



# Stewards Academy

## Newsletter December 2019



### HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is wonderful to address you in our December newsletter and to share with you some of the successes and delights of the term just passed.



The **Harlow Educational Progress Awards** was a particularly pleasing event at the beginning of the month; having nominating prize winners from our academy, I was very pleased to return from the Playhouse with Stewards Academy having achieved the overall KS3 prize for progress. You can see Erin pictured here with her first place award; our stunning glass trophy is now displayed in the academy.



Once again our assembly and community briefing programme has included some interesting material. Of particular topical relevance was our **Election Special Assembly**, prepared and delivered by Mr Sadler. It really did make our pupils consider how important it will be to vote when their time comes. Ethics and Values has also been used to develop our young people's thinking; this half-term has included a visit from the rapper Silas, who discussed **Peer Pressure** with Year 9 pupils.



A **whole host of events and trips** have taken place this half-term, such as The Big Draw, Gothic Reading week and our annual Remembrance Event. I hope you do find time to read more inside this newsletter. I did, however, want to particularly mention the Year 11 Pre-public Examinations. I was so proud of the way in which the pupils approached these, showing both maturity and resilience. Much work has continued as pupils have been analysing their strengths and weaknesses and setting targets to improve for the next round towards the end of January. We are all rooting for you Year 11, in this important year!



This year Christmas has been celebrated at the academy in a whole host of ways. A new addition, set to become a long time tradition, is the **Tree of Remembrance**. In addition to the delightful tree, beautifully decorated by Year 7 pupils that stands outside my office, we have another tree that is adorned with personal messages to loved ones of staff and pupils that have passed away, but are always in our hearts, particularly at this time of year. The tree was lit during a special service in which pupils and parents hung their messages from the branches of the tree.

This term we say goodbye to our Performing Arts Technician, Miss Doughty, who is moving on to a new adventure. We thank her for over ten years of committed service to performing arts in the academy. In January, we welcome some new members of staff: Mr Lang will join us as a lead Practitioner for Technology; Mr Morgan, as our Technology Technician and Mr Frary as a Cover Supervisor.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that the Christmas holidays is an ideal time to check that your child has all the equipment and suitable uniform for the new term. Mr Hughes has sent a letter recently with a few reminders and a link to all the information you need.

I continue to value the outstanding support we have from our parents. In working together, we will continue to provide the very best of chances for our young people. It finally leaves me to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards  
**Helen Ginger**  
Headteacher



## Positions of Responsibility

This has been a busy half term for those with positions of responsibility, with lots of prefecting opportunities, charity events, meetings, and Year 10 Prefects supporting the Year 11s by doing extra duties. The Prefects have been doing a brilliant job supporting staff at break and lunchtimes, keep up the great work!

The main focus of School Council meetings this half term has been discussing the forthcoming Pupil Survey and exploring the key issues for each year group. We have also held the second Year 7 Year Council meeting and it was wonderful to listen to the pupils and how their first term has been.

## Harlow Youth Council

Following our visit from Julie Cochrane from Harlow Council last half term, we have held elections for the Harlow Youth Council. All pupils had the opportunity to vote and also to complete a Make it Happen sheet that the Harlow Youth Council use to gauge particular areas of concern for young people across the town. Stewards Academy have 3 standing this year and we look forward to hearing the result.

## Jack Petchey recipients

Following an intense discussion and reading of the many worthy nominations received, Franklin, Esther, Grace and Seven– Stewards' Head Boy, Head Girl and deputies respectively – agreed on our first three recipients.

Tony is a delightful and very resilient young man. The last eighteen months have been a difficult and tragic time for him but all staff that work with him closely have described his courage and fortitude. He has remained resolute to be successful in school and has worked hard to maintain focus on his GCSEs. Tony has been a great support to his family and he is helping to organise events in honour of his sister and for all those that have lost someone close. Tony is well-respected by the younger pupils in The Bridge and they appreciate his kindness, help and listening ear when they need someone to talk to. His peers admire his strength of character and commitment to doing well.

