



Stewards Academy

October
2014

Newsletter



Name _____

Tutor Group: _____

HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear Parents and Pupils

In this Newsletter you will find a wide range of exciting opportunities that are made available to students of Stewards Academy: STEM events, Work Related Learning, Art and Design, Community events like the Cultural Food Evening, Sports competitions, Poetry competitions, Drama productions, Music and some remarkable and interesting individual achievements. On 16th October we hosted an important Post -16 evening for Year 11 with speakers from St Marks, Harlow College, STEM, Writtle College and Stansted Airport. Stewards Academy is now partnered with Stansted Airport as part of a "Business Class" initiative and we look forward to developing closer links which will open up further opportunities for our students from business mentoring to apprenticeships. Mr O'Flaherty is now the Work Relating Co-ordinator in place of Mr Harman who has the new role of Head of ICT, Computer Science and Business Studies.

Congratulations to the young actors who performed in the Shakespeare Schools Festival at Harlow Playhouse (see p14). It was a great evening. My thanks to the directors Miss Johnson, Mrs Ramsey, Miss Thurley and Ms Batterham who made it all possible.

We are expanding our Music department and there are numerous opportunities for students to be involved – to learn to play a musical instrument (see Music School p15), to play as part of an ensemble, to belong to the choir, to play with the prestigious London Sinfonia Orchestra or to learn the technical side of productions with Mr Ramsey and Mr Leadley. As they say – something for everyone. If you have thought about playing music and never taken it up – now is your chance (see Mr Barden or Mr Reynolds).

Mr White, Art teacher at Stewards, is also our Artist in Residence and he will be working on community events (such as the Young Curators Project at the Gibberd Gallery), with primary schools (on an exciting sculpture project) and also opening up an Art class to adults (see p7). We have Art Clubs after school for KS3 and KS4 pupils and will be starting a Museum and Gallery Club soon.

Two parents stood for election as Parent Governor this term. My thanks to both candidates for putting themselves forward. Mrs Thomas was duly elected and she will take up her duties after half term. Results were as follows:-

Total number of papers returned	57
Total number of papers spoilt	1
Total number of votes for Ms Brown	25
Total number of votes for Mrs Thomas	31

The development of Science accommodation is well underway, we are going through the planning stage and hopefully work will begin by the New Year to build 2 new Science laboratories by extending Block 3. The governors see this as a means to provide better facilities for our existing student



**Stewards musical event at
The Square, Harlow**

population and there are no immediate plans to increase the number of pupils admitted to the Academy.

Finally, I would like to thank all the young people who prefect for us at our many public events. We had several hundred visitors on Open Day and all spoke very highly of our students. It was a pleasure to receive letters of thanks from some visitors who wanted to acknowledge a prefect who had escorted them and answered all their questions with such maturity. Have a good half term.

Rhonda Murthar

Rhonda Murthar
Headteacher

The Square

Here is a selection of photos from Monday nights musical extravaganza where Stewards performed at The Square in Harlow.



Important Information

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL TARGET 96%

PLEASE SEE THE TABLE BELOW FOR YOUR YEAR GROUP'S ATTENDANCE TO DATE

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
97.7%	97.2%	97.6%	95.7%	96.4%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TO DATE = 96.9%				

THIS IS FANTASTIC – WELL DONE – KEEP IT UP!

AWARDS

If you achieve **continuous** 100% attendance during the Autumn, Spring and Summer Terms you will be awarded an Attendance Award badge as shown below.

Go on see if you can achieve this!



AUTUMN TERM



SPRING TERM



SUMMER TERM

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

- HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED
- YOU NEED TO PROVIDE APPOINTMENT CARDS/LETTERS FOR WHEN YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO SIGN IN LATE OR OUT EARLY – WE CANNOT ALLOW PUPILS OFF SITE WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION
- IN THE EVENT OF ANY ABSENCE YOU NEED TO PROVIDE A NOTE STATING THE REASON WHY YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN ABSENT
- YOU WILL BE CONTACTED IF THERE ARE CONCERNS REGARDING PUPIL ABSENCE/ LATENESS

REGISTRATION

8.45am – REGISTRATION (AM) FOR ALL PUPILS

1.55pm – REGISTRATION (PM) FOR ALL PUPILS

ABSENCE

(01279) 772511 (please leave a message)

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION IN THESE MATTERS
FROM THE ATTENDANCE TEAM**

We are delighted Stewards Academy has been designated as a Lead School in the Network of Excellence for Computing in recognition of the excellent work already being done in the school to foster an enthusiasm for computer programming. Pupils have the opportunity to explore the possibilities that programming offers both through the curriculum and a range of extra-curricular opportunities such as Raspberry Pi Club and Games Club.

The inaugural meeting led by Rae Harbird from University College London and Dave White, CAS Regional Coordinator was well attended and over the coming months training in a number of computing topics will be offered to teachers from other schools as well as to interested staff from Stewards.

**Mrs Orwin
Deputy Headteacher**

Conference at the Ickworth Hotel

Stewards Academy was thrilled to have been asked to bring along Year 7 pupils to speak at a conference at the Ickworth Hotel organised by The Prince's Teaching Institute. The occasion was the first time that the prestigious national organisation has organised a conference aimed at primary Head teachers and teachers. Three Year 7 pupils from Stewards Academy, Darcy Wylie, Harry Dorman and Bradley Rimell were chosen by Assistant Headteacher Mrs Erwood to take on this daunting task. All three pupils took centre stage at the Conference and were the first speakers of the day. They answered a series of questions about their primary school experiences. They were full of ideas and suggestions for the attentive crowd, and spoke articulately and with confidence. At the end of the session the organisers complimented the children on how impressive they had been and what an impact their words had on the audience. Mrs Erwood said '*I was so proud of these pupils who represented Stewards so well. I have no doubt that their previous junior schools, Henry Moore, Katherines and St James would have been equally proud to hear them speak.*'

Mrs Erwood Assistant Headteacher



Important Information

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY CODE OF PRACTICE 2014

Many of you will be aware that one of the biggest SEN reforms we have seen for many years came into force on 1st September 2014. The reforms represent changes to the way support is provided for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) up to age 25. At Stewards Academy, our work in supporting young people with SEND has been recognised through the Inclusion Quality Mark. Many of the new reforms are already in place at Stewards Academy. If your son or daughter is on the support register, you will receive a letter in the near future that will hopefully answer many of the questions you may have about the Code of Practice 2014.

