



Summer
2012

Stewards Academy

Newsletter



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The West Essex VI Form College

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HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear Parents and Pupils

This term has been as busy as ever with a wide range of activities for all pupils. In this Newsletter you will have a flavour of the extensive extra-curricular opportunities provided by the staff of Stewards Academy including:

- The Prince's Teaching Institute 10th Anniversary Lectures in London – able, gifted and talented students heard lectures from Professor Simon Schama (History), Professor Marcus du Sautoy (Mathematics), Stephen Fry (Languages), Francis Wells (Science), Sir Tom Stoppard (Literature) and Michael Palin (Geography)
- The Lower School Production, performed in front of year 6 pupils
- Poetry Day
- Olympic Week including Sports Day and Sports Presentation Evening
- The Arts Photography and Technology Exhibition of GCSE and A Level work.
- The Strawberry Tea fund raising event for Breast Cancer Charity
- Year 11 Leavers Day and Evening
- Science trips to Sussex University, and events such as The Water Rocket Competition and Big Bang Event
- Year 7 Arabic Days as part of our International Week
- Year 10 Theatre Trip to see "Woman in Black"

These are just a few of the events that have taken place – more information inside.



Samples of the artwork from our
Art and Photography Exhibition



Cast from our
Lower School Production



Leavers Day



VISIT BY THE OFFICE OF THE SCHOOLS COMMISSIONER

Earlier this term we had a visit from an Education Adviser to the DFE. She visited a range of lessons and met pupils. In her report to Governors she wrote:

“Student behaviour around the Academy and their attitudes to learning are exemplary. Relationships between staff and students are very good. Students are excellent ambassadors for their school: members of the student council were articulate and enthusiastic about the support they receive”

VISIT BY TIM COULSON, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND LEARNING IN ESSEX

On 21st June, the new Director of Education, visited Stewards Academy. He met with staff and students and had a brief tour of the school. Subsequently he wrote to say:

“It was a delight to visit (Stewards Academy). I enjoyed meeting a wonderful group of students. I certainly picked up what matters to the school and how much the young people both understand this and how much they have benefited from their time at the school. I was particularly struck by the courtesy and politeness that marked out all I met”

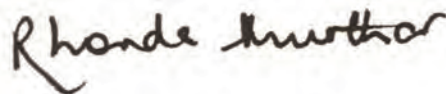
Clearly both our visitors were very impressed by our students. My thanks to all the young people who were involved in these two visits.

FAREWELLS

Jeff Brandon and Sue Young leave the Governing Body at the end of this term. Our thanks for their support.

The following teachers will also be leaving this term: Miss Cruci (Maths), Mr White (Art), Mr Nabi (ICT), Mr Johnson (English), Miss Keenan (English) and Mr Wormald (History/RE). I am pleased to say that Mr Wormald will be returning to Stewards next term in a new role as a 1:1 tutor.

My best wishes to all pupils and staff for a very enjoyable summer break. Stewards opens on September 3rd for staff, Year 7 begin on 4th September and Years 8-11 return on 5th September (see the back page for times).



Rhonda Murthar
Headteacher

VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER – PARKING

If you are dropping-off or collecting children from school, please DO NOT ENTER THE SCHOOL CAR PARK TO WAIT. There is only limited car parking space for staff and school visitors. Often staff have to leave promptly to attend meetings after school, and are prevented from leaving due to blockages and congestion in the entrance to the car park. We have people arriving for swimming lessons after school and they are prevented access to the upper car park. Also, only people with a Disabled Badge may park in our disabled bays.

Please park as far away from the school entrance as possible; never on corners as this blocks everyone's view and is very dangerous; and the Nazeing bus needs room to manoeuvre to collect our pupils.

It is vital that extreme care is taken to avoid accidents to pupils, parents and other road users.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Mrs Pat Jenkins
Business Manager

TO UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S CONTACT DETAILS!

If you have changed your 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.

Mrs Eubel
Student Support Assistant

Jack Petchey Leader Award

Jack Petchey Leader Award - This was presented to Mr Ford at the Annual Jack Petchey Award Ceremony in June.

Mr Ford has shown outstanding leadership skills in leading Year 11 in the absence of the Head of Year over a prolonged period of time. He has supported the pupils with their learning as they worked towards their GCSE exams and has provided them with a listening ear. Mr Ford has been Pastoral Support Manager for this year group for 4

years and has formed mutually respectful relationships with the young people. He has set very high standards for the young people and been a role model for them on every level, earning their respect and affection. The nominations for Mr Ford were all made by young people in Year 11 who wrote about how important he had been in supporting them and providing their year group with an exemplary leader.



ATTENDANCE NEWS

PARENTS/CARERS – YOU MAY BE TELEPHONED IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT REGISTER ON TIME OR SIGN IN AT THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE
IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL PUPILS ARE ACCOUNTED FOR EVERY DAY

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

100% AWARDS

PUPILS WHO HAVE HAD CONTINUED 100% ATTENDANCE SINCE THE START OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR IN SEPTEMBER 2011 WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A CERTIFICATE AND SPECIAL 100% BADGE DURING THEIR END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY – IT COULD BE YOU!!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION IN THESE MATTERS

Mrs Barker
Attendance Officer

Able, Gifted and Talented News

We have continued our successful partnership with University of Sussex and attended 3 further events under the Widening Participation Scheme. This scheme introduces students from families with no previous experience of university education, to the opportunities this offers.

Mrs Martin and Mr Greenall took a group from Technology to the 'Product Design' event in May and the general feeling amongst the students was that the university was a friendly place and that it now seemed more accessible. The Design exhibits challenged them to 'think outside the box' and to be more creative. Student comments included: Allana Jennings, *'This has made me think more about what Product Design is and I am thinking about continuing it in the future'*.

Liam Luck, *'It has made me feel like I can achieve a lot more in this subject and I think I will go onto university in the future'*.

Priska Akonedo, *'I didn't want to go to university but now I do because I view it differently'*.

In June, Mr Cooper and Mr Young accompanied 15 members of Year 9 to a very varied 'Life Sciences' day and we all enjoyed solving a 'crime' with the aid of DNA, comparing the sounds from a violin and a flute, and finished off by learning about the life of a bee!

Comments made were:

George Strachan, *'Seeing what is on offer has helped me to confirm that I want to go to university'*.

Megan Baldwin, *'The trip has helped me to improve my knowledge of which university to consider'*.

Finally we were lucky to be invited to a 'Physics Particles' event on 4th July which amazingly coincided with the confirmation

of the Higgs boson discovery the same day. A highlight was a Skype connection to CERN where the experiment had taken place. Miss Ellis and Mr Young accompanied 7 Year 10 students. Comments were:

Jessica Read, *'This has made me more interested in going to university'*.

