



Stewards Academy

Newsletter

May 2014



Name _____

Tutor Group: _____

HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear Parents and Pupils,

This half term has been short but packed with activities, Year 11 exams are now well underway and on behalf of the invigilation team, I would like to express how well the students have conducted themselves during the examination process. As Year 11 prepare for their final few weeks, the Academy begins preparing for the next year groups to arrive. Mrs Ellis and Ms Morley are currently visiting all Year 6 students and their teachers in primary schools to gather information which will ensure a smooth and successful transition. Recently I have attended an Appeals meeting for Year 6 parents who are seeking a place at Stewards. The over-riding message from this experience is that parents must make their application for secondary education on time. The absolute deadline for September 2015 is 31st October 2014. Essex County Council administer the Admissions process and they will send information to all Year 6 parents at the very start of the autumn term. Stewards Open Day will be on Thursday 18th September – a date for all parents to note. This Easter, in conjunction with the Local Authority, Stewards organised a Year 6 Maths Revision School for nearly 30 learners. My thanks to the teachers and support staff at Stewards and to Katherines, Water Lane, Longwood and Abbotsweld for getting behind this new initiative. We recently held a Year 5 parents evening for parents from our 10 closest primary schools and had an excellent turn out.

Parents will be pleased to note that at last the derelict land opposite the Academy is being properly boarded and made secure. We have no control over this piece of land but everyone agrees it is an eyesore. My thanks to members of the local community and parents who have supported us in trying to improve the situation.

Our own plans to increase capacity include the extension of Block 3 to create 2 new Science laboratories and additional dining space. Work is currently at the planning stage. Meanwhile our plans for a Sports Hall have been held up due to regulations regarding water pipes that run underneath Stewards land. We will keep parents informed as developments unfold.

Finally my thanks to all parents who completed the parent survey this year at parents evenings. I always read all the responses and Heads of Year or Pastoral Support Managers make follow up contact where required. The responses from parents this year are exceptional – see for yourselves overleaf. It is very

encouraging for the governors, leadership team, teaching and support staff to see that parents appreciate all the hard work we do, often going above and beyond the normal school day to provide the very best education for Stewards students.

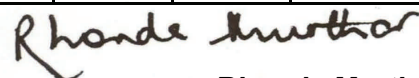
**Cultural Fashion
Event**



ANALYSIS OF PARENT EVENING QUESTIONNAIRES 2013-14

	Respondents who strongly agreed or agreed with the statements					
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Total / Average %
Number of responses	110	58	57	88	66	379
Attendance	91%	82%	85%	76%	82%	83%
My child is happy at this school.	99%	100%	98%	100%	100%	99%
My child feels safe at this school.	100%	100%	96%	99%	100%	99%
My child makes good progress at this school.	99%	100%	100%	99%	98%	99%
My child is well looked after at this school.	100%	100%	96%	100%	100%	99%
My child is taught well at this school.	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	98%	98%	91%	94%	95%	95%
This school ensures the pupils are well behaved.	100%	98%	96%	97%	98%	98%
This school deals effectively with bullying.	99%	98%	96%	98%	98%	98%
This school is well led and managed.	100%	100%	98%	100%	100%	100%
This school responds well to any concern I raise.	98%	97%	96%	98%	100%	98%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	98%	95%	96%	98%	100%	97%
I would recommend this school to another parent.	100%	100%	98%	100%	98%	99%

I hope you have an enjoyable Whitsun break.



Rhonda Murthar
Headteacher

Year 11 Half-term Revision/Catch-up Extended Schools 27 – 30 May 2014

	Monday 26th May	Tuesday 27th May	Wednesday 28th May
10.00am – 3.00pm (Lunch – 12.30-1.00pm)	BANK HOLIDAY	Triple Science with Mr Perrin in Lab 3	Music with Mr Barden, Mr Reynolds & Miss Doughty in the Music Room Media with Miss Francis in ICT 6
	Thursday 29th May	Friday 30th May	
10.00am – 3.00pm (Lunch – 12.30 - 1.00pm)	Product Design (10.00am – 12.30pm) with Mrs Martin & Mr Martin in Tech 3 Resistant Materials (1.00 – 3.00pm) with Mrs Martin & Mr Martin in Tech 3	Economics with Mr Bruccoleri in Rm 14	NOTE -Students do not need to be in school uniform, but will need to bring along the correct equipment for their classes and their own refreshments as the school canteen will not be open. A register will be taken at each session. All students and staff must sign in as they arrive in school in the green folder located in the Student Entrance.

Attendance News

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

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
97%	97%	96%	95%	96%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TO DATE = 96%				

THIS IS FANTASTIC – WELL DONE – KEEP IT UP!

