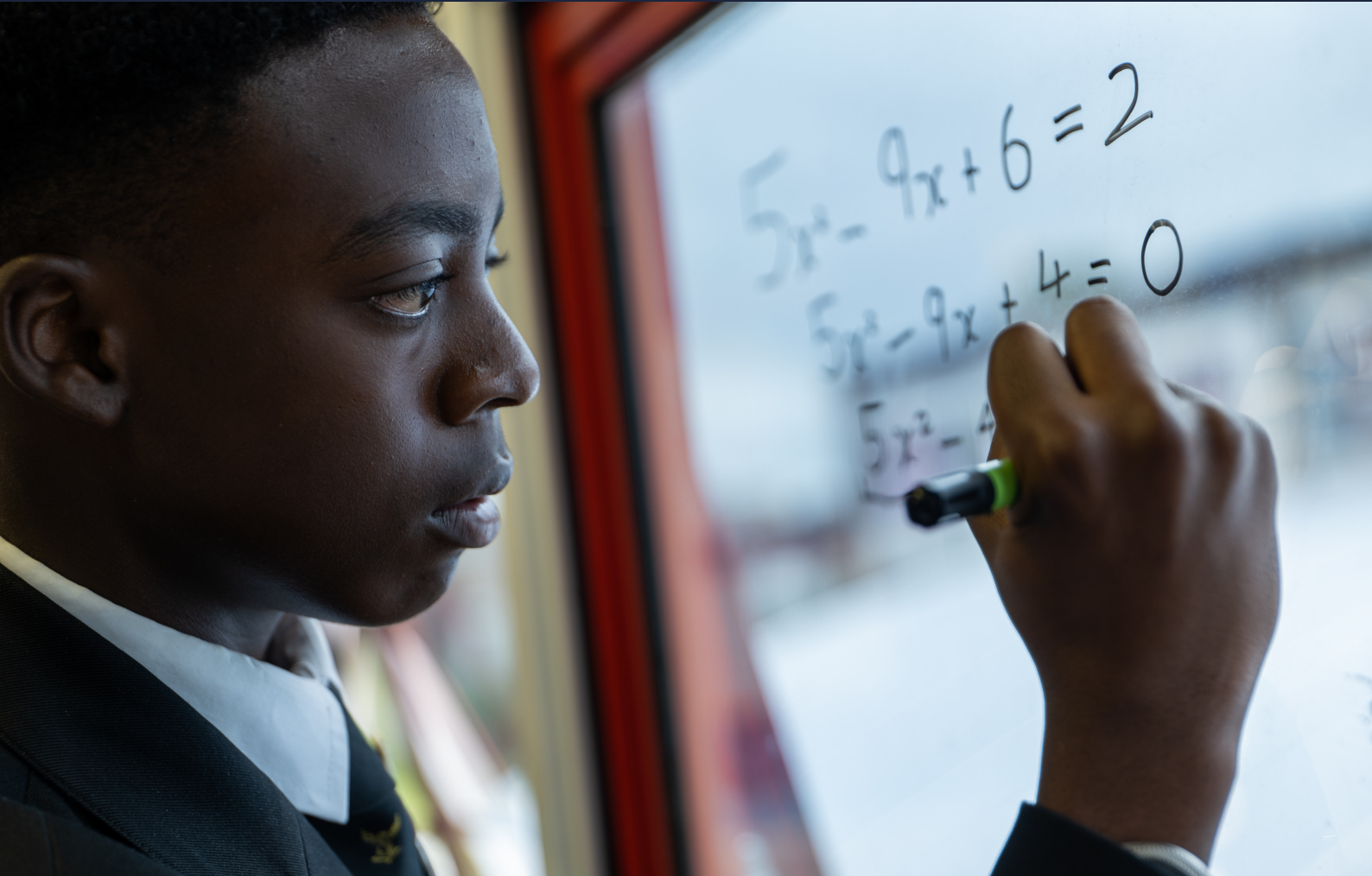




STEWARDS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

HEADTEACHER
MRS GINGER

As we reach the end of the first half-term, I am delighted to introduce you to our new-look Stewards Academy newsletter.

As ever, it has been a busy half-term, but it has been particularly enjoyable to get back to business as usual with activities and after school clubs now in full-swing.

A particular highlight has been the introduction of House Assemblies; it was wonderful to hear how the Heads of House brought their houses together with healthy competition and inspirational stories.
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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE (CONT)

The assemblies were followed by the first of our house events with this half-term run by the Maths Department. Pupils were challenged in house teams to build the tallest and most stable spaghetti and marshmallow tower, with the winning teams going through to a grand final this week.