Aphra Boittier, *'I now understand what happens at CERN'*.

We are obviously keen to maintain these important links with universities which will continue to inspire and raise the aspirations of our students.

Gifted and Talented National Challenge Group

Miss O'Neill and Mr Cooper held a final meeting with our Gifted and Talented National Challenge group on Wednesday 20th June and we all enjoyed a traditional cream tea, including actual cups of tea for some! GCSEs were almost finished and everyone was looking forward to recovering over the summer before GCSE results day on 23rd August. Everyone confirmed the benefits of the regular group meetings as well as the support for each other and the sharing of experiences. Best wishes to everyone leaving us from Year 11 and good luck in everything you do.

Summer School at University of Essex, 10th to 12th July 2012

Congratulations and good luck to Aysel Gozutok who has obtained a Summer School place at University of Essex at Colchester.

Summer School at University of Sussex. Sunday 1st July to 5th July 2012

We were delighted that applications for the Annual Summer School at University of Sussex for Yr 10s were successful for our 5 nominees, Sarah Warby, Ellie Thompson, Daniel Reading, Lewis Townsend and Aiden Warwick and they duly attended last week. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experiences which gave them a real taster of university life. They stayed on Campus in the student residence and enjoyed a mixture of work in various workshops and supervised leisure activities.

Lewis Townsend *'A brilliant experience which gave me an exciting insight into university life and a chance to learn new skills, especially delivering presentations to a large group'*.

Daniel Reading *'an absolutely amazing 5 days, I enjoyed all the activities, feel much more motivated, and made a lot of new friends'*.

Aiden Warwick *'This has given me a fantastic taster of what it can be like to study at university and the many options there are'*.

Ellie Thompson *'An amazing and worthwhile experience and insight into university life. I didn't want to come home'*.

Sarah Warby *'It was an unforgettable experience and I learned so much about the academic and social side of university'*.



Mr Cooper
Gifted & Talented Mentor

Maths Department News

PROFESSOR MARCUS DU SAUTOY OBE - THE NUM8ER MY5TERIES

As part of The Prince's Institute Summer School year 8 and 9 students were invited to a lecture given by Professor Marcus du Sautoy based on his book entitled THE NUM8ER MY5TERIES.

He spoke about how mathematics really is at the heart of everything we do and his investigations into where our numbers came from and where they are going.

Why did Beckham choose the number 23 shirt when he moved to Real Madrid? How is 17 the key to the evolutionary survival of a strange species of cicada? Why do sunflowers have 89 petals? and how the secret life of numbers has fascinated people ever since humans learnt to count.

All the students and teachers had a very enjoyable evening, as well as George Strachen and Hannah Kizilican having the privilege of joining Marcus on stage, to help filter questions asked by the audience through the medium of twitter.



Professor Marcus du Sautoy OBE with Hannah Kizilican, Isaac Lucia and Joseph Thomas

Mrs Patch

Curriculum Development Technician Maths

YEAR 9 MATHS MASTER CLASS

On Monday 25th a group of Year 9 students took part in a problem solving day. They had to use reasoning skills and lots of researching to decide whether it was better for our imaginary family to buy a Porsche or an Audi with lotto winnings. They had to find out about the price, dimensions, fuel economy, insurance grouping and insurance cover costs. They produced an exciting power point presentation at the end of the session.

Pupils were: Mason Arnold, George Strachan, Hannah Burns, Charlotte Geddis, Luke Sams, Tyler Hampson and Colyn Edmondson.



Mrs Morland-Banks

Numeracy Support Assistant

Maths at Work Conference

Year 9 and 10 students attended a Maths at Work conference recently. Experts from local businesses explained how maths is used every day, in various ways, within their jobs.

Dr Juliette Guaquiere from Glaxosmithkline, talked about how algebra and equations are used to maintain ratio and scale when making tablets and medicines. Another guest Mr Stan Allen, a retired scientist from STL, explained Global Positioning Systems, and their importance for the Satellite Navigation systems many of us use today. Mr Abdul Jafar a Civil Engineer for Skanska gave a fascinating talk about how shapes are used in numerous ways to make structures stronger.

Pupil said "I enjoyed myself at the Maths event and learned a lot about different jobs involving maths. My understanding of how people use maths at work will help me in the future".



Mr Allen and Ellie Thompson with a model of a GPS system.

Arabic Days

On Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st June, Stewards Academy hosted its second Arabic Days for Year 7 pupils. 33 pupils from Year 7 were invited to take part in the Arabic Day events. The Arabic Day aimed to give pupils a more informed view of the Arab world and challenge their misconceptions about the Middle East. Pupils were given the opportunity to explore and experience Arabic culture, food, language, religion, music, art, history and traditional Egyptian dance.

Firstly pupils were asked to describe their impressions of the Arab world and the Middle East. Pupils discussed and wrote down their ideas and we hung these around the room as a comparison for later in the day. Pupils then started to explore the Arab world by identifying which countries actually belong to the Middle East and what defines someone as being Arabic. We also considered what important goods come from Arab countries such as fruits, foods, cotton and oil.

Mrs Mohamed then helped pupils to appreciate Arabic culture by giving them a very 'hands on' workshop on Egyptian dance.

Pupils were each given simple traditional dress to wear around their waists and then performed simple dance moves which were greatly enjoyed by all. The language of the Arab world was explored as pupils learned counting and spelling out their names. We discussed religion in the Arab world and pupils learnt that although most Arabs are Muslims, a large number are also Christian.

We discussed the importance of Islam with Salma Saidy (8NF) in Year 8 who very kindly spent some time with us and answered questions about her life as a British Muslim. Pupils also tasted traditional Arab food such as couscous and beans. Finally, the girls were allowed to wear traditional head scarves. Pupils greatly enjoyed their day and learnt how varied, rich and interesting Arab culture is, and how the Arab world helps to shape our world.

"Extremely helpful and I am very happy I got this fantastic opportunity" Izzy Dorkin

"Brilliant! We learnt loads of new things that I have never done before!" Georgia Prior

"Amazing! I didn't realise what Muslims have to go through. They have been given the name terrorists, but really they are really nice people" Rebecca Harrison

"Absolutely amazing!" Lomusa Dhlamini



Girls showing their dancing skills

Mr Hickman International Dimension Co-ordinator



Charlotte and Georgia wearing head scarves as part of Islamic tradition.



Salma and Mrs Mohamed talking about the importance of Islam in their lives.

Ardèche 2012

Yet another amazing week! The trip started on Saturday 16th June, leaving the school at 23:00. This meant that no one was going to get any sleep! It only took 16 hours, including a rough ride on the ferry, but we arrived on Sunday at 16:00. It was hot, sunny and not a cloud in the sky. Just the way Miss Morley likes it!

