



Stewards Academy

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Newsletter



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HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear Parents and Pupils,

This has been an eventful and very successful term. As always, life at Stewards has been very busy. On 11th November the whole school participated in a memorable Remembrance Service with the chairman of the Royal British Legion, in recognition of Armistice Day. Second World War Veterans joined pupils and staff after the service and students were enthralled as they learned first hand about the experiences of those who had served in the armed forces. My thanks to Mrs Erwood who planned and organised the day – one which will be in the memories of all students and staff for many years to come.



The Upper School Showcase on 17th November was an opportunity for students to perform through dance, drama or music to a packed hall. The quality of the performances was to a very high standard and the occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We have run a series of events for parents this half term: Year 10 and 11 parents came to school to take part in a series of parent workshops, led by the staff, to learn more about English and Maths teaching and how parents can support our work with their children. It was the first time we have organised a parents evening this way and the feedback was very positive indeed.

The recent Year 11 parents evening was very well attended and the results of the first parents survey of the year are shown below:

	Respondents who strongly agreed or agreed with the statements
	Year 11 24.11.11
Number of responses	51
Attendance	72%
My child is happy at this school.	98%
My child feels safe at this school.	98%
My child makes good progress at this school.	98%
My child is well looked after at this school.	96%
My child is taught well at this school.	98%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	96%
This school ensures the pupils are well behaved.	98%
This school deals effectively with bullying.	98%
This school is well led and managed.	100%
This school responds well to any concern I raise.	96%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	98%
I would recommend this school to another parent.	98%

In the last Newsletter I informed parents we had vacancies for parent governors on Stewards Academy Governing Body. I am pleased to report that these vacancies have now been filled. The two new parent governors are Mr Dodd and Mr Leadley. Mr Dodd has two children at the school (year 7 and 8) and Mr Leadley also has two children at Stewards (year 9 and 11). At the end of term we say farewell to Marion Webster, Catering Manager. Mrs Webster has worked hard to continuously seek to improve the 'dining experience' for our students and we wish her well for the future. Mr Andrew Saunders has been appointed and he has already met School Council members who welcomed him to Stewards.

My thanks to all the staff for their hard work this term.
May I wish you all, pupils, parents, staff and governors, a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Rhonda Murthar

Rhonda Murthar
Headteacher

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE HARVEY CENTRE

Stewards Choir was invited to entertain Christmas shoppers at the Harvey Centre with a selection of traditional Christmas Carols. Led by Miss Wang and accompanied by Mrs Morrison, Mrs Smith and Mr White, the choir created a lovely festive atmosphere with songs such as Silent Night, Amazing Grace and Away in a Manger.



Important Information

ATTENDANCE NEWS

For the first half term (7th September -21st October) attendance was:

Year 7 = 98.6%
Year 8 = 96.2%
Year 9 = 95%
Year 10 = 93.4%
Year 11 = 92.5%

CONGRATULATIONS to all pupils who contributed to these totals -
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

REGISTRATION

8.45AM – REGISTRATION (AM) FOR ALL PUPILS

1.55PM – REGISTRATION (PM) FOR ALL PUPILS

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

ABSENCE

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

(01279) 772511 (please leave a message)

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

HOLIDAYS

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION IN THESE MATTERS

Mrs Barker
Attendance Officer

PUPIL LUNCH OVERDRAFTS

A reminder to all parents/guardians - please ensure that your child has a packed lunch or has enough money in their cashless catering account to buy lunch. Pupils who have genuinely lost or forgotten their lunch money can come to the Finance Office to ask for a £1.00 overdraft on their cashless catering account. For this amount your child can purchase either a sandwich, baguette, jacket potato, pasta pot or salad pot - **it is not given for pupils to only purchase cakes and/or drinks.** Pupils must ensure they repay the £1.00 into their catering account **on the next working day.** Persistent non-payers will not be allowed further overdrafts if money is still owed.

Please would parents/guardians be aware that lunch overdrafts are for EMERGENCIES ONLY, and are not to be used as a means for your child to buy 'extras' at lunch time or break time.

Mrs Willson Finance Office

Maths Department News

NUMERACY WEEK – 17TH – 21ST OCTOBER 2011

As part of numeracy week pupils in years 7, 8 and 9 took part in various numeracy activities, games and competitions in lessons and during registration.

Year 7 completed a Maths Trail spotting mathematical symbols and words worn by a member of staff as a badge. Prizes were awarded to the tutor group with the most entries. Well done to **7LM**.