ATTENDANCE FACTS

- Parents/carers **MUST** provide a note or appointment card/letter if a pupil needs to sign in/out of school at any time other than normal start and finish times -
- Attending school regularly and on time enables pupils to realise their full potential and achieve success

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

If you achieved continuous 100% attendance during the Autumn and Spring Terms you will have received the 'Good Attendance' and 'Attendance Award' badges – **continue** with 100% attendance for the Summer Term and you will receive the gold '100%' badge (below) – this would be a significant achievement for you – go for it!



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**

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FIVE THINGS YOU SHOULD NEVER DO WITH A PARTICLE ACCELERATOR

Presented by Dr Suzie Sheehy, Lindop Building, University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield

Particle accelerators are some of the most advanced machines on the planet. With the help of demonstrations, accelerator physicist Dr Suzie Sheehy discussed her top five things you should never do with a particle accelerator and a few things you definitely should.

Dr Suzie Sheehy is an accelerator physicist whose research focuses on developing new particle accelerators for future applications in areas such as medicine and energy.

The Year 10 and 11 students attending this talk thoroughly enjoyed it as you can see from their comments:

Jayme Gisbourne 10NF: *'I enjoyed the lecture on '5 things not to do with a particle accelerator', because I learnt a lot more about other aspects of physics including cancer treatment and surviving a proton blast !'*

Isaac Lucia 10NF: *'It was a very exciting and informative talk that took a funny and engaging take on modern physics. Science that has applications from killing cancer to sterilising food proved to be the answers to questions about putting your head in the Large Hadron Collider, to launching accelerators into space. A very enjoyable talk!'*

Kyle Francis 10NF: *'The lecture was very enjoyable and everything was explained in a detailed but simple way so that it was easy to understand. I learnt about how the Large Hadron Collider works and how particle accelerators are used in the world of medicine.'*

Joseph Thomas 10MT: *'The lecture was very enjoyable. Beforehand I was greatly worried in my own ignorance in particle accelerator safety practices when swimming but after attending this lecture I may finally be able to rest easy in my bed at night. Paradoxically however the lecture seemed to actively encourage me to carry out these five things leading to applications in the curing of cancer and killing of bacteria.'*



Dr Suzie Sheehy with Joseph Thomas 10MT, Isaac Lucia 10NF, Ewan Isted 10RMP, Jacob Juniper 10DN, Jayme Gisbourne 10NF and Kyle Francis 10NF with some of the props used during the talk.

PHYSICS OF SPIN

Presented by Professor Mark Warner, Cavendish Laboratories, Cambridge University

What was this talk all about?

Nuclei, wheels, gyroscopes, the Earth, the galaxy. . . they all spin and display remarkable phenomena. Professor Warner explained the underlying physics of spinning objects which ultimately enables us to predict which way a gyroscope would precess as it apparently floated against gravity.

Mrs Wright, Curriculum Development Manager:

'Fascinating talk using bicycle wheels as gyroscopes to explain angular momentum. I loved the explanation of how gyroscopes work. Professor Warner even talked about how the Moon over billions of years has slowed down the spin of the Earth!'

Jayme Gisbourne 10NF: *'I really enjoyed the trip to the Cavendish Laboratories. Now I understand what $E = 0.5 M (P/M)^2$ means! It is angular motion!'*

Kyle Francis 10NF: *'I found the talk very interesting with very detailed explanations and fascinating demonstrations about spin as a vector and inertia.'*

Murats Seidovs 7SE: *'I enjoyed doing the demonstration and the lecture itself was really interesting. I also learnt about the way that spin works.'*



Murats Seidovs 7SE, Kyle Francis 10NF, Professor Mark Warner, Jayme Gisbourne 10NF and Filip Kusnir 9CH

Mrs Wright, Curriculum Development Manager

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HEDGE-LAYING IN STEWARDS ANCIENT MEADOW

Stewards Ancient Meadow is the piece of uncultivated land stretching from Stewards car park to the cycle track. Local historians have shown that it was a meadow in the early 1800's and when Harlow was conceived and built, Stewards Ancient Meadow was identified as being an important piece of land to be conserved because of the plants growing there; especially the Cowslips and apple trees.

Last year we helped Harlow Conservation Volunteers start to carry out some hedge-laying along the meadow boundary with Pinceybrook Road. We extended this and also picked up about 10 black sacks of litter which had accumulated along the fence. We had a small fire, burning old dry sticks of Dog Wood, which gave us an opportunity to toast marshmallows on sticks and cook some Frankfurter sausages provided by Murats Seidovs 7SE.



Caitlen Lee 7JFL and Eleanor Fleming 8DS picking up litter in the meadow.



Andrew Tomlins from Harlow Conservation Volunteers giving the students a health and safety talk before we begin.



Matthew Allen and Adam Pope helping Andrew Tomlins with the hedge-laying.