Our PGL site was in Lou Valagran, which is close to the Ardèche River. The Scenery and location was unspoilt, with forest and hills all around. The students were lucky enough to see red kites, snakes, toads and plenty of mosquitos. The students' chalets were also the perfect home for ants and moths! Katie Turrell and the girls loved this!

The first two days consisted of mountain biking, raft building, kayaking and overcoming fears on the Jacobs Ladder. It was amazing to see students solve problems, work in teams, and overcome any fears they had. Well done to Tyler Hampson for overcoming his fear of heights, by hanging on to the Jacobs Ladder for dear life!

The main activity was the Ardèche river descent. The students completed 32 kilometres in two days, with a stop for an overnight stay on the river side. The students fuelled up on Spaghetti Bolognese, cake, hot chocolate and then slept under the stars in just their sleeping bags. It was a beautiful clear night so the students witnessed shooting stars and moving satellites.

Throughout the two day river descent students were able to rock jump, swim and paddle down some challenging rapids. They also had the mission of dodging HMS TAG – Mr Hughes' and Mr Treamer's destroying canoe! Anyone in close range were bombarded and capsized!

Friday was a day of relaxation. We provided the students with a flavour of French life. The students were given time to walk around the town of Avignon, sample French cuisine and buy some presents. From what the students tell me though, I don't think McDonalds tastes any different in France than it does in Harlow!

The week finished off with a final day of activities before heading back to the UK.

The students built up so much confidence, made new friends and gained numerous memories over the week. I would like to thank all the students, Miss Morley and Mr Treamer for making the trip so memorable.



Mr G Hughes Trip leader



Technology Department News

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW 2012 COMPETITION



The Lord Mayor's Show is like no other procession in the world. It is 3 miles long and nearly 800 years old and its 6000 participants will spend months preparing floats for the amazement of hundreds of thousands of people (as well as a live TV audience of over 2 million) who line the streets of the City to watch them go by.

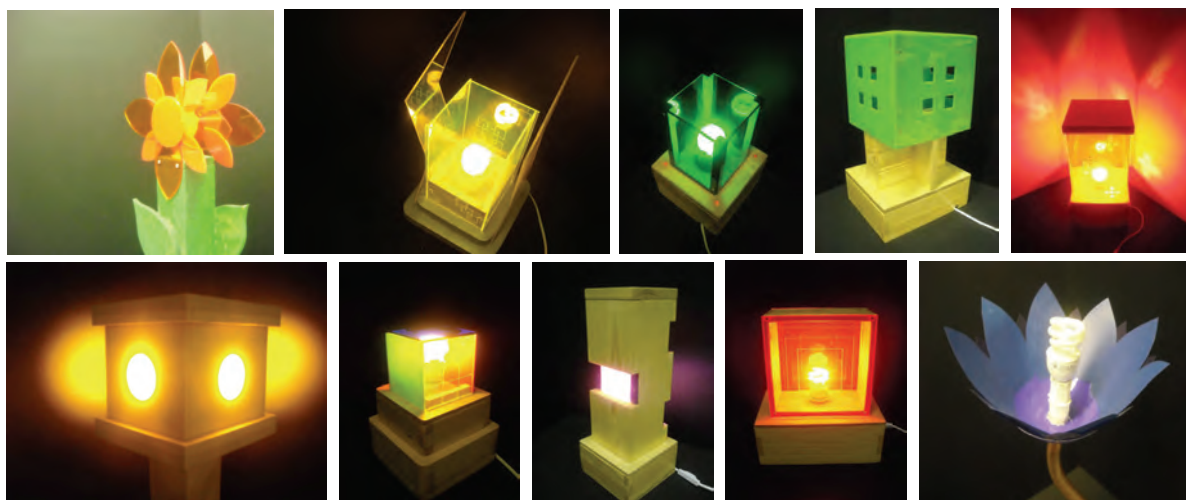
The Jack Petchey Foundation has two floats entered, one of which is an open top double decker bus. Year 8 pupils have researched, developed and produced designs for the double decker bus, inspired by the four core values of the Jack Petchey Foundation: Encouragement, Motivation, Inspiration and Recognition.

We wish all the participants of this competition the best of luck and our fingers are crossed for you all.



YEAR 11 RESISTANT MATERIALS LOW VOLTAGE LAMPS

Our Year 11 students designed low voltage lamps inspired by an art movement from the past 100 years, for their Resistant Materials course work. All their hard work has paid off as I'm sure you will agree they look fantastic. Well done!



DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY WEEK

To celebrate Design and Technology week the department ran a design competition. Pupils were encouraged to design a new app for a mobile phone, a new mode of transport or a new Olympic themed breakfast, lunch or dinner.

1st place was awarded to Sophie Turvill, who designed an appliance app. This allowed you to activate all electrical items in your home without you being there.

2nd place was awarded to Bethan Rumsey, who designed an easy to use translator app.

Joint 3rd place was awarded to Jay Moore and Tobias Grant who both designed a new mode of transport.

Thank you to everyone who promoted this event and entered the competition to make it a success.



Mrs Martin
Head of Technology Department

Technology Department News

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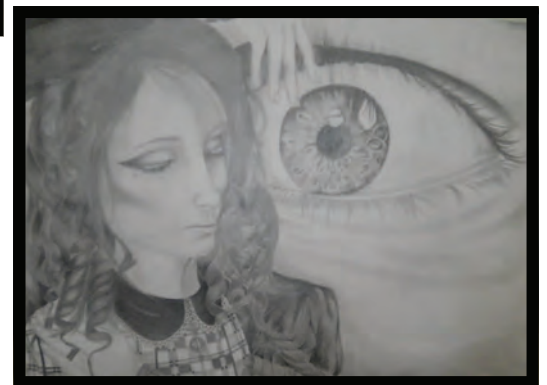
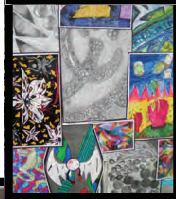
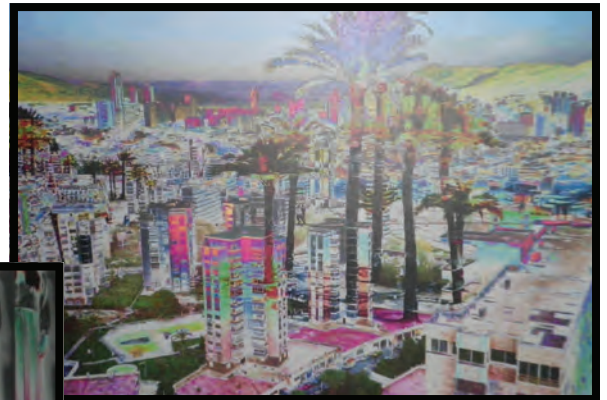
A group of Year 10 Product Design students visited the Creativity Centre at the University of East Sussex and saw the end of year show exhibits of the graduating students and had a tour around the campus. This enabled the students to understand more about the Product Design degree programme on offer and University life.



