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# Stewards Academy

## Newsletter



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### HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear Parents and Pupils

#### STEWARDS ACADEMY RECEIVES ARTSMARK GOLD AWARD

Congratulations to the Performing Arts and Visual Arts departments in achieving the prestigious ARTSMARK GOLD AWARD\*. The Arts Council of England first recognised the work of the school in 2008 when we received a Silver Award. Since then we have developed the quality and range of provision even further and following a recent assessment and evaluation visit, we were delighted to hear that we have realised our ambition of achieving GOLD AWARD status for our *"commitment to excellence in arts education"*. Pupils who regularly enjoy the activities on offer in Photography, Art and Design, Dance, Drama and Music will appreciate the dedication of the staff and know that this national recognition is thoroughly deserved. Parents, pupils, governors, professional artists, past pupils and volunteers who support the work we do were interviewed during the rigorous assessment process. A glowing report was summarised thus:

*"Stewards Academy meets the required criteria for Artsmark Gold on the quality, range, diversity and provision of its arts education for all its students, on an inclusive basis that also supports gifted and talented with extension and challenging opportunities. The staff are committed to support student learning and development in a range of creative ways that engage and motivate across the subjects.... they foster respect and excellent behaviour"*.

\*Artsmark Gold is a mark of distinction supported by the Department for Education and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport - it sets the standard for an outstanding arts provision in education settings in Britain.

#### CONGRATULATIONS ONCE AGAIN TO MISS JOHNSON AND ALL OF THE ARTS TEAM ON THIS SUCCESS.

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May we had a fitting example of Stewards contribution to the Arts when over 40 of our dancers performed at the Olympic *"Sparks will Fly"* town event.





My thanks to all the students and to our dance teachers Miss Holden and Miss Trowsdale for the excellent performances.

## SPARKS WILL FLY IN ESSEX



### Staffing News

Mrs Levantis, formerly Subject Leader for English, has resigned her post at Stewards following a long absence. We wish her well for the future.

Mrs Bird, Head of Year 7, will have responsibility for Food Technology next year and so will relinquish her role as Head of Year. Miss Holden will take over as Head of Year 8 from September.

Miss Francis, Head of Year 11 is due to take maternity leave next year and while she is away, Mr Hughes will act as Head of next year's Year 7.

Finally congratulations to Mr Harman who has been successful in his application to become an Advanced Skills Teacher. This means that against a set of national standards, Mr Harman's teaching is judged, by a national assessor, to be outstanding in all respects.

Parents and pupils may well know that both Miss Johnson and Mr Harman whose success is recognised in the two accolades described above, were both pupils of Stewards in years gone by. I hope other students will be inspired to reach the top in their chosen careers in the same way.

Best wishes to pupils and staff for a good half term. To Year 11 – now on the last leg towards finishing your GCSE's, I hope you will be as determined in the holiday to study and revise to give yourselves the very best chance of success.

*Rhonda Murthar*

**Rhonda Murthar  
Headteacher**





# Jack Petchey News



THE FOLLOWING PUPILS HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE  
JACK PETCHHEY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD –  
CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL.

Autumn Term 2011	Jack Baldwin	Exemplary student for 5 years, 100% attendance and outstanding academic record.
	Alex Grove	Being a committed and enthusiastic participant in Performing Arts since joining Stewards.
	Jai Sharma	Being a member of the Able, Gifted and Talented cohort since Year 7 and his contribution to the Science Department
Spring Term 2012	Alfie Burns	Being a superb role model to younger pupils both in attitude and behaviour
	Reece Cook	Being an exemplary sportsman and being nominated by Stewards Academy as a Young Ambassador for London 2012.
	Luvena Porter	Coping with personal tragedy and encouraging younger pupils to be vaccinated against cervical cancer
Summer Term 2012	Mason Arnold	Having a real commitment and dedication to Performing Arts at Stewards. Mason has always been active with his fund raising for charity and has fully utilised his skills in the swimming pool to raise a lot of money for his chosen charities.
	Abbie Martin	Abbie is an exemplary young woman performing in several school productions. Abbie is very popular with staff and pupils alike and has been an effective Peer Mentor for younger pupils, aiding their transition into Year 6.
	Phillippa Townsend	Phillippa has been a driving force in the world of dance at Stewards since Year 7. Her choreography has been exquisite and her public performances breath taking.

## Gifted & Talented News

We are pleased to have maintained our successful partnership with both University of Essex and University of Sussex under the Widening Participation Scheme. This offers an insight into life and experiences for students from families with no previous experience of having a university education. Earlier this year we took a group of 35 students from Year 9 to the University of Essex in Colchester. We were shown around on a campus tour, designed a poster and were able to ask current undergraduates questions about life on campus and the courses available to study. Everyone had a great time and felt it was a very worthwhile experience.

Some of the comments received from students were:

*'I have learnt that University opens up doors to a wider future'.*

*'I now know what to expect if I go onto university'.*

*'It has been a good experience to learn about life as a university student'.*

We are also pleased to have been successful in obtaining 5 places on the Summer School programme at the University of Sussex at Brighton. The lucky students from Year 10 are Sarah Warby, Ellie Thompson, Daniel Reading, Lewis Townsend and Aiden Warwick. This will obviously be a fantastic opportunity for them to experience a taster of university life on this 5 day residential stay and their days will involve a mixture of various workshops and supervised leisure activities.

Over the next 2 months we are also pleased to have the opportunity of arranging visits to the University of Sussex on a series of workshops and activities with groups of 15 from Years 8, 9 and 10 to include Product Design, a Geography Taster, Life Sciences and a Physics Masterclass.