PLANETARIUM

Presented by Peter Sutton from ExploreSTEM
Sponsored by Mrs Marriage, STEM Skills Manager, Essex County.

UK National Astronomy Week ("NAW") is held every few years to promote public awareness of astronomy by celebrating remarkable astronomical events. Previous NAWs have marked the closest approach of Mars to Earth for 60,000 years and, most recently, the 400th anniversary of the first astronomical use of the telescope.

The NAW ran from 1st to 8th March this year when an array of fascinating celestial objects were gathered in the night sky. Throughout the week, astronomical organisations and societies all over the UK held a host of special observing events which were open to the public.

Here at Stewards Academy we asked Peter Sutton from ExploreSTEM to bring in his planetarium, a theatre built for presenting educational and entertaining shows about astronomy and the night sky, so that the students could have a lesson in there and learn about astronomy. Ten sessions were held during the school day with English, Science, Art and Geography lessons taking place in there. After school, four half hour sessions were run which were very well attended by students and staff.

Poppy Rogers 11DJ: 'I really enjoyed looking at the stars and how disordered the Solar System can be.'

Nicole Palmer 11VG: 'I thought that this experience was good because I found out really exciting facts. I liked finding out about the different stars.'

Lukman Kazeem 11VG: 'It was an unmissable once in a lifetime experience. Finding out loads of information about the stars really expanded my little knowledge about space.'

Alice Bryant 7RL: 'I liked the planetarium because I had never see the stars like that before.'

Maisha Ahmed 7RL: 'I enjoyed the fascinating facts and I am going to look at the Stars!'



ExploreSTEM's inflatable planetarium

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BIG BUG EXPERIENCE

Presented by Martin Rapley, the Bug Man
Martin Rapley brought all sort of interesting bugs to Stewards recently. He visited lessons during the day and then provided a session after school so that all interested students could come and find out and touch all sorts of interesting bugs. He brought a scorpion, a tarantula, stick insects, millipedes and cockroaches for the students to handle.

Comment From Mrs Mitchell, Learning Support Teacher: 'Just a quick thank you for arranging the visit to our Year 7 English lesson from Martin and his bugs. The children really did enjoy the lesson, as you could probably tell from their enthusiasm! We have had some interesting discussions on the topic following his visit and all the children learnt a lot about the creatures on show. I have attached a piece of writing for you which sums up the visit. Thanks from all of us and our students.

Mrs Mitchell'

Bugs in School!

On Friday 28th February, a man called Martin came into our school with his bug collection. When my teacher first said he was coming into our lesson, I was a bit edgy, but then I thought, well, they wouldn't bring them round if they would harm you!

The first bug he showed us was a stick insect, it was an African one. It was small and cute, plus I was the first girl to hold one so it was awesome. He had so many types but one of them was from Madagascar and had pink wings. Martin showed us how she flew and the first time she flew, she landed on someone's face! The next time, she landed on my arm and sat there for most of the lesson.

The second bugs we saw were scorpions. They were quite fierce but after a while they settled down. Martin shone a special ultra-violet light on it which made them turn a different colour and glow. It was really cool!

We saw some millipedes and hissing cockroaches. Most of them didn't hiss but one of them did and it was cute.

Last but not least and my favourite, was the tarantula. Her name was Lucy. She was so cute and furry but her venom could be very dangerous, plus it would hurt. She was adorable. Martin let us stroke her and she just sat there. Now a lot of us want a pet one!

It was a fun lesson and I can't wait for next year when he comes back!

By Mikayla Draisey, 7JFL



Clayton Morrison-Finlay 8TS with a Stick Insect



Constance Nsiah 8CC with a cockroach



Mitchell Fry 8JF and Cameron Pike 8SLP with cockroaches.



Jack Whitting 7JFL with Lucy the tarantula helping him with his maths.



Chloe Freeman 10RP closely studying Lucy the tarantula

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THE SIMPSONS AND THEIR MATHEMATICAL SECRETS

Believe it or not, mathematicians on the writing team behind 'The Simpsons' have covered everything from calculus to geometry, from pi to game theory, and from infinitesimals to infinity in episodes of the most successful TV show in history.

Simon Singh is a science journalist and TV producer. Having completed his PhD at Cambridge he worked from 1991 to 1997 at the BBC producing 'Tomorrow's World' and co-directing the BAFTA award-winning documentary Fermat's Last Theorem for the 'Horizon' series.

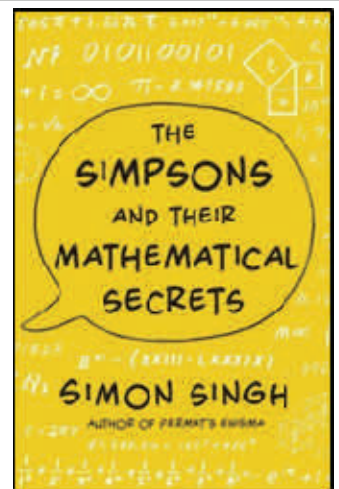
Mr Shah, Maths Teacher: 'Really interesting and funny talk. Great homage to mathematicians both classic and modern!'