Pupils met graduating students and heard presentations from the students with regards to key content areas such as Design for Society, Sustainability, Inclusivity and Innovation. *"This visit has made me realise that I am studying the right subject as it has given me more confidence. My thoughts on going to university have changed as it has made me want to take product design further".* Thomas Dowers



Art and Photography Exhibition



Year 10 Work Experience 2012

With diverse experiences in retail, health and social care, banking, hospitality, construction, accounting, engineering, media and law to name but a few, there was lots of information for students to share on their return to school after their work experience this year.

Many were tired, but all agreed this opportunity had enabled them to see for themselves how different from school the world of work is. Students began to understand for themselves, the commitment required to achieve their full potential in order to gain the qualifications necessary to work in their chosen field.

Billy Gisbourne said he had learned a lot and would definitely consider a career in graphic design. The employer said *"I kept forgetting that Billy is only 15. He has a mature attitude, conscientious and hard working – grew more confident by the day"*.

George Hardy worked in a kitchen. The employer said *"if we could offer him a job – we would"*.

One of the things **Lily Fetti** worried about was communicating with the adults at the nursery. Lily needn't have worried because the employer's feedback was that Lily had *"communicated well with staff and students"*.

Jessica Read travelled up to London every day for her placement with a media group. The employer said Jess was really helpful to have around – it was the first time the company had participated in work placements but after their experience with Jess they were willing to do more.

Justin Loveday plans to join a bakery when he leaves school. He had the opportunity to try baking for himself at Anderson's Bakery where they said *"Justin has fitted in brilliantly and made a really good contribution to the business. Justin also had a chance to make commercial standard baking and icing products"*.

Leisure Zone said that **Dennis Perry** had involved himself in all activities at the centre – *"he is a natural when working with people – especially those who are disabled"*.

Hazel Owen spent her placement at County Hall in Chelmsford. *"Added value to each department she has been with"* said her supervisor.

St James School wanted to keep **Harrison Hickey** – the class teacher said *"Harrison has an excellent rapport with staff and pupils"*.

Chelsea Munslow cooked lunch for all the staff at The Park Inn Hotel, whilst she was on placement as an assistant chef – the managing director said *"it was excellent"*. (The hotel guests enjoyed the cheesecake she made too).

We could fill these newsletter pages with the positive comments from employers and students – hopefully an enjoyable learning experience for all involved.



Chelsea Munslow in the kitchen at the Park Inn Hotel

Mrs Hampstead Vocational Learning Mentor

Lord's Cricket Trip

As we embarked on our trip to Lord's at the leisurely time of 8am on a bright but fresh Sunday morning, there was a buzz of excitement in the air as it was the first time many had watched a live cricket game let alone watched a game at the 'Home of Cricket'. The pupils and teachers were treated to a fine exhibition of cricket from both teams, with India women eventually winning the game by 6 wickets with only 3 balls to spare.

Although the result did not fall the way we would have liked, at the end of the game the pupils were afforded a rare privilege of stepping foot on the famous Lord's outfield. They were able to watch the presentation ceremony and met a number of the players to gain autographs and pictures, something that they will always remember.

The pupils were, as expected, impeccably behaved and will hopefully use this experience and continue their enjoyment of cricket be it through watching or playing the game.



Mr Sanders PE Department

P.E. Department News

ESSEX INTER SCHOOL GIRLS CRICKET TOURNAMENT

On 27th June 10 Year 7 girls took part in the first Essex Inter schools girls Cricket Tournament at Harlow Cricket Club. They played schools from the Harlow area and from West Essex. They finished 2nd overall and were



narrowly beaten by 2 runs. Congratulations to the team on their first experience of girls cricket.

The team were Megan Cunningham (captain), Mollie Jarvis, Izzie Dorkin, Lauren Sykes, Darcy Giddings, Alice Neville, Jamie Venables, Emma Lidbury, Becky Dodd and Sara King.



HARLOW SCHOOLS GIRLS ROUNDEERS LEAGUE

Congratulations to the girls rounders teams this year who took part in the Harlow Schools Rounders League. The Year 7 team finished top of their league with an impressive 1st and the Year 9 team finished 2nd. Well done to all the players who have trained hard and have seen their hard work pay off.

A big thank you to everyone who has helped out training and managing the various sports teams this year. Your hard work and dedication is truly appreciated.

Miss Mc Garry
P.E. Department

INTER-FORM COMPETITION

We introduced an Inter-Form competition within PE this year, comprising of 6 events throughout the school year. The 6 events that the forms competed in were tennis, dodgeball, football, tag-rugby, cricket and finally swimming. The competition was run throughout lunch times and generated a huge amount of interest and rivalry amongst the forms, with points won in this competition contributing towards their sports day total. Congratulations to the winners and all those who took part in the competition.

YEAR GROUP	WINNING FORM	COLOUR
7	CW	Red
8	MH	Yellow
9	EO	Red
10	SE	Green

The winners of this year's Inter-Form Competition

Colour	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
Yellow	29	41	30	33	133
Red	41	21	33	34	130
Orange	36	36	27	16	115
Light Blue	29	23	31	23	106
Green	13	35	14	41	103
Purple	28	17	28	23	96
Dark Blue	19	32	29	13	93
White	16	19	26	22	83

The winning colour of the Inter-Form Competition

Mr Sanders
P.E. Department

Sports Presentation Evening		
Award	Year Group	Winner
Player of the Year (Football)	7	Bradley Russell
	8	Tyler Bull
	9	Connor Lynch
	10	Liam Luck
Players' Player (Football)	7	Dylan Sibanda
	8	Matthew Oliver
	9	Alastair King
	10	Daniel Stevenson
Player of the Year (Rugby)	7	James Cooper
	8	Kittiphon Sutthikhan
	9	Taylor Walsh
	10	Connor Fry
Players' Player (Rugby)	7	Robert Kelly
	8	Joshua Eke
	9	Ryan Burgess
	10	Shakur Dixon-Chennis
Player of the Year (Netball)	7	Isabel Dorkin
	8	Jessica Noruwa
	9	Hannah Burns
	10	Ellie Thompson
Players' Player (Netball)	7	Megan Cunningham
	8	Kelly Owen
	9	Molly-Nicole Snow
	10	Georgia King
Player of the Year (Basketball)	7	Joshua Donovan
	8/9	Nathan Rudgley
	10/11	Hassan Saidy
Players' Player (Basketball)	7	Stanley Saunders
	8/9	Tuguy Gorur
	10/11	Nqoba Mvitsho
Player of the Year (Girl's Basketball)		Lauren Sykes
Players' Player (Girl's Basketball)		Megan Cunningham
Player of the Year (Cricket)	7/8	Nathan Stokes
	9/10	Daniel Whellams
Players' Player (Cricket)	7/8	Joshua Eke
	9/10	Owen Warwick
Player of the Year (Girl's Football)	7	Mollie Jarvis
	9	Louise Devlin
Players' Player (Girl's Football)	7	Rebecca Dodd
	9	Shannon Andrews
Player of the Year (Rounders)	7/8	Alice Neville
	9/10	Ellie Guilder
Player of the Year (Table Tennis)	7	Alex Curaba
	8	Alex Dodd