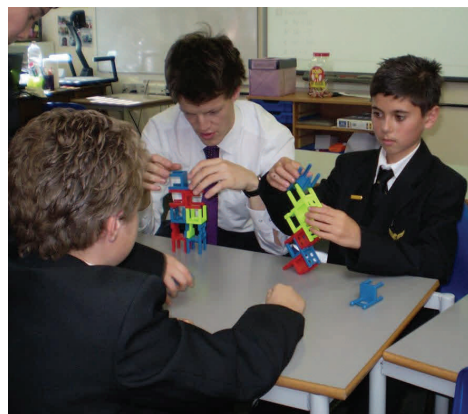
During registration years 7 & 8 pupils attempted the "Four 4's" challenge, this involved working out how to make each number from 1 to 100 using four 4's and any mathematical operators. Pupils were very enthusiastic to find the answer. Prizes for the most correct answers were awarded to tutor groups **7GM and 8MT**.

Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils were also looking for numeracy in their lessons. The first pupil to spot numeracy in a lesson was given a golden ticket, which could then be exchanged at maths club for a small prize. The tickets were also entered into a grand draw which took place in assembly. Individual prizes were given to: **Charlotte Munslow 7GM, Daniel Tinsley 8MT and Josh Hill 9JG**.

Special lunchtime sessions of Maths club took place. Pupils enjoyed playing the maths board games they had designed for homework. They competed against each other in building mathematical structures. Speed was needed as well a steady hand, bringing a new dimension of challenge and excitement! Some completed mind-challenging puzzles such as Rush Hour and Colour Code.



Bethan Rumsey challenging Miss McDevitt



Alessandro Curaba beating Mr Strathern



Fatimah Oseni 8JJ



Joe White 7LM



Keeley-Ann Hanson and Jody Bridge

Reminder :

Maths Club runs on Wednesdays from 3:15 – 4:30pm in room 20.
Maths Homework runs on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 3.15 – 4.30pm, in room 14.

All year groups are welcome



Work Related Learning News

PREPARATION FOR WORK EXPERIENCE – CURRICULUM DAY

Preparation for Work Experience for Year 10 included a 'what do I do' session when colleagues from Industry joined us and answered questions (answering only yes or no) about themselves and their job whilst students had to guess what their job was. *Appearances can be deceptive!*

Kirstie Brough (Actress), Paul Rogers (Fire Officer), Mark Cotton (Architect) and Simon Hunt (Lee Valley Environmental Educator) enjoyed the sessions as much as the students – answering tricky questions with good humour and sharing information about their career paths as well as about their present roles.

We thank them for joining us.

Work Experience placements take place 18th – 22nd June and 'own placement forms' should be with Mrs Hampstead or Mrs Rogers no later than **Wednesday 4th January.**



ROYAL SOCIETY YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOOK PRIZE 2011 YOUNG PEOPLE JUDGING PANEL

Reading can be and should be a very enjoyable experience. Each year the Royal Society asks 100 panels of young people nationwide to read a short list of six children's science books to decide which one will be awarded the Book Prize. This year Stewards students from years 7 to 9 were invited by Science Alive to take part. Several evenings after school the students read the books and decided which book, in their opinion, came out top. Our results will be added to the rest of the national scores and the winning book will be announced soon.

Students in Stewards Young People's Judging Panel:

Kennedy Wayman 7JS, Riley Hanson 8RP, Joseph Thomas 8MT, Isaac Lucia 8NF, Becky Warwick 8RP, Jack Rust 8RP, Taonga Chabva-Shoperai 8RP, Hamza Kazmi 8RP, Thomas Goodenough 9HS and Luke Sams 9DJ.

Our results are as follows:

1st 'What Mr Darwin Saw', written by Mick Manning

2nd 'How the World Works' written by Beverley Young

3rd 'The Icky, Sticky, Snot and Blood Book' written by Steve Alton

4th 'What's the Point of Being Green?' written by Jacqui Bailey

5th 'The Story of Astronomy and Space' written by Louie Stowell and Peter Allen

6th 'What goes on in my Head' written by Professor Robert Winston



Science Department News

GRAVITY RACER PROJECT

Progress Report December 2011

The Gravity Racer Project progresses well thanks to the enthusiasm of our team (James Mallardo, Chris Wilson, George Wilson, Jordan Huntley, Tom Gibbs, Ryan Freeman and Tom Dowers).

Various aspects of the project are under way with some nearing completion and others about to start. We have tested the painted chassis with full suspension and wheels (and brakes) which have been removed again so that the ultra thin plywood body can be formed round the chassis.

This nears completion prior to preparing for painting. Artwork options have been projected onto the bodywork using an overhead projector and a design agreed. The web page is under construction and our sponsorship group are considering options while the journalists are concocting a press release.

The **Stewards Racing Team** look forward to their first racing season in 2012.

Mrs Wright

Curriculum Development Technician, Science



Chassis testing with Jordan Huntley, Tom Gibbs, Tom Dowers, Ryan Freeman and George Wilson (in the racer).



Gravity Racer projected artwork.