Alice Neville 9DES: 'I learnt about the maths that is hidden in the Simpsons. I haven't seen them before now.'

Emma Lidbury 9GM: 'I found this talk interesting and informative. It was different from the other talks I had been to and I really enjoyed it.'

Shiv Sharma 9GM: 'The lecture was very interesting. I really enjoyed learning about the hidden maths in the Simpsons, such as the Googolplex Theatre!'

Molly Galloway 9LM: 'It was really interesting and I really enjoyed it. I love the Simpsons and maths, so that made it even better. I may now read his book, as I was surprised by how much maths was in the episodes, and I'd like to find out more about the maths that's in the show.'



ERATOSTHENES EXPERIMENT TO MEASURE THE CIRCUMFERENCE OF THE EARTH

Year 8 students took part in Eratosthenes experiment organised by the Open Discovery Project.

In 240 B.C., the Greek astronomer Eratosthenes made the first good measurement of the size of Earth. By noting the angles of shadows in two cities on the Summer Solstice, and by performing the right calculations using his knowledge of geometry and the distance between the cities, Eratosthenes was able to make a remarkably accurate calculation of the circumference of Earth.

Our student did the same thing but at Spring Equinox, Friday 21st March 2014 at 12 Noon.

Students came out into the Quad just before noon armed with a 1M ruler and measuring tape. Thankfully the Sun was shining on that day.

They stood the metre ruler upright so that it was at right angles with the ground. At 12 noon exactly they measured the length of the shadow. This was recorded 5 times and then the data was taken back to class.

They worked out the mean length of the shadow $S = 134 \text{ cm}$.

They worked out the length of the hypotenuse L by using Pythagoras's theorem: $L^2 = S^2 + H^2$

Where S = length of the shadow and H = the height of the ruler.

The angle B was worked out using $\tan x = S/H$

$$\tan x = 1.3 / 1.0$$

$$X = \tan^{-1} 1.3$$

$$X = 52^\circ$$

To work out the circumference of the Earth

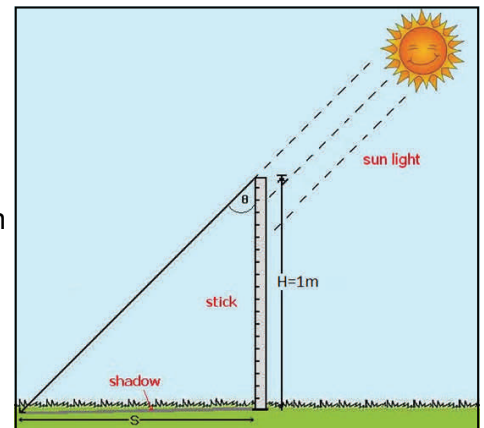
Divide 360° of a circle by the angle at the top of the 1M stick

$$\text{So } 360^\circ / 52^\circ = 6.923$$

Take this number and multiply it by the distance from our school to the equator in Km : 5751.13 Km

$$\text{So } 6.923 \times 5751.13 = 39,815.52 \text{ Km}$$

The actual circumference of the Earth is about 40,000 km so we were not too far out.



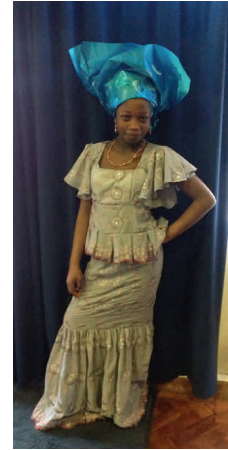
Miss King's Year 8 Maths Class holding the equipment required to carry out Eratosthenes experiment.

Cultural Fashion Event

Stewards Academy drew an enthusiastic audience along to support their second annual Cultural Fashion Event. Over 100 pupils paraded the catwalk in an array of stunning outfits from around the globe. All of the pupils were members of the longstanding and award winning Ethnic Minority Pupil Voice group. Organiser Ms Mohamed spent several months hunting down outfits from shops in the local area, and many outfits were donated by supporters of the Academy's multi-cultural work. The pupils absolutely loved showing off their outfits and all of them had the opportunity to wear several different outfits during the colourful stage presentations.

"Students are always keen to take part in this event and always express how it builds their confidences. Once again it was a successful event and I would like to thank the students dedication and both staff and parents for their continued support". Ms Mohamed.

Quite a lot of money was also raised for Hira's fund at the event, and this will continue to support the education of 3 girls in Pakistan for another year.

