arts over a sustained period of time	I-Pod for sound effects during school productions
	Jed Smith	Contribution to Performing Arts over a sustained period of time	Theatre Trips across the curriculum
<b>Spring Term 2011</b>	Richard Brandon	Academic Achievement over 5 years	History
	Ben Stevenson	Contribution to the life of the school	PE
	Amy Cawson	Academic Attainment since joining Stewards in Year 9	Art
<b>Summer Term 2011</b>	Amandla Mvitsho	Being an exemplary head of our Ethnic Minority Pupil Voice Group	EMPV
	Keisha Hays	Contribution to Performing Arts during school productions	Performing Arts
	Shanice Watkins	Contribution to Performing Arts especially in Dance	Dance

## YEAR 6 TASTER DAYS

Year 6 came along to enjoy 2 exciting days in preparation for their start at Stewards in September. For the first time pupils underwent special testing which has enabled Mrs Bird to ensure that pupils are placed in the appropriate mixed ability tutor group. New parents' evening was equally impressive and it is evident that Year 7 in September will be entirely up for all the many challenges facing them.

Mrs Bird and her team of tutors look forward to seeing Year 7 on Wednesday 7th September along with Year 11 prefects. Next year's Year 7 Tutors are as follows:

Mr Sanders 7JS Miss McGarry 7GM

Mr Hooper 7MPH

Mr Hughes 7GH

Miss McDevitt 7LM Mr Wormald 7CM

Mr King 7JK

Miss Smith 7LSS

**Mrs Erwood MBE**  
**Assistant Headteacher**

## PREFECT TRAINING

Year 10 excelled themselves and made Miss Francis and Mr Ford very proud of them when they had their prefect training with Mrs Erwood on 12th July. Every one of the 120 prefects really rose to the challenges and they all agreed that it had been a sensational day, having learnt so much about themselves and the challenges ahead. Good luck for September Year 10!

# Cenotaph Visit



We had the honour of taking along 23 Year 8 pupils to accompany the Hoddesdon branch of the Normandy War Veterans, to celebrate the 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day Landings. The ceremony of commemoration at the Cenotaph in London was a very moving occasion, and 2 pupils had been chosen by the school to wheel 2 veterans up to the actual Cenotaph at the end of the service. Jessica Nimmo and Joshua Wix were enormously honoured and proud to accompany the veterans under the proud gaze of the classmates and teachers. Organiser Mrs Ellis regularly invites war veterans in to Stewards to speak about their war time experiences and this was a proud moment for her as all the pupils were in her year group. Despite a soaring temperature of over 30° in London on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June the pupils wore their school uniforms with pride and were the only school pupils present at this moving occasion.



**Mrs Erwood MBE  
Assistant Headteacher**



# Geography News

## Year 10 Geography Field Trip – Lee Valley

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May Year 10 Geography students took part in a thoroughly enjoyable field trip to the Lee Valley Park White Water Rafting Centre. The day began with an opportunity to watch Team GB Canoe Slalom athletes in action practising for the upcoming 2012 London Olympics.

The purpose of the morning session was to provide the students with an introduction to the Lee Valley Regional Park and the fantastic opportunities provided by the London 2012 Olympics. Students completed a circular tour enabling them to view the park's internationally important bird life, understand the challenges and potential impacts in building the Lee Valley White Water and to investigate the mitigation measures implemented.

The afternoon session involved a Geographical Information System (GIS electronic mapping) orienteering challenge. The students were put into teams where their map reading and navigation skills were put to the test. This activity introduced students to GIS and required good team working skills. Congratulations to Jai Sharma 10MM, Jack Baldwin 10JH, Amy Schilder 10JH and Adam Pope 10MW for coming out on top of this challenge and putting myself, Mrs Hampstead and Mrs Wimpenny to shame! All of the pupils involved in the day were a credit to the



*Jai, Jack, Amy and Adam planning their orienteering route.*

**Mr Hooper**  
**Geography Department**

## WINDOW ON CHINA DAY

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011, Stewards School hosted its second "Window on China Day" to help celebrate and promote Chinese culture within Stewards School and the local community. The day involved activities for 16 gifted and talented year 7 pupils from Stewards School and Burnt Mill School. The day was split into workshop sessions lead by 5 Chinese teachers Miss Dai Xu, Mrs Yaxin Liu, Ms Sun Xiaorong, Ms Shen Hong and Ms Shi Junjun.

The day was split into 5 workshops. Firstly pupils discussed why China has become a very important country, pupils considered which goods we take for granted are actually made in China such as televisions and mobile phones. Pupils then had the opportunity to learn some basic Mandarin phrases and words to help them develop an understanding of how complex the language can be.

Pupils also had the chance to learn how to do traditional Chinese brush painting, a very hard skill to master.

Miss Dai Xu led pupils in a Tai Chi workshop using film to instruct pupils of the importance of Tai Chi and other martial arts in Chinese culture. Pupils then had the chance to try some Tai Chi movements, including the use of fans. The final workshop involved pupils learning how to do traditional Chinese origami and paper folding with Mrs Yaxin Liu. To add to the flavour of the day, an excellent Chinese lunch was provided Mrs Webster and the school canteen.

The day was very enjoyable and rewarding. Pupils were given an excellent opportunity to work with Chinese teachers to learn directly from them about Chinese language and traditions.



*Pupils practising Tai Chi*

**Mr Hickman**

**International Dimension Co-ordinator**



*Pupils showing how Origami should be done!*



*Ellis Barnard and Riley Halson practising their brush painting skills*



*Holly Humphreys and Megan Jenkins showing their Chinese brush painting*

# International Dimension

## ARABIC DAY AT STEWARDS SCHOOL

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, Stewards School hosted its first Arabic Day for Year 7 pupils. 16 pupils from Year 7 were invited to take part in the Arabic Day as part of the Africa week celebration. The Arabic Day aimed to give pupils a more informed view of the Arabic world and challenge their misconceptions about the Middle East. Pupils were given the opportunity to explore and experience Arabic culture, food, language, religion, music, art, history and traditional Egyptian dance. Firstly pupils were asked to describe their impressions of the Arabic world and the Middle East. Pupils discussed and wrote down their ideas about the Arabic world and we hung these around the room for comparison later in the day. Pupils then started to explore the Arabic World by identifying which countries actually belong to the Middle East and what defines someone as being Arabic. We also considered what important goods come from Arabic countries such as fruits, foods, cotton and oil.

Ms Mohamed then helped pupils to appreciate Arabic culture by giving them a 'very hands' on workshop on Egyptian dance. Pupils were each given simple traditional dress to wear around their waists and then performed simple dance moves which were greatly enjoyed by all. The language of the Arab world was explored as pupils learned counting and spelling out their names. We discussed religion in the Arabic world and pupils learnt that although most Arabs are Muslim, a large number are also Christian.

We discussed the importance of Islam with Nassim Saidy in Year 10 who very kindly spent some time with us and also with Mr Abedin. Pupils also tasted traditional Arabic food such as couscous and beans. Finally, the girls were allowed to wear traditional head scarves. Pupils greatly enjoyed their day and learnt how varied, rich and interesting Arabic culture and the Arab world really is.