**Mr Cooper**  
**Able, Gifted & Talented Mentor**

# Wickford Conference

We had the honour of being invited along to speak at the Teachers Centre in Wickford at a conference entitled "Embedding the Olympic and Paralympic Values to Promote Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in your School". Assistant Headteacher Mrs Erwood was accompanied by 13 pupils with a diverse range of ethnic backgrounds from years 7-11. Mrs Mohamed and Mrs Wichowski were also speakers at the conference. The pupils greatly moved their large audience of teachers and Essex staff with their words of pride in how their school had supported them and made them feel a sense of worth and identity. All spoke warmly of their beloved Ethnic Minority Pupil Voice group run by Mrs Erwood which was one of the key elements in the Academy's achievement of the Cultural Diversity Quality Standard Mark in both Gold in 2009 and Diamond in 2010.

All the participants at the conference went away hugely impressed with the confidence, articulacy and passion which the children displayed in voicing their pride in the work of their school to promote cultural diversity over many years. Assistant Headteacher Mrs Erwood said *"I was so very proud of our pupils who were able to take on such a challenging task and achieve something which would daunt most adults"*.

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



## Year 5 Parents Evening Music School

On 10<sup>th</sup> May we played host to yet another of our very popular events when Year 5 parents from feeder schools were invited to come along and meet the Headteacher and Mrs Erwood with the School Council. We were delighted that the event was so well attended with over 300 people coming along to speak to pupils, staff, parents and Governors about life here at Stewards Academy. The overwhelming response from the event was very positive and people were very impressed with the maturity of the pupils who spoke about many aspects of school life. 80 members of the School Council were present to speak to the Year 5 parents and their children, and everyone left with a smile on their faces. One parent from Katherines school said that *"the children were very polite and very grown up – most impressed"*. Another parent from Latton Green said *"the pupils we spoke to were knowledgeable, polite, presentable and answered our questions with enthusiasm and pride in their school – it was encouraging to hear how well looked after the Year 7's will be"*. And finally a parent from St James school said *"the pupils we spoke to were an absolute credit to Stewards Academy. Very impressed!"*

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

Stewards Music School runs on Wednesdays after school. We currently offer lessons on the following instruments: Voice, Piano, Keyboard, Drums, Guitar, Bass, Trombone, Trumpet, Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute and Cello. Lessons are on a one-to-one basis with specialist tutors who are fully CRB checked. Families who are eligible for Free School Meals can apply for a voucher from Essex Music Services which gives a discount on tuition fees. You can also hire instruments directly from Essex Music Services if required. Please contact Miss Wang at the school for the latest information on fees, availability and enrolment.



# Work Related Learning News

## PUBLIC AND ARMED SERVICES CAREERS EVENT

We were wet, we were hot, the wind blew and a marquee escaped its pegs at the Bassingbourn Careers event earlier this term – but we had an amazing time anyway.

Year 10 students learnt about the opportunities open to them in the future as well as enjoying the climbing wall, building bridges and exploring the kit



and vehicles on show. Motivation and team building was the message as well as self-organisation and belief. Commendable behaviour coupled with enthusiasm made it a very special day.

**Mrs Hampstead**  
**Vocational Learning Mentor**



## SCHOOL LINK COURSES AT HARLOW COLLEGE

Two years of hard work has paid off for Year 11 students who chose a Motor Vehicle Apprenticeship course (based at Harlow College) as part of their options.

**Jamie Shelvey, Bradley Childs, Paul Rands, Benton Shepherd and Harry Smyth** have earned their qualification - *Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Inspection* and will take this forward with them on to the next stage of their careers. Well done.

**Lauren Lassen, Jenna Morgan, Stacey Cullen and Daisy Fitt** worked equally hard to gain their qualification in the *Introduction to Hair and Beauty course* – which they too will take on to the next stage of their career path. Well done.

## WORK EXPERIENCE FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS TAKES PLACE 18<sup>TH</sup> – 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE.

Placements this year will be varied, with students travelling to Chelmsford, London and Cambridge as well as in and around Harlow. With diverse experiences to look forward to – students will have much to tell us about on their return. Be punctual, enthusiastic and enjoy your taste of work. Taste work – taste life! Several students have agreement forms still to be returned. These should be signed by employers, parents and students. Please telephone Mrs Hampstead for any clarification regarding work experience 01279 421951 - thank you.





# New York Trip 2012



Yet again Year 11 head off to the Big Apple. This was the 10<sup>th</sup> visit by Stewards School to this fantastic city that certainly never sleeps. This year was the largest group we have ever taken, which consisted of Mr Ford, Miss Dangerfield, Mr R Trearmer, Mr Harman, myself and 57 pupils!

We left promptly although Stefan King's mum demanded a last minute goodbye kiss on the coach which as a dutiful son he obliged. After so many years of arranging the trip which is superbly supported by Mr Harman (He does it all, I just direct) we have the visit finely tuned to ensure every second is an exciting experience. There is an extremely heavy schedule, starting of course with the 7 1/2 hour flight from Heathrow, although Mr R Trearmer seemed to think that we were going from Gatwick (This was the start of his confusion that seemed to last for the entire trip).



Lottie Shelton and Katie Milsom had done an excellent job in organising New York hoodies for us to keep warm and track one another in the busy streets of Manhattan, although some complained when I put the hood up, my delightful orange glowing head disappeared and they couldn't see me!

We have used the same hotel (Hotel Pennsylvania) each year, although it is basic, and they often need "nagging" on arrival to sort out minor issues for example they gave us enough beds but some rooms weren't big enough to put them up. However, it is fantastically located opposite Madison Square Gardens, and close to the delight of Macys Department Store.