On our website is the SEN Information Report. This outlines what the Academy offers to young people with SEND. This report provides a great deal of information about SEND at Stewards Academy. It also contains a link to the Local Offer – this is a description of all the services that are available within the Local Authority of Essex.

Once you have received your letter and have visited the website, if you require any further information about the Code of Practice 2014, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy.

Mrs Chris Waters (SENCO)

STEM News

On the 26th September, Stewards hosted a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Family Challenge Event, open to Year 7 and 8 students and family representatives, designed to enthuse and motivate young people and encourage them to fulfil their potential through careers and courses in the STEM subjects. It was particularly pleasing to see 10 family groups attend and a total of 31 participants on the night.



The event was sponsored by EDT, an independent registered charity providing this type of programme, and supported by representatives from American Airlines, Vodafone, and Anglia Ruskin University, with presentations illustrating the opportunities that will lay ahead for our young people to consider. Mr Philip Lennard, representing EDT, led the evening's activities and kept us all involved and attentive with his stories and puzzles designed to get us thinking 'out of the box' and opening our eyes to how STEM is a big part of our lives already. The activities led to the main task of the evening which was to construct a crane from K'nex (the construction toy system), that could be used to move the container from the back of a model lorry, which we were told in real life could contain a range of products delivered by sea to a port in the UK, and then distributed throughout the country. Many ingenious models were assembled, with keen competition between the family groups, before the winner was decided by Mr Lennard to be the Bracey-Curry family group, ably supported by the pet llamas (actually toy ones!), and led by Laura of 8SB. Well done to you all, and a big thank you to all participants for making it a very enjoyable and encouraging event.



Comments from the evening included,

"I am interested in careers in STEM myself now"

"That there's more to science and engineering than meets the eye"

"I have learnt that science effects everything"

Mr G Cooper
A,G&T Mentor/Guidance
Officer

Work Related Learning News

LAND BASED COURSE

Kaitland Buckle, Matthew Fancett, Shane Nugent, Wayne Gould and Branden Stuart are the students who have joined the NVQL 1 Land Based Course based at Harlow Pets Corner and they have been busy during the past few weeks: mucking out the stables, feeding the reindeer, donkeys and goats in the paddocks and ensuring the cleanliness for the chickens and other small animals in the enclosures is maintained. They enable Darcy the Pig (a real character and main attraction to everyone who visits Pets Corner) to enjoy wallowing in his mud and hay. The course also includes aspects of horticulture which has promoted an interest with these students as a possibility for future employment. As part of the course we will be visiting Writtle College in the near future, which will help students get a clearer idea of courses available to them. Hannah Kent is the course tutor and she works regularly with the students. She has been impressed by their commitment and enthusiasm for the course. Thank you to staff (*and the animals*) at Pets Corner who have shown such patience whilst students have been learning these new skills.



SALON INTERNATIONAL AT EXCEL LONDON

Year 10 and Year 11 students visited the prestigious hairdressing event at Salon International, London recently. The visit plays an integral part of their NVQL 1 Hairdressing course, which they attend every week.

All the students enjoyed the day, taking part in demonstrations, observing professional hairdressers at work, purchasing 'tools of the trade' and generally soaking up the atmosphere.

'It was fantastic and I learned a lot' Nadine Franks Whelan 10DT.

Megan Rogers 11RA said *'it will help with my hairdressing course'* and Katie Turrell 11DN felt it was *'a good experience and worthwhile attending.'*

All the students (and accompanying members of staff Ms Buckfield and Ms Coates) enjoyed the day but were really tired by the time they returned home.

Have you had a chance to look at www.careersworld.co.uk to find out more about careers?

Mrs Hampstead Vocational Learning Mentor

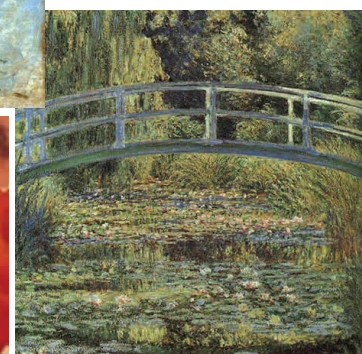
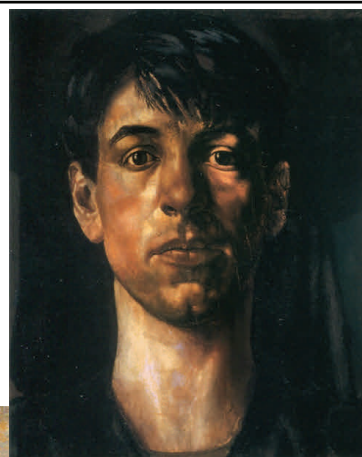
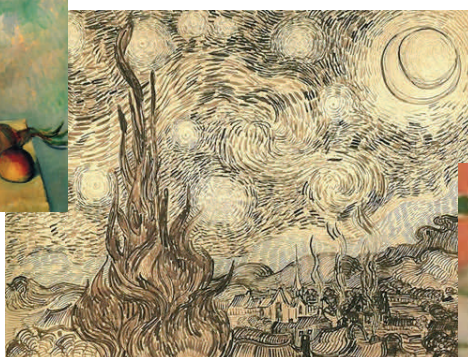
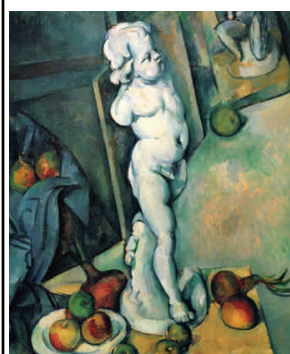
An Opportunity for Parents