Over the last few weeks, I have taken the opportunity to visit lessons, sample pupil work and speak to many pupils both formally and informally, and I am very pleased to say that strong teaching and learning is resulting in engaged classrooms, with pupils making excellent progress.

Our high standards across the academy continue to be maintained and enhanced through our Foundation Focuses and we are very grateful to parents for their continued support in raising the bar. After half-term, we will be focusing on the quality of homework and will be supporting pupils with their organisation and study skills.

I hope you enjoy reading the many articles contained in this new-look edition. Many thanks to Mr Laing, Assistant Headteacher, for this new design.

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term break!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

MS MOHAMED

The Heads of EMPV held the first pupil assemblies this week and did a fantastic job explaining the importance of Black History Month, remembering some great influential black people including: Walter Tull, one of the first black footballers to represent England on a national level and the first ever black officer to command white troops in WWI; Lilian Bader, one of the first black women to join the British armed forces and Muhammad Ali, the world-renowned boxer and greatest of all time. In addition, they shared links to books, documentaries and films that pupils could look over during this month and the year ahead.

The Heads of EMPV also shared information on the forthcoming Cultural Event, which we are really looking forward to host this year and the EMPV meetings where pupils get a chance to:

- *Talk about global or local issues important to them
- *Help the EMPV plan the cultural event
- *Learn about different cultures and meet new people!



ETHNIC MINORITY PUPIL VOICE

MS MOHAMED

Meet the Heads of EMPV
2021-22



Israel Kayode

Hello, My name is Israel Kayode and I am proud to say that I am one of three Heads of EMPV at Stewards Academy. I had shown an interest in this position because I love the image and importance it portrays. It's something I feel very strongly about and would never put anything under 100% of my effort into. This position is not only something I wanted to do, but is also something I felt was important for me to do too. A lot of problems about cultural diversity and cultures overall go unheard and it is our job as EMPV to make sure this does not happen. I have taken on this role to help as I believe I can do this alongside my great colleagues Wafikat and Nathan.

Alongside my role of Head of EMPV, I am also a Student Head of Performing Arts. I love the opportunities and roles that I have been given the chance to take, and have acted in them as effectively as possible.

EMPV

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Wafikat Salami

Hi, my name is Wafikat and I am delighted to say that I am one of the Heads of EMPV for this academic year. I have been a member of the EMPV since my very first opportunity to do so in Year 7. Back then I wanted to be Head Girl, but it was only in Year 9 that I became more active in EMPV meetings and realised that I wanted to be Head of EMPV instead, because it was something that I truly believed in more than anything else.

Aside from my role as Head of EMPV, I am also a peer mentor for 8JDS and a Subject Ambassador for Dance. I spend most of my hours outside of school in a dance studio as it is my biggest passion.

Cultural diversity is another passion of mine and it is something that is very important not only in secondary school but also for the outside world and our futures. Learning to accept differences with something as little as eye colour or as big as religion is the key to being open-minded, and the key to being open-minded is one of the keys to a very successful life. I hope in my role as Head of EMPV that I can better educate both our pupils and staff about cultures, religions, and everything regarding the EMPV; and also to encourage everyone in our community to accept everyone for themselves and to be kinder to one another.

Hello, my name is Nathan Poland. Many of you may already know that I am head of EMPV, but you may not be aware of my motivation behind applying for the role. I feel very strongly about racial inequality, which sadly is present in many forms within our society - sometimes this can be subtle, for example in the form of unconscious bias, and sometimes more direct and explicit, which I myself have witnessed first-hand. I believe that education is a very powerful tool in combatting these types of prejudices, and this is something I hope to be able to contribute to as part of my role.

I feel really privileged to have been given this responsibility, as I believe there is an opportunity for us to make a real difference within the school's culture, and I feel lucky to have two such able partners in Wafikat & Israel to work alongside, and for the support of Ms Mohamed & Mrs Edwards in facilitating the EMPV events.

As well as this Senior Leadership role, I am also the Subject Ambassador for maths & sport, senior prefect and a member of the School Council, I hope to be a role model and mentor for the younger year groups as they progress through their school journey



Nathan Poland

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

MRS DA VIGHI

The Year 11 team, supported over the last couple of weeks by Year 10, have done an amazing job showing 'Open Day' visitors around the site with a senior member of staff. The feedback each week has been incredible about the prefects and it is absolutely brilliant to hear.