We had an uneventful flight, no delays and/or problems to solve. The best quote when we arrived in the streets of Manhattan was made by Ashleigh Picton stating "Everything is so American!". Having experienced the obligatory first McDonalds, pupils had a well-earned rest after a long journey and having been up for over 20 hours. (Actually, few had any sleep the night before due to excitement of going to New York).

Day 2 is the first very long day of pounding the pavements of Manhattan – we do walk a VERY long way! We started with a hearty breakfast at the deli that is amazing in the selection of food, the speed at which it is produced and the low cost. All 63 of us fed to our individual requirements within half an hour! This day consisted of Staten Island Ferry (Free) to go past the Statue of Liberty, Ground Zero and yes the buildings are finally extending skywards, I am hoping next year the memorial garden will be open to visit.



We also visited Pier 17 and The Brooklyn Bridge, where our traditional group photo is taken and this year to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> year of visit we added to the steelwork by leaving our “Stewards” padlock. From there we walked across Manhattan, via Canal Street to walk the Skywalk (A new experience for me, where you walk up the West side of Manhattan on a disused railway, which is 2 floors above street level and gives a totally different perspective on the city. I enjoyed looking in apartment windows and dreaming of owning one! It is also far less noisy. Eventually we made it back to the hotel after walking from the tip of Lower Manhattan to 33<sup>rd</sup> Street. Somewhat tired, pupils were given a very brief rest before we headed off to Times Square for the evening.



The weather was threatening to change and snow was forecast, so we hastily changed the schedule and pupils visited the Empire State Building – a full complement of all 57 pupils (even Callum Sontag and Jack Benghe who are scared of heights. From this there was a “pace” walk led by Mr Harman to catch a public bus (specially reserved for us – excellent negotiating Mr Harman) and off to the New Jersey Discount Shopping Centre. The pupils and some staff, shopped until they dropped with Hollisters being the bargain of the day! I really do not know how we managed to get us, and the bags back on the bus – next year I think we need to arrange a roof rack! We had so much shopping that it was decided that some pupils would get the yellow cabs back to the hotel taking the shopping bags with them, others would walk back. Somehow I managed to get the first cab and ended up back at the hotel last. All the walkers had beaten us! It was at that point that Bradley lost his wallet and had obviously kindly donated it to the New York Cab drivers, unfortunately with 3000 cab drivers in New York we had no way of tracing it. Future New York trippers beware! The day was not finished and we dumped our purchases to head up to the Stardust Diner – all pupils love this experience. Burgers, singers on the tables and the real American feel! It is bargain entertainment and they never flinch when I turn up at the door asking for tables for 63!



Although Mr Tremer was confused by the question “How do you want your burgers?” . He hasn’t ever been asked that at Staple Tye McDonalds, I think he replied “cooked”. Day 4 in New York, our last full day before travelling overnight back to Heathrow. Pupils could not believe we had been there for only 3 days and done so much. It is true that most would take a week to do what we had, but we have it timed to perfection and now know our way around New York and know what is worth doing. Perhaps I could set up “Fargeot’s New York Tours” once I finish teaching! Day 4 was Upper Manhattan Day, another long day of walking, from 33<sup>rd</sup> Street up to 58<sup>th</sup> passing the Radio City area and Rockefeller Centre. Pupils had a choice of activities there, Ice Skating or extra shopping time in Bloomingdales. Then we hit 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue with all those iconic stores that just have to be visited! Pupils made their way down 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and we did our final tourist trip to Grand Central Station – which is always an amazing sight. One day I intend to catch a train from this station as it feels like a film set and I can imagine fantastic adventures initiating as the train pulls away.

In all a very successful trip, again down to the staff that this time were all ex pupils! Some had been on the trip when they were pupils and were amazed at how much more we do. However, this trip could not be run without them and a special thank you must go to them. Although it is a privilege to be asked, it is, contrary to popular belief hard work. That however, is made easier by the pupils that went this year who were a pleasure to take away.



*Mrs Fargeot*

*Mrs Fargeot and 4 ex pupils in New York!*

### **A selection of Awards given on our return to school**

Jack Webber- 150% Pandora Award (He paid more out there than here), Jack Baldwin - New York Villain (For jumping the barrier on the subway – under my instruction), Katie Milsom, “Do I wear this on my wrist?” (Referring to the luggage label!), Stefan King “Mummies Boy”, Gianni Manzo “I’m Italian”, Connor Finn – Banana Man (For running around the hotel dressed as a banana??!) Gemma Waite quote “Is Dolmio sauce Mexican?”, Charlie Clare Card Award (he must have asked 25 times if he could use his card!) Luke Berry for “Not a weight watchers Breakfast”, Bradley Childs quote “Don’t worry if I lose my passport, mum will bring out the photocopy!” and finally Mr Tremer, far too many to list but culminating in the Idiot Abroad Award .

# Performing Arts News

## BILLY ELLIOT TRIP - 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

As a treat for students who took part in this year's school production, we took 50 students to see a performance of 'Billy Elliot' at the Victoria Palace Theatre in London.

Set in a northern mining town, against the background of the 1984/'85 miners' strike, Billy Elliot is the inspirational story of a young boy's struggle against the odds to make his dream come true. Follow Billy's journey as he stumbles out of the boxing ring and into a ballet class where he discovers a passion for dance that inspires his family and whole community and changes his life forever.

*"It was an excellent show; the dance was inspiring and the story was very emotional."*

*"I loved 'Billy Elliot'. The orchestra was great, and the characters were amazing!"* (Year 11 students)



## GLEE CLUB

New for this term is Glee Club, which runs on Tuesdays after school. Year 7 and Year 8 students have been working on their own rendition of Michael Jackson's 'Black or White', assisted by Miss Thurley and Miss Trowsdale. The first few sessions were spent learning the song, and then the group began to learn some accompanying dance steps. The final result will be revealed at this year's Summer Concert!