Are you interested in Art but do not know where to start? Do you paint, draw or make sculpture but need a place and guidance to develop your skills? Are you a beginner or have you studied art previously (O-levels, GCSE, A-Level)? I am a qualified Teacher of Art and the Artist in Residence at Stewards Academy. On Thursday evenings from 6pm – 8pm I will be delivering lessons and offering a place in which to develop your skills in Art and Design. Dependent on demand, the course will be offered over a 10 week period at a cost of £60. To express an interest please contact Mrs Willson in the Finance Office for more details and an application form.

Each half-term there will be an opportunity to explore different disciplines. These will include: Drawing, Water colour, Portraiture. If you are interested

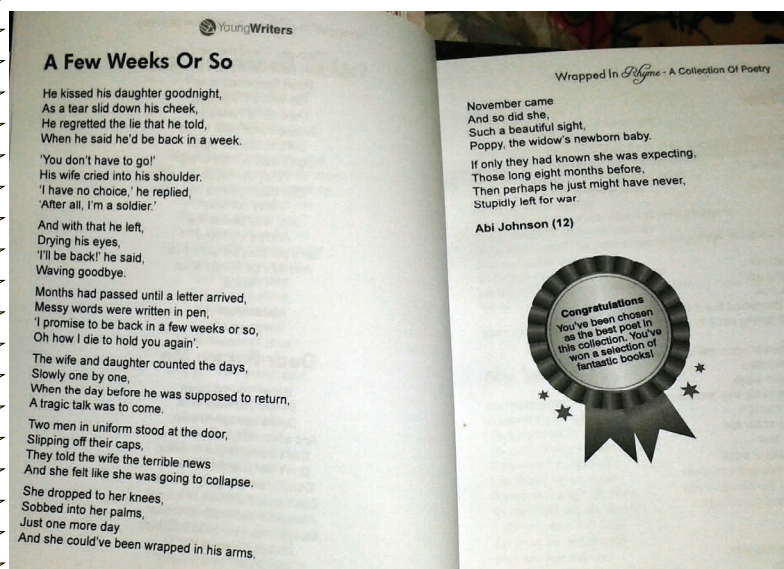
there may be the opportunity to gain a GCSE qualification in Art and Design.

Mr White Artist in Residence



Congratulations

Abi Johnson 8GMW had a poem published in the Young Writers poetry book and won a prize for being the best poet in the collection.



EMPV News

STEWARDS ACADEMY



CULTURAL FOOD EVENT

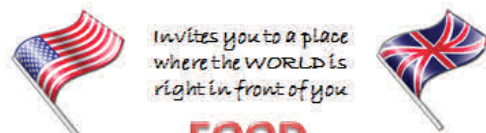
Date: Tuesday 21st October 2014 Time: 4-6pm
Venue: Stewards Main Hall
Price: under 11's - FREE / 11+ 50p/ Adults £1

Designed by Alycia McLeod 8AMW

Alycia McLeod 8AMW

CULTURAL FOOD EVENT POSTER COMPETITION

This year the Heads of EMPV organised a competition for both Year 7 and 8 students to design the poster which would be used to promote the Cultural Food Event 2014. After many entries the winners were:



Invites you to a place
where the WORLD is
right in front of you

FOOD



STEWARDS ACADEMY

Date: Tuesday 21st October 2014
Time: 4-6pm

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Price: under 11's - FREE / 11+ 50p/ Adults £1



Designed by Olumide Nduka 7HMB

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Designed by Carlie Smith 8GMW

Carlie Smith 8GMW



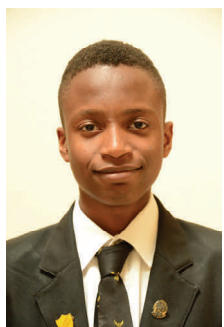
Salma Saidy

EMPV MEETINGS

I would like to introduce the new Heads of EMPV who have been working hard since September taking EMPV meetings, promoting the Cultural Food Event and organising the event. Well done to everyone who attended. Please take note of upcoming meeting dates which are from 3pm in the Conference Room: **Friday 5th December 2014, Friday 16th January 2015, Friday 13th March 2015, Friday 22nd May 2015 and Friday 19th June 2015.**



Yasmin de Friend



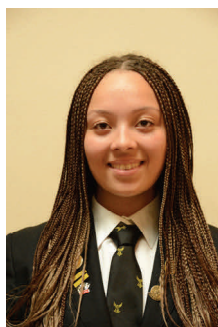
**Taonga Chabva
Shopera**



Maddison Davies



Riley Halson



Hannah Charles



Becky Warwick



Abdul Altajer

EMPV News



CURRICULUM DAY – INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS DAY

On Monday 7th July 2014, we held our first International Dimensions Day for Year 7 pupils (current Year 8). Each tutor group was allocated a part of the world which included South Asia, Middle East, Far East Asia and Africa. 16 pupils worked throughout the year in their own time and met together during International Dimensions Club to share their ideas, these students were the 'leaders' for their class and took their responsibilities very seriously. Together they researched the areas and suggested ways to engage their peers through dance, food and resources such as word searches. They produced a fact booklet along with



a working booklet which students then completed in the day. Leaders gained confidence and leadership skills as well as gaining the 'International Dimension Ambassador' title in their year group.

The International Dimensions Day helped to give pupils a more informed view of different parts of the world; they were given the chance to explore the culture, food, language, religion, music, art, history and traditional dance.