Charlotte has flourished during her time at Stewards Academy and it really is a pleasure to work with her. She is dedicated to the performing arts and has developed a passion for work both on and off-stage; most recently helping to organise music events and lead her peers in her role as director of Hamlet, as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival. Both her peers and staff appreciate her calm and level-headed approach to all tasks and she always demonstrates a real sense of maturity. As well as mentoring younger pupils for Music, Charlotte has been a key driver of pupil voice, particularly as a Head of School Council this year. She helped to organise the annual Remembrance Event as well as support numerous other events. Charlotte is a pupil who will go 'above and beyond' and is a very worthy recipient of the Jack Petchey award.

Faith is an integral member of the EMPV group at Stewards Academy. In her capacity as joint head of the EMPV she has worked hard to promote events, lead cultural assemblies and regular meetings, and organise Black History Month celebrations. The EMPV goes from strength-to-strength and Faith is a superb role model to those that attend: The younger pupils have spoken of how she 'inspires' them to be more involved in academy life and to be the person that they want to be. Faith is committed to her studies and enjoys participating in wider school life; including playing netball for the academy team. Faith is a lovely young lady and a joy to work with.



**Mrs da Vighi, Assistant Headteacher: School Organisation and Enrichment**





# Charity work



## Children in Need

The Year 11 Heads of Charity Team chose 'Jungle' as a theme for this year's Children in Need activities. A whole school non-uniform day was organised with many pupils choosing to wear 'Jungle' attire including animal onesies! A large proportion of staff decided to dress as pupils for the day and pupils enjoyed telling those amongst us with scruffy uniform to 'tuck your shirt in!'. To add to the proceeding the Charity Team also organised a Guess the Name of the Bear, Guess the Number of Sweets in the Jar, a raffle and a bake sale. The Stewards Family raised an amazing £971! Huge thanks to everyone that got involved.



## St Clare Hospice

Stewards has a long-standing tradition of supporting St Clare Hospice and this year is no exception. In the lead up to the Christmas holidays, Charity reps have been busy selling these lovely toys.

An 'Add Something Festive Day', an expansion of Christmas Jumper day, on Friday 13th December will also see all proceeds go towards this brilliant charity.



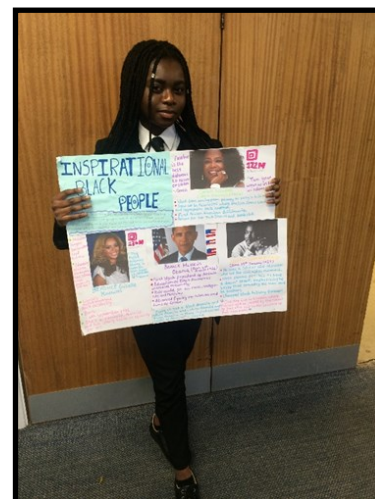
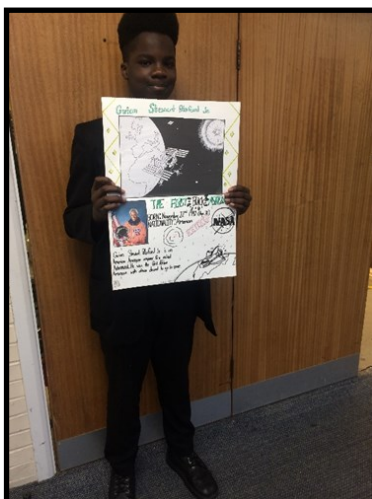
## Stewards Christmas Appeal

This will be the fourth year that Stewards has organised the 'Stewards Christmas Appeal' to support those in our local community during the festive window. We hope that this year will be as successful as previous years and thank everyone who contributes in advance for their support. The food and other items that are received by those in the community are always greatly appreciated.

**Mrs da Vighi, Assistant Headteacher: School Organisation and Enrichment**

# EMPV

This year the students were asked to come up with a research project based on any Black scientist, inventor or important figure, past or present that has inspired others. They were given the option to present their work in the form of a poster, comic strip, essay, biography, short video documentary or blog/vlog. We would like to say well done to all the students who participated and worked so hard on their research project. A massive congratulations to the winners Stephanie, Blessing and Hardson who also worked so hard to come up with something creative and informative.