Sports Presentation Evening		
Award	Year Group	Winner
Sports Participation Award - Extra Curricular	7	Rebecca Dodd and Charlie Dowers Rosie Poole and Alex Dodd Louise Devlin and Zack Pace Renata Kiraly and Daniel Stevenson
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	10	
Sports Achiever of the Year - Lessons Award	7	Casey Hendricks and Tommy Wickenden Chloe Eves and Mason Cook Elise Stingemore and Danny Palmer Abbie Martin and Dennis Perry
	8	
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	10	
GCSE Award Year 9		Mason Arnold, Louis Giddings, Louise Devlin and Maisy Treacher
GCSE Award Year 10		Thomas Dowers, James Thomson, Jasmine Hind and Ellie Thompson
Swimming Award		James Pickering and Jasmine Hind
BTEC Award Year 9		Taylor Walsh and Nathan Rudgley
BTEC Award Year 10		Lewis Fry and Alexandra Kilcare
Key Stage 3 Dance Award		Rebecca Pressman and Aimee Shipp
Key Stage 4 Dance Award		Amy Watkins and Emma Barker
PE Department Award		Daniel Stevenson and Louise Devlin
Premiership Winners - 1st	7	Tommy Wickenden, Bradley Russell, Baylie Gasson and Michael Bow Kenan Krkic, Matthew Fleming, Matthew Oliver and Mason Cook Aiden Holloway, Mason Joscelyne, Billy Wickenden and Alastair King
	8	
	9	
Team of the Year - Table Tennis	10	Alex Curaba, Alex Dodd, Bradley Russell, Alfie Babb, Joshua Poland and Daniel Stevenson
Sports Day House Cup		Yellow House
Dedication to Sport Award		Mason Arnold and Rosie Poole

SPORTS DAY RESULTS

POSITION	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	COLOURS
1	CW (228)	MH (243)	DJ (204)	NP (215)	YELLOW (848)
2	JK (193)	JJ (197)	CPT (195)	SP (195)	PURPLE (732)
3	GH (187)	MT (191)	VG (187)	SE (190)	RED (716)
4	JS (186)	RMP (176)	JG (183)	SL (181)	LIGHT BLUE (713)
5	MPH (180)	NF (165)	MR (172)	DEM (174)	GREEN (700)
6	GM (174)	VM (164)	HS (163)	PH (155)	DARK BLUE (665)
7	TMA (136)	MK (154)	EO (156)	SMB (145)	ORANGE (657)
8	LM (111)	RP (137)	PM (155)	SB (114)	WHITE (575)

Leavers Day



Leavers Day

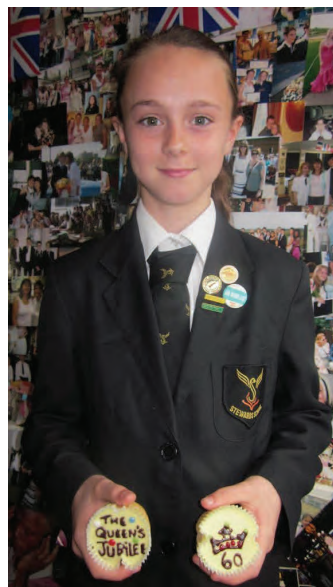




Diamond Jubilee



Here at Stewards we celebrated the Diamond Jubilee in style with a number of activities led by Chief Royalist Mrs Erwood MBE! Every member of staff and every pupil received a bespoke Diamond Jubilee badge to wear with pride to commemorate such a historic occasion. Tea parties were held in Mrs Erwood's bunting-clad classroom and parents and pupils came up trumps with a variety of delicious home-made cakes – patriotically consumed by all! Assemblies were also held to mark such a historic event and pupils enjoyed celebrating the event in such style!







Prince's Teaching Institute Lectures

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To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Prince's Teaching Institute, our school was invited to participate in a series of lectures given by people at the top of their field. We were overwhelmed by the interest from our school community, not surprising though given the calibre of the speakers; Stephen Fry, Michael Palin CBE, Mr Francis Wells, Sir Tom Stoppard OM CBE, Professor Marcus du Sautoy OBE, and Professor Simon Schama CBE. The talks were held in the evening at the Royal Institution, London with the exception of the Mathematics lecture which took place at the Quaker Friend Meeting House, London.



Date	Subject	Presenter	Theme of the lecture
8 th June	MFL	Stephen Fry 	How the fire of language can be lit in the mind
19 th June	Science	Mr Francis Wells 	The Heart of Leonardo: Looking and seeing through the mists of time. Observations of an artistic scientist
28 th June	History	Professor Simon Schama CBE 	History, Freedom, and the Future
3 rd July	Maths	Professor Marcus du Sautoy OBE 	The Number Mysteries
5 th July	English	Sir Tom Stoppard OM CBE 	The Stage and the Classroom
12 th July	Geography	Michael Palin CBE 	Brazil

All of the lectures exemplified what wonderful polymaths the speakers were and the rich and varied lives that they lead, such wonderful raconteurs with super anecdotes. Every speaker possessed a joie de vivre that made them immensely enjoyable to listen to and ask questions of.

Prince's Teaching Institute Lectures

Stephen Fry mesmerised his audience and wowed them with his thirst for language. He took them back to his moment of inspiration, when as a 10 year old he first saw the play *The Importance of Being Ernest* and became obsessed by the works and words of Oscar Wilde. He entertained with tales from his life and the fun that comes from playing with words.

"From a Maths teacher's perspective the lecture given by Marcus du Sautoy was great and brought out the importance of maths in everyday life. He was entertaining as well as thought provoking ...the Professor Brian Cox of the Mathematics world!" Mr Strathern

At the same lecture, George Strachan and Hannah Kazillikan (Year 9) got the opportunity (which they loved) to choose the questions for Marcus to answer as they were chosen to man the Twitter feed for the event.

Tom Stoppard stated that *"Plays are living organisms unlike novels"* and Mrs Morrison thought that he delivered a clever speech with great anecdotes given with passion. Truly inspiring!

Louise Martin (Year 10) attended the Stephen Fry and Sir Tom Stoppard lectures and she thought that they were both intriguing. She thought that it was a great experience to meet such brilliant individuals.