### Pupil comments about Arabic Day

*"Educational, funny and cool. I have learnt a lot and enjoyed the day. The dancing was funny and so was trying on the head scarves. Learning about the religion was interesting."* Tayla Leathers 7VM

*"Really good because it taught me a lot that I have never learnt before"* Rosie Poole 7MT

*"Amazing, inspirational and the best it could possibly be"* Joseph Thomas 7MT

*"Fun, exciting and educational. I thought it was a good experience and it could not have been any better. I would definitely like to do this again"* Emma Piper 7VM

*"Interesting, fun and informative. Can we have Arabic week?"* Megan Jenkins 7JJ

### Ms Mohamed

*'It was a great opportunity for myself as an Arab/Muslim to explain and show students that it is a diverse ethnic group far from wars and terrorism and more about love and peace. Explaining my religion and culture showed students how very similar all religions are and watching how enthusiastic they all were was very rewarding. The Egyptian dancing was the highlight and I can only but congratulate all the students for their wonderful behaviour and attitude towards the whole day.'*



**Mr Hickman**  
International Dimension Co-ordinator

# Performing Arts News

## LOWER SCHOOL PRODUCTION - 'FREE!'

Year 8 should have a supply teacher for their first lesson of the day but the supply teacher doesn't turn up. The class agree among themselves that they won't report the incident but try to get through the lesson unsupervised and undetected.

Conflicts of gender, academic ability, and conformism, build to the conclusion that - whatever schools and teachers may hope, struggle and aim for - it is the students who decide their own fate and their underlying humanity which sees them through. 23 students from Year 7, 8 and 9 performed two shows to Year 6 students as part of their Taster Days, followed by a public performance on Tuesday 5th July. The cast worked incredibly hard, showing real commitment to rehearsals, learning their lines well and portraying their characters brilliantly.

*'I loved doing it as I got to speak to loads of new people and I really liked the show we did.'* Abbie Martin 9SE

***'The Performing Arts Team'***



## HALF TERM WORKSHOPS

Over the May half term we held a series of music workshops for Year 7 and Year 8 pupils, run by Creative Music Ltd. Pupils who attended were given an introduction to some basic music theory and learned a few instrumental techniques, working towards playing together as a group at the end of the session.



## MUSIC SCHOOL

Would you like to learn a musical instrument? Stewards Music School offers specialist individual tuition on the following instruments: Guitar, Bass, Drums, Clarinet, Trumpet, Saxophone, Flute, Piano and Keyboard. Lessons take place on Wednesdays after school.

Current fees are:

£84.00 for 10 x 15 minute lessons

£140.00 for 10 x 30 minute lessons

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, you can apply for a voucher which gives a significant discount on these fees.

Enrolment for next term will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011 from 4.00pm to 6.00pm, in the Music Department.

Please contact me at school if you require any further information..

***Miss K Doughty  
Performing Arts Technician***

# Technology News

## ARRIVAL OF THE NEW LASER CUTTER IN TECHNOLOGY

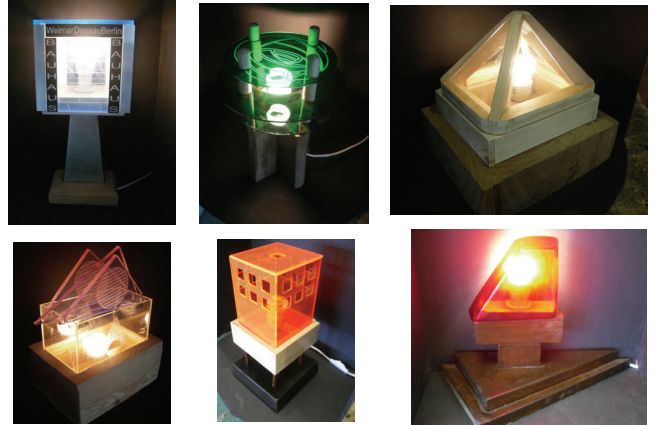
The Technology department is pleased to inform you that we have had a laser cutter installed this term. This laser cutter will provide opportunities for all ages to enhance their work, to help produce commercial quality products.

This machine has the opportunity to combine both cutting and engraving in a single process and can be used in all subject areas within Technology (Resistant Materials, Product Design, Food, Textiles and Graphics). This laser cutter will help to improve motivation due to the students having greater ownership of their learning and help to further develop students' creative thinking skills.



## YEAR 11 RESISTANT MATERIALS LOW VOLTAGE LAMPS

Our Year 11 students designed low voltage lamps inspired by an art movement from the past 100 years, for their Resistant Materials course work. All their hard work paid off as I'm sure you will agree they look fantastic. Well done!



## DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY WEEK

20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011

The Inventor Thomas Edison once said '**Success is 10% inspiration and 90% perspiration**' and the pupils that took part in D & T Week found this statement to be true. They were encouraged to think differently and realise their engineering potential. The motto for the week was '**You may make many mistakes trying to solve each task, but don't give up and have fun!**'

### Challenge 1 – Spaghetti Bridges

This challenge was to construct a bridge out of spaghetti using little amounts of sticky tape to reinforce. The winning bridge was judged on creativity and the ability to stand upright unaided between two stools.

*"I decided to see what tech week was all about and decided to go along with my friend Alex at lunch time. The bridge challenge was hard because the raw spaghetti kept on snapping and we only had half an hour to build it but we got there in the end. Our bridge won and we both got a prize, we would definitely take part in tech week again"* Matt Willet (7MT)

### Challenge 2 – Changing States

This challenge was to investigate how to change an egg's properties to make it fit inside a bottle.

*"The changing states experiment was fun. It was cool when the egg exploded in the bottle"* Matt Fleming (7VM)

### Challenge 3 – Geodesic Dome

This difficult challenge was to create a Geodesic Dome using blu-tac and cocktail sticks.

*"I thought this experiment was very interesting and I had a lot of fun. We produced a good dome thanks to our steady hands"* Brooke Daniels (7VM)

### Challenge 4 – Marble Run

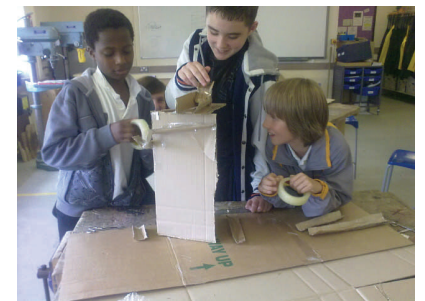
Students were asked to produce a marble run using cardboard and sticky tape. The winning run was judged on the structure and the ability to keep the marble moving for the longest time.

*"The marble run event was fun and interesting because there were a variety of different designs and ideas"* Taonga Chabva-Shoperai (7RP)

Thank you to everyone that participated.



*Matt Willet and Alex Dodd with the winning spaghetti*



*Alex Dodd, Riley Halson and Taonga Chabva-Shoperai with the winning marble run.*

**Mrs Martin**  
**Assistant Subject Leader**

# School Council

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WERE SUCCESSFULLY ELECTED ONTO NEXT YEARS SCHOOL COUNCIL

Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Hannah Charles (EMPV) Rosie Poole Maddison Davies Robyn Webb Megan Jenkins Sian Curtis Tugay Gorur (EMPV) Alex Dodd Isaac Lucia Charlie Jennings Charlie Haines Matt Fleming	Louise Devlin (EMPV) Poppy Rogers Megan Baldwin Maisy Treacher Jess Nimmo Rosie Hummerstone Tarik Muikanovic (EMPV) Thomas Goodenough Howard Mash Josh Wix	Nikita Charalambous (EMPV) India Brabbs Aphra Boittier Ellie Thompson Tayler Wesley Billie-Jo Favell Abbie Martin Nqoba Mvitsho (EMPV) Shakur Dixon-Chennis Aiden Warwick Daniel Stevenson Clive Mandivenga Dennis Perry	Katie Millsom Lottie Shelton Jasmin Robinson Phillippa Townsend Natasha Fegan Jai Sharma Sharon Schirra S'Khulile Masuku Jack Baldwin Jack Webber Jack Hood Alex Grove Matt Walton Jean- Luc Heppenstall
<b>Reserves</b>	<b>Reserves</b>	<b>Reserves</b>	
Katerina Smyk Becky Warwick Paige Harris Riley Halson Taonga Chabva-Shoperai	Elise Stingemore Margarita Lawrence	Megan Hood Sophie Wooster Harrison Hickey Tom Dowers	