**Mrs Edwards EMPV Lead**



## The Big Gig

Just before October half-term, Stewards Music department, in partnership with Harlow Rock School, held its first 'Big Gig' at Katherines Hatch Common Room. We had been searching for a new venue following the closure of The Square and we have done just that! The venue is set up with everything our budding musicians could possibly need and the Rock School staff and supporters welcomed us in to share the facilities.

The evening was a solid two hours of back-to-back music from new and experienced performers alike. Original compositions intermixed with classics and contemporary songs made it an absolutely brilliant evening! It was great also to see our two music teachers– Mrs Reeves and Mr Sharman up on stage performing also.

A number of Stewards performers already attended Harlow Rock School and it has been great to hear how more have been going along since the gig. We are very excited about the prospect of performing there again, watch out for further information in the new year.

If you would like to find out more information please visit [www.harlowrockschool.com](http://www.harlowrockschool.com) or [twitter.com/ROCKSCHOOLx](https://twitter.com/ROCKSCHOOLx)



## Shakespeare Schools Festival

The department were incredibly proud to present performances of Hamlet and The Taming of the Shrew as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival at The Harlow Playhouse. With 36 pupils taking part across Years 8-11.

The production of Hamlet - which was directed by Mrs da Vighi-directing for the twelfth time, assisted by Miss Tovey and Student Director Charlotte Easby - was described by the organiser as a 'slick and intelligent performance with beautiful imagery from a committed cast.' The individual performance of year 11 pupil Seven Hassan as Hamlet was extraordinary for the insight he managed to convey of a mind spiralling into madness. The intensity of the piece was such that the whole audience was enthralled by the command of the stage by the actors with their 'bodies and voices.'



The performance of The Taming of the Shrew by our years 8-10 cast, directed by Ms Lindo and assisted by Mr Strachan, was another 'original interpretation with strong unique characters.' Bryony Witt-Davies was a convincing Katherina for one so young, and the strength of the cast was evident from the explosive start of the piece, which transported us into the modern world as it's setting.

Being part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival really does provide an unique experience for our pupils. It is an absolute privilege watching the pupils grow and develop in confidence and skill each time they perform. A special mention must go to the Year 11 cast, many of whom were performing for the third year in a row, their commitment and maturity throughout the rehearsal process really did lead to something amazing on the evening. I would like to say thank you to them all as it has been a real honour to work alongside them and collaborating with them on this piece.

**Mrs da Vighi, Assistant Headteacher/ Area Leader for Performing Arts**





## Harlow Community Music Centre

We remain incredibly fortunate to host Harlow Community Music Centre (Music School) at Stewards on Wednesday evenings between 3.30-7.30pm. This is open to pupils from the local community as well as our pupils and it is lovely to see a mix of children attend. It has been a busy term concluding with a lovely mini-concert where pupils were able to showcase what they had been learning this term.

If your child is interested in learning an instrument or will be signing up again next term, the dates are as follows.

Session 1	- 8th January 2020
Session 2	- 15th January 2020
Session 3	- 22nd January 2020
Session 4	- 29th January 2020
Session 5	- 5th February 2020
Session 6	- 12th February 2020
Session 7	- 26th February 2020
Session 8	- 4th March 2020
Session 9	- 11th March 2020
Session 10 (Concert)	- 18th March 2020

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## A fond farewell...

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to our very own Miss Doughty. Following a move to a new county Miss Doughty will no longer be working at Stewards in the New Year. However, we will look forward to seeing her for one last performance as our bass player for Hairspray in March.

Miss Doughty has worked within the department for over 10 years and has helped develop and nurture it during her time as Performing Arts Technician and Music Instructor. She has always been one to take on new challenges and has not only achieved her Grade 8 in Bass but also her Teaching Diploma during the last couple of years. Her role has developed and grown during her time and she has found a real passion for instrumental teaching.

Everyone who has had the privilege of working with Miss Doughty, both staff and pupils alike, appreciate her warmth, dedication and support. She is an amazing person and I would like to thank her for helping me build the department from its infancy.

Pupil comment :

*"I will really miss Miss Doughty. I really enjoyed my piano tuition and am now taking GCSE music as a result. I am so pleased that I asked Miss Doughty to teach me. I hope she has an amazing journey in the future"* -  
**Jack Year 9.**



**Mrs da Vighi, Assistant Headteacher/ Area Leader for Performing Arts**



## The Big Draw



During October Stewards hosted the 'Big Draw' for students and staff to attend. We had a wonderful 3-day experience where the students were immersed into the magical worlds set up by the art team.