"Michael Palin gave a fantastic speech, he has inspired me to travel to regions that I had not considered before and I think that he will have encouraged our pupils to learn more about the world that surrounds them." Mr Hooper, Geography Teacher

Although Michael Palin read English and History at Oxford, his passion for Geography was ignited by his amazing teachers. He took the older section of his listeners back to the days of Monty Python and he reinforced the notion that wherever you are in life or the world always be true to yourself. The quote that stuck with Mr Young (Senior Science Technician) was *"It is amazing how much your life can change by just saying 'yes', that is how I got to make Around the World in 80 Days"*

Also on Michael Palin, Mrs Barker and Mrs Mills (Administrative staff) thought that he really encouraged everybody to get out and experience life as it happens and he was an advocate for *'taking learning outside of the classroom'*.

Ellie Thompson (Year 10), aspiring doctor, listened to Mr Francis Wells and she was interested to discover how Art and observations can help with heart treatment. Mrs Tripp (Leadteacher for Science) was captivated by Mr Wells beautiful surgeon's hands and she was amazed by the fact that earlier on in the day he was performing heart surgery on a man and saved his life and then popped down to London to talk to his audience about his other passion Leonardo da Vinci.

Jeannette Baldwin (Parent and A, G and T Governor) *"The lecture was most enjoyable. There was lots of audience participation and it was very engaging and funny. My son and daughter said it was different to any other lecture they had attended before because of the audience participation. It made me realise that maths is exciting and the lecture was not what I had expected it to be. The Princes Teaching Institute lectures are a fantastic event to attend, for both adults and students"*.

We would like to extend our thanks to the PTI for inviting us to participate in this event and to their benefactors for funding the cost of the tickets. Lots of food for thought!



Miss O'Neill
Assistant Headteacher

Science Department News

CHELMSFORD SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SOCIETY COMPETITION

The Gravity Racing Team (James Mallardo, Chris Wilson, Jordan Huntley, George Wilson, Stewart Marrington and Tom Dowers) were invited to participate in the Annual Engineering and Technology competition held at the Ruskin Anglia University Rivermead Campus on Friday 29th June 2012. With Mr Young driving and Mr Cooper assisting, the team loaded the racer into the minibus and spent an entertaining day proudly showing off their handiwork. Though there was a lot of interest shown in the project, the judges were not quite as enthusiastic about it! However, the day did provide the team with another view into the world of engineering and technology product research and development at school level.

Jordan Huntley (10PH) said: *"It was an extremely enjoyable experience and interesting to discover other types of engineering at the showcase."*

George Wilson (10PH) said: *"I really enjoyed the day because of the staggering variety of projects we saw as well as showcasing our own gravity racer."*



James Mallardo, Chris Wilson, Jordan Huntley, George Wilson, Stewart Marrington and Tom Dowers with their Gravity Racer

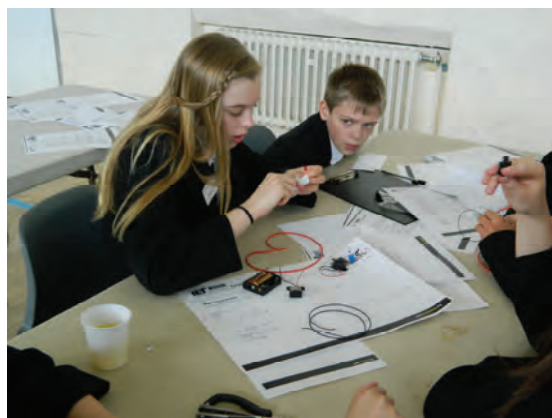
IET FARADAY ENGINEERING CHALLENGE DAY

The Institute of Engineering and Technology asked if they could try out a new Faraday Challenge that they had devised on us so Mrs Wright rounded up six teams of Year 8 potential engineers drawn from the pool of Able, Gifted and Talented Science, Technology and Maths students to participate in this event which was held in the school gym on Wednesday 13th of June 2012. The challenge was to devise a communication device that could transmit coded messages between a base station and a disaster rescue team on the other side of a mountain. This had to be achieved within a fixed budget and with items that could be purchased from the "shop". This introduced aspects of STEM — Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths into the solutions which were varied and interesting. The IET were pleased with the results and were impressed by our students' ingenuity.

Matt Willitt (8MT) said: *"I found the Faraday Challenge an exciting lesson to show all your skills in science, maths and technology. It was such a great trip to see everyone getting involved in the challenge. I really enjoyed this and I was grateful to get invited."*

Olivia Warnes (8JJ)

said: *"It was fun seeing everyone's ideas and sharing what we learned."*



Mrs Wright Curriculum Development Technician Science

Science Department News

NATIONAL PHYSICAL LABORATORY (NPL) WATER ROCKET CHALLENGE

On the 20th June 2012 I visited the NPL for a Water Rocket Challenge Day in Teddington, London. I also went with two other students, Wayne Gould 7GM and Rebecca Lever 7GM, and Mrs Wright and Mr Young accompanied us. The challenge of the day was to see how long we could get our rocket to fly in the air whilst still landing in a great scoring zone. We did very well and we got many points. It was an excellent day and I want to do it again next year. Jay Moore 8MT.

Mrs Wright
Curriculum Development Technician
Science

*Rebecca Lever 8GM, Wayne Gould 8GM
and Jay Moore 8MT with their water rockets
at the NPL Water Rocket Challenge.*



RAMPAGING CHARIOTS

Stewards Academy was represented at the East of England Rampaging Chariots competition in Basildon by Tyler Hampson 9HS, Jai Sharma 11MM, Mr Young and I. The day started with scrutinising of the radio-controlled chariots by an engineer from our hosts, Selex. He commented that, in over 600 chariots he had inspected, Stewards' was the best he had seen.

Tyler demonstrated how to negotiate the assault course, one of the three events that competitors would face, in front of all the competitors! He did this without hesitation and appeared confident in front of the large crowd.

Jai and Tyler did well in all three events making it through to the semi-finals of the assault course and the final of the football. It was a great day of competition with schools from all over Essex and further afield, all competing in a friendly spirit of sportsmanship. Jai and Tyler were excellent ambassadors for Stewards and we were all very proud of them. Well done!