## BERTOLT BRECHT WORKSHOPS

In April, Year 10 GCSE Drama students participated in a lively and engaging workshop on theatre practitioner Bertolt Brecht led by Phoenix Theatre Company. Students learnt both the historical-context to his work, *"I learnt that Brecht got most of his ideas from what he hated. His plays sent out a message which the audience questioned."* and new approaches for staging their work, *"The idea of changing your perspective of a character by setting out the play in a different order."*



## SPORT RELIEF MILE

All donations have now been received and counted. Amy Huwes of 8MH did a sponsored silence on the day and raised a total of £5.80. 7GM made donations to a total of £306.23.

The grand total collected: **£1,173.54**

Well done to everyone who took part and contributed.



# Performing Arts News

## DRAMA EXAM

9<sup>th</sup> May 2012 saw us say goodbye to our lovely Year 11 students as they completed their final Drama exam. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with the students over the last five years both in class and in extra-curricular activities. We wish them well for the future and fingers crossed for results day!

Here are some quotes from candidates:

*"It was an eventful and stressful day, but it felt good knowing it was over! However, it's sad to think that Drama is now finished."* Matt Walton 11DS

*"I enjoyed seeing everyone else's work and showcasing my own piece in front of an audience."* Alex Grove 11DF



## STEWARDS ACADEMY ACHIEVES ARTSMARK GOLD

This year we have been working towards the Artsmark award. We prepared a lengthy application at the start of the academic year, gathering evidence from all areas of the curriculum, and just before the Easter holidays we were visited by an assessor from the Arts Council who came to see all that Stewards has to offer within the arts. She was taken on a tour of the school and met a selection of staff, governors and pupils who spoke about the many activities they have taken part in and what the arts means to them. After seeing the wealth of evidence presented in support of our application, the assessor was very impressed with the quality of arts provision at Stewards, and we recently received notification that our school has achieved Artsmark Gold.

Here are some of the assessor's comments:

*"Talents, skills and diverse contributions are sought and the school is well networked locally and regionally, making good use of agencies and external expertise to signpost and provide quality practitioners and experiences that enable the students to access a wide and high quality range of arts experiences and opportunities within and outside school hours"*

*"The Summer School for Year 6 pupils ensures a smooth and happy transition; it really puts them on the path for success at Stewards and helps them make friends across the school"*



**The Performing Arts Team**

# Science Department News

## COMMUNITY MOON WATCH

It was very interesting listening to Andy Gannon talk about our Moon. He showed us lots of photographs of the surface of the Moon, talked about the craters, ridges and rilles.

The Moon always keeps the same side facing the Earth. This has been caused by gravitational effects between the Earth and the Moon over a long time. The part of the Moon you see is illuminated by the Sun. The Moon goes through a cycle of phases as the illumination changes from night to night. The line between night and day is called the terminator. In the days before telescopes people used to think that the dark areas of the Moon's surface were seas or mare, latin for sea. The Sea of Tranquillity is the most famous; this is where Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin made the first manned landing over forty years ago in July 1969. Most craters were formed a very long time ago by large asteroids hitting the surface. Some of the craters are over 100km wide. Rilles are long narrow valleys which can only be seen with a good telescope. The slight wrinkles in the otherwise flat mare surface are called ridges and are best seen when the Sun is at a low angle to them.

Unfortunately it was cloudy so we couldn't go out and view the Moon with telescopes and binoculars but the talk was fascinating.

Matthew Allen (11RA) said: *"I think that the Moon Watch was interesting. I Learnt things about craters and what was in them and about the terminator. It was just a shame that we didn't go outside and view it with binoculars."*

**Mrs Wright**

**Science Curriculum Development Manager**

## COMMUNITY NEPTUNE/URANUS WATCH

Once again Andy Gannon and Allan Bell our resident astronomers gave fascinating talks about the planets Neptune and Uranus.

Uranus, a gas giant discovered in 1781 by William Herschel using a telescope, is about 20 times further from the Sun than the Earth. It is just visible to the naked eye in dark skies but is an easy target even in urban conditions with binoculars. Uranus doesn't rotate like the other planets, it rolls like a ball rather than spins like a top, which gives it unusual seasons. Each pole gets around 42 years of continuous sunlight followed by 42 years of darkness.

Uranus has a ring system although not as impressive as Saturn's and 27 moons, one, Miranda, has huge cliffs 20km high. Uranus is colder than Neptune ( $-224^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) although Neptune is further from the Sun. Neptune, also a gas giant, is 30 times further away from the Sun than the Earth and was discovered in 1846 by calculation as it cannot be seen by the naked eye. Neptune has 13 moons, one, Triton is probably a captured dwarf planet. In 1989, the great Dark Spot, a huge swirling storm system in the southern hemisphere over 10000km across was discovered by NASA's Voyager 2 spacecraft. The storm resembles the Great Red Spot of Jupiter although Neptune's spot doesn't seem to be there all the time like Jupiter's, it



*Andy Gannon talking to Stewards Sky Watch group in Lab 7.*



*The community queuing to view Jupiter through the telescope.*

lasts for several months and then fades away as it reaches the equator. Neptune takes 165 years to orbit the Sun.

Allan Bell also blew us away with his talk about the measurement of time and how the method has changed over the centuries. I won't try to summarise it as it was quite complicated!