Students had the opportunity to interpret four different installations; Narnia, a Mexican themed celebration, a spring picnic and the tropical jungle. The event was a great success and a special mention must go to Miss Martin's Year 9 art class who helped curate the event.



## Autumn Term Trips

Year 10 and 11 art and photography students had the opportunity to spend some time out of school for their coursework projects. Year 11 visited Kew Gardens for their Natural forms projects and were blessed with a glorious autumn sunny day. The Year 10 pupils visited central London, and walked from St Pauls to Borough Market and visited the Tate on the way. The Year 10 pupils were not so lucky with the weather and were happy to end the day in the comforts of MacDonald's to dry off. Both groups came back with some fantastic drawings and photographs.



## Upcoming trips:

Year 11 Exam Trip Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January

Year 9 Evening Trip to "The Little Arts Workshop" Dates TBC

Miss H Martin, Head of Art & Photography

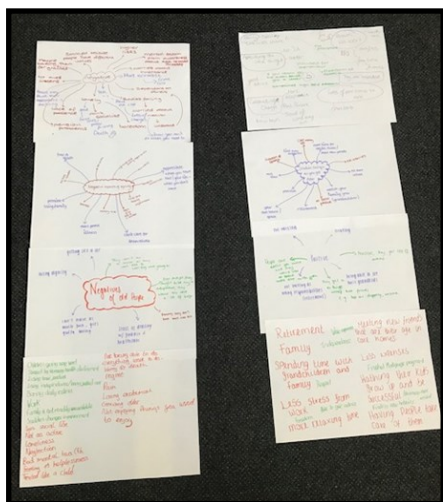




# Raising Aspirations Brilliant Club



On 24<sup>th</sup> October, 24 pupils attended Goldsmiths University, London for the launch of the Brilliant Club projects as part of the Scholars Programme. The university has approximately 8,500 students and specialises in arts, humanities and social sciences. Pupils from Years 9, 10 and 11 enjoyed a tour of the campus and an opportunity to ask current students about what university life is like. The pupils all enjoyed the first of five workshops to help them investigate 'Wellbeing in our Care Homes: What about staff?' The course is lead by a PhD student called Oluwafunmilayo Vaughn who has since visited Stewards Academy to provide four further workshops. Pupils have been identifying barriers experienced by Care Home staff and evaluating possible interventions. The course has involved the analysis of published academic journals, developing the skills of summarising and working collaboratively. Over the Christmas holidays, pupils will be writing up their assignments ready for submission in early January.



**Mrs Sherwood, Assistant Headteacher**

## History Trip

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, the History Department took 50 Year 9 and 10 students to the Imperial War Museum in London. The students visited the various exhibits in the museum including: Peace and Security 1945-2014, Turning Points 1934 – 1945 and the spectacular

First World War Galleries. The purpose of the visit was to give History students an opportunity to see how warfare has progressed over time linking to their GCSE module 'The Development of Warfare over time' at the beginning of Year 10. They have also been studying the Cold War and International Relations during

Year 9 so the visit helped to provide greater understanding of key concepts for this topic. Many students were shocked when they saw an actual piece of the Berlin Wall. All pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the trip with many commenting on how informative an experience it had been.



**Mr Hawk, History Teacher**



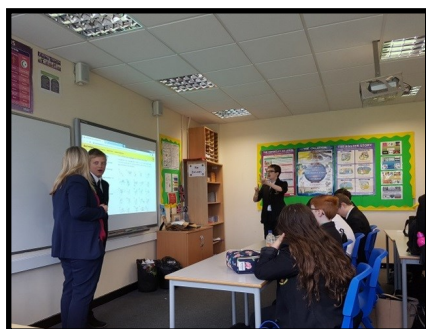
# Friendship Group



Our Friendship Group has grown this term and we now have over thirty regular members of the group who attend weekly. We have also had some new members of staff supporting us this year including Mrs Battelley, Ms Smith, Mr Grove and Mrs Kudu.