Overall a very successful day and one that we hope to repeat in the near future.

International Dimension Ambassadors:

FAR EAST
Jaydan Clark 8SL
Chloe Liddon 8AMW
Tom Clancy 8AMW

SOUTH ASIA
Holly Saunders 8SE
Ashleigh Jolley 8SE
Conor Martin 8SL
Anjella Player 8SL

MIDDLE EAST
Laura Curry 8SB
Paige Patterson 8SB
Maisha Ahmed 8RL
Emily Oliver 8GMW

AFRICA
Praise Abiodun 8PH
Rebecca Howlett 8SL
Abi Johnson 8GMW
Courtney Blackburn 8GMW



P.E. News

INTER – FORM COMPETITION: CROSS COUNTRY

The first event of this year's Inter-Form competition was Cross Country. There was an excellent turnout across Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 of over 100 pupils. The course was organised across the school playing fields and included one or two challenging and surprising obstacles for the competitors taking part.

The races were extremely close in both the boys and girls categories. The results of the cross country and the overall standings across the tutor groups and house colours can be seen below. All points accrued in this competition go towards the tutor groups' sports day totals.

Mr Sanders P.E. Department



*Elman Arifagic,
Albie Wickenden and
Joseph Morgan*

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

YEAR 7

FORMS	Boy 1	Position	Points	Girl 1	Position	Points	Points	Overall Position
EB	-	-	0	Felicity Lentz	2 nd	7	7	6 th
VG	-	-	0	-	-	0	0	8 th
DJ	Albie Wickenden	1 st	8	Lulu Graham	4 th	5	13	1 st
HMB	-	-	0	Vesta Pozenciute	1 st	8	8	5 th
DOF	Joseph Morgan	2 nd	7	Ellie Savage	6 th	3	10	3 rd
PM	Scott Carpenter	4 th	5	Sophie Willit	5 th	4	9	4 th
MR	-	-	0	Ellie Law	7 th	2	2	7 th
HS	Elman Arifagic	3 rd	6	Bailey Keown	3 rd	6	12	2 nd

YEAR 8

FORMS	Boy 1	Position	Points	Girl 1	Position	Points	Total Points	Overall Position
SB	-	-	0	Cara Flitcroft	2 nd	7	7	6 th
SE	-	-	0	Megan Blackburn	6 th	3	3	7 th
JFL	Cameron Hawkins	5 th	4	Becky Hanson	1 st	8	12	1 st
PH	Gift Osazee	1 st	8	-	-	0	8	5 th
RL	Taylor Randall-Brooks	3 rd	6	Casey Jones	4 th	5	11	=2 nd
SL	Ethan Baldry	4 th	5	Jessica Mears	3 rd	6	11	=2 nd
AMW	-	-	0	Wiktorina Moloczniak	7 th	2	2	8 th
GMW	Paddy King	2 nd	7	Annie Carter	5 th	4	11	=2 nd

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YEAR 9

FORMS	Boy 1	Position	Points	Girl 1	Position	Points	Total Points	Overall Position
CC	Owen Harknett	2 nd	7	Ila-Marie Chaplin	3 rd	6	13	=1 st
JF	Bailey Burns	5 th	4	Maisie Hunt	7 th	2	6	=7 th
JG	Johnathon Martin	7 th	2	Erin Cassidy	4 th	5	7	=5 th
THH	Steven Blake	6 th	3	Ellie Gaskin	5 th	4	7	=5 th
OK	Dan Willbourn	8 th	1	-	-	0	1	8 th
SPL	Alfie Poole	3 rd	6	Julia Noruwa	2 nd	7	13	=1 st
EM	Baily Jarratt	4 th	5	Martha Nyemba	1 st	8	13	=1 st
KT	Lewis Harknett	1 st	8	Emily Horton	6 th	3	11	4 th

YEAR 10

FORMS	Boy 1	Position	Points	Girl 1	Position	Points	Total Points	Overall Position
RA	-	-	0	Rebecca Lever	3 rd	6	6	6 th
TAB	James Keys-Kidd	5 th	4	Alice Neville	2 nd	7	11	=1 st
CH	-	-	0	Becky Dodd	1 st	8	8	4 th
JK	Alex Curaba	1 st	8	-	-	0	8	5 th
LM	Kelvin Uhunmwangho	3 rd	6	Leanne Rattray	4 th	5	11	=1 st
JS	Luke Luckin	2 nd	7	Jodie Sangster-Dean	6 th	3	10	3 rd
DT	-	-	0	Rebecca Osborne	5 th	4	4	8 th
MW	Jim Cooper	4 th	5	-	-	0	5	7 th

FINAL COLOUR STANDINGS FOR THE INTER - FORM COMPETITION

	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Total	Position
Purple	8	12	7	11	38	3
Dark Blue	12	11	13	8	44	1
light Blue	0	7	7	5	19	8
Yellow	13	2	6	10	31	5
White	7	8	13	11	39	2
Green	10	11	11	4	36	4
Orange	2	3	13	6	24	7
Red	9	11	1	8	29	6

P.E. News

PRIMARY SCHOOL FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

The primary Football festival at Stewards was attended by 5 schools this year. The standard of football was extremely high and the games were closely contested. The games were played in an excellent spirit throughout the afternoon. Well done to Nazeing who triumphed after a sudden death penalty shootout against last year's winners, Milwards.