'GALAXY ZOO', INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS EVENING LECTURE

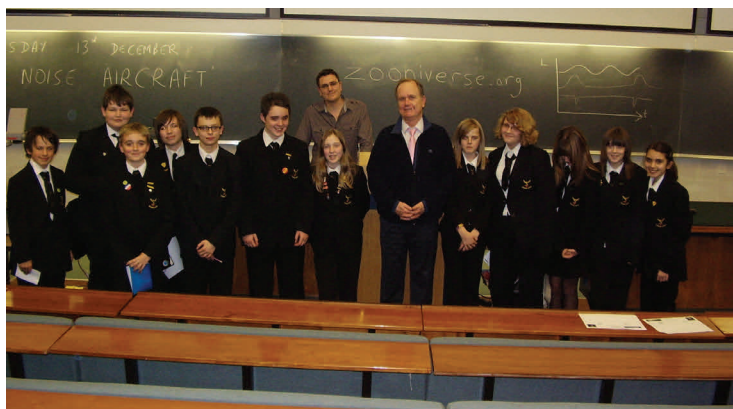
Presented by Dr Stuart Lynn, University of Oxford
Venue: Cavendish Laboratories, University of Cambridge

Exploring the Moon, keeping the Earth safe from harmful solar radiation, searching for planets around other stars, taking a voyage on the great battleships of World War 1 and helping to understand the climate better are all activities which sound a million miles away from what most of us do day to day. Thanks, however, to the **zooiverse**, a unique citizen science project, a community of almost 400,000 users routinely take part in each of these grand endeavours. Through the internet they are able to contribute their time and attention to help solve real problems in science which computers have a hard time dealing with. (www.zooiverse.org)

Jessica Ganny 9VG 'I enjoyed learning about all the different galaxies in the universe and stars which have a planet behind or in front of them.'

Isaac Lucia 8NF 'It was an immensely enjoyable evening which provided me with an insight into how I can get involved with scientific activities. The speaker was interesting and enjoyable to listen to (adding humor to the talk, which I liked). He also looked at a diverse range of subjects, from galaxies to WW1 navy records, which added to the talk somewhat.'

Students on the trip: Tyler Hampson 9HS, Holly Fegan 9VG, Rebekah Gibbins 9PM, Margarita Lawrence 9VG, Josh Lighten 8JJ, Jessica Ganny 9VG, Joseph Thomas 8MT, Amy Cannell 9CPT, Charlotte Geddis 9PM, Reilly Halson 8RP, Isaac Lucia 8NF, Becky Warwick 8RP, Josh Winterbotham 8RP, Shannon Andrews 9CPT with Mr Plested, Science Teacher and Mr Young, Science Technician.



RAKTRAIN

Students from Year 11 took part in a training project – designed to motivate and focus on success – during November, gaining a qualification in 'Emergency First Aid in the Workplace' along the way.

Well done **Charlie Baker, Frankey Gumble, Mitchell Perry, Chloe Young, Jordan Gould, Jordan Mapp, Jeddy Bernards and Shannon Murphy.**

Science Department News

CHEMISTRY AT WORK

**TILBURY CRUISE TERMINAL
19TH OCTOBER 2011**

Year 9 students spent an interesting and informative morning at the Chemistry at Work conference recently. Not only were students learning about employment in the Science and Engineering sector they took part in several experiments too.

Ellie Alger 9HS said *"I enjoyed myself at the Chemistry event and learned a lot about different jobs involving chemistry during the lectures. My understanding of how people use chemistry at work will help me in the future. I enjoyed making the ice cream too!"*

Holly Fegan 9VG said *"I have enjoyed today's experience and all the sessions we participated in. I learned a lot and am sure the knowledge will help me plan my future. I especially enjoyed making the hair gel."*

The engineers and scientists presenting at the event are passionate about their subject and this passion transferred itself to the students attending.

A thoroughly worthwhile opportunity.

**Mrs J. Hampstead
Vocational Learning Mentor**



Megan Baldwin 9DJ

MAINTENANCE OF STEWARDS ANCIENT MEADOW

Sunday 16th October 2011-10am until 3pm

For the last four years we have helped Harlow Conservation Volunteers (HCV) maintain the meadow. The HCV cut the grass with an industrial lawn mower and hand held scythes then we gathered up the cut grass and pile it up into compost heaps. This year we finished cutting the grass really early, because there were so many students helping, so we set about cutting back the dogwood in the centre of the meadow and opening up paths between the blackthorn and hawthorn bushes. The meadow looked very tidy when we had finished. At the end of the day we picked some apples to take home.