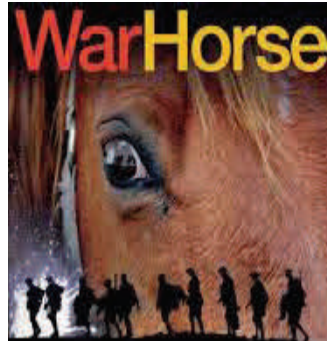


Performing Arts News

THEATRE TRIPS - 'WAR HORSE' AND 'WOMAN IN BLACK'

To support GCSE Drama students with their written evaluation of live performance, we organised trips to see 'War Horse' at New London Theatre and 'Woman in Black' at Fortune Theatre in London.

As World War I begins, Joey is sold to the Cavalry and shipped to France. Soon caught up in enemy fire, fate takes him on an extraordinary odyssey, serving on both sides before finding himself alone in No Man's Land. But Albert cannot forget Joey and, still not old enough to enlist, he embarks on a treacherous mission to find him and bring him home.



A lawyer engages a sceptical young actor to help him tell his terrifying story and exorcise the fear that grips his soul. It all begins innocently enough, but as they reach further into his darkest memories the borders between make believe and reality begin to blur and the flesh begins to creep...



PRACTICAL EXAMS – DANCE AND DRAMA

This half term our Year 11 students have completed the final practical components of their courses. The Drama exam took place on 30th April, with nine groups performing a combination of devised and scripted works to the visiting examiners.

The Dance exam took place on 9th May, where the moderator had the opportunity to watch a variety of solo, duo and group work, set dances and students' own choreography.

We would like to say well done to all the Year 11 students and wish them the best of luck for their final results.

MUSIC SCHOOL

Stewards Music School gives students the opportunity to learn a musical instrument of their choice. Lessons take place on Wednesday after school in the Music Department.

We currently have specialist tutors in:

Piano, Keyboard, Drums, Guitar, Clarinet, Trumpet, Saxophone, Flute.

Current fees for lessons are:

£84.00 per term for 10 x 15-minute lessons

£140.00 per term for 10 x 30-minute lessons

Families eligible for Free School Meals can apply for a tuition voucher from Essex County Council which can be used for a substantial discount on fees.

We strongly recommend that any student who is studying, or considering studying Music at GCSE should be receiving formal tuition on their instrument.

Please contact Miss Tovey for further information, or visit essexonlinemusic.co.uk

LOWER SCHOOL PRODUCTION – TREASURE ISLAND

Auditions took place this term for the forthcoming Lower School Production. Open to Year 7 and Year 8, there was a fantastic turnout resulting in a large cast of 60 students.

This adventurous adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic novel finds young Jim Hawkins as he discovers a treasure map in a dead pirate's sea-chest. Jim is led on an expedition across the ocean to recover a fortune in plundered gold. Fair winds and favourable seas soon give way to mutiny, greed, and the evil machinations of a one-legged scoundrel named Long John Silver. Join Jim on an unforgettable adventure as he fights for his life -- and the lives of his friends -- in this legendary tale of piracy and heroism.

Treasure Island will be performed on **Thursday 3rd July at 6.00pm**. Year 6 students attending Taster Days on 3rd and 4th July will also have the opportunity to see the show.



Performing Arts Team

P.E. Department News

CRICKET CLUBS

Cricket clubs are now underway with Year 9 and 10's training on Tuesday's and Year 7 and 8's and girls training happening on a Wednesday. All pupils are welcome to attend the clubs with fixtures fast approaching. Please come and see Mr Sanders or Mr Hughes if you are interested in joining one of the teams.

ARDÈCHE INFORMATION

There are only two weeks remaining for those pupils going on the Ardèche trip 2014. The trip leaves on Saturday 7th June and returns on Sunday 15th June. The trip includes a range of outdoor activities, the highlight of the week being a 32 kilometre row down the Ardèche River. Pupils are reminded that attendance, punctuality, attitude to learning and behaviour are all important things to consider on the final few weeks before the trip, as failure to maintain high standards in any of the criteria could result in the loss of your place on the trip.

INTER-FORM DODGE BALL AND FOOTBALL

Interform dodgeball and football took place this term. There was an excellent turnout across Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 with nearly 100 pupils taking part in each event. The competition was extremely close with some fantastic performances on display. The results of the overall standings across the tutor groups and house colours can be seen opposite. All points accrued in this competition go towards the tutor groups' sports day totals. The next inter-form event will be trampolining which will be run by Mrs Goddard.

YEAR 10 FOOTBALL FINAL

Congratulations to the Year 10 football team who won their cup final to beat King Harold at the Harlow Football Stadium by three goals to one. There was some fantastic football on display on a pitch that was suited to passing the ball. Stewards started slowly and allowed the opposition to score in the first ten minutes after giving the ball away. However once Stewards got into their stride they began to dictate the game, which was rewarded with some very well worked finishes from Mason Cook and Nosa Ediae. Well done to all of the players in the team this year, we wish you good luck for next year's competition.