	Abbotsweld PS	Katherines PS	Millwards PS	Nazeing PS	Water Lane PS	Goals For / Against	Points
Abbotsweld PS		0-0	0-6	0-2	0-3	0/11	1
Katherines PS	0-0		0-0	0-2	0-0	0/2	3
Millwards PS	6-0	0-0		0-0	3-0	9/0	8
Nazeing PS	2-0	2-0	0-0		1-1	5/1	8
Water Lane PS	3-0	0-0	0-3	1-1		4/4	5

The Final

Milwards 0 – 0 Nazeing

Nazeing Win 7-6 on Penalties AET

3rd / 4th Match

Water Lane 0 – 1 Katherines

5th

Abbotsweld

KEY:

Win = 3 points

Draw = 1 point

Loss = 0 points



P.E. News

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Runners from Stewards Academy once again showed their class in this year's district Cross-Country. Runners had to complete a single lap of the course which sees them run around the school field and into the town park on a well marshalled course. All Stewards participants ran well in their age groups, but special mention must go to Joseph Morgan 7DOF and Albie Wickenden 7DJ both running in their first competitive race for Stewards finishing 2nd and 5th respectfully. Year 9 boys were also successful with Lewis Harknett 9KT winning the Year 9 race and brother Owen Harknett 9CC finishing 2nd. Alfie Poole 9SPL finished in a well-deserved 5th. Once again well done to all of the runners who took part in this year's event.

PREMIERSHIP FOOTBALL (ALL YEARS)

This year's premiership football has been a big success with a large number of teams signing up to play. The tournament that usually is condensed into one week has taken 8 days to complete because of the number of participants. As ever it was a hotly contested league with some of the best football we have ever seen. Acknowledgement must go to all of the participants for this year's Year 7. Congratulations to all participants for taking part in this event with a special congratulations going to the winners.

YR 7 PREMIERSHIP FOOTBALL FINAL TABLE

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Southampton	13	12	0	1	51
Leicester	13	9	2	2	46
Chelsea	13	7	3	3	43
Everton	13	6	2	5	42
Hull	13	6	3	4	42
West Ham	13	5	4	4	39
Arsenal	13	4	5	4	38
Crystal Palace	13	3	4	6	38
Man City	13	3	4	6	38
Liverpool	13	3	6	4	37
Stoke City	13	2	5	6	36
Man U	13	2	8	3	33
QPR	13	2	7	4	32
Spurs	13	1	9	3	30



WINNING TEAM – SOUTHAMPTON
JOSHUA KALEMA, JOE PADBURY, ALBIE WICKENDEN AND EDWARD GRAINGER



Poetry



My Family

My family is like a circle the connection never ends, and even if at times it breaks in time it always mends.

My family is like the stars somehow they're always there, families are those who help, who support and always care.

My family is like a book, the endings never clear, but through the pages of the book their love is always near.

My family is many things with endless words to show, with who they are and what they do, they split up and always torn into different lives.

"Meet my family"

By Nadine Franks-Whelen



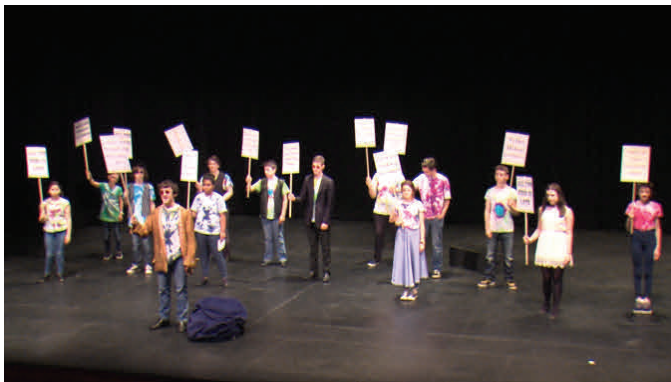
Performing Arts News

SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL 2014

*"What's in a name? That which we call a rose
By any other word would smell as sweet."*
(Romeo and Juliet)

"Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them."
(Twelfth Night)

As part of this year's Festival, two groups of GCSE Drama students performed abridged versions of William Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' and 'Twelfth Night'. Both casts attended a theatre workshop on 24th September where they took part in drama activities and presented extracts from their plays. The final performance took place at Harlow Playhouse on 14th October, alongside students from Harlow Fields and Burnt Mill Academy who presented their own Shakespeare plays.



'Twelfth Night' was set in the 1960s during the Summer of Love and this was demonstrated through the opening 'protest' scene and by imaginative use of props, costumes and music. 'Romeo and Juliet' was given a new twist; the opening and closing scenes took place in a classroom setting and social media was a key theme throughout.

After all schools had performed, the representative of the Shakespeare Schools Festival gave some feedback to each cast. He called 'Twelfth Night' a *"playful and fun production,"* with some *"poignant moments"* and praised the cast for their *"fun, thoughtful and 'far out' performance"* and the *"clear music and costume choices, which gave a real sense of time and place"*.

'Romeo and Juliet' was described as *"exciting, energetic and current,"* with its social networking theme; the cast *"made it their own, by tweeting, filming the fights on their phones and uploading to YouTube."* He commented on the production's *"urgency and pace, with events quickly happening one after the other... the cast were great at being on cue."*

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Preparations are now under way for this year's whole school production, 'Back to the 80s'. At the start of term, pupils were treated to a special 'trailer' as part of their assemblies. This was followed by singing sessions which introduced them to some of the songs from the show such as 'Walking on Sunshine' and 'Dancing on the Ceiling'. We then held auditions for singing and dance which were attended by students from all year groups. Further information, including a full cast list, will be announced shortly.



YEAR 11 BOUNCERS TRIP

We took a group of Year 11 boys to Chelmsford on 9th October to see the John Godber play 'Bouncers'. The boys will be performing an extract from the play for their final Drama exam in April.

"Exhilarating and funny!" Kittiphon Sutthikhan

"Phenomenal!" Ryan Clark

"Gave me lots of ideas for my exam piece" Olu Kayode

The Performing Arts Team

Performing Arts News

STEWARDS MUSIC SCHOOL

Stewards Music School has proved to be very popular this term with 40 pupils enrolling across the year groups. The introduction of singing lessons has been very successful and we are delighted to welcome our new singing tutor, Mrs Tarler, to the team. This is a very exciting time to learn an instrument and we will soon be creating some ensembles to give our pupils the chance to perform later in the year. Watch this space!