We also have a team of student librarians that have been undergoing and getting the Library shipshape after the disruption of last year. The team have undergone training on the library systems, have started checking out and returning books and getting the books organised and tidy.

If that was not enough, the Year 9 Charity Team are also getting geared up for Children in Need and Poppy Selling in November and the Stewards Christmas Appeal in December! The Year 11 Student Leaders have also started to take on the responsibility of leading and helping out in assemblies. First up was the EMPV heads leading a superb assembly on Black History Month. Next, was the House Captains supporting the staff Heads of House with the first ever house assemblies and next half term we will see them also in the charity focused assemblies.

It is a pleasure to work with such a committed group of young adults and I am excited about the year ahead.

It has been a busy half term for Year 8-11 students with training, Open Evening, School Council meetings, prefecting and peer mentoring!

Since the start of term, we now have a great team of break and lunchtime prefects up and running around key areas of the academy site. We also have an excellent team of Year 10 Peer Mentors supporting our Year 7 tutor groups and our Year 11 Student Leadership Team that are supporting Year 8 pupils.



SEPTEMBER POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY TRAINING DAY YEARS 8-11



PHOTO- YEAR 10 PEER MENTORS TRAINING SESSION

BY MRS DA VIGHI

The autumn term is always a busy term for charity events at Stewards and this year has been no different. First up was 'Jeans for Genes' on September 24th. This charity 'raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic disorder and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected'. I am pleased to announce that we raised over £250 for this excellent cause.



CHARITY NEWS



Next up was a staff event on Friday 1st October with Mrs Goddard kindly organising a Macmillan Coffee Morning. A number of staff, including Ms. Spowart and Ms. Penny, baked delicious treats for us all to enjoy. I treated myself to a slice of salted caramel cake and it was DELICIOUS! Thank you to everyone that got involved by bringing in treats, baking, indulging and donating! We managed to raise £115 which was a massive achievement, I'm sure you will agree.

HOUSE INFORMATION

Hello and welcome back!

It's been lovely to see so many of you returning and a big welcome to the new Year 7 pupils. Everyone deserves a big well done for settling back in to school life so quickly, as well as adjusting to the new structure of the academic year.

It is only the second month back and we can proudly say that many of you are already embracing the COURAGE values-in particular unity, confidence and enjoyment. Whether this has been through supporting the Year 7s and helping them navigate the school, participating in open day as well as visiting primary schools and to all of those that are enjoying being back at school and trying new subjects - Keep it up!

The year ahead looks to be a promising one, as there are many exciting house events coming up that we hope that you all get involved in, this is a chance for us to win points for Fortitude as well as to try something new. This year there will be regular assemblies that will celebrate our success- we are looking forward to this and seeing you all together in one place!

MISS VENABLES

THE TOP POINT SCORERS SO FAR FOR THIS YEAR ARE:

YEAR 7
SRM TD

HASJIM FOFANA 60 BECKY
OSAZEE-IGBINOMWANHIA 55

YEAR 8
PH JDS

CHLOE DEAN 48 GUODA
JUOZAPAITYTE 48

YEAR 9
EKG MR

JOSH TAYLOR 43 JOANA NTOW 33

YEAR 10
JAS CV

CHARLOTTE ROBERTS 63 PHEOBE
DIMDORE 53

YEAR 11
HM TEC

DEMI WILLIAMS-COUSINS 54
WAFIKAT SALAMI 44

ONCE AGAIN, A FANTASTIC START TO THE YEAR, WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE REST OF THE YEAR.

HOUSE INFORMATION

MISS BECKETT, MISS DICKINSON &
MRS WOOLLEY

As the new academic year begins and the reigning champions of Stewards House Cup 2021 return to school, we hope that Prowess are ready to come back just as fierce and strong. With two new heads of House; Miss Dickinson and Miss Beckett, it is set to be an exciting year ahead! Among our Top Panthers are Emmanuel Addo-Sunu, Head Boy, and Tiffany Page, Deputy Head Girl who will be motivating and supporting the Panthers as part of the Student Leadership Team. Our other Top Panthers Nancy Osagie and Brooke Manoli, both House Captains, will be guiding Prowess to victory as events occur throughout the year. We would like to give a warm welcome to our new Year 7 forms JS and KS; we cannot wait to see what you bring to the team! We also wish our current head of house Mrs Woolley a restful maternity leave and cannot wait to introduce Baby Woolley to Prowess.

