



September
2013

Stewards Academy

Newsletter

Gifted & Talented
Lead School

IQM Flagship School

International School Award
2010-2013

THE PRINCE'S TEACHING INSTITUTE
2013

Cultural Diversity
Quality Standard

Healthy Schools

ARTS COUNCIL
ARTSMARK
GOLD
ENGLAND



Leading Space Education
Quality Mark

Name _____

Tutor Group: _____

HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear Parents and Pupils,

Welcome back to a new year at Stewards Academy. On page 3 you will find a list of the teaching staff for reference. We welcome new teachers: Mr Bruccoleri (Maths), Miss Connaughton (Geography), Miss Dove (MFL), Mr Flood (Science), Miss Gilmé (MFL), Mr Mackay (Maths), Ms Walsh (Science) and Miss Watson (English).

GCSE RESULTS 2013

We were thrilled to receive our best ever GCSE results this summer with 58% achieving 5 or more A*-C grades with English and Maths and 88% with 5 or more A*-C. 99% of our students achieved 5 A*-G grades and 100% achieved 3 or more. There were many outstanding individual performances including all students pictured here. Congratulations to the outgoing Year 11, to staff for their tremendous hard work and to parents for your support. We look forward to another very good year in 2013-14.



Rhonda Murthar

Rhonda Murthar
Headteacher

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

STEWARDS ACADEMY OPEN DAY AND EVENING



Thursday, 12th September 2013

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

**Take the opportunity to tour this successful, innovative
and friendly academy and find out what it is like to be a
pupil in 2013**

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

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

Headteacher's talk - 7.00pm

STEWARDS ACADEMY – TEACHING STAFF SEPTEMBER 2013

	Title and Surname	POSITION
1	Ms Murthar	Headteacher
2	Mrs Orwin	Deputy Headteacher
3	Mrs Archer	Subject Leader for History and RE (80%)(not in on Friday)
4	Mr Barden	Subject Leader for Music
5	Ms Batterham	Head of Year 10 / Drama
6	Mr Bruccoleri	Maths
7	Ms Cadden	English
8	Mr Chatfield	Food Technology
9	Miss Connaughton	Geography
10	Miss Dove	MFL
11	Mrs Ellis	Head of Year 11 / PE
12	Miss Ellis	Science
13	Mrs Erwood	Assistant Headteacher : KS3
14	Mrs Fargeot	Co-ordinator of Information Technology / Subject Leader for BIS
15	Ms Feeney	Lead for Teaching and Learning in English
16	Mr Flood	Science
17	Mr Ford	Construction Skills Tutor (p/t)
18	Miss Francis	English and Media Studies (60%) (not in Thursday / Friday)
19	Miss Gagliano	MFL – Spanish / French
20	Miss Gilmé	MFL
21	Mrs Ginger	Assistant Headteacher : Assessment and Examinations
22	Mrs Goddard	Assistant Headteacher : CPD (80%) (not in on Friday)
23	Mr Greenaway	English with responsibility for KS3
24	Mr Harman	Assistant Subject Leader for ICT / BIS / WRL Coordinator
25	Mr Hawk	History / RE
26	Mr Hickman	Subject Leader for Geography / International Dimension Co-ordinator
27	Miss Holden	Head of Year 9 / Subject Leader for Dance / PE
28	Mr Hughes	Head of Year 8 / PE
29	Mr Hughes	Subject Leader for PE
30	Miss Johnson	Head of Performing Arts
31	Mrs Kadwill	Science (Maternity Leave)
32	Mr King	History
33	Ms King	Maths
34	Miss Lavelle	English
35	Mr Li	Art, Design and Photography / Responsibility for photography and digital media in art
36	Mr Locke	ICT
37	Mr Mackay	Maths
38	Mr Marriott	ICT
39	Mrs Martin	Subject Leader for Technology
40	Miss McDevitt	KS4 Co-ordinator - Maths
41	Miss McGarry	Assistant Subject Leader Girls PE
42	Mrs Mitchell	Learning Support
43	Ms Mohamed	Science
44	Mrs Morland-Banks	Maths
45	Mr Naunton	Inclusion Manager (80%)(not in on Friday)
46	Mr Nestor	English
47	Miss O'Neill	Assistant Headteacher : Teaching and Learning
48	Mrs O'Sullivan	Assistant Headteacher : Literacy / Subject Leader for English
49	Mr Oranye	Maths
50	Mr Perrin	Joint Subject Leader for Science (KS3)
51	Mr Plested	Joint Subject Leader for Science (KS4)
52	Mr Pradella	Maths
53	Mr Preece	Assistant Headteacher : KS4 / PE
54	Mrs Ramsey	Head of Year 7 / English
55	Mr Rew	Science
56	Mr Sanders	Assistant Subject Leader Boys PE
57	Mr Scholtes	Assistant Headteacher : Curriculum
58	Mr Shah	Maths
59	Mrs Sherwood	Lead Teacher A, G&T, Sociology and PSHCE/RE
60	Mrs Shuttlewood	Science
61	Mrs Smith	Subject Leader for MFL
62	Mr Stewart	Technology
63	Mr Thorogood	English
64	Mr Treamer	ICT and Media & Cover Supervisor
65	Mrs Tripp	Lead Teacher for Science
66	Ms Walsh	Science
67	Mrs Warren	Subject Leader Art, Design and Photography
68	Mrs Waters	SENCO
69	Miss Watson	English
70	Mrs Wichowski	EAL
71	Miss Brigenshaw	English
72	Miss Thurley	Music / Drama
73	Miss Lu	Chinese Language Assistant (p/t)

HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

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

Head Girl: Megan Baldwin, Chloe Gable, Charlotte Geddis, Aimee Hunt, Alex Jacobs, Hannah Kizilcan, Poppy Rogers, Elise Stingemore, Maisy Treacher and Toni Willis

Head Boy: Mason Arnold, Faruq Balogun, Tyler Bashford, Hayden Cook, Thomas Goodenough, Howard Mash, Sean McGill, Tarik Mujkanovic, James Newman, Zach Pace, Chris Richards, Jack Rowley and George Strachan.

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



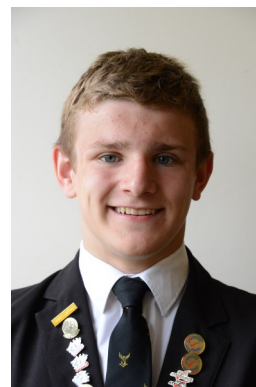
Head Girl
Megan Baldwin



Head Boy
Thomas Goodenough



Deputy Head Girl
Poppy Rogers



Deputy Head Boy
Mason Arnold

HEALTH, SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS PROGRAMME OUTLINE 2013 TO 2014

Year Group	Programme outline
7	<p>Personal Hygiene, Personal Safety, Puberty and Reproduction, Relationships, Rights and Responsibilities</p> <p>Delivered through Assemblies, PSHCE , PE, Technology, Science lessons and specialist visiting speakers</p>
8	<p>Microbes and Diseases, Mental health, Relationships, Rights and Responsibilities, 'Know your balls check them out' checking for testicular and breast cancer and what to next</p> <p>Delivered through Assemblies, PSHCE , PE, Technology, Science lessons and specialist visiting speakers</p>
9	<p>Reproduction, Fertility Treatments, Genetics, Health and Fitness, L8r programme (pregnancy, contraception (school nurse) and family), Rights and Responsibilities, Local support , Personal Safety, Relationships, equal opportunities and discrimination</p> <p>Delivered through Assemblies, PSHCE , PE, Science, Health and Social Care lessons and specialist visiting speakers</p>
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11	

In addition

Each year group has a Curriculum Day dedicated to topics related to this area

All pupils have access to our school nurse who is in the LSU every Thursday lunch break

PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL TRIPS & PURCHASES

When paying for school trips or other purchases either in Reception or the Finance Office, we would very much appreciate it if the correct money was provided. As so many trips and purchases are processed each day we are not always in a position to provide change.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Mrs D Mills
Finance Manager

BEHAVIOUR PROTOCOL – ATTITUDE FOR LEARNING

We would like all parents to be aware that we have made some changes to the behaviour protocol in order to create a consistent environment for learning, success, independence and achievement. Pupils have all been informed of the new systems in place through assemblies on the first day back of term. This is in order to support the home-school agreement and reinforce the systems we already have in place. Pupils who do not comply with our school expectations may be placed in 1 hour 30 minute detention the following evening. It is the responsibility of the pupil to write the detention in their planner and inform their parents, who will therefore have 24hrs notice.