Enrolment for Spring Term will take place in the Music Room at 3:30pm on Wednesday 7th January 2015.

Mr Reynolds



ORCHESTRAS LIVE PROJECT

In February 2015, as part of the First Time Live project, Stewards will be hosting a performance by the City of London Sinfonia, an orchestra that performs throughout London and the UK. First Time Live is a project which hopes to provide access to high quality musical work for young people, many of whom are not engaged in the arts and who live in culturally underserved areas. Our Year 9 GCSE Music class and some of our Year 8 pupils have been chosen to act as 'Young Producers'. The Young Producers will help with the orchestral concert programming, presenting, event management, reporting, as well as composing and performing. In doing so, pupils will be involved in rehearsals and workshops that include photography and/or video.

Key Dates

Workshops in school: Friday 17th October and Monday 24th November

Rehearsal in school: Thursday 22th January 2015

Concert: Thursday 12th February 2015

Time: TBC

Venue: Stewards Academy Hall

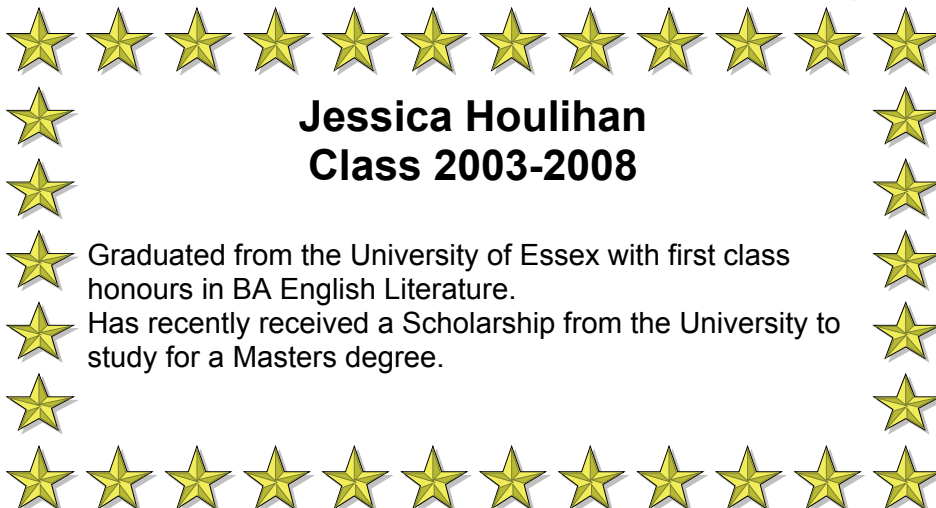
YEARS 7 & 8 INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

The Music Department is currently developing a new Stewards Wind Ensemble that will rehearse weekly and perform at our various public performances throughout the year. This term 14 Year 8 pupils have been chosen due to their enthusiasm and ability in music lessons to be part of the ensemble and learn an instrument through a free tuition programme. As part of the programme pupils will be provided with an instrument and will receive a weekly instrumental lesson for flute, clarinet or saxophone. We will be looking over the next few weeks for a number of Year 7 pupils to join us in this exciting new opportunity.

THE SQUARE PERFORMANCE

This half-term has seen our GCSE Music pupils perform at The Square in Harlow. The Square has been at the heart of the Essex live music scene for over 30 years and has hosted notable acts such as Oasis, Coldplay and Blur. As usual, our pupils did us proud, pumping out hits including *Rude*, *Radioactive*, *Smooth Criminal* and *Feeling Good*. It was a wonderful evening and we'd like to extend our thanks to all of those who attended. (see p2 for photos)

Where Are They Now



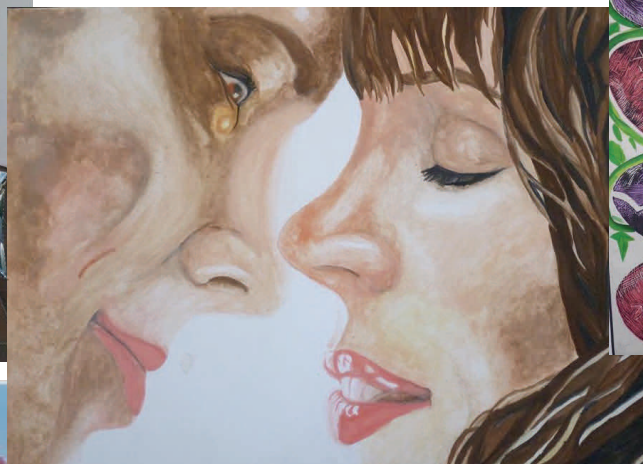
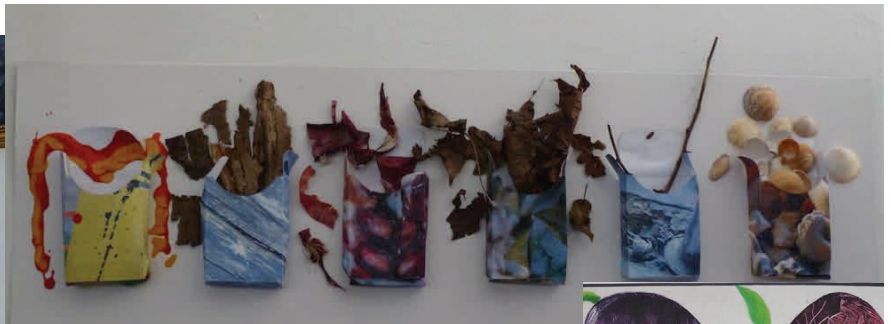
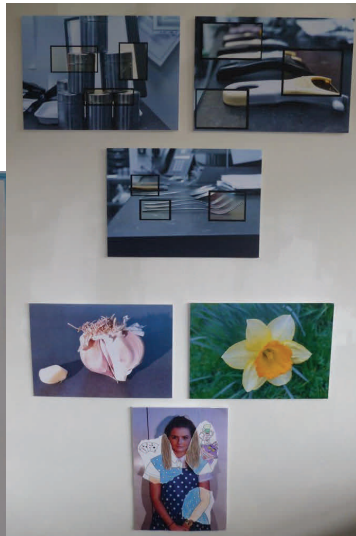
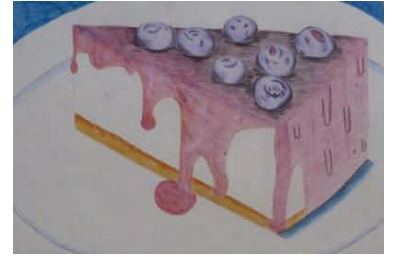
Jessica Houlihan
Class 2003-2008