For the first time this year the skies were clear so we went outside with the telescopes to view Venus, Jupiter and Mars. Everyone had a marvellous time seeing Jupiter's moons, viewing the crescent shaped Venus (it has phases just like our Moon) and the rust coloured planet Mars through the telescopes.

**Mrs Wright**

**Science Curriculum Development Manager**



# Science Department News

## 'SEA ICE'

Institute of Physics Evening Lecture presented by Professor Grae Worster.

A group of interested students went to an Institute of Physics evening lecture on 'Sea Ice' at the Cavendish Laboratories, University of Cambridge.

The aim of the visit was to discuss matters of the sea at different temperatures as well as describing the beautiful patterns of snowflakes and why you can suck the colour out of an ice lolly.

We arrived at good time and students were very enthusiastic about the lecture and even volunteered when Professor Worster requested. The Professor showed us many different ways of representing how the Earth is kept from becoming either too cold or too warm. Students looked at hand warmers and some got the opportunity to suck the colour out of an ice lolly.

Joseph Thomas 8MT *"An interesting insight into an often overlooked subject in the world of physics"*.

Daniel Coleman 9MR *"A very good evening, I learnt a lot about Sea Ice. The lecture was very interesting and demonstrations were very well presented"*.

Staff also approached us to comment on the excellent behaviour demonstrated by the students. Well done to all those who attended.

**Ms E. Mohamed**  
**Science Teacher**



Professor Grae Worster: Blessing Ona (8RMP), Bradley Leathers (7TMA), Chelsea Townsend (9MR), Chloe Eves (8RMP), Daniel Coleman (9MR), Emma Presland (8RMP), Filip Kusnir (7CW), Isaac Lucia (8NF), Joseph Thomas (8MT), Paige Selves (8RMP), Rebecca Harrison (7GH), Rexhina Kotarja (7MPH), Shiv Sharma (7GM), William Payne (7GM) and Mrs Mohamed.

## MATHS AND THE MAKING OF THE MODERN WORLD

Presented by Professor Chris Budd from the University of Bath

Mrs G.Wright, accompanied by Mr A. Young, driving the school minibus, took a group of Year 8 students to the University of Hertford at Hatfield to attend a talk by Professor Chris Budd who is also the Professor of Mathematics at the Royal Institution.

Professor Budd started by telling us about mathematicians from history and the relevance of what they devised to us, now. It surprised us that so much of what we take for granted is based on mathematics in all sorts of ways. He then moved on to "numbers" and how they can be manipulated to correct errors in transmission from satellites and how they are used in items ranging from computers to CD players and iPods. How Google works out its ranking system was quickly absorbed by our students such was the clarity of the explanation. The talk was entertaining and informative and the students really enjoyed it.

**Taonga Chabva-Shoperai (8RMP) said:**

*"This lecture sadly showed maths is not useless and my life would not be the same without my phone or Google"*.

**Philip Howlett (8JJ) said:** *"I really enjoyed today. I found out a lot, like how Google works and how things are protected from errors. I would love to go into more detail about the subject"*.

**Riley Halson (8RP) said:** *"The lecture was very interesting and Professor Budd made it fun. I enjoyed learning about the maths behind Google and that I don't know famous mathematicians"*.

**Andrew Young**  
**Science Technician**



Professor Budd, Philip Howlett 8JJ, Taonga Chabva-Shoperai 8RMP, Blessing Ona 8RMP, Jacob Juniper 8MK, Chloe Eves 8RMP, Riley Halson 8RP, Isaac Lucia 8NF, Joseph Thomas 8MT and Kyle Francis 8NF

# P.E. Department News

## STEWARDS ACADEMY REPRESENTATIVES

### FOOTBALL

The following boys have all represented the school team on 5 or more occasions this year for football and have been awarded a badge to display their achievement.

#### Year 10

Aiden Warwick, Daniel Stevenson, Isaac Bertin, Lewis Fry, Connor Browne, Nqoba Mvitsho, Jack Starkey, Connor Bull, Lewis Townsend, Bradley Brooks, Dennis Perry and Liam Luck.

#### Year 9

Daniel Nunan, Connor Lynch, Mason Joscelyne, Danny Palmer, Owen Warwick, Josh Murphy, Alastair King, Danny Baker, Hayden Cook, Ryan Burgess, Billy Wickenden and Jamie Blake.

#### Year 8

Mason Cook, Matthew Fleming, Will Fordham, Matthew Oliver, Kenan Krkic, Charlie Jennings and Philip Howlett.

#### Year 7

Joshua Donovan, Dylan Sibanda, Stanley Saunders, Bradley Russell, Luke Luckin, Charlie Dowers, Tommy Wickenden, Brandon Magumise, Alife Steele, Alfie Babb and Michael Bow.

### PREMIERSHIP FOOTBALL YEAR 9

This year's Year 9 premiership winners for the third year in a row after a closely fought league are Norwich, congratulations boys well done on your achievement.



*Mason Joscelyne, Alistair King, Billy Wickenden and Aiden Holloway*

### NETBALL

The following Girls have all represented the school team on 5 or more occasions this year in Netball and have been awarded a badge to display their achievement.

#### Year 10

Bethan Randall, Gina Cullinan, Sarah Warby, Charlotte Cook, Taylor Fletcher-Rox and Geena Manzi.

#### Year 9

Louise Devlin, Elise Stingemore, Hannah Burns, Molly Snow, Caris Kay and Holly-Mae Pipe.

#### Year 8

Chloe Mitchell, Sian Curtis, Hannah Charles, Kelly Owen, Jess Noruwa and Rosie Poole.

#### Year 7

Megan Cunningham, Darcy Giddings, Emily Mead, Becky Dodd, Paige Abbott, Sara King, Alice Neville, Izzie Dorkin, Belkis Gorur, Mollie Jarvis, Lauren Sykes and Casey Hendricks.