SECTION A

Classroom teacher –
30 minute detention
45 minute detention

Subject Leader –
1 hour detention

Whole School detention –
1 hour & 30 minutes

SECTION B

Whole School detention –
1 hour & 30 minutes

3 slips for any of the following –
Lateness
Uniform
Equipment
Behaviour in corridors
Dropping litter
Inappropriate language

ABLE, GIFTED AND TALENTED SUMMER SCHOOL

56 Year 7 students, supported by 14 Prefects, participated in a fun-filled A, G and T Summer School at the start of the summer holiday. Students experienced a range of sessions including Art, Dance, Drama, Media, Music and Team Building before selecting their chosen area for an extended workshop. Participants were able to develop their skills and understanding of their selected areas before creating a piece of work around it. The week culminated in a performance showcase on the Friday afternoon where an audience of family members was thoroughly entertained. A great time was had by all throughout the week. Here are a few quotes...

"I had absolutely an amazing time in music. I learnt a new song to play on the piano..." Ellie Goodship

"Drama was the best activity...it was so fun..." Josh Cook

"I enjoyed dancing to all of the songs and designing fantasy sweet lands because the songs were exuberant and energetic and the sweet lands were vibrant and colourful." Olly Lucia

Miss Johnson
Head of Performing Arts



Year Group Information

Year 7

Year 8

Year 7 have made a pleasing start to their time at Stewards Academy. They arrived on their first day looking immaculate and ready to face new challenges. It was both an exciting and anxious time for them and they approached this maturely and responsibly.

Every pupil has been issued with a Pupil Planner which contains important information for pupils and parents. I would ask that you familiarise yourselves with the contents paying particular attention to the Home/School agreement and Mobile Phone Acceptable Use Policy. The Mobile Phone Acceptable Use Policy must be signed before pupils are permitted to bring their phones into school. Planners should be signed at the end of each week as confirmation that homework has been completed. This section can also be used as a form of communication between staff and parents.

Mrs Ramsey Head of Year 7

'Let's work together and be successful'

Welcome back Year 8. I hope you have had a great summer break and are feeling refreshed and energised. A new year means new challenges and this year is all about YOU. With the guidance and support from myself, Mr Ford and your tutors, you will be choosing your GCSE options. The options you choose are the first steps in preparing you for the working world. Throughout the next three terms, I am expecting hard work, dedication and involvement in as much school life as possible, but not forgetting the importance of having fun. The more you experience and participate in, the more successful you will be. Help each other, work together and enjoy school life.

Mr G Hughes Head of Year 8

Year 9

As we say farewell to the holidays and begin the new academic year, I would like to offer a warm welcome back to Year 9.

This is an exciting time for students as they move into their GCSE options. This is a brand new chapter in your child's life and 'anything' really is possible if they want it and work hard enough to achieve it, so my advice to Year 9 is knuckle down, work hard and make the most of every opportunity that comes your way this year!

Excellent attendance & punctuality are vital ingredients of academic success, so please ensure that your child is in school on time, every day with no exceptions! It is also important that your child demonstrates high standards with regards to their uniform and follows the school rules regarding jewellery, make-up, nail varnish/extensions & acceptable hair styles.

Completing homework/coursework & meeting deadlines is going to be even more imperative this year as your child embarks on their GCSEs as the level and intensity of work is likely to increase. It is really important that they get organised as early on as possible and try to stay on top of their work.

Finally, I would like to highlight the extra period that has been added on to the bottom of your child's timetable this year. The purpose of this additional timeslot is to encourage your child to join an after school club or attend GCSE support and revision classes after school. With the ever-increasing workload that GCSEs bring, it is essential that your child starts to recognise the opportunity of staying behind after school to complete on-going work or seek extra support. Joining a club could also offer students a way to keep fit or unwind from their day.

I would like to say well done to year 9 for an excellent start to the term and take this opportunity to wish you the very best of luck for a positive and successful year. I would also like to thank parents for your continued support.

Miss Holden Head of Year 9

Year 10

I was impressed with the year group on their return this term. They looked extremely smart and were clearly ready to work hard. They also looked grown up and mature, ready to be role models to the new year 7s.

This year is extremely important, particularly as many of them will sit some GCSEs at the end of it. Developing good work habits is essential and one of the keys to success. There is great potential in this group and I really want them to do their very best.

I would be grateful if you would check and sign your child's planner weekly. That way we can maintain contact with you. Equally, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Here's to a really successful year!