The squad - Tyler Bull ©, Josh Eke, Harry McWilliam, Will Fordham, Nathan Stokes, Connor Quinn, Mason Phillips, Ryan Clark, Stanley Musau, Mason Cook, Nosa Ediae, Matthew Oliver, Kaine Wesley, Bradley Rogers, Daniel McCarthy and Dylan Dezilva.



P.E. Department News

Forms	Cross Country	Dodgeball	Football				Total Points	Position
JFL	8	5	3				16	5
SL	11	6	7				24	2
SB	12	8	5				25	1
AMW	8	1	4				13	7
PH	10	5	6				21	3
RL	9	2	3				14	6
SE	12	7	0				19	4
GMW	1	3	8				12	8
DS	12	3	5				20	3
SPL	16	6	8				30	1
DJT	0	7	1				8	6
JF	0	8	7				15	4
CC	0	5	3				8	6
TS	10	1	2				13	5
EM	14	4	6				24	2
OK	0	3	4				7	8
DES	8	8	8				24	1
JK	15	5	2				22	4
MW	0	3	5				8	8
JS	10	7	6				23	2
LM	9	2	4				15	6
TMA	7	2	0				9	7
GM	10	4	3				17	5
CH	10	6	7				23	2
RMP	10	5	4				19	4
DN	5	4	3				12	6
NF	0	0	0				0	8
MH	13	8	8				29	1
VM	12	7	7				26	2
MT	8	4	0				12	6
RA	4	6	6				16	5
RP	15	2	5				22	3

FINAL COLOUR STANDINGS FOR THE INTER - FORM COMPETITION

	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Total	Position
Purple	16	20	24	19	79	3
Dark Blue	24	30	22	12	88	1
light Blue	25	8	8	0	41	8
Yellow	13	15	23	29	80	2
White	21	8	15	26	70	5
Green	14	13	9	12	48	7
Orange	19	24	17	16	76	4
Red	12	7	23	22	64	6

Able, Gifted and Talented News

THE STEM PROJECT.

Our recent progress has been restricted due to the Easter break and the Bank Holiday but sessions have now resumed with the focus on the final Presentation Event. The group will then show their own designs, displays, and deliver their personal progress reports, and the 3D printer can be formally handed over to the Technology department. Full details, dates and times to follow.

ABLE GIFTED AND TALENTED NEWS.

Summer Schools.

Time continues to fly by and we have been busy preparing our applications to the various Summer Schools taking place towards the end of the Summer Term. These include, Sussex University, we are very pleased to confirm that all our nominations this year have been offered a place and the lucky Year 10 students are, Clairesse Earl, Kyle Francis and Matt Fleming who are on the 'Science' programme, and Sian Curtis, Riley Halson and Becky Warwick who are on the 'Our World' programme.

University College London, our applicants from Year 10 are Maddison Davies and Blessing Ona and they have applied for the Debating Summer School.

Anglia Ruskin University Peterborough, our applicants hoping for a place on the Raspberry Pi programme are Jayme Gisbourne and Kyle Francis.

University College London, our applicants for the Year 11 Explore programme are Megan Baldwin and Lukman Kazeem.

Best of luck to all our nominees. These opportunities will offer the chance to experience hands-on taster activities and sample a slice of university life.

University Open Days.

We are now approaching the time of the year that most universities are promoting their Open Days to enable students of all ages to visit. These can offer an ideal opportunity to find out about the courses they offer and a chance to talk to Undergraduates about their experiences of higher education. I give below details of the Open Day website, together with the specific websites of our most local universities, all of which have their Open Days on Saturdays during June or July. All students are welcome to attend, although you do have to register in advance online.

<http://www.opendays.com/>

University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield, Open Day Saturday 7th June.

<http://www.herts.ac.uk/contact-us>

Writtle College, Nr Chelmsford, undergraduate Open Day Saturday 7th June, (and Further Education information evenings, see website).

<http://writtle.ac.uk/HE-Open-Day>

Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford and Cambridge, Saturday 28th June.

http://www.anglia.ac.uk/ruskin/en/home/microsites/anglia_ruskin_opendays.html

Half Term attractions:

With Half Term upon us, hopefully the weather will be encouraging us to get out and about and I give below the websites of some interesting educational opportunities you may like to consider a visit to, many of which are free.

National History Museum: (Mammoths: Ice Age Giants)

<http://www.nhm.ac.uk/>

British Museum; (Ancient Lives: New Discoveries)

<http://www.britishmuseum.org/>

Tate Modern:

<http://www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-modern>

Tate Britain:

<http://www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-britain>

National Maritime Museum

<http://www.rmg.co.uk/national-maritime-museum>

Imperial War Museum, Duxford, (The D-Day Anniversary Air Show 24/25th May).