## MORE QUOTES FROM STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED THE NORTH LONDON COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

*'The visit to the North London Collegiate School was an experience that I am pleased to have had. I learnt a lot on the day and it has changed some of my views about independent schools.'*

Phillippa Townsend

*'Monday's trip was a great opportunity and was very interesting and inspirational. It got me thinking of higher education and what options are available for my education in the future.'*

Aphra Boittier

*'I feel like I learnt a lot from this day, it was so nice seeing what a different school is like.'*

Jasmin Robinson

*'I think the trip was a great experience, not only do you get an insight into what a top independent school is like, but it was also a chance to meet people and get interesting talks on subjects of interest. Very good.'*

Ellie Thompson

*'This trip was a great experience, it's really made me think more about my future and has inspired me to try to get into further education.'*

Hazel Owen

## CELLO CLUB NEWS

Chloe Freeman (7RP) and Isaac Lucia (7NF) got the chance to hear a professional cellist first hand at the Harlow Symphony Orchestra Concert on July 3rd. It was their first experience of seeing and hearing a live orchestra playing. The programme included Elgar's Cello Concerto with soloist Christopher Wright who has played at many top venues in London, including the Barbican and Wigmore Hall.

**Mrs Morrison**  
**Cello Club**

**Cello club is held after school on Wednesdays in the drama studio. Cello lessons are also available for those who want them.**

Quote corner:

From Isaac - *'I very much enjoyed the concert as it provided an insightful and memorable introduction to classical music'*

From Chloe - *'I enjoyed it a lot and it was very entertaining'*



Isaac Lucia and Chloe Freeman are pictured with some members of the cello section of the orchestra

# Chinese Garden

Following the success of the recently developed food garden Stewards is now putting together the final designs to develop a Chinese influenced garden within the school. This area will not only build upon our existing links with China but also provide the students with an environment in which to learn and socialise. The design will give you an idea of how the area will be developed.

We will be working with Circle in The Square again throughout the process, and it is hoped that we will be able to involve some of the students who are involved within the new construction course to help with some of the building.

**Mr Scholtes**  
Assistant Headteacher

## Stewards School Quad Area - Proposed Chinese Garden

**Influential Chinese Garden Design Images**

**Stonemarket - "Concept Range" Products**

**Other product examples**

**Proposed Front Elevation** Scale 1:50

**Proposed Side Elevation** Scale 1:50

**Site Location Plan** Scale 1:2500 (Red line indicates the School boundary line.)

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**DRAWING NOTES**

**AMENDMENTS**

AMENDMENTS	ISSUE	TITLE
20/01/11 Issue 1 for comment	ISSUE 1	Learning Environment
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14/02/11 Issue 4	ISSUE 4	Learning Environment

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## SUMMER CONCERT

This year's concert was full of sparkling entertainment from Stewards pupils and staff. Dance Fusion, Upper and Lower School Dance Club entertained the audience with their pieces, while Year 11 students Keisha Haye and Shanice Watkins each performed a piece of their own choreography.

Of course there was also a wide variety of music, starting with the School Ensemble performing 'Music from the Royal Fireworks' and 'Summertime', sung by Tegan Tukana from Year 7.

Year 8 were represented by singers Megan Baldwin, Aimee Hunt and Ellie Evans, and by the Year 8 band featuring Cory McLellan, Sean McGill and Kobe Bjornson.

Year 9 performers included Katie Sullivan, Rebecca Wrenne and Nqoba Mvitsho, and a Year 10 group featuring Alex Grove, Benton Shepherd and Jai Sharma performed 'Hey Soul Sister' and 'On My Own', a piece which they composed themselves.

Year 11 may be gone but they were not forgotten, with some GCSE Music students' compositions being showcased during the concert.

It was a very enjoyable evening and we hope to see you at our next event.

**'The Performing Arts Team'**

# Other News

## 'BERRY TEA' IN AID OF BREAST CANCER CARE

Students from Years 7, 9 and 10 helped us to send a sizeable donation to the charity - Breast Cancer Care this month - £285.70. Here's how.....

Whilst Year 7 picked the berries, Years 9 and 10 cooked cakes and scones (later decorated and flavoured by the berries) under the supervision of Mrs Ellis.

Mrs Shelton-Stone organised the raffle with prizes kindly donated by Mrs Waters from the Company Clarins and Mrs Wright from the Science Department, who knitted a fantastic strawberry inspired tea cosy to cover the beautiful china tea pot also donated.

All school colleagues, governors and friends from the community and employer sector had to do was eat all the cakes and sample the delicious elderflower punch and they all donated many pennies to do so!

Thank you to everyone for their support.

Students involved were:

### Year 7

Jade Creamer, Jessica Bates, Connor Godsolve, Sarah Goodman, Dominik Kozma, Dmitriy Shtyrov, Mark McElwain, Leilani Mildren, Callum Winger

### Year 9

Chelsea Munslow, Charlotte Cook, Harrison Hickey, Yasmin Bennett, Keeley Anderton, Mandy Pearson, Maria May

### Year 10

Ashley Scott, Louise Downey, Luke Cameron Ellett, Samantha Elliff, Sharon Schirra, Stefano Alfano, Yvette Nakiyimba, Francesca Watkins

*Mrs Hampstead*  
**Vocational Learning Mentor**

## ELF-ESTEEM HITS ROCK BOTTOM

On 7th December 2010 two suspects, Ms M. Christmas and Mr S Clause, were taken in for questioning over allegation of 'GBH' and 'Mistreatment of Elves.' Reporters hit the couple hard with questions. It was uncovered that they had hit the poor little creatures over the head with a wooden mallet in order to make them small enough to fit in tighter work spaces. The Elves are making toys all year round and are 'only paid' between 50c—\$1 per hour' quoted Professor Mitz. The allegations occurred after people around the area of Christmas House reported loud noises at all hours, and numerous elves turning up outside the workshop. The workshop is named 'Christmas House' but is not very Christmassy at all with their slogan; 'Santa's elves are just a bunch of subordinate Clauses' and maybe after this story gets out, it won't be 'Ho Ho Ho' anymore it'll be 'NO NO NO'.

Questioning head elf, Eerol, it was noticed that the elves suffered punishments if they did something wrong. Falling asleep at work, resulted in extremes such as being forced to shine Rudolf's nose until Santa could see his face in it.

After some questioning with Mrs Christmas it was obvious where this case was going. She has admitted to all allegations. Soon Ms Christmas will not be in her traditional red, but instead in a more 'confined' white and black. A second primary source named Mr E. Elf stated that the illegal elves had no visa to allow them to work or be living in this country; this could make matters even worse, maybe having the whole of the workshop cooped up in jail, just like one big unhappy family!