Volunteers: Vanya Arabadzhieva 9MR, Matthew Allen 11RA, Tyler

Hampson 9HS, Shiv Sharma 7GM, Jai

Sharma 11DF, Robbie

Cox 10SE, Isaac Lucia

8NF, Robert Fennell

10SP, Wayne Gould

7GM, Joseph Thomas

8MT, Rebecca

Willbourne 8NF and Josh

Hill 9JG

Staff: HCV x 5, Mrs G

Wright, Ms L Block and

Mr P Thompson



BUBBLES: TRICK OR TREAT, IOP EVENING LECTURE

Presented by Dr Gianluca Memoli

On the 13th October, 11 pupils from Stewards visited The Cavendish Laboratories in Cambridge. The aim of the visit was to see a lecture about bubbles by Dr Gianluca Memoli. We arrived in good time and were ushered into the lecture theatre and shown where to sit. The students were excited to see the size of the lecture hall, with the rows of seats and the big screen down at the bottom.

Dr Memoli was very entertaining and funny. He told us about some of The Guinness World Records on bubbles and then demonstrated by attempting to put some of the audience inside a bubble! We also learnt that bubbles can be used to treat cancer, by injecting them into the blood and targeting ultrasound waves at them so that they penetrate the cell membrane and burst, releasing drugs, which then destroy the cell.

Dr Memoli also discussed the use of bubbles in food and drink and how they can alter the flavour and texture. He taught us that there is a relationship between bubbles expanding and collapsing and the sound they make. This is why a bottle of fizzy pop hisses when you open it and this is the noise we hear as the tide goes in and out and waves rush up and down the beach. He gave many more examples of bubbles found in nature and how scientists have applied this knowledge to come up with new and exciting solutions for problems faced by astronauts, the fashion industry and general society.

The students really enjoyed the demonstrations and were involved in one of them when they demonstrated to the rest of the audience, the noise you get when you open a bottle of fizzy pop!

Alex Dodd 8MT : *'It was a good experience; very educational. I learnt a lot of new things about bubbles. I also now look at things in a completely different way.'*

School Council News

Congratulations to all the children in year 7 who stood for School Council. It was a fabulous effort from everyone. Many congratulations to the successful candidates.

Girls	Boys
Jessica Relph-Smith	Robert Kelly
Lauren Sykes	Alfie Babb
Isabel Dorkin	Bradley Leathers
Rexhina Kotarja	Jackson Rushbrooke
Bayley Summerfield	Stanley Saunders
Casey Hendricks	Alex Curaba - Reserve
Emma Lidbury - Reserve	Kieran Miller - Reserve
Phoebe Jewell - Reserve	Nayeem Ahmed - EMPV
Becky Dodd - EMPV	

Those pupils who were not voted onto the School Council this time are now members of the Year 7 Year Council and will meet regularly with Mrs Atkinson.

Chloe White, Alice Neville, Chelsea Schirra, Kirsty Webber, Rebecca Lever, Katy Briant, Kariss Brown, Georgia Royall, Molly Galloway, Jody Bridge, Keeley-Ann Hanson, Charlotte Houlihan, Belkis Gorur, Megan Cunningham, Ellie Wiseman, Darcy Giddings, Beth Vincent, Olivia Sullivan, Crystal Blackburn, Chloe Davis, Shiv Sharma, William Jolley, Callum Smith, Zac Rogers, Charlie Dowers, James Burns, William Johnson, Liam Goward and Joe White.

Mrs Erwood MBE
Assistant Headteacher

COMMUNITY JUPITER WATCH

On a clear night Jupiter is very prominent in the southern part of the sky. It is the brightest object seen as the Sun disappears over the horizon. However on our Community Jupiter Watch evening the sky was so cloudy that it was impossible to see it. That didn't stop us having a good time though. Allan Bell from Loughton Astronomical Society talked to a packed Lab 7 about Jupiter and it's very interesting moons. He then went on a tour of our in-house telescopes informing our audience about how they all work, each one working in a slightly different way, and which one would make a very nice Christmas present for a budding astronomer. Bailey Burns, Year 6 from Kingsmoor Primary School 'I have learnt a lot about Jupiter and it's moons. I also liked looking at the telescopes. I had lots of fun, thank you.'



NETBALL NEWS

The following girls took part in the 2nd round of the national schools netball tournament in New Hall Chelmsford. They played teams from all over Essex. They played with determination and courage and won one of their seven games. They were Louise Devlin, Maisy Treacher, Lauren To, Elise Stingemore, Hannah Kizilcan, Hannah Burns, Shannon Andrews, Jessica Noruwa, Chloe Mitchell, and Sian Curtis.



They represented Stewards Academy with pride and courage. Well done girls.

Miss McGarry
PE Department



PE Department News

YEAR 7 CELEBRATING SUCCESS EVENING MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

The following pupils were invited to the evening -

GIRLS	BOYS
Darcy Giddings	Nayeem Ahmed
Izzie Dorkin	Alfie Babb
Sara King	Charlie Dowers
Alice Neville	Stanley Saunders
Laura Cleary	James Burns
Casey Hendricks	Harry McCann
Becky Dodd	Tommy Edwards
Belkis Gorur	Baylie Gasson
Emily Mead	Jackson Rushbrooke
Paige Abbott	Brandon Magumise
Lauren Sykes	Alex Curaba
Mollie Jarvis	Michael Bow
Lauren Russell	Dylan Sibanda
Emma Lidbury	Joshua Donovan
Megan Cunningham	

The purpose of the event was to say thankyou to these pupils who have worked hard and stood out from the crowd during PE in their first half term at Stewards. The evening involved teambuilding and competitive games for both pupils and teachers. Keep up the good work!