### BASKETBALL

The following boys have all represented the school team on 5 or more occasions this year in Basketball and have been awarded a badge to display their achievement.

#### Year 10

Isaac Bertin, Sam Awoyinka, Nqoba Mvitsho, Paul Burton, Glory Abiodun.

#### Year 8

Josh Eke, Tyler Bull and George Deboo.

### YEAR 7 GIRLS BASKETBALL

The following year 7 Basketball Girls have all represented the school team this year and have been awarded a badge to display their achievement.

Izzie Dorkin, Becky Dodd, Megan Cunningham, Chelsea Schirra, Alice Neville, Casey Hendricks, Belkis Gorur, Lauren Sykes and Mollie Jarvis



# P.E. Department News

				<b>YR 9</b> <b>PREMIERSHIP</b> <b>FOOTBALL</b> <b>TABLE</b>				
Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals +	Goal s -	Goal diff.	Points
Norwich	7	5	0	2	13	3	10	19
Man City	7	4	1	2	8	5	3	17
Wigan	7	4	2	1	11	6	5	16
Swansea	7	2	1	4	9	6	3	15
QPR	7	3	3	1	7	5	2	14
Bolton	7	2	2	3	9	8	1	14
Stoke	7	1	4	1	3	6	-3	9
Wolves	7	0	7	0	2	18	-16	7

## Lunch Time At Stewards

### Jacket Potato Meal Deal

Jacket Potato Cheese or Beans  
Any 330ml Drink or Less  
Any Piece of Fruit, Yoghurt or Cookie

**Deal Price = £1.95**



### Pizza Meal Deal

Slice of Pizza  
Any 330ml Drink or Less  
Any Piece of Fruit or Cookie

**Deal Price = £1.85**



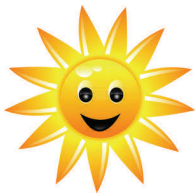
### Main Course Meal Deal

Any Main Course Meal  
Pasta or Potato & Vegetables  
330ml Drink or Less

**Deal Price = £1.95**



With the purchase of a main meal deal you receive complimentary bread and salad.



# Bude 2012



On Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 50 Year 7 students, accompanied by Mr King, Mr Locke, Miss Bromage and myself, set off for Bude in Cornwall at 5:30 am. Seven hours later we arrived and were straight onto the beach to catch the waves on our surfboards. Throughout the week the students participated in abseiling, caving, body boarding, surfing, canoeing, team trials, rock climbing, high wires and mountain boarding. Throughout the week they overcame fears completed tasks they have never attempted before and they gave their all with every activity even their 7am morning run! We arrived back to Stewards on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May having created memories that will last a lifetime.

*"The high ropes were absolutely amazing! I overcame a lot of fears and was relieved that I completed the leap of faith. Canoeing was brilliant. I loved working out how to steer the canoe and I loved the games, especially when Miss McGarry tipped me into the canal."* – Bradley Leathers 7TMA

*"Even though the journey was 7 hours long, it was worth the wait! Bude has been amazing especially the climbing, caving and body boarding."* – Lauren Sykes 7CW

*"My favourite activity was body boarding. I loved when I was catching the waves, although the water was freezing I caught the biggest wave of my life."* – Charlotte Munslow 7GM

*"I loved the whole week with my mates!"* – Bradley Russell 7TMA

*"I have had the most amazing experience of my life and would love to do it again!"* – Izzie Dorkin 7CW

**Miss McGarry**





# Stewards Academy 2012

## Menu



**DR 1,2,&3**

**Chilled Counter**

**Snack Right**

	Price
Filled Roll	£1.00
Filled Sandwich from	£1.00
Filled Wrap	£1.30
Filled Large Baguette	£1.50
Fresh Salad Pots	£1.30
Fresh Salad Plate	£1.60



Price

	Small	Large
Plain Jacket Potato	80p	£1.10
Jacket with Beans	£1.10	£1.40
Jacket with Cheese	£1.20	£1.50
Jacket Cheese & Beans	£1.30	£1.60

	Price
Jumbo Sausage Roll	£1.00
Bacon / Sausage in a Roll	£1.00
Baked Wedges / Chips	60p
Ham, Cheese, Tomato Panini	80P 1/2
Cheese on Toast	50p
Cheese & Onion Pasty	80p
Mini Cookies	80p
Homemade Cookie	55p
Alpen Bar	65p
Homemade Cakes	20p-65p



### Main Meals

Meat or Fish Main Meal	£1.10
Vegetarian Main Meal	£1.05
Potato/Noodles/Rice	45p
Vegetables	45p

### Puddings

Hot Pudding with Custard	65p
Fresh Fruit	40p
Fresh Fruit Salad	65p
Yoghurt	50p

	Price
Aqua Juice 330ml	70p
Aqua Juice 500ml	90p
Still Water 250ml	55p
Still Water 500ml	89p
Flavoured waters	70p
Juice Burst	99p
Orange Calypso	40p
Yazoo's	65p
Milk 250ml/500ml	40p