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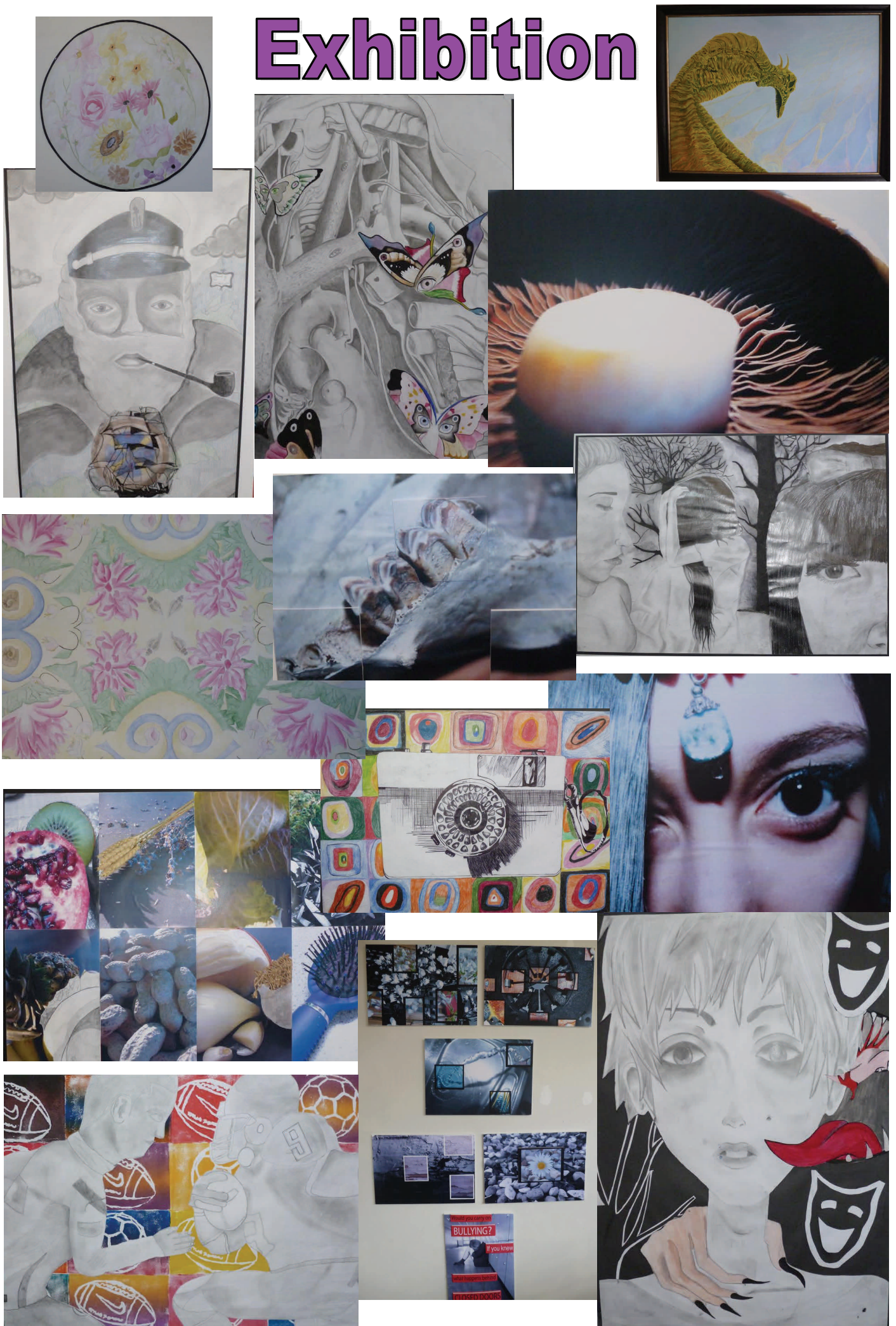
Has recently received a Scholarship from the University to study for a Masters degree.



Art & Photography



Exhibition



Year Group Information

Year 7

Now that Year 7 have nearly completed their first term at Stewards, I thought it would be interesting to see what they have to say about their new school.