Mr Rew
Science Teacher



*Tyler Hampson 9HS and Jai Sharma with
their Rampaging Chariot 'Phoenix Knights'.*

Jai Sharma's comment: *'This was my last opportunity to represent the school at an event and it was great fun, exciting and tense. The day started with an early entry to the pit area, where we retrieved our robot from the technical check; it passed with flying colours. The first event was the Sumo ring in which we had an early victory with Tyler at the controls. Sadly, we lost the next bout, which knocked us out of the Sumo part of the competition. I took control next in the Assault Course and won the first and second round. In the semi-final we were pitted against a team called Sparta. Unfortunately we lost so we obtained 3rd place. The final event was the Selex 2012 football match. We combined our efforts and managed to secure 2nd place. It was a fantastic day.'*

Strawberry Tea

Year 7 students: Cameron Govender, Chloe Powell, Tommy Edwards, Keeley-Ann Hanson, Joe White, Georgia Prior, Harry Burling, Chloe White, Lauren Russell, Harry Taylor, Megan Clark, Amelia Mitchell-Harris Baylie Gasson and Charlie Mash picked more than 10 kilos of strawberries from the local farm and safely delivered them to Mrs Bird and Mrs Ellis who, with **Food and Hospitality students from Year 10**, chopped and sliced, stirred and rolled flour, sugar and eggs into cakes and delicious scones – enough (we hoped) to feed the guests invited to attend 'Strawberry Tea at Stewards Academy'.



The room was beautifully decorated with bunting and Ms Wright and Year 7 students (*who had picked the strawberries in the morning*) did an amazing job encouraging our guests to 'pick a lucky number' as well as purchase tickets for the raffle. Mrs Hunt (again ably assisted by Year 7 students) made delicious tea and elderflower cordial to go with the cakes.

Raffle prizes kindly donated by Mrs Larkin and the Shelton Stone family. Thanks too, to Mrs Wright for the kind donation of cakes for the event.

We welcomed governors, business and community colleagues as well as school staff to the event, inviting them to contribute to the charity.

We had a wonderful afternoon and a grand total of **£226.87** has been collected and will be donated to 'Breast Cancer Care' on behalf of Stewards Academy students and Staff.



Thank you to everyone for your support.

Mrs Hampstead
Vocational Learning Mentor



Performing Arts News

TRIP TO THE BRITISH MUSIC EXPERIENCE AT THE O2, GREENWICH

GCSE Music students from Year 9 and Year 10 visited the British Music Experience at the O2, London's interactive museum of British popular music.

The museum features a wealth of rock and roll exhibits from 1945 to the present day including photographs, videos of performances and interviews, audio clips and articles such as concert programmes, costumes and instruments. Another popular feature was the Gibson Interactive Studio, where students could have mini lessons on drums, piano, guitar and bass. They were then given the opportunity to make a recording of their song.

We were also treated to a talk entitled 'London is the Place for Me', which was an exploration of the many influences on British music from around the world. At the end of the talk some of our Year 9 students were given the chance to try a Theremin (one of the earliest electronic instruments).

"It was the best trip I've ever been on." - Jordan Spowart, Year 10

"I enjoyed learning a song on guitar in the interactive studio. It was something I had never done before." - Renata Kiraly, Year 10

STEWARDS MUSIC SCHOOL

Would you like to learn a musical instrument?

Stewards Music School offers the opportunity for our students and children from the wider community to have specialist one-to-one tuition on the following instruments:

Voice, Guitar, Bass, Drums, Cello, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Saxophone, Piano and Keyboard.

Instruments can be hired from Essex Music Services or students can bring their own. Enrolment for next term will be held on **Wednesday 19th**

September 2012, from 3.00pm to 6.00pm in the Music Room.

For further information about Music School please contact Miss Wang on (01279) 421951, or visit

www.essexonlinemusic.co.uk

THE PERFORMING ARTS TEAM

LOWER SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS - 'THE PERILS OF PAULINE' AND 'GRANNY AND THE WOLF'

This year we gave our Upper School students the chance to direct the Lower School Production. Directed by Abbie Martin, Aphra Boittier, Jess Buckley, Joe Mulligan, Alex Grove and Luvena Porter, the plays chosen were:

'The Perils of Pauline' - a story about a silent movie heroine who just can't help having adventures.

'Granny and the Wolf' - a tale about the characters of Little Red Riding Hood, but Granny and the Wolf fall in love.

24 students from Lower School performed these pieces to Year 6 pupils on Taster Day and to an audience of parents, pupils and staff on 5th July.



Where Are They Now

EBONY CLARKE, EMMA MEEK AND ALICE-MAI MERIDALE

Left Stewards in July 2010

Ebony Clarke – has left Harlow College with three Distinction* she is going to The Centre Stage School, to study Performing Arts.

Emma Meek – has left Harlow College with three Distinction* she is going to Bath Spa University to study Dance.

Alice-Mai Meridale – has left Harlow College with two Distinction* and one Distinction she is going to The Australian Teaching of Dancing College in Perth Australia.



REBECCA CHITTY

I have been studying childcare for 4 years at Harlow College. I hope to be working in a nursery full time, although what I am aiming for is to work on a cruise ship.

FAYE HINKLEY

I have studied childcare Level 3 at Harlow College for 2 years and I have a job as a Nursery Nurse at a day nursery. I hope to progress in this career path.



Year 8 Poetry in Science Homework

The challenge was to follow the rules of rhythm to produce a Limerick, Haiku or Acrostic poem using scientifically correct concepts from our topic of Light. Year 8 effortlessly rose to the challenge!

Some of my favourite examples:

Haikus

Thomas Edison
Created the light bulb first
Or Humphrey Davy
Ewan Isted 8RMP

I pick up a spoon
Look into the concave side
I seem upside down
Chloe Mitchell 8MT

Light helps us see things
Objects reflect the light rays
Then enters our eye
Blessing Ona 8RMP

Light, light energy
Used to power many things
Even human life
Holly Humphreys 8JJ

Light can really bend
Whilst it passes through water
It's called refraction
Mason Cook 8JJ

Light flickers brightly
Casting shadows with each beam
Shining through the dark
Matt Fleming 8VM

Acrostic

Light energy
Is
Great.
Happiness is what it brings
Transparent materials
Encourage light to say
No to darkness. A never
Ending ray
Reflecting off shiny things.
Great light energy is.
You know it is too.
Philip Howlett 8JJ

Limericks

Take a glass block and light surely lit
And make the light shine through and behind it
You'll see that from glass into air
It's not really quite where
You might've expected to find it!
Isaac Lucia 8NF
He couldn't believe his eyes
Light got a nasty surprise
'Cause through the door
That's when he saw
How much a sunburnt girl cries.
Riley Halson 8RP

Try this at home;
not as easy as it
seems!

Mrs Tripp
Science
Department

Important Information

TRAVEL ABROAD

For your child to take part in Stewards' residential trips abroad, your child must have a valid 5 year laminated UK passport and a valid EHIC card [*European Health Insurance Card*] for travel within the European Union. Without these your child will be unable to travel and there can be no refunds for anyone who is unable to travel at the last minute due to incorrect travel documents.

New York 2013

For those Year 10s travelling to the United States of America in February 2013 with Stewards, please ensure your passport is up to date. **DO NOT RENEW PASSPORTS AFTER AUGUST 2012, AS THIS CAUSES DELAYS IN GETTING THE NECESSARY INFORMATION TO THE TRAVEL OPERATOR AND AIRLINE**, as the travel company will require passport information before December 2012.