RUGBY 2011 – 2012 FINAL STANDINGS

A big well done to the year 8, 9 and senior rugby teams who were successful in winning their individual leagues this year and making it through to the finals. The Stewards teams have bounced back well after last years defeats in the final. All 3 games resulted in hotly contested affairs and were a real pleasure for those standing on watching. In two of the three finals Stewards came out on top and only narrowly missed out in the third. As we see another rugby season pass by we reflect on the excellent attitude, team spirit and enjoyment our pupils have demonstrated across all year groups. We as teachers would like to say thanks for their commitment and the enjoyment they have provided us, well done gentlemen!

YEAR 8

LEAGUE 1 WINNERS – West Hatch

LEAGUE 2 WINNERS – Stewards

FINAL

WINNERS – Stewards 38 – 31 West Hatch

YEAR 9

LEAGUE 1 WINNERS – West Hatch

LEAGUE 2 WINNERS – Stewards

FINAL

WINNERS – West Hatch 17 – 12 Stewards

YEAR 10/11

LEAGUE 1 WINNERS – Roding Valley

LEAGUE 2 WINNERS – Stewards

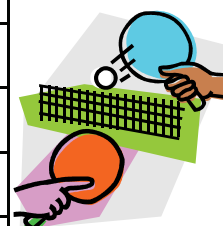
FINAL

WINNERS – Stewards 33 – 12 Roding Valley

SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES AFTER CHRISTMAS BREAK



Harlow 2 nd Team Football Tournament - boys
Harlow schools Table Tennis
Harlow schools boys Dodge Ball
Harlow schools girls Basketball
Harlow Schools Trampoline Competition



Performing Arts News

UPPER SCHOOL SHOWCASE

Over 100 talented students provided a variety of entertainment for this year's Upper School Showcase performing to a sold out audience of family, staff and pupils.

Drama pieces were self-devised by students in class with many groups choosing an 'eerie' theme including 'Play Nice' from Year 10 and 'New Girl' from Year 11. In contrast was 'Be Nice to Your Granny' which offered some light entertainment!

A range of dance pieces were presented by the Upper School Dance Club, Dance Fusion and the Year 10 and 11 GCSE classes. Highlights included the Year 10 performance of 'Thriller' and the Year 11 Dance class with their rock 'n' roll themed piece, 'Why Do Fools Fall In Love'.

Musical entertainment was provided by a number of our regular performers including Alex Grove, Jai Sharma and Benton Shepherd from Year 11 who performed 'What I've Done' and a song of their own, 'Believe'. Anastasiya Smirnova, new to Year 10, sang her solo piece 'Never Told You' and a group of GCSE Music students performed Adele's 'Set Fire To The Rain'.

Finally the audience were given a taste of the upcoming production 'Disco Inferno' with Ben Tournier singing 'Sorry Seems To Be The Hardest Word' and the dance chorus performing their 'Boogie Nights' routine.

The evening was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Performing Arts News

GCSE DRAMA EXAM - UNIT 1

Year 11 Drama students completed their Unit 1 exam which was based around the theme of 'Conflict'. Using materials which included the prologue from 'Romeo and Juliet' and historical sources relating to the suffragette movement, the candidates took part in group discussion and worked hard to create some excellent pieces of drama exploring this theme.



A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Students from Year 10 and 11 performed an abridged version of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at Broxbourne Civic Hall, as part of this year's Shakespeare Schools Festival. Three other schools also participated, presenting their own Shakespeare plays to the public.

The co-ordinator for the Festival described our production as '*bold, energetic and utterly enchanting*' and our cast as '*a delight ... polite, professional and lovely to work with*'.



MUSIC SCHOOL

Would you like to learn a musical instrument? Stewards Music School offers specialist one-to-one tuition on the instrument of your choice. We currently have specialist tutors available for Flute, Cello, Guitar, Bass, Drums, Piano, Keyboard, Trumpet, Trombone, Clarinet and Saxophone.

For further information please contact Miss Wang at the school. Enrolment for next term will be held on Wednesday 4th January 2012.