# Where Are They Now

## KIRSTIE CAMPBELL

I attended Stewards from 2002 - 2007. I achieved 1 A, 2 B's, 4 C's, 1 D and a Merit in ICT in my GCSEs. I then went to Hertford Regional College and studied a pre-nursing course from 2007 - 2008. Here I achieved a Level 2 in Health & Social Care. I chose this career path due to my Dad being diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer in 2003. Originally he was given 3 months to live but almost 9 years on he's still here to tell the tale and I couldn't be more proud of him. The hard work and caring nature of the nurses that have looked after him over the years is what inspired me to follow the career path I have today. In September 2008 I began a 3 year course at the University of Hertfordshire a year early! I was only 17 when I began uni, being the youngest student nurse and then going on to being the youngest Staff Nurse to qualify at 20! Here I achieved a Diploma in Higher Education in Adult Nursing and graduated in September of last year. Since qualifying I have brought a 3 bedroom house in Chester, Cheshire with my boyfriend David, 22, who is an Electrician. I've lived here since October last year and I have never been happier. I have been working at The Countess of Chester Hospital as a Staff Nurse on an Urgent Care ward for the past 7 months and am thoroughly enjoying every part of my job. We mainly care for surgical patients either pre or post op for a range of procedures from appendicectomys to people who have been in road traffic accidents. The level of responsibility is huge but it is one of the most rewarding jobs in the world and I'm so glad I decided to do my Nurse training.



## ANNA WEBSTER

School year 2004 -2009  
Currently at University of Essex studying Sociology and Criminology. Looking to continue my studies by completing a Masters and PHD in Sociology and Criminology.



## DANIEL ALLEN

Left Stewards in 2008 and went on to be a freelance personal trainer specialising in GP referrals, also working at HSBC bank.



## ANGEL MCCLAIR 8MT

In the holidays I went to the Zinc Art Centre with Catch 22. We arrived on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 at 9.30am. First was breakfast at 10am, then we had a tour around and finally we discussed some rules. I made lots of new friends and my cousin was there too. My friend from Burnt Mill taught me a song on the piano. On the first day we played games, the second day we used stencils and on the third day we used spray paints on canvas. The last day we played games and met a local councillor called Mr Pickles, we had our picture taken with him. On the journey back we were given Easter eggs. The best thing about my trip was making new friends and having fun, I would love to go again.





# Writers Society

As part of the Writers Society, 16 Year 10 pupils attended a workshop focused on journalism. The workshop was run by Sue Barr from the Journalism and Media Department at Harlow College. Pupils had the opportunity to discuss the work of a journalist, the aims of the profession and consider how difficult it is to deliver stories to tight deadlines.

Pupils discussed the structure of stories and analysed a summary from the River Medway newspaper. Pupils had to use the facts to construct a news report of about 150 words.

The session was interesting and pupils were very grateful to Sue Barr for her time.

**Mrs Sherwood  
Sociology**

A man of 23 from Maidstone, was dragged unconscious out of the River Medway on Saturday afternoon after falling into the river. The man has been identified as Richard Davis, who is believed to have been staying in a hut at Tutsham Farm, West Farleigh. Davis was pulled out of the water by two local boat owners-Donald Packer and Lionel Bailey, who witnessed the accident. After being found Mr Davis was immediately taken to a local hospital, where after a week of specialist treatments he discharged himself.

One of the rescuers, Mr Packer, told the newspaper: "we heard shouts coming from the river. We could see someone in the water. We got into my dinghy and rowed to him. By the time we got to him he had disappeared under the water".

An associate of Mr Packer claimed: "If we had waited 15 seconds longer, we could have lost him, he would have died. Perhaps that is something the council should consider".

A story prevalent in Maidstone is the council's bid to get rid of the boats and their owners off the river. It is quite ironic that the very thing the council are trying to rid saved a man's life. After all, without the two boat owners Mr Davis would most certainly have not survived, so whether the council will consider re-thinking removal of boats on the river is an entirely different matter. We have yet to be informed.

**Sarah Warby**

Local boat owners save man from the icy clutches of river Medway.

A local 23 year old man fell into the river Medway late last Saturday where he was later found unconscious by two local boat owners.

Mr Packer and Mr Bailey somehow managed to use a dingy to fish him out of the water and get him safely to a local hospital, from where he later discharged himself. Richard Davis, a local man from Farm West Farleigh, ventured out from a local hop-pickers hut where he had been staying Saturday afternoon, before falling into the River Medway.

It appears that Richard Davis' saviours found him at the brink of death; Mr Bailey even saying that in another fifteen seconds Richard would have been dead. Some people might have described this rescue as a real modern day miracle. I say this because just days before, Maidstone Borough council had served enforcement notices to our new local heroes, Mr Packer and Mr Bailey. What would have happened if they hadn't disobeyed the rules? Would there have been anyone else to save Richard?

**Patrick McGovern**

## UKMT Maths Competition

Congratulations to George Strachan-Year 9, who following his success in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge was invited to participate in the Follow on round, the Intermediate Mathematical Kangaroo. Entry to this competition is by invitation and only open to the best students in the country. Around 1550 students throughout the UK took the paper at the same time, as well as students in up to 40 other countries worldwide. Well done George who can be seen here receiving a Certificate of participation and prize from Mr C Turner.

**Mrs Patch  
Curriculum Development Technician Maths**



# Year Group Information

## Year 7

## Year 8

As Year 7 approach the end of the academic year I would like to offer my congratulations to them. As a year group these children are outstandingly supportive of one another. Your children have settled into life at Stewards with remarkable ease and will be wonderful role models for the new Year 7 when they arrive in September. Indeed I feel proud to know some of the Year 7 pupils have been into Primary schools already to talk to prospective pupils about the whole business of the transition to secondary school. With only a few weeks to go before the end of term could I request your vigilance with regard to your child's appearance, as the summer continues I would like Year 7 to maintain the high standard they have set until the end of term. Please don't let your children persuade you that we allow pierced ears and coloured hair in school. If they wish to have this done over the holiday could you ensure it is not in place in September. Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing them as Year 8 in September.