ESTA Registration [*Electronic System for Travel Authorisation*]

This is a MANDATORY REQUIREMENT. If you do not complete the online ESTA application, your child will be unable to enter the United States.

Other than the residential trips that Stewards provide, there may be opportunities throughout the academic year for your child to visit France for the day, so for your child not to miss these exciting opportunities to travel, ensure they have the correct and up to date travel documentation.

Mrs Willson

P.A. to Business Manager

Place2Be – Making a lifetime of difference to children in schools



The Place2Be is pleased to inform you that the service is now open to Year 9 students, as well as Years 7 and 8 here at Stewards Academy.

I hope that you have a great summer. The Place2Be looks forward to seeing you in September.

Sara Loveday
The Place2Be, Stewards Academy

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www.theplace2be.org.uk

Greensted School Visit

Stewards pupils yet again did themselves proud when a group of 34 pupils from the EMPV Group in Years 7-10 went along with Mrs Erwood to spend the day at Greensted Junior School in Basildon. The idea came originally as a joint venture between Mrs Erwood and her sister Lorraine Morris who teaches at the school and is interested in developing her school's work to promote cultural diversity.

Stewards Academy is regarded as a leader in this field, having already achieved the Gold and Diamond Cultural Diversity Awards. Every Stewards pupil went into classes and gave a presentation about either their country of ethnic origin or a country which is familiar to them. In all, the range of presentations covered countries as far afield as South Africa, China, Scandinavia,

Turkey, Thailand, The Philippines, Latvia and Dubai. Pupils then took part in a whole school assembly and led individual workshops covering a range of different countries as well as motivational workshops to encourage pupils to 'be the best they can be' Headteacher Sue Jackson, said that everyone was absolutely delighted and so impressed with the pupils and every visiting pupil received a special medallion from the Junior School. Organiser Mrs Erwood said "It was an absolutely fabulous day. The Stewards pupils spent hours preparing their presentations. All the pupils we met at Greensted School were a complete delight and I hope they will one day have the opportunity to visit us at Stewards Academy".



Mrs Erwood
Assistant Headteacher

Year Group Information

Year 7

Dear Parents,

It is amazing to me to think it is a year since we first met and my how your children have grown in that time.

They have become fully integrated members of Stewards Academy and I have been very proud to be their head of year. It is with a certain amount of sadness that I have decided I will no longer be their head of year as I will shortly be hanging up my board marker and retiring.

Year seven have had an amazing year, they have fully embraced all the opportunities available to them. The trips and extra-curricular activities have offered your children the chance to excel in so many ways, in addition to the progress they have made academically. Seeing the confidence of these young people on stage and around the school acting as prefects for the new year coming up in September has been quite remarkable.

I really must mention attendance before I finish because success in school is dependent on your children being here to study and year seven have been excellent attenders achieving better than any previous year group so I will be checking with Miss Holden, the new head of year, how well they are doing in year eight.

Thank you for all your support over the year, it has been a pleasure working with you.

Mrs Bird
Head of Year 7

Year 8

It is the end of an era for Year 8 as they leave Key Stage 3 and embark on their GCSE courses. It has been a busy and successful year, with many pupils exceeding expectations and achieving excellence both academically and in other areas such as the arts and sport.

Mr Perrin, Mrs Hampstead and myself, are due to take a trip to The Houses of Parliament in the last week of term. Unfortunately this will be too late to put a photograph in this newsletter, but I am sure that it is going to be a memorable experience and who knows, it may be the start of a political career for some!

A reminder about uniform, please ensure that trainers are not worn and that skirts are knee length. There should be no make-up or jewellery apart from a watch. Your support in these matters is vital and makes our lives much easier.

Finally, another chapter in the amazing adventures of our mascot, Nigel. We, or rather, Leilani Mildren, managed to get a photo of him with the Olympic torch, another one for the album.

I hope that you all have a good summer holiday and that the pupils arrive back in September ready to begin their GCSEs.

Ms Batterham
Head of Year 8



Year Group Information

Year 9

This is the last Newsletter that I will write before Year 9 enter their vital 2 years leading up to their GCSE examinations.

Lots of things have been going on recently. CPT did an assembly talking about people who inspired them. These varied from members of their family to famous sportsmen. I was very impressed with the way they spoke in front of their year group, and it was testament to how much some have developed in confidence since Year 7.

To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee the Health and Social care group got involved, preparing a menu and providing goodies and decorations for their own celebration.



More recently the whole year group were involved in the BP Trading Road show. This is a trading game that offers students the opportunity to put enterprise, maths and business skills into action through stimulation of real life trading. Students work in teams competing against each other to trade oil and make profit. This is what one student, George Strachen said about the event *"The session was really fun and active. The representatives were really friendly and helped us develop our maths and business skills in a practical way. We also learnt a lot about crude oil and transferrable skills used in the industry."*



This week is Sports week, and the year group have got fully involved in all the activities, working together as tutor groups, and competing against each other in a very sportsmanlike manner. I wish everybody an enjoyable holiday, and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Mrs Ellis Head of Year 9

Year 10

The end of the year is almost upon us and what an incredible year it has been! It has been both exciting and challenging and I would like to commend Year 10 on a successful and productive year. They continue to rise to the demands of their GSCE and BTEC courses with many of them taking their first examinations. We feel very proud of their achievements and I know that I speak on behalf of the tutor team in congratulating them. In addition to working towards their formal qualifications, Year 10 have been involved in a number of events and activities too extensive to list! Most recently they attended their work experience placements; experienced life at university; have trained as prefects and enjoyed an activity day with the army. In doing so, they have shown resilience, determination and ambition. It has been a pleasure to see pupils mature in this way and I am sure that they will go from strength to strength as we move into Year 11.

At the end of term we are saying farewell to Mr Preece who, as Assistant Head, is taking over responsibility for Key Stage 4. I would like to thank him for his commitment and dedication to his tutor group, our year team and myself. He has truly been an inspiration to us all.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the tutor team and Miss Ewington, our Pastoral Support Manager, for their hard work and enduring dedication in supporting and motivating our pupils.

All that remains for me to do is to thank you for your continued support. I wish you all a restful and peaceful summer break and look forward to seeing pupils in September, refreshed and ready to embrace the challenges of Year 11.

**Mrs Ramsey
Head of Year 10**

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July

20th School Finishes 1pm

September

3rd Inset Day
4th Year 7 Only (9.30)
5th School resumes for all year groups

Year 7 arrive at 9.00am for tutor time
Year 8 arrive at 11.15am for assembly
Year 9 arrive at 9.00am for assembly
Year 10 arrive at 10.00am for assembly
Year 11 arrive at 12.15pm for assembly

13th Open Day
14th School starts at 11.15am following Open Day



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