HOUSE INFORMATION

MISS DANLER AND
MISS MCGRUDDY

Firstly, a very warm welcome to our new Jaguars in Y7 who made us very proud during Summer School. Their unwavering enthusiasm and competitive spirit won our House the very coveted title of Sports Day Champions! A new school may be daunting especially when you are the youngest, but you have all been very brave and embraced all the challenges this first half term has made you face.

Welcome back to our Year 8 to 11, as we step into our new role as Heads of House, Miss McGruddy and I are very much looking forward to celebrating all your successes and cheering you on as you progress at Stewards Academy. After a couple of very difficult years, I am sure you are all looking forward to a more normal year with fun and challenging House competitions and with such an amazing group of young jaguars, I know this is our time to shine!

We may not be the House with the most points overall every week but we are always the one with the least negative points and that definitely says something about you, well done!

HERE ARE THE STUDENTS
WITH THE MOST POINTS
FOR EACH YEAR GROUP:

Y7: Danielle Asante and
Joshua Harrison in KH

Y8: Aiden Rutherford and
Grace Dell in SA

Y9: Alisha Cuthbert in KT and
Nyah Shoebridge in ADB

Y10: Holly Battelley in SMR and
Maisy Taylor in VE

Y11: Ben Noruwa and
Gabrielle Hodgson in EM



HOUSE INFORMATION

MR YOUNG & MISS WHITE

Welcome back Valour house! As our house name implies, you have shown great courage in the face of difficulties, after a challenging and unpredictable year last year, we are enthused by your levels of commitment and dedication shown thus far. Valour House is off to a fantastic start this new term. We are currently sitting in first place with the overall house points score of 1300. A truly commendable achievement. We have many exciting events coming up starting with our house assembly and Phoenix challenge. The top scoring pupil in each year group are as follows:

YEAR 7 GEORGE SPRINGTHORPE (CH) KATIE
JEFFREY (CH)

YEAR 8 AIDAN HOLT (JY) LENA CICHONCZYK (JY)

YEAR 9 CLIFFORD EDWARDS-LOWE (MG) CHLOE
STEELE (MG)

YEAR 10 JARED HERITAGE (SE) LILY JORDAN (SE)

YEAR 11 JACK NAVIN (SJG) ERIN O'CONNOR (SJG)

PERFORMING ARTS

MS THURLEY

DRAMA CLUB ON A FRIDAY AFTERNOON HAS SEEN AROUND 40 STUDENTS EACH SESSION THIS HALF TERM. THE ENTHUSIASM OF OUR NEW YEAR 7 COHORT HAS BEEN COMMENDABLE AND WE CANNOT WAIT TO GET STARTED ON OUR WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION WITH MORE DETAILS COMING SOON....

ON WEDNESDAY 13TH OCTOBER OUR GCSE STUDENTS WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO RECEIVE FREE TICKETS TO A PRODUCTION OF 'BIRTH' BY THEATRE RE-PERFORMED AT HARLOW PLAYHOUSE. THE PRODUCTION WAS AN EMOTIONAL, VISUAL STORY ABOUT FAMILY AND MISCARRIAGE. IT WAS ENJOYED AND APPRECIATED BY ALL.

YEAR 11 DRAMA STUDENTS WILL COMPLETE 20% OF THEIR FINAL GRADE ON WEDNESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER. THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING EXTREMELY HARD ON THEIR SCRIPTED PERFORMANCES AND WE WISH THEM THE BEST OF LUCK.



MISS VENABLES

A fantastic start has been made to the netball season this academic year with over 80 girls across all year groups regularly turning up for netball training each week.

Due to missing out last year, netball training has been increased to 3 times a week, no matter the weather, to work on our skills, tactics and fitness ready for games against the other Harlow schools.

Each year group has been working with members of staff to practice their specific positional play and develop a deeper understanding of the game of netball and what it takes to be the best player each individual can be. Some of our year 10s have also begun learning about the scoring role to assist in games and some have even had a go at umpiring to really develop their knowledge and understanding of the game, keep it up girls!

Only one game for each year group has been played so far this half term, so keep your eye out on Twitter for the results of our upcoming games against the other schools and player of the match awards awarded by the other teams at the end of each match.

After half term we swap from netball to football training and fixtures. Fixtures will be played weekly as a year group. More information to follow from Miss Venables.

PE NEWS