**Callum Sontag 10DS**

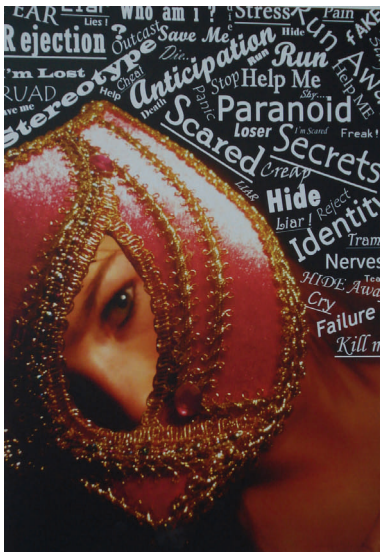
## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



**Amy Patch**  
**Stewards Student**  
**2001 - 2006**

Congratulations to Amy who achieved a First Class Honours Degree in Mathematics at Plymouth University and has secured a job with a large company in Hatfield (Ocado) as a Business Planning Analyst.

# Art, Photography & Technology Exhibition



The Art, Photography & Technology Exhibition took place to showcase the exceptional talent of young artists and creators

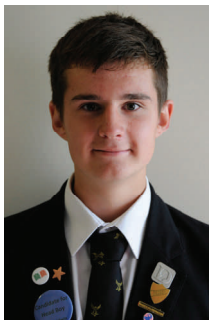


## HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

Elections took place this week for Head Boy and Head Girl. The following pupils were up for nomination:

Head Girl: Audrey Dhlamini, Natasha Fegan, Brooke Frankson, Tianna Hancock, Abital Karimasondo, S'Khulile Masuku, Kyah Rimmer, Jasmin Robinson, Lottie Shelton, Phillippa Townsend

Head Boy: Jack Baldwin, Billy Clark, Luke Gibbins, Jordan Gould, Alex Grove, Jack Hood, Jai Sharma, Ben Miechielsens-Tournier, Matthew Walton, Jack Webber. Congratulations to all who stood for election and to the successful candidates who are as follows.



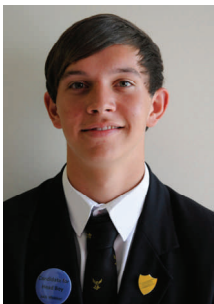
Head Boy  
Jack Baldwin



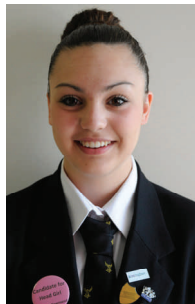
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Lottie Shelton



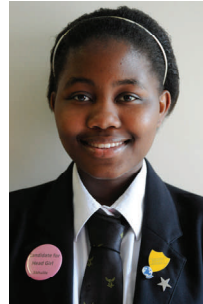
Head EMPV  
Matthew Walton



Deputy Head Boy  
Jack Webber



Deputy Head Girl  
Phillippa Townsend



Head EMPV  
S'Khulile Masuku

## ROYAL VISIT AT THE PRINCES' TEACHING INSTITUTE

I recently had the privilege of attending a Subject Leaders' Conference at the Royal Institute in London as part of our partnership with the Princes' Teaching Institute



Image courtesy of *The Evening Standard*

programme. 300 hundred teachers from across the country met to share excellent practice and listen to a range of exciting lectures in our subject specialist areas. The English Lecture was on "A poetics for Shakespeare" and was delivered by inspirational speaker, Professor Helen Cooper. In the afternoon, we were delighted by being joined by HRH The Prince of Wales, President of the Princes' Teaching Institute. His Royal Highness asked me to talk about the exciting literary opportunities Stewards School provides for our pupils, in particular our approach to Shakespeare in all year groups, our recent poetry Curriculum Day in Years 7 and 8 and the reasons why we value providing our pupils with experience of the English Literary Heritage. I explained to Prince Charles that the English department believes that exposure to such texts allows our pupils to consider the human condition and provides opportunities to question what it is to be human by exploring not only the beauty of rich language but also the social, historical, moral and philosophical contexts of the writing and the writers. His Royal Highness was delighted to hear about our school and even offered some reading suggestions of his own, owning up to a preference for Phillip Pullman and Robert Harrison.

*Mrs O'Sullivan Literacy Co-Ordinator*

# Leavers Day 2011

## A GLORIOUS DAY FOR STEWARDS YEAR 11 LEAVERS

Year 11 pupils at Stewards were treated to a magnificent day as a culmination to 5 years of hard work. With over 25 cars bringing the pupils into the school the whole school enjoyed the wonderful spectacle. The Stretched Limos, a Rolls Royce, a Porche to name but a few brought groups up to the main greeting area. Parents and pupils were then given the opportunity to view the fashions as the leavers promenaded to their favourite music. They were treated to elderflower cocktails and photographed like film stars before having an assembly where their tutors reminisced about their time at Stewards. Film Clips and photos of the students brought gales of laughter and everyone enjoyed a brilliant time. Before long it was time for more beautifying as 3 coaches were taking the students to a mystery venue for their prom. The front of school resembled a "first night" as the students arrived in their elegant evening wear. The parents did them proud as they looked fit for a West End Premier. The evening was a total success. The chocolate fountain supplied by [chocolatefountainfunctions@gmail.com](mailto:chocolatefountainfunctions@gmail.com) flowed all night, yet no-one ended up smothering their finery. The number of photographs taken was unbelievable and by midnight all had been returned to their parents happy, tired and with enough memories to fill a book.

*Mrs Bird*  
**Head of Year 11**



# Leavers Day 2011



# Science News

## SUN WATCH

Thankfully the rain stopped and the Sun shone in time for Stewards' Community Sun Watch evening. Andy Gannon our resident astronomer brought along his telescope and demonstrated how we could view the Sun safely. It is very dangerous to look directly at the Sun through any optical instrument. The safest way is by solar projection, a method that involves projecting the Sun's image through an optical device like a telescope onto a piece of clean white paper. Using this method the Sun's image can be clearly seen and photographed and day to day comparisons can be observed and recorded.

During our observation we saw several Sunspots, temporary features on the surface caused by intense magnetic activity inside the Sun. Sunspot numbers indicate the Sun's general active state; at the moment the Sunspot populations are approaching the solar maximum on a cycle that lasts 11 years. An inactive Sun may cause colder than usual winters whereas an active Sun may produce larger solar flares. Solar Flares are eruptions on the Sun's surface which blast large quantities of ionised material out into space. If the Earth passes through this material it could devastate technological systems throughout the world. To prepare us for this catastrophe the Sun is being monitored on a continual basis by space observatories for example SOHO (Solar and Heliospheric Observatory), a spacecraft built by ESA (European Space Agency) and NASA was launched in 1995 to study the Sun. On 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011 SOHO witnessed the Sun unleash one of the most spectacular solar flares ever observed; the ionised material expanded to a volume some 75 times larger than the diameter of the Earth. Thankfully the Earth skimmed the edge of this material as it blasted its way through space or it could have caused massive destruction of our electronic systems. To see the solar flare visit: [sohowww.nascom.nasa.gov/](http://sohowww.nascom.nasa.gov/)

*Stephanie Pope (Year 7) said 'The Community Sun Watch was a huge success. Andy Gannon's talk was fantastic and I learnt a lot about the Sun, especially about the solar flare on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011!'*



*Andy Gannon, resident astronomer, adjusting the image of the Sun through his telescope.*



*Stephanie Pope (Year 7) looking at an image of the Sun.*

## SPACE TRAVEL

Presented by Samantha Mead (10JH)  
**Special guest : Spock**

There were gasps of amazement when Spock from Star Trek made a special guest appearance at Samantha Mead's presentation of Space Travel to Science Club members. It seems that he was at a meeting in Brazil when he heard that Miss Mead was talking so he decided to beam into Stewards science department and meet everyone. Sam talked about future space travel, the different types of space craft, uniforms and the alien life forces we may meet on our travels. Afterwards they made compressed air paper rockets and flew them in the car park. Good fun was had by all!