Performing Arts Team





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13th November 2011

Her Majesty The Queen
Buckingham Palace
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Your Majesty

I have watched the annual Remembrance Day Service on television today with huge pride and emotion, as I have done for many years. I thought it entirely appropriate therefore to tell you about a very special event which took place at my school, Stewards Academy in Harlow on Friday 11th November. As an historian I wanted to acknowledge the significance of the 11.11.11 ceremony, and as such I organised a whole-school ceremony which will long live in the memories of everyone who was there. We had 20 Second World War Veterans with us along with representatives from our local business and education community, serving members of the armed forces, police, fire service and the District Commissioner for Scouting in Harlow. The Chairman of the Royal British Legion in Harlow led our service and we were very proud to have several standards on display. Every member of the school community who belonged to the Scouts, Guides, Army Cadets, Air Cadets, Sea Cadets, St John Ambulance Service or Salvation Army wore their uniform to the ceremony with great pride. A total of approximately 1,200 children and adults stood in our outside area in a quadrangle decorated with poppies, flowers and garlands, and in actual fact on a cold, drizzling November 11th they stood in absolute silence for 25 minutes. The Last Post and Reveille were played by staff, the Exhortation and the Kohima Prayer were read and the entire school body sang the National Anthem. Year 7 and 8 pupils then dropped poppies from the balcony onto the people below.

The feedback from the day was overwhelming.

Mica Peters in Year 8 said ***"Thank you so much; we are so grateful to you for fighting for our country. Your sacrifice of 'your today for our tomorrow' is so appreciated. We will always remember this, for what you have done. Every year we have Poppy Day; the 2 minutes are for you and for what you did for us. We will remember."***

Luke Pykett in Year 11 said ***"Today's ceremony was very special as it was on 11.11.11.11. It was quite a special moment of my life being part of such a ceremony. When the poppies dropped I felt such emotion hit me. My granddad is a Chelsea Pensioner and both of my great-grandparents were Japanese prisoners of war."***

Jake Murphy in Year 11 said ***"After today, I'm proud to be English. I have never felt a feeling like I did today. The feeling is most likely pride and I think it has been a really good day and I'm glad I played my part in the 11.11.11.11 celebration. When I saw the War Veterans I said forget Steven Gerrard and Wayne Rooney ... these men are the real heroes."***

Riley Halson in Year 8 said ***"After today I have many precious memories that will be passed down from generation to generation."***

Head Boy Jack Baldwin said ***"I think that today sums up Stewards – it will be a moment I will remember for the rest of my life. I can remember walking onto the balcony and thinking 'Wow' at how the entire school was standing. A fantastic day."***

The last words go to the War Veterans themselves.

Leslie Dunn, who has the Military Medal said ***“An excellent service, a pleasure to be involved.”***

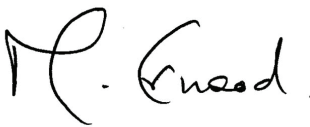
92 year old John Mead said ***“It was marvellous, the best service that I have ever seen. The school should be very proud of themselves the way they respect the day and the old folk, very special to see in this day and age.”***

And Bill Martin, ex parachute regiment said ***“I have never attended a function so well organised. The welcome given to the Veterans has been quite overwhelming. The children are a credit to the school.”***

‘Buzz’, another Normandy Veteran said ***“This special day was very well organised, I give 10 out of 10. The staff were great, the students were so well behaved, today to me was a great success. To come to Stewards is always a pleasure, long may it continue.”***

Altogether it is a day I am hugely proud to have organised. In my 37 year teaching career there are now 2 high spots – receiving my MBE from you last November for services to education, and commemorating Armistice Day in November 2011 at Stewards Academy.

Yours respectfully



MARIE ERWOOD MBE
Assistant Headteacher



War poem

I stand on the tarmac feeling cold, alone,
I wait for the moment, my hero's coming home.

He gave his life for freedom,
So we can all be free,
But as I stand here waiting,
I wish you were here with me.

I will not feel your touch again,
Or watch you as you sleep,
Pick up your clothes, hear you laugh,
The sadness makes me weep.

But as they bring you from the plane,
Draped with red, white and blue,
I know you are a hero and I'm so proud of you.

***Written by Amanda Binnie who's husband Corporal
Sean Binnie died in Afghanistan in 2009***



The Royal British Legion

***We Will
Remember Them***

Where Are They Now

Kirstie Brough left Stewards School with a clutch of GCSE's including an A* in Drama - she achieved one of the highest marks putting her within the top 10 entrants in the country.

Kirstie then went on to study at the American Musical Theatre Academy of London Drama School where she excelled and was awarded the top acting award. Since leaving Drama School Kirstie has acted on the stage and on television and hopes to join the ranks of Eastenders one day.

Recently Kirstie joined Year 10 students during their work experience preparation day - sharing advice and knowledge about her industry.

Good Luck Kirstie and thank you.

Mrs Hampstead
Vocational Learning Mentor



Clifford Kendall attended Stewards School from 1992 until 1997. Clifford is now a qualified Doctor practising in a small rural hospital in South Africa, near the Mozambique border.

Whilst at school Clifford was a delightful young man, polite, co-operative and always smartly dressed - a pleasure to teach, and achieved excellent exam results.