Lulu Graham - *'I have had a great start at Stewards. I have joined lots of club and feel really at home.'*

Noah Beute - *'I have enjoyed my first weeks at Stewards as there are lots of clubs to attend and everyone is there to help.'*

Sophie Willitt - *'My time at Stewards Academy so far has been amazing. I have entered the netball and trampolining clubs. I am really proud of myself that I am in the Year 7 netball team. I really love it here, as everyone is so friendly, and if you get lost, people will help you.'*

Maddison Gasson - *'My new start at Stewards has been amazing. You may be worried but there isn't any need to be. The prefects all help you, and the teachers are welcoming.'*

Sideeq Onabote - *'Stewards is a good school, with good teachers and clubs. Everyone is nice and cares about you. I like that there are lots of clubs to pick from, so there will be something that you enjoy.'*

Darcy Wylie - *'My time so far at Stewards Academy has been an amazing experience. It's such a big step up from my primary school as you get to go to different classes instead of being in one class all day.'*

Shania Burgess - *'I have made lots of friends. I go to football club and it is very good. I feel very safe at Stewards. I enjoy going to Stewards because it is good and cool. My teachers are very nice and exciting!'*

Mrs Ellis Head of Year 7

Year 8

Year 8 have made a pleasing start to the new school year. I have received a number of positive comments from their subject teachers and tutors regarding their enthusiasm and commitment to study.

However, homework is becoming an issue in some cases. I would ask that when signing your child's Planner, you check that homework tasks and submission dates have been written in. Discussing homework tasks would also be of great benefit to your child. Ask them to explain what needs to be done and when it's due in. When looking through Planners I have noticed that detentions set are not always acknowledged by parents. Again, I would ask that you check page 162 of the Planner to ensure that you are fully aware of your child's attitude to learning and to support us in helping them to move on in a positive direction.

As we move into the Autumn the weather is turning colder and wetter. We would encourage pupils to wear their winter coats for the journey to and from school but would remind them that outdoor wear should be stored in lockers during lesson time. The same applies to footwear. Waterproof and anti-slip shoes are particularly useful during wet and icy journeys but should be changed for school shoes once in the building and again, these should be stored away until the end of the school day.

Mrs Ramsey Head of Year 8

Year 9

Excellent start!

So far so good Year 9! Your attitude, your attendance and your punctuality have all been fantastic and I am hoping it will continue. The first half term is nearly complete and I am very pleased with your contributions to school life.

Many of you have come back to school with the right attitude, and are now realising the importance of hard work. Working hard this year will put you in good stead for the next two years. Make sure that every piece of work stands out, every homework deadline is met, and that you strive to be number one in your class. Don't settle for second best.

If you are going to stay on top of your game, you must remember the 5 R's: Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness, Resilience, and Reflection. Each one is just as important as the other. Never let your standards drop.

You deserve a break so enjoy yourself, but you must remember that this break is a busy time. You have Halloween on Friday 31st October then Bonfire Night as we return back to school. Be sensible and stay safe.

Mr G Hughes Head of Year 9

Year Group Information

Year 10

What an eventful first half term for Year 10. They have hit the ground running and the successes are flowing in. With the new bi weekly progress checks the students have been working extremely hard to keep themselves on track with their coursework and homework. I must highly commend the 99 students who have achieved two consecutive sets of 'YES' marks but also recognise the hard work each student on a 'NO' mark is doing to move themselves from a 'NO' to a 'YES'. Study Hub after school on a Thursday is proving highly effective to those students who need to complete coursework or homework.

This term has also seen some outstanding achievements in the field of Performing Arts with an inspired performance of 'Twelfth Night' at the Harlow Playhouse. We have also had great success in the first round of the Essex Cup Netball competition with the team beating Joyce Franklin in Newport 24-7. The Rugby team have also won all their games so far in the Harlow League. We had great success at Cross Country in the first inter-form competition.

There are some important dates this coming term for the Year 10 with the work experience parents evening on the 5th November and the Year 10 parents evening on the 4th December. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Miss Mc Garry Head of Year 10

Year 11

I am really impressed with the way the majority of Year 11's have begun their final year. Our Yes/No check has had an impact on many students and it is amazing how quickly they can get up to date when there is the possibility of being pulled off a sports team or even of missing the prom. Students must now acknowledge their deadlines and ensure that work is completed and handed in on time. Work and revision needs to be done regularly to ensure success.

Nearly 80 students have had Yes marks for all subjects in the first 2 checks: a very impressive number and all of them will receive a diploma in recognition of this.

Most students will experience the pressures of being Year 11 at some point this year and we are looking at ways to support them when things appear too much. Being organised, giving themselves little rewards and feeling able to talk to someone, will help. If you have any concerns, please contact me.

Ms Batterham Head of Year 11

Year 11 Successes

Jayme Gisbourne

I've been shooting for over nine years now. For the past few years I have been shooting in an Olympic sport called 50 Metre Prone. This involves holding a 20lb rifle with one hand and firing at least 65 single shots without resting. This is no easy sport.

In the national Small-Bore Rifle Association's summer competition I scored high marks shooting the maximum achievable scores several times. I spoke to a man about my scores; unknowingly he was affiliated with team GB. I then received an email from the Team GB Juniors shooting manager requesting a phone call ASAP. I spoke to him eagerly the next morning only to discover that the national elite rifle squad was very interested in my shooting. They created my profile on their website where they uploaded my scores and monitor my shooting. At the end of the year they choose a few people with the highest average scores to undergo elite training. After seeing that the current highest average is 97/100 and my current average is 99/100 the man said that I would be at the top of the league.

If I get picked I would be put through intense training with the country's best coaches and hopefully get into the Olympics. It is my dream to shoot for Great Britain in the Olympics.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

27th-31st HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

5th Work Experience Parents Evening 6.00pm
13th Graduation Evening 6.00pm
14th Children In Need Day
18th Year 7 Student/Parent Evening 6.00 - 8.00pm

DECEMBER

4th Year 10 Parents Evening 4.00pm
15th Years 7&8 Disco 4.30 - 6.00pm
17th Curriculum Day
17th Christmas Concert 6.00pm
18th Christmas Dinner
19th **TERM ENDS - 1.00pm**

ABSENCE LINE

The absence line to report pupil absence is

01279-772511

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



Mrs Barker
Attendance Officer

LOST PROPERTY.

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



Mrs Lucas
Student Support Assistant

CONTACT DETAILS.

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

studentsupport@stewardsacademy.org