*Spock*



*Tyler Hampson (8HS), Thomas Goodenough (8HS) and Matthew Allen (10RA) launching their paper rockets.*

# Science News

## CHEMISTRY EXTRAVAGANZA

Chemistry Extravaganza involved bubbles and bangs, where students took part in different chemistry demonstrations including burning methane bags, methane bubbles, flying tea bags, making toothpaste for elephants and hearing the jelly baby scream.

Ms Mohamed said : *' It was a fun packed after school activity and the students were really involved and interested in the science behind each demonstration.'*



**Photo: Chemistry Extravaganza:** Experiment using milk, food colouring and washing up liquid. Try it yourself!

## PHOENIX KNIGHTS BRING HOME A TROPHY

On 15<sup>th</sup> June our year 7 water rocket scientists headed off to the National Physics Laboratories in Teddington, Middlesex to take part in the annual Water Rocket Challenge.

Competing alongside many other schools, from across the country, we were outsmarted by superior technology! Undeterred we entered our own unique designs and watched as one gently bounced and somersaulted across the field into the distance. Its grace and unusual style caught the eye of the judges who awarded us a special trophy, the first of its kind, called the 'Barnes Wallis Trophy of Rocketry'! You might recognize the name. Sir Barnes Neville Wallis is best known for inventing the bouncing bomb used by the RAF in the "Dambusters" raid during World War II. The team were not concerned, a trophy is a trophy and it is now proudly on display in the science area. The team; Angel McClair, Isaac Lucia, Lee Willis, Matt Willitt, Alex Dodd, Nosa Ediae and Dominik Kozma can be seen holding their trophy.

Their beaming smiles an indication of the fun had by all. Our eighth team member, Joseph Thomas, attended the club throughout the term but, unfortunately, was unable to attend the competition day. A huge thank you to Andrew Young our science technician for all his support and engineering guidance, and for driving us safely around the dreaded M25!

**Matt Willitt (Year 7)** said: *' The Water Rocket competition was great; we had a fantastic day. We fired a lot of water rockets and we had a BBQ. They had an army helicopter there that we could sit in and press all the buttons. Best of all we won a special prize: The Barnes Wallis Award for the bounciest rocket.'*

**Alex Dodd (Year7)** comment: *'It was a fantastic day and has taught me a lot about the aerodynamics of rockets. A truly brilliant and worthwhile experience.'*

**Mrs Tripp, Science Teacher**

## GRAVITY RACER OUTING TO PEBMARSH

On Sunday the 10th July, an unexpectedly rain free day, the Stewards Gravity Racer Team set out to spectate at the annual Pebmarsh Billy Cart Race at Pebmarsh, near Halstead, with a view to gathering ideas about styling and décor for our own gravity racer which is nearing completion. The race track was the main street through the village, starting at the top of the hill, round the bend, through the straw bale chicane and down to the finish line by the pub and hog roast stand - a short but challenging course.



There were fifteen teams there out of sixteen teams entered, two of which used the same chassis as our racer. The team, comprising Chris and George Wilson, Tom

Dowers, James Mallardo, Tom Gibbs, Jordan Huntley and Ryan Freeman accompanied by his Dad, Mr Freeman and Mr Andrew Young had a very interesting day examining the engineering and artistic styles utilized by the competitors and we gained an insight into techniques and tactics of gravity racing. Tom Dowers was invited to assist in one team's push start!

**Jordan Huntley (9PH)** said: *"Today was interesting and we were able to gain inspiration for new ideas. I was happy to come, thank you."*

**Thomas Dowers (9SP)** said: *"I enjoyed today and I hope to come again. I especially enjoyed pushing one of the racers."*

**George Wilson (9PH)** wrote: *"It gave us a good idea of what we will do next to improve our gravity racer. The day was very enjoyable."*

**Andrew Young  
Science Technician**



Phoenix Knight Team from left to right: Lee Willis, Matt Willitt, Issac Lucia, Angel McClair holding the trophy, Dominik Kozma, Alex Dodd, Nosa Ediae holding the Year 7 mascot Nigel.

# Sports Presentation Evening

Award	Year Group	Winner
Player of the Year (Football)	7	Mason Cook
	8	Danny Palmer
	9	Liam Luck
	10	Lewis Mann
Players' Player (Football)	7	Tyler Bull
	8	Connor Lynch
	9	Lewis Fry
	10	Stefan King
Player of the Year (Rugby)	7	Alex Dodd
	8	Zachariah Pace
	9	Thomas Dowers
	10	Jordan Shipp
Players' Player (Rugby)	7	Tyler Bull
	8	Danny Palmer
	9	Shakur Dixon-Chennis
	10	Dumisa Dhlamini
Player of the Year (Netball)	7	Jessica Noruwa
	8	Louise Devlin
	9	Louise Martin
Players' Player (Netball)	7	Sian Curtis
	8	Maisy Treacher
	9	Charlotte Cook
Player of the Year (Basketball)	7	Alex Dodd
	8/9	Hassan Saidy
Players' Player (Basketball)	7	Tugay Gorur
	8/9	Nqoba Mvitsho
Player of the Year (Cricket)	7/8	Joshua Eke
Players' Player (Cricket)	7/8	Owen Warwick
Player of the Year (Girl's Football)	All years	Paige Harris
Players' Player (Girl's Football)	All years	Sukaniaya Pinukram
Player of the Year (Rounders)	7/8	Lauren To
Players' Player (Rounders)	9/10	Shannon Murphy
Sports Participation Award - Extra Curricular	7	Billie Franklin and Alex Dodd
	8	Louise Devlin and Owen Warwick
	9	Renata Kiraly and Connor Fry
	10	Shannon Murphy and Billy Clark
Sports Achiever of the Year - Lessons Award	7	Rosie Poole and Will Fordham
	8	Megan Baldwin and Louis Giddings
	9	Jasmine Hind and Rhys Whitby
	10	Lacey Nash and Ben Parrish

# Sports Presentation Evening

Award	Year Group	Winner
GCSE Award Year 9		James Thomson and Renata Kiraly
GCSE Award Year 10		Reece Cook and Lottie Shelton
Swimming Award		Mason Arnold and Chloe Mitchell
BTEC Award Year 9		Charlie McGill and Alexandra Kilcare
BTEC Award Year 10		Luke Pykett and Aysel Gozutok
Key Stage 3 Dance Award		Georgia King
Key Stage 4 Dance Award		Matthew Walton and Phillippa Townsend
THH award		John Withington and Jack Webber
PE Department Award		Scott Whitby and Gianni Manzo
Premiership Winners - 1st	7	Nathan Stokes, Ronnie Johnstone, Harry McWilliam, Nosa Ediae and Mason Cook.
	8	Aiden Holloway, Mason Joscelyne, Billy Wickenden and Danny Palmer
	9	Liam Luck, Daniel Stevenson, Bradley Brooks and Jack Starkey
Team of the Year - Football	10	Lewis Mann, Stefan King, Connor Finn, Reece Cook, Rees Cook, Tyler Pipe, Kirahn Blake, Junior Bobie-Ansah, Emmanuel Akinmoluwa, Ewen Ferguson, Louie Mead, Jack Hood, Jeddy Bernards and Luke Pykett
Sports Day House Cup		Yellow House
Dedication to Sport Award		Adam Pope and Louise Devlin

## 'GIFTED IN P.E. DAY'

The following pupils attended a Gifted in PE Day at Burnt Mill school on Thursday 20th June.