<http://www.iwm.org.uk/events/iwm-duxford/introducing-duxford-tour>

V & A, (A World to Win: Posters of Protest and Revolution).

<http://www.vam.ac.uk/whatson/event/3171/a-world-to-win-posters-of-protest-and-revolution-4588/>

ITU World Triathlon, London Hyde Park, May 31st/June 1st.

<http://worldtrilondon.com/>

The Gibberd Garden: (Created by Sir Frederick Gibberd, planner of Harlow New Town).

<http://www.thegibberdgarden.co.uk/>

All these links will be displayed on the Able, Gifted and Talented section of Stewards Academy website.

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

Work Related Learning News

Work Experience for Year 10 will take place 23rd – 27th June.

Most students now have their placements and will call their employers to arrange interviews over the half term break.

A work placement preparation lesson will take place on June 17th prior to the commencement of the experience.

Diaries and health and safety information will be distributed at this time. Please ensure your child has read the information and remind them to take their diaries with them to their placement.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please contact Mrs Hampstead at school for any clarification. jhampstead@stewardsacademy.org

'Spotlight on Careers'

Engineering is behind the creation of most things in the world. Think it might suit you as a future career?

You need a logical thought process, patience and willingness to learn and improve.

9% of employment in engineering takes place in the East of England with 115,000 people employed in this sector. Salaries start at around £17,000 per annum for the right person.

Want to learn more? See Mr Cooper, Mrs Hampstead or Mrs Martin

Future articles in the newsletter will highlight other employment sectors.

Check out www.careersworld.co.uk

Mrs Hampstead, Vocational Learning Mentor



★ Congratulations to Maisie Hunt 8JF for being awarded Charity Monitor at the recent Presentation ★

★ Evening (and apologies for omitting Maisie in the last Newsletter) ★



Year Group Information

YEAR 7

I am pleased to report that a growing number of pupils are becoming involved in extra-curricular activities. The Inter-Form sports events, ranging from a swimming gala to a dodgeball competition have been well supported. Events such as these are invaluable in creating a sense of team spirit and participation and Year 7 have grabbed the opportunity to represent their tutor group and whole school team 'colour' with both hands. At the time of writing 7SB were league table leaders with 7SL and 7PH hot on their tail!

It was most heartening to see so many of our pupils attending the auditions for *Treasure Island*, our Lower School Production. Rehearsals are now underway and we are confident that pupils will embrace the challenge with enthusiasm and dedication. We look forward to seeing them develop their skills under the guidance of the Performing Arts Team and we wait, with baited breath, for the 'opening night' on Thursday 3rd July.

At the time of writing over 40 staff and pupils were packed and ready for their trip to Bude, Cornwall. The trip promises to be an exciting and challenging one and I know that it will prove to be an experience that pupils will never forget. They will return (exhausted and grubby!) with new found confidence, independence and determination. The bonds that are established between pupils during the trip will remain long after it has finished and the special memories are ones that they will share for years to come.

On a final note, as we have a number of pupils arriving without the correct uniform, I'd like to remind parents of the school policy regarding uniform and footwear. Skirts should be black and knee length, trainers are not permitted and ties must be worn at all times. Further information regarding uniform and equipment can be found in the Pupil Planner.

*Mrs Ramsey
Head of Year 7*

Year Group Information

YEAR 8

Welcome to the final term of the school year. Time is certainly flying and the Year 8 students are still working very hard. This year has given the students so much to think about and do, and we have still got so many events to look forward to such as Ardèche, Thorpe Park, Stewards Challenge, Sports Day, Sports Presentation Evening, our annual Motivation Day.

School Trips

Make sure you are all prepared for our up and coming school trips. We have our annual Stewards Challenge trip as well as our trip to Thorpe Park. They are both great days so please don't miss out!

IPR data

The IPR data is providing some brilliant results. Many of the Year 8's are making excellent progress which proves to me that they are working hard and building a strong platform in preparation for their GCSE's. If this isn't the case then they will need to start now otherwise their GCSE years will become a struggle. Please support the staff in making sure your child is well prepared and organised. The simple things need to come first such as equipment, punctuality and uniform, and success will follow on from this.

Options

Congratulations to all students in Year 8. They all managed to meet their deadline, handing in the all-important option forms. Choosing subjects to study for the next 3 years is a very difficult thing to do, so please congratulate them on this. They have completed the forms with maturity, thought and consideration for their future.

Well done, and keep up the excellent work.