Ms Batterham Head of Year 10

Year Group Information

Year 11

Welcome back to Year 11 and congratulations on the results for the GCSE examinations taken in the summer term of Year 10. The results were very pleasing with almost half the year group gaining an A*-C grade in English, 55% gaining an A*-C grade in Mathematics and a significant number achieving an A*-C grade in both subjects. These are tremendous results and have laid the foundation for the continued success of the year group.

There were a number of notable achievements including George Strachan who gained an A* in Physics, Mathematics and Science along with an A grade in English Language. Emilija Pazaksina achieved an A grade in A level Russian and Wiktorja Zygadio achieved the same outstanding grade in A level Polish. Year 11 students need to be aware that they are the ultimate role models within Stewards Academy and behave accordingly. They need to devote their time to their academic studies so that they achieve the best possible results they are capable of. If they show a positive and conscientious attitude, staff will always be willing to give them help and assistance when required.

Mrs Ellis
Head of Year 11

STEM SUMMER SCHOOL (JULY 2013)

Pupils and staff really enjoyed an action packed learning programme. The week just flew by and the 'quiet little mice' of Monday were full of 'smiles and cheers' come Friday. Each day, the pupils were working hard to improve their levels and confidence through investigations, challenges, questions, problem solving, teamwork and keeping a diary for the week.

They had sessions in English, Mathematics, PE, Science, ICT and Technology as well as a trip to Adventure Island in Southend. This was the first Summer School of this style and we very much look forward to running one again next year. Finally, many thanks go to Miss McDevitt and her team of teaching staff for putting together such a fantastic programme.

Miss O'Neill
Assistant Headteacher



STEWARDS MUSIC SCHOOL

Music School is held on Wednesdays after school and offers students the chance to learn a musical instrument of their choice. We currently have specialist tutors in: Guitar (Acoustic, Electric, Bass), Drums, Piano, Keyboard and all woodwind/brass instruments.

Enrolment for this term will be held on **Wednesday 18th September** in the Music Room from 3.00pm. We strongly recommend that your child takes lessons if they are considering studying Music as an option for GCSE.

Please contact Miss Tovey if you require any further information about Music School.

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 Manager/
Mrs Simkins Attendance Officer**

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INSET

Stewards will be closed to pupils for in-service staff training on the following dates;

Monday 30th September 2013

Thursday 30th January (closed from 1pm) 2014

Friday 31st January 2014

Monday 21st July 2014

Tuesday 22nd July 2014

SEPTEMBER

12th

Open Day and Evening

17th

Stewards 50th Celebration Event

18th

Music School Enrolment (3pm-6pm)

20th

Jeans For Genes Day

OCTOBER

24th

Cultural Food Event 4pm

28th Oct-1st Nov

Half-Term

2013-2014 SCHOOL TRIPS

Both residential and day trips are a regular feature at Stewards Academy. In order to help parents to plan for any trips you may wish your child to attend, we are providing an overview of the trips that are taking place in 2013-2014 and are likely to be repeated in coming years.

TRIPS AND VISITS 2013-2014:

Year 7

Bude 2014 residential trip – April 2014. Cost: £400. Places for this trip have already been booked.

Thorpe Park trip – June 2014 / Cost: approx. £28.00.

Day trip to France – July 2014 / Cost: in the region of £50.00.

Year 8

Ardèche 2014 residential trip – June 2014. Cost: £600. Places for this trip have already been booked.

Thorpe Park trip – June 2014 / Cost: approx. £28.00

Day trip to France – July 2014 / Cost: in the region of £50.00.

Year 9

Ski 2014 residential trip – February 2014 half term. Cost: £750. Places for this trip have already been booked.

Ardèche 2014 residential trip – June 2014. Places for this trip have already been booked.

Thorpe Park trip – June 2014 / Cost: approx. £28.00.

Year 10

Christmas Market French day trip – December 2013 / Cost: in the region of £30.00-£50.00.

Ski 2014 residential trip – February 2014 half term. Places for this trip have already been booked.

Art/Modern Languages residential trip to Barcelona – April 2014 / Cost: *to be advised*.

Year 11

New York 2014 residential trip – February 2014. Cost: £830. Places for this trip have already been booked.

Christmas Market French day trip – December 2013 / Cost: in the region of £30.00-£50.00.

Various evening theatre trips take place throughout the academic year for all year groups. Costs range from £15.00 to £35.00 per trip.