**Mrs Bird**  
**Head of Year 7**

This week Year 8 was lucky enough to have a visit in assembly from 2 D Day veterans, Buzz and Bill, who gave a fascinating



talk about their experiences at the D Day landing. Bill was parachuted in and Buzz was in a large battle ship. Year 8 listened intently as the memories came thick and fast. Excellent news about the UK Maths Challenge, recently undertaken by Year 8s. Three pupils achieved the Gold Award. They were Isaac Lucia, Chloe Mitchell and Riley Halson. For the first time a Year 8 pupil, Isaac Lucia, is through to the next round. We wish him luck! As the Olympics draws ever closer Nigel, our well-travelled mascot, is getting very excited about his trip to an athletics' final. Hopefully we will have pictures in September.

**Ms Batterham**  
**Head of Year 8**

## Year 9

This part of the summer term has gone very quickly, and it won't be long before the students are in Year 10. As the Olympics draw near, I have concentrated on talking about some of our athletes who have done really well in their respective disciplines, and are hoping to get a medal, the latest being Mark Cavendish the cyclist and Jessica Innes the heptathlete. What is striking about these two athletes is that they both come from ordinary backgrounds and are obviously talented, but they are also extremely competitive and have gruelling schedules. They are focused and highly ambitious, but see failure as being an inspiration to work even harder to achieve their goals. I hope the year group is inspired by these role models to achieve success and do the best that they can do.

On this note I would like to celebrate some recent successes within the year group.

Yasmin Crossley and Scott Beaumont spent hours designing and making their own islands as a follow up to work they had been doing in English on the book 'Lord of the Flies'.

George Strachan took part in the UK Intermediate Maths challenge and went through to the next round. Only 4 students have done this in the last 10 years.

On Wednesday Ryan Burgess came first in the 1500 metres race, competing against other schools in the area. May Bumrunpanid also came first in the high jump, and Jamie Blake came first in the 100 and 800 metre races at the same meeting. Finally I would like to ask that parents check their children's learning logs on a regular basis, and notify tutors in the first instance if they have any concerns regarding homework being set.



**Mrs Ellis**  
**Head of Year 9**



# Year Group Information

## Year 10

## Year 11

Work Experience week draws ever closer and it is vital that pupils are well organised if they are to have a successful placement. Telephone calls to employers should have been made and, if not yet attended, dates for interviews should have been arranged. After the half term break pupils have just a week in school before their placement begins and therefore it is vital that they have made the necessary preparations. A number of Year 10 pupils have already taken GCSEs in some of their subjects and I would like to commend them for their positive and mature attitude during this intensive period. There are further exams commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June with some taking place during Work Experience week. It is important that pupils check their individual exam timetables to ensure that they are clear about the dates and times of their exams. Preparation is the key to exam success and pupils should use the half term break to revise. They should organise a revision timetable during which they need to review their class and homework notes in preparation for the exams.

**Mrs Ramsey**  
**Head of Year 10**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Year 11 the very best of luck in the final few weeks of their GCSE'S. I have been very impressed with the maturity and diligence the year group have shown in their attitude towards revision and examinations to date. Pupils have extensively used extended school revision sessions and many pupils have successfully combined revision for a large number of subjects simultaneously. After half term and as the weather continues to get warmer, here are a few reminders about protocol for the last GCSE examinations; Students should arrive to each exam up to 30 minutes before to be well prepared for the exam. Students must arrive wearing full school uniform including their blazer, although they might be able to take this off in the exam hall itself if weather permits. Students are to be fully equipped for every exam and a black pen is essential. Students are advised to bring a water bottle with them to every examination, the label will need to be removed before entering the exam hall. Pupils are required to fill in a student completion booklet as each subject and examination finishes. Students must gain the signature of each subject teacher and the head of year. Once this is fully completed students will be free to remain at home. As the final few weeks of Year 11 draw to a close the excitement builds for the leavers event which will take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Students plans are well underway and final details for the day itself will be released nearer to the date. As a tutor team we are really looking forward to celebrating this special event with Year 11 as a culmination of all they have achieved over the last 5 years. Good luck with your final examinations Year 11 and keep striving to the best of your ability!

**Miss Francis**  
**Head of Year 11**

### AQUA AEROBICS AT STEWARDS ACADEMY SWIM SCHOOL



**Monday 7.30-8.30pm**

**Monday 8.30-9.30pm**

**Wednesday 7.30-8.30pm**

**Thursday 7.30-8.15pm**

**Cost £5 per session or £20 for a session  
booking card**

### SWIMMING LESSONS AT STEWARDS ACADEMY SWIM SCHOOL



AVAILABLE EVERY EVENING FROM 4.00PM  
THE SWIM SCHOOL CATERS FOR 5-17 YR OLDS  
IN THE JUNIOR SWIMMING LESSONS PRO-  
GRAMME AND ALSO ADULTS LESSONS ON  
THURSDAY AT 6.30 PM  
LESSONS COST £50 PER SCHOOL TERM

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JUNE

<b>4TH - 8TH</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
12th	EMPV Meeting 1.15pm
16th - 24th	Ardèche Trip
18th - 22nd	Year 10 Work Experience
20th	Year 5 Taster Day/Thorpe Park Trip
26th	School Council Meeting

### JULY

2nd	Leavers Day
4th	New Parents Evening 6.00pm
5th	Lower School Production 6.00pm
5th - 6th	Year 6 Taster Day
9th	New Parents Interviews
10th	Sports Presentation Evening 6.00pm
11th	Curriculum Day/Prefect Training
13th	Sports Day
16th	Summer Concert 6.00pm
18th	Stewards Challenge
<b>20TH</b>	<b>TERM ENDS 1.00PM</b>



## 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**