**Josh Eke, Tyler Bull, Alex Dodd, Will Fordham, Matthew Oliver, Chloe Mitchell, Sian Curtis, Billie Franklin, Olivia Myers, Latoa Mupomba**

Over 40 pupils were present at the event after being recognised as showing a high level of ability within PE. The aim of the day was to allow pupils to demonstrate their skills and abilities within PE by participating in a number of physical activities. These activities focused on the five key components; **Creative, Physical, Cognitive, Social and Personal.**

*"I think it was a really good day, very enjoyable and worthwhile. I liked being involved in all the activities and made some new friends from other schools. My favourite activity was Parkour because I like how active it is and the jumping around."* Sian Curtis

*"On the 29<sup>th</sup> June some lucky ones and I went to Burnt Mill school to participate in different sports. These included Handball, Parkour/Free Running/Trampolining and survival skills in the pool. It was an adrenaline filled day and an excellent experience."* Will Fordham

*"A really fun day but also educational, an amazing experience."* Chloe Mitchell

*"The best activity of the day was free running as it was extremely fun and not something I would usually do. I enjoyed it enough to want to do it again and improve my fitness and balance."* Louise Devlin 7DJ

**Mr Preece  
PE Department**

# PE Department News

## INSPIRATION COMES TO STEWARDS SCHOOL

Stewards School enjoyed one of the most extraordinary days in their history last week when one of the world's most famous rugby players, JJ Williams of Wales and the British Lions, visited with his son, Rhys Williams. JJ is a legend of Rugby Union, winning 30 caps for Wales, and starring in two British Lions tours, whilst his son Rhys is a European Junior Champion at the 400m hurdles.

The event was organised by Mr Gareth Hughes, Assistant Head of PE, and Ralph Henderson MBE, Director of the Jamie Baulch Academy.

Following their visit to Stewards School, Mr Hughes took the sports stars to meet pupils and staff at Kingsmoor Primary School, one of the feeder schools which has a passion for sport.

The students were led through a sequence of challenging exercises by England International Rugby players Michael J Stanley (England U16, U18, and U20), and Emily Scott (U20 and Senior team). This was followed by JJ Williams and his son Rhys delivering a motivational speech in which they gave an insight into the benefits of hard work, enthusiasm and dedication. All students also had the privilege of having a photo taken with the sporting heroes by a professional photographer.

It is hoped that from this event, the students have come to realise that to be the best, you have to work hard and as Ralph Henderson MBE says 'Aspiration is the sequel to inspiration'.



*Mr G Hughes  
PE Department*

## Sports Day Results

POSITION	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	COLOURS
1	JJ (156)	CPT (153)	EN (174)	COS (135)	YELLOW (562)
2	MH (153)	VG (150)	DEM (149)	EM (125)	GREEN (546)
3	MT (140)	MR (142)	SE (135)	MM (123) RA (123)	LIGHT BLUE (540)
4	NF (137)	JG (136)	SP (133)		ORANGE (512)
5	MK (131)	DJ (128)	TA (130)	JH (118)	PURPLE (509)
6	RMP (129)	PM (124)	SL (108)	DS (107)	WHITE (489)
7	VM (117)	HS (112)	PH (101)	MW (104)	DARK BLUE (467)
8	RP (95)	THH (99)	SB (89)		RED (450)

# Sports Day Pictures

## WHITE WATER RAFTING

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 14 students from Year 10 experienced rafting down the white water rapids at the Lee Valley Water Centre. The centre was opened up to 150 schools so they could experience the rapids first hand, before the Olympics arrive next summer. They all had a fantastic time and can't wait to go again!

*Mr G Hughes  
PE Department*



# Literacy News

This year has seen the introduction of a new course focusing on writing for a purpose. A group of Year 10 pupils have enjoyed using a variety of different writing styles to let loose their creativity. Pupils have written

newspaper articles, creative stories and scripts to showcase their skills and we would like to share some with you.

*Mrs O'Sullivan and Mrs Sherwood*

## BOOK REVIEW

'Noughts and Crosses' by Malorie Blackman  
This is the first of a four book series which focuses on racial division. There are a lot of similarities with Romeo and Juliet as two people from separate groups fall in love and the ending is tragic. I find these books easy to read because I enjoy them. The storyline in these books is amazing and I can read it over and over again still finding something new. I feel that I understand the significance of division having grown up in a country facing similar problems, South Africa. The style of writing always left me wanting to know more so I was able to read the whole series very quickly. I feel empathy for the characters understanding their pain and loss. I found the ending of this book in particular very upsetting which shows how involved I had become in the storyline.

*By Jasmin Robinson 10DS*

## SCRIPT WRITING

Person 1: So, um....why are you here today?  
Person 2: Well, I am actually the best man.  
Person 1: No, very funny, really why are you here?  
Person 2: I really am the best man.  
Person 1: So that would make you Prince Harry?  
Person 2: Indeed it would.  
Person 1: Wow, what is it like to be in the royal family?  
Person 2: Well it's fine if you're the future King. But, I'm the younger brother. I don't have the same pressures, but I do have pressures from the media.  
Person 1: Oh I see, I guess I've never really thought of it like that before, it must be hard to be in the newspapers all the time.  
Person 2: Well sometimes you have a bad day and just want to be left alone but we are always in the spotlight, today's been great though, I've got a new sister and it's been great to see so many people celebrating, that is the bit that makes the rest bearable.

*By Natasha Fegan 10RA*

**For another story see Page 12**

## SPELLING

We entered 'The Times Spelling Bee competition' this year. Five Year 7 pupils participated in the regional final in Stevenage. The team was Chloe Eves, Matthew Fleming, Will Fordham, Holly Humphreys and Jay Gumble. All pupils enjoyed the spotlight and forms across Year 7 enjoyed participating in the online games. The activities can be accessed throughout the year at <http://www.timesspellingbee.co.uk/>



## ELVES CRY OUT FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS OF GBH

On a dark Tuesday 7th December, 2010, there was a press conference in local town, Harlow. One suspect was hit on hard with questions that were worth thinking about. Ms Mary Christmas (white, female, 30) is a very cold hearted woman. She was blunt and brutal, only thinking about her profits. I asked "You say the elves are small, but witnesses report one elf was originally 4ft3. After working for you, he shrunk down to a shocking 3ft9! What do you have to say about that?" She replied "Yes! That is because there are so many floors and small spaces to work on. We hit them over the head with a hammer to make them smaller so they can move around."

After a morning raid to the work place of Christmas House, police found evidence of Elves wrapped up in presents and others starving for food. We asked Professor Mitz "How much do the elves get paid?" to which he replied "not a lot, possibly around \$1 an hour." Erolf Elf, a victim of GBH had been found by the police with no training, no breaks and had no papers with him that allowed him to be in the country at the present moment in time.

After Police spending days of going through evidence, they found elves have been treated badly and needed to be transported back to their country. "The Elves will be gone by next Tuesday" said one immigration official. Due to this, Christmas could be cancelled!

*Ben Miechielsens-Tournier 10DS*

# Work Related Learning

## WORK EXPERIENCE

You may judge for yourselves what employers and students from Year 10 thought about their recent experiences of work – just read the quotes.....

*'Charlotte Beckett enjoyed her time at the swimming pool, thanking the pool team for their encouragement and inspiration to go on and be a swimming teacher.'*

**Building Services Hire and Sales Limited:**

*'Luke Shelvey and Tyler Pipe are an absolute credit to Stewards School and their families. We would be happy to provide references in the future for them both.'*

**Ramtec Limited:**

*'Matthew Allen is keen, shows initiative and has learnt technical skills which will be useful in the future. Matthew knows what qualifications he will need to work in this field.'*

**Euro Shutters Limited:** *'Could we have another half a dozen like Ryan Carr?'*

**Ewen Ferguson** was complimented on his work ethic and offered part time work at the BHS Restaurant.

**Benton Shepherd** worked at **Burnt Mill Garage** and enjoyed his time there commenting *'you have to have a sense of humour to work in a garage'*. The employer thought Benton showed real promise and has offered part time work.