Clifford recently sent us an update of his life in South Africa, describing to us the day to day running of the hospital and the many weird lumps, bumps, infections and snake bite scenarios he deals with every day.

Clifford's self portrait (which was awarded an A in GCSE Art) is outside Mrs Erwood's room in school – below you can see him now.*



Georgia Patterson, class of 2010, completed a year at Hertford Regional College studying women's hairdressing achieving a Diploma Level 2. 'I am now doing an apprenticeship as an Admin Assistant and hoping to be a Personnel Assistant in the future.'

Erin Kelly, class of 2010, is in her second year at St Marks West Essex Catholic School. 'I am going to University to study Psychology and would like to become a therapist.'



Parent Mail

ParentMail – Email/Text Communication System Between School and Families Very Urgent Request/Reminder

Last term and earlier this term we wrote to families explaining about this new system of communication that we are adopting – in common with many other local schools. In order for this to operate, we need your email addresses and mobile phone text numbers. So far we have had a somewhat poor response with only just over half of Stewards' families responding. We need to have everyone on board – unless you specifically wish to withdraw, or do not have the relevant facilities. This will be the method we use to inform you of parents' meetings, school closures, sudden changes of plan, trip delays, special success stories – and much more as the scheme develops.

For those who have not yet responded, or have never even seen the earlier correspondence, we will be sending out further copies in named envelopes via Tutors.

If you wish to find out more you can email admin@stewardsacademy.org, or telephone and ask for Mrs Eubel or Mrs Willson. **COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO MRS WILLSON IN THE FINANCE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER SO THAT WE CAN COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION PROCESS.**

Thank you for your co-operation,

*Mrs Pat Jenkins
Business Manager*

Children In Need



Congratulations to everyone who made Children in Need day so very special and raised such a huge sum of money. Particular thanks to everyone who wore their nightwear to school on that day – we were all able to go straight home to bed after a tiring day fundraising.

*Mrs Erwood MBE
Assistant Headteacher*



£1,141.98

Year Group Information

Year 7

Year 7 have had a very busy half term. They are now firmly established members of Stewards Academy, they have held their election for the School Council which was a closely fought battle. There is now a Year Council which will meet regularly to discuss issues pertaining principally to Year 7. They are becoming involved in trips and as I write this I am making final arrangements for the trip to the Playhouse to see Peter Pan. We also have the excitement of the Year 7 and 8 disco before the term is out. It has been a jam packed term and the pupils are settling in very well. I have carried out a number of interviews with Year 7 pupils and they are all so positive about their learning it is a delight to listen to them. Curriculum Day was a huge success and I am sure is just a taste of the success to come.



Mrs Bird Head of Year 7

Year 8

Year 8 are fast approaching the time when they will be choosing their GCSE subjects. I am pleased that so many of them are already asking questions and thinking about their future in a mature and sensible way. As parents, you will of course want to offer the best guidance possible, but you may be confused about the way things seem to be changing from year to year. In the Spring term you will have an opportunity to speak to staff and to learn more about the subjects on offer. This will be in addition to the normal parents' evening. The pupils will also have information given to them and they will be encouraged to make the best choices possible.

A group of Year 8's recently took part in a visit to the South Bank where they participated in a workshop at The Globe Theatre and visited The Tate Modern. This was a thought provoking day with a mixture of physical activity based on Macbeth and a period of quiet reflection whilst musing on the current state of modern art.

Ms Batterham Head of Year 8



Year 9

I can't believe that we have nearly completed a third of Year 9. The time has gone so quickly. I would just like to point out that although it has been possible to make some changes to options, there is now no room for manoeuvre, and it would be too difficult for students to catch up on work missed.

There seems to be on-going issues with homework, which I would appreciate your support in overcoming. Can parents please check Learning Logs thoroughly, and flag up any subjects that don't appear to be setting it, either with myself or Ms Morley. It is often the case that students are failing to write it down, but it is something we need to sort out as a matter of urgency as students continue on their GCSE and BTEC courses. Independent work at home is essential if students are to achieve their full potential, and keep up to date with all the work.

Can I also remind you that skirts have to be knee length, and jewellery and makeup are not permitted. Staff would like to spend their time concentrating on the teaching and learning in lessons, and not have to deal with these issues. Lastly, can I remind students that it is essential that they do not have time out of school unless it is a genuine illness, as it is very difficult to catch up on work missed.

Have a happy and restful Christmas and New Year, and I look forward to seeing you all in 2012, brimming with energy and enthusiasm.

**Mrs Ellis
Head of Year 9**

Year Group Information

Year 10

This term has brought many new challenges to Year 10 and the year group have met the challenges with commitment and a mature attitude towards their studies.

GCSE and BTEC courses are well under way now and our year group have been on a learning curve as the demands of these courses have meant increased workloads and homework for all. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you how important it is to ensure that Learning Logs are kept up to date and are signed by parents/carers on a weekly basis.