Mr G Hughes
Head of Year 8

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

YEAR 9

As we draw a close to the first half of the final term in Year 9, I would like to recognise a few key events and special achievements that have taken place since Easter. In Drama, Year 9's have been working on a topic based on Theatre and Education and they have created educational theatre pieces that address the main problems facing youths and teenagers today. They have explored various issues including bullying / social media, friendship and peer pressure and have addressed potential actions and consequences and strategies for overcoming these issues. Year 9 have performed these pieces live on stage to each year group in assembly and these performances have received high accolade for their excellent presentation and sensitive poignancy. Well done to all Year 9 GCSE Drama students involved!

Recently, two pupils in Year 9, Shiv Sharma and William Payne took part in an International Maths Olympiad entitled the 'European Maths Challenge'. Both pupils performed exceptionally well and each received a Certificate of Merit. This was a first for Stewards and the highest a student has ever achieved in the school so I would like to personally congratulate these boys for their efforts. Well done!

At the end of last term a number of Year 9's took part in the highly acclaimed 'Cultural Fashion Event'. The event celebrated the cultural sounds and styles from across the globe and incorporated a show of clothing, dance and singing. It was a truly memorable event attended by many pupils, parents and visitors from the local community and I would like to recognise and thank the following Year 9 pupils for their hard work and excellent contributions to this event: - Emma McAleer, Anita Ogedengbe, Paige Abbott, Mia Leeson, Hollie Johnson, Jody Bridge, Rebecca Lever, Chloe White and Muhibat Ayofe.

This half term assemblies have been limited due to GCSE exams. There has been one assembly however, based on the topic of 'Gossip and Rumours' and this was led by the tutees of 9LM. The assembly explored the effects of spreading and manipulating gossip and incorporated a pupil led role-play and a poignant video clip. It was highly thought-provoking and well organised and I would like to thank Miss McDevitt, Mr Bruccoleri and all of the pupils in LM for your excellent efforts and contributions.

Over the past year, the Year 9 pupils have been taking part in various inter-form sporting competitions, the most recent being Dodgeball and Football. These took place after school and were highly attended by all tutor groups. Well done to all Year 9 pupils for taking part in these events. Finally, I would like to say well done to all of Year 9 for all your hard work this half term and wish you all a restful Whitsun holiday!

Miss Holden
Head of Year 9

Year Group Information

YEAR 10

As we head to the end of term I can say with some conviction that Year 10 is now officially Year 11. I am sure that, like me, you can't believe that the last 4 years have passed so quickly. Many very positive things have been brought to my attention in the past few weeks. As you can see from the picture, we have a star in our midst. Caitlin Clancy and her band, Third Degree, recently won Battle of the Bands at the Square. As a result of this they played at Stortfest on May 4th.



Caitlin has performed many times at school functions and we wish her luck in her musical future. Two other pupils have impressed people from outside of our school community. At the Cambridge Raspberry Jam, Joseph Thomas, 10 MT, showed off his robotic arm. He was apparently so impressive that he had a queue of people waiting to ask him questions. Jayme Gisbourne also created a stir again talking about his home built 'Porta Pie'.

The applications for Head Boy and Girl are in and I have just had the pleasure of reading them. More students applied this year than ever before and I have been so impressed with both their courage and the commitment that they have shown to their school. It will be a very difficult decision on voting day! Many of you will already know that Mr Harman and his wife are now the proud parents of twins. Congratulations to the family.

Finally, just a reminder that with so little time left, commitment and regular study is vital. Being a pupil who could have done well, is nowhere near as pleasing as a pupil who does actually achieve.

Ms Batterham
Head of Year 10

YEAR 11

Year 11 have made a very good start to their GCSE exams. Their behaviour has been exemplary, and they seem to be making the most of the time available to them, to do the best they can. Could I please ask your son or daughter to give the details of their car, passengers and chosen music to Mr Ford in the PSM office, if they wish to travel by that mode of transport to school on the 20th June. Plans are on-going for the assembly on that day, but if you have any photos that you think might be useful, please bring them into school, and hand them to me or Ms Morley. Form groups have been given the responsibility of compiling their own pages for the year book, containing photos and script of their own choice. The deadline for this is half term. I am sure you will continue to support your child during this stressful time, just try to ensure that they have something to eat and drink before the morning exams!!

Mrs Ellis
Head of Year 11

Please see page 2 of this Newsletter for the Year 11 Half-term Revision/Catch-up Extended Schools Timetable

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

26TH-30TH HALF-TERM

JUNE

7th-15th Ardèche Trip
20th Leavers Day
24th Year 5 Taster Day/Thorpe Park Trip

JULY

2nd New Parents Evening 6.00pm
3rd Lower School Production 6.00pm
3rd-4th Year 6 Taster Days
7th Curriculum Day
8th Sports Presentation Evening 6.00pm
10th Art, Photography and Tech Exhibition 6.00pm
11th Sport Day
15th Summer Concert 6.00pm
16th French Day Trip Yr's 8&9

18TH 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