**Zoe Titchen** thought **Church Langley Primary School** was *'a really good placement – you need to think on your feet and use your initiative at all times. It's really good fun. Primary Teaching is something I'm considering for the future'*

**Sam Wesley** worked at **MOT's R Us** *'Sam had a good interview with us and this is what secured the placement for him'*. Sam felt he *'wasn't only learning mechanical skills but work skills too'*.

**Jack Baldwin** said *"I thought Work Experience was really worthwhile. It opened my eyes to the world of work and gave me the opportunity to try something different. Travelling to London everyday was tiring but it changed my perspective of work."*

**HSBC Canary Wharf Finance/IT Department**

With diverse experiences in retail, banking, travel and tourism, construction, accounting, engineering and law to name but a few, there was lots of information for students to share on their return to school.

It was tiring, but this opportunity enabled students to see for themselves how different from school the world of work is. Understanding for themselves, the commitment required to achieve their full potential in order to gain the qualifications necessary to work in their chosen field.

**Mrs Hampstead Vocational Learning Mentor**



*Luke Berry at Chartwells Restaurant*

## LSU 'LOVE HARLOW' PROJECT

Stewards School has been invited to join a town wide community project called 'Love Harlow' and our Learning Mentors Steve Waters and Kayleigh Wright along with ten Year 10 pupils, took up the challenge. The project is supported by Harlow Police, local businesses and churches. PCSO Nigel Day, Counsellor



John Stracken and Stephen Clark from Kier were all there to lend a hand and talk to residents who were delighted to see Stewards pupils helping in the community.

The project is to tidy and replant a public area close to the school that is occupied by mostly elderly residents. The pupils did get a little damp as the weather was the only thing we couldn't organise but they were still very keen. Harlow Council have provided the equipment and supervision of the planting and as this is an on going project we will not see the final results for a little while. This is a great opportunity for the residents to meet our pupils and for the pupils to gain some gardening tips.

Pupils involved are: Charlotte Beckett, Nadine Berry, Samantha Elliff, Daisy Fitt, Matthew Jacobs, Waj Yen Wu, Jordan Gould, Jack Hood and Dayna Worsfold

**Mrs Larkin  
LSU Manager**

# New Mobile Phone Policy

As a result of a process of consultation with pupils, staff and governors the policy regarding mobile phones will change for September. Below you will see the Acceptable Use policies which pupils and parents/carers will need to sign in the pupil Learning Log before a pupil is allowed to bring their mobile phone to school. Obviously it is at the parent/carers discretion whether they permit their child to bring their mobile phone to school. It will be at their own risk and as the policy states unacceptable use of the phone will result in the confiscation of the phone. Sanctions will then be applied in line with the school's Behaviour Policy. Children come to school to learn and to be prepared for the world of work where rules and sanctions will apply. As a school we work in partnership with our parents/carers and we greatly appreciate your support in this matter.

## PARENT/GUARDIAN/CARER ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

As a Parent/Guardian/Carer I will:

Ensure that my child has read, agreed and signed the Acceptable Use Policy for mobile phones.\*

Accept that the school has no responsibility for my child's mobile phone which is brought to school at the pupils own risk.

Accept that if my child breaks the rules listed in the Pupil Acceptable Use Policy their phone will be confiscated and they will be punished in line with the school's Behaviour Policy.

Agree to support the school in the enforcement of the Acceptable Use Policy for pupils with regard to mobile phones. This states that pupils must:

Have their phone switched off during the hours stated.

Must not use their phone in lessons for any purpose.

Must not use the phone to distress any member of the school community.

Must not use the camera or the recording facility at any time.

Accept that the school reserves the right to ban individual pupils from bringing mobile phones on site.

\*This Policy applies to all small electronic devices.

## PUPIL ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

I will accept full responsibility for the safety, security and appropriate use of my mobile phone or other electronic device in school.

I will keep my mobile phone switched off from 8.45-11.00, 11.15-1.15, 1.55 to the end of my school day. (This covers registration time, lesson time, twilight lessons and detentions.)

I will ensure that I do not use my mobile phone during or between lessons or any formal school time.

I will not use my phone as a camera or recording device at any time during the school day including break and lunchtime.

I will not use my phone to distress any member of the school community during break or lunchtime.

I will not use my phone during lessons as a watch, calculator or music player.

I will not wear headphones during lessons or walking between lessons.

I accept that if I break these rules my phone will be confiscated and I will be punished in line with the school's Behaviour Policy.

**Mrs Erwood MBE**  
**Assistant Headteacher**

## READING FOR READATHON

Stewards pupils in Years 7 and 8 have raised £254.40 by taking part in the English Department's Readathon. They collected sponsorship money for reading a variety of texts.

Readathon works with CLIC Sargent and the Roald Dahl Foundation to support children and young people suffering from cancer, Hodgkin's disease, leukaemia, blood disorders, epilepsy or acquired brain injury



THANK YOU



A **BIG Thank You** to all the parents and pupils who brought in Tesco and Sainsbury vouchers this year. Orders have now been placed for a variety of items. The departments who will benefit include: P.E, Technology, History and Languages.

There are four pupils this year who have borrowed over 25 books each from the library. My top readers are: Jamie Paul 7JJ, Jade Creamer 7JJ, Thomas Kitchen 8CPT and Charlotte Baker 8THH

Finally, a plea that any school uniform that is in good condition and no longer required would be welcomed by the library for use in emergencies, especially ties and trousers .

**Mrs Armstrong**  
**Librarian**

# Heroes

We are very proud of 4 boys (age ranges from 13years-14years) in Year 9 who have behaved in a very compassionate way, and were witnessed doing so by a member of the public, Mrs Olive Russell, who phoned the school to inform them of what had happened.

The lady witnessed a cat being run over and left lying injured in the road. The 4 boys ran over and tried to help the cat – phoning the RSPCA and the police, but all to no avail. While trying to get hold of a vet, the injured cat died in the arms of one of the boys, Alfie Bate. The other boys were Aiden Warwick, Patrick McGovern and Jordan Spowart. All 4 boys were very upset by what happened, but at least knew that they had done everything they could under the circumstances. Assistant Headteacher Marie Erwood said *“Mrs Russell saw this happen and was full of praise for the kindness and compassion of the 4 boys who were also so kind and polite to her. She wanted the school to know as she was so touched by what she had seen. All the boys have been praised and recognised across the school for being such worthy young citizens. We are very proud of them.”*



The boys received recognition for their actions with a letter from The House of Commons.

**Mrs Erwood MBE**  
**Assistant Headteacher**

## Congratulations



This term, The Place2Be is delighted to have won a National Charity Award for the work we do supporting parents in Place2Be Schools. The competition was high and our CEO, Benita Refson was thrilled to be presented with the award at a gala evening at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London in front of celebrities including comedian Hugh Dennis, author

Monica Ali, star of Strictly Come Dancing Bruno Tonioli and newsreader Krishnan Guru Murthy.

Benita Refson said, *‘This award is for those who deliver and use our service: The Place2Be counsellors, schools and families. Many parents we work with say we make a difference to their lives and the lives of their children and it is wonderful that the Charity Awards has recognised this too’.*

In September, there is further good news for Harlow because a Parent Counsellor begins working in Place2Be schools. This role has been established in response to requests from our schools and Head Teachers and made possible through a grant from the Department for Education. Parent Counsellor, Vashti Hodge very much looks forward to meeting you next term.