Punctuality and attendance are key elements to success here at school and it is important that pupils arrive on time for the start of the school day. Vital information is often given during Registration periods. Please remember that your teachers are here for you and are more than willing to discuss any problems and to help you outside of the classroom. There are homework clubs and revision classes available after school to help you.

Year 10 have also been very busy making preparations for their Work Experience placements next June. Feedback from Mrs Hampstead, our Work Related Coordinator, has been very positive with many students investigating and applying for their own placements. Our work experience information evening was well attended by both parents and students who picked up lots useful information from presentations made by Mrs Hampstead and Mr Harman.

During this half term some of our talented thespians have been involved in a wonderful production of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. As well as talented actors we have a wealth of singers and dancers who treated us to a great Upper School Showcase performance.

On behalf of Mrs Ramsey and myself I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Thank you to all of the Year 10 Tutors/Co Tutors and staff who support our year group so well.

Enjoy your holiday and we look forward to seeing you ready to face the continuing challenges of Year 10.

Ms Ewington and Mrs Ramsey
PSM and Head of Year 10

Year 11

Keep Studying

Year 11, congratulations on a very productive first term, I'm very impressed with the hard work and commitment that you have shown since September. Keep up the good work even when the going gets tough and remind yourself frequently that the hours you put in now will pay dividends in the future.

Remember, *'it's short term pain for long term gain.'*

With 18 school weeks until the final examinations start, time is now of the essence. Good study skills are vital for personal success. You should be studying every evening, either at home or in school. I advice you to put in an average of three hours extra work per evening, certainly during the mock examination period and throughout January for the English, Maths and Science exams.

Make sure that you manage your time well through the use of a revision timetable and restrict your time on social network sites, mobiles and computer games. Your revision needs to be focused and undisturbed.

We have recently developed a **Stewards Academy Twitter Account** and are encouraging Year 11 students to join up and log on. The site will provide students with important reminders on a regular basis. Year 11 Students who join up will go into a draw to win a free prom ticket so join up and get tweeting.

Mr Harman has also created an excellent **Careers Portal** that provides a wealth of information to Year 11 students to guide you through the college and sixth form application process alongside post 16 preparation. Use some of the Christmas break to become familiar with this site whilst you complete your final application forms.

Enjoy your Christmas break, have some rest but don't stop studying!

Miss Francis
Head of Year 11

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

13th	Christmas Concert 6.00pm
14th	Stewards Challenge
15th	Christmas Dinner
16th	TERM ENDS - 1.00PM

JANUARY 2012

4th	TERM STARTS
	Music School Enrolment 4.00pm
11th	Music School Starts
12th	Year 9 Parents Evening 4.00pm
18th	'War Horse' AG&T Trip 5.00pm
24th	School Council Meeting 1.15pm

FEBRUARY

2nd	Year 7 Parents Evening 4.00pm
8th-12th	New York Trip
13th-17th	HALF TERM

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

Christmas Card Competition Winners

1st



Runner-up





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November 2011.

Dear Parents/Guardian.

RE: FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

We are currently reviewing our Free School Meals records. As part of this review we are asking that all families read the eligibility rules below and complete the reply slip overleaf.

Eligibility rules are – Parents or guardians receiving Income Support or Jobseekers Allowance (income based) or Child Tax Credit with an annual taxable income of less than £10,190 or the Pension Guarantee Credit are eligible to claim for Free School Meals. However, if any amount of Working Tax Credit is received by the parent or guardian the child is not eligible for Free School Meals.

It is very important that we have an up to date record of the number of pupils who are entitled to a free meal. **This has a significant impact on the amount of funding that the school receives for books, computers and other resources for your child and this could become even more important in the future because of budget cuts in Education.**

We appreciate you taking the time to complete this paperwork. Please contact me if you have any questions. You may email me at studentsupport@stewardsacademy.org

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Eubel.
Student Support Assistant.

P.T.O.....





TO UPDATE YOUR CHILDS CONTACT DETAILS!

If you have changed you mobile or home number or you have recently moved house, we need to know so we can keep our data base up to date.

Please send in all changes as soon as they occur to studentsupport@stewardsacademy.org

Or just phone in on the normal school number.

Please return this slip to Mrs Eubel, Student Support Assistant in the Main Office, As soon as possible.

Q1 – My child/children are already claiming free school meals – *please* ✓
Yes ☐ No ☐

If no please go to Question 2.

Q2 – If you are not claiming ✓ one of the following.

I may be eligible to claim for free school meals for my child/children ☐

I am not eligible to claim for free school meals for my child/children ☐

My child/children are eligible for free school meals but I am not claiming because
(*Please give reason*)

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Childs name
(*Please print*)

Tutor group

Signed
(*Parent/carers*)

Please print your name.....