I hope that you have a great summer. The Place2Be looks forward to seeing you in September.

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### Double National Win for Louise Devlin 8DJ

On the 2nd and 3rd July, Louise competed in two competitions in the Junior National Outdoor Archery Championships. Shooting 12 dozen arrows on both days in a metric round and an imperial round, Louise secured 1st place on both days making her National Champion for 2011 in the U14 Girls Metric 4 and Bristol 4 rounds.

Also Louise who won the Essex Junior Championships for U14's also took the trophy for the Highest Scoring U18 Junior Girl.

Louise has also been selected for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time this year to shoot for Essex in the team.



**Well done Louise.**

# Year Group Information

## Year 7

## Year 8

At the end of their first year at Stewards, I am struck not only by the vast number of opportunities that the year group have been given, but the exceptional willingness they have shown. They grasp every opportunity that they can and have been up for every new challenge. I asked one group to complete the sentence, 'Year 7 has been.....' and this is what they came up with:

Year 7 has been.....

*'Excellent because I have been on the rugby and basketball team'*

*'Awesome, because I have a great form tutor'*

*'Good! It has gone so fast. I can't wait to start year 8'*

*'Amazing! I have met new people, tried new things such as auditions for the play and I actually got a part! With an amazing year group to back me up it has been phenomenal!'*

*'Can't wait for year 8'*

*'A new experience for me! It has made me more mature and I have learnt a lot'*

*'A fantastic experience for me because of all the great things Stewards has and things I have done.'*

*'A fantastic year and I really like all my teachers.'*

*'Inspirational, but it has gone far too quickly!'*

I am sure that you will agree with the pupils that the year has gone extremely quickly and I can assure you that the next one will go even quicker! I would like to thank you for all your support and wish you and your children a well earned break.

**Why?**

**By Charlie-Jay Aliperti 7RP**

*Silently he waits there, for his owner to come back.  
No more hay in the hay loft or pony nuts in the sack.  
His water bucket is empty, his mouth is sore and dry.*

*If no-one comes to love him soon he will be sure to die.*

*Waiting for his painful death, afraid, un-groomed and ill.*

*Hoping for his owner to return, but he knows she never will.*

*Then finally he gives up hope, he knows he is going to die.*

*Only one thought runs through his mind.  
That painful thought is WHY??*



*Alex Dodd 7MT and Nigel at Wimbledon Men's Final*

**Mrs Batterham  
Head of Year 7**



*Charlie-Jay Aliperti*

It has been great to see so many Year 8 children getting involved in activities outside of school. Mrs Erwood and I recently accompanied 23 students who visited the Cenotaph with the Hoddesdon branch of the Normandy War Veterans to remember those who lost their lives during the war. Each of these children had written to say why they wanted to go, and they all behaved brilliantly, keeping their composure in very hot weather. Jessica Nimmo and Josh Wix had the honour of pushing the wheelchairs of 2 war veterans around the Cenotaph. We were the only school present at the ceremony, and were much appreciated. In fact, it was a very special day for all involved. I also recently went to see the lower school production. I was very impressed by the standard of the acting on display. It was a thoroughly enjoyable hour. Year 8 students have also been involved in charity work, and have been in an enterprise group. Sports practices are also well attended by Year 8 pupils, as are the many other extra curricular activities on offer.

We have recently had a Curriculum Day where students had to design and promote their own fashion label. They had to work together in groups that I had chosen. This gave them the opportunity of working with people they might never have talked to before, let alone work constructively with. I was extremely pleased with the way students worked with each other, and some of the final products were very creative and unusual. Prizes will be awarded at the end of year assembly.

Students have now been allocated their options for next year. Most people got what they opted for, but some had to choose again, because groups were too large, or options clashed. I am confident that in Year 9 students will make a positive start to their GCSE studies. Please ensure your children have all the correct equipment for every lesson, and check their learning logs for homework. Have a great summer holiday, and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

**Mrs Ellis  
Head of Year 8**

# Year Group Information

## Year 9

The end of the year is almost upon us. It has been both exciting and challenging and I would like to commend Year 9 on a successful and productive year. I am very pleased to note that they have risen to the demands of the first year of their GCSE and BTEC courses with determination and commitment. They have shown ambition and maturity beyond their age, qualities which will stand them in good stead for the future. We feel very proud of their achievements and I know that I speak on behalf of the tutor team in congratulating them.

It has also been a very industrious year with pupils participating in a range of extra-curricular, subject specific, sporting and performing arts activities. A number of pupils have also represented the school through charity events, in being members of the School Council and EMPV group and in speaking at a Headteachers' Conference. It has been a pleasure to see pupils developing new skills and growing in confidence and I am sure that they will go from strength to strength as they move into Year 10.

At the end of term we are saying farewell to Mr Abedin, Miss Nolan and Mr Holland who are moving on to pastures new. I would like to thank them for their commitment to the year group and wish them well in their endeavours.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the tutor team and Miss Ewington, our Pastoral Support Manager, for their hard work and enduring dedication in supporting and motivating our pupils.

All that remains for me to do is to thank you for your continued support. I wish you all a restful and peaceful summer break. I look forward to seeing pupils in September, refreshed and ready to embrace the challenges of Year 10.

**Mrs Ramsey**  
**Head of Year 9**

## Year 10

As Year 10 draws to a close, it's time to reflect upon all that you have achieved. The year has certainly been tough; modular tests, examinations, controlled assessments and coursework have consumed your time whilst preparation for Work Experience, Year 11 Prefecting and Head Boy, Head Girl elections have occupied your thoughts.

As always, you've risen to the challenges put in front of you and many of you now embark upon Year 11 with a clear set of goals for your future.

I would like to congratulate you once again for the enthusiasm and commitment you demonstrated during your Work Experience. The week had a huge impact on many of you and has helped you to focus on your desired career path and the steps that you will now need to take to achieve this.

With less than 12 months to go, I am acutely aware of how fast time has flown and just how quickly the next few months will pass. Planning and preparation for what lies ahead will be key. Use the summer wisely, have a good break, but also spend time assessing your current progress and your next steps to success. Read your report thoroughly and use it to set SMART targets in subject areas that need improvement. Come back in September with an Individual Action Plan for the months that remain.

I would like to take this opportunity to praise Mr Ford for his leadership and untiring dedication to our year group and I would like to thank him for all that he has done in my absence this year. I would also like to thank our tutor team for their continued hard work and commitment. Remember to use your tutors wisely in Year 11 and set up close working relationships with all of your teachers.

Sadly we say goodbye to Mr Mamvura this month and would like to thank him for all of his hard work with 10MM over the last four years. He will be missed.

Finally, I would like to thank parents for your continued support and I look forward to working with you closely next year as we guide our young people through the final stages of their secondary school career.

Have a lovely summer, Year 11 and I look forward to seeing you again in September.

**Miss Francis**  
**Head of Year 10**

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### July

22nd School Finishes 1pm

### September

5th Inset Day  
6th Inset Day  
7th Year 7 Only (9.30am)  
8th School resumes for all year groups

Year 7 arrive at 9:00am for tutor time  
Year 8 arrive at 11.15am for assembly  
Year 9 arrive at 10.00am for assembly  
Year 10 arrive at 9.00am for assembly  
Year 11 arrive at 12.00 noon for assembly

15th Open Day  
16th School starts at 11.00am following Open Day



## 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**