We have had a number of new activities. Ms Annetts led a session in which pupils decorated folders with their favourite images. Pupils can then use these to keep articles and pictures in which interest and inspire them

Mrs Ginger visited one of our sessions when Year 8 pupils Sebastian gave a PowerPoint presentation on his Cochlear Implants. Mr Locke also helped us by demonstrating some sign language. A session was also arranged in the Music Department allowing pupils to play different instruments and at the end a number of our students and Mr Sherman were singing together.



Recently pupils were also asked to write cards to a family member, friend or pet that they have lost. These cards have been sealed and placed on the remembrance tree which is situated in the Chinese Garden. Our pupils are looking forwards to our Christmas Party on the 13th December.

**Miss Coericius**

## Governors Report

The Autumn Term has been a busy time for the Governors, updating various policies and reviewing the finances for the year that ended August 31<sup>st</sup> in preparation for the meeting with our auditors. I am pleased to say that this meeting has now occurred and our accounts have been given a clean bill of health for another year. Our thanks go to Mrs Avis and her team for all their hard work throughout the year.

I am also pleased to say that two new parent governors have been nominated during this half term; we look forward to their contribution to our future discussions.

At the time of writing, one of my favourite events, the Christmas Concert has yet to be held, but I am confident that it will be up to the usual high standard, so I feel safe in congratulating all involved. I am sure that there will be nerves on the night but I am certain that all will acquit themselves well.

Finally as we approach the end of term, may I, on behalf of the governors, wish you all a very Happy Christmas and every success in the New Year.

**Jeff Tarling, Chair of Governors**

## Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Cover Supervisor. Please consult the 'Vacancies' tab on the academy website for further details.

[www.Stewardsacademy.org](http://www.Stewardsacademy.org)

**Deborah Souter, HR Administrator**





## Year 7 Rugby

The Year 7 rugby squad have been amazing this year, putting in great defensive effort and has been noticed by all the schools in the tournament. Congratulations to every single player who has trained and attended the tournaments; the boys have been a pleasure to coach! Next year we will keep up our strong defensive performances and look to work on our attacking game to score more points.

Special mention to Harvey Williams, James Snowdon and Jesse Palmer for attending all four tournaments.

*Player of tournament 1 was Harvey Williams*

*Player of tournament 2 was Kenzie Rayner*

*Player of the tournament 3 was James Snowdon*

*Player of the tournament 4 was Mufaro Munetsi*



## Year 8 Rugby

This year, the Year 8 rugby team has been fantastic. Their efforts and attitude could not have been better. They have shown great determination to beat the teams they lost to last year! The boys scored plenty of tries and worked hard with their tackles to make sure the opposition's scores were as low as possible. Winning 9 of our matches was such a great achievement. Well done to you all! The boys are a pleasure to coach and take to Harlow RFC. They are keen to develop and next year I am sure we can win the tournament.

Position	Won	Draw	Lost	GF	GA	GD	Points
1 - St Marks	9	2	1	160	65	95	40
2 - Stewards	9	1	1	165	50	115	38
3 - West Hatch	5	1	1	65	35	30	22
4 - St Nics	2	1	2	40	25	15	10
5 - Mark Hall	2	1	4	40	85	-45	10
6 - Ongar	2	1	7	60	140	-80	10
7 - Burnt Mill	2	0	4	60	75	-15	8
8 - Passmores	0	1	5	20	110	-90	2

Mr G Hughes

## Table Tennis: Boys

The following boys represented Stewards in the recent table tennis individual competition at Passmores:

*Daniel Monk, Thomas Whitefield, Panos Apostolidis, Stavros Apostolidis,*

*Luis Oliva, Mithran Patnaik, Gabriel Keita, Lowin Dunn.*

The boys competed in several singles matches against players from Passmores, St Marks, Burnt Mill and Epping St Johns. This is an emerging sport within Harlow and we encourage enthusiastic / interested players to join us at lunch times in the sports hall to improve their knowledge and skills in this sport.

Mr Sanders



## Girls Football

We have made a successful start to the football season, with lots of girls training together after school on a Tuesday and Thursday to improve their skills, knowledge and tactical awareness of the game.

The hard work has been paying off in a weekly tournaments hosted at Passmores. The Year 8/9 girls team were successful in their first tournament as a team, playing 5 games, winning all 5 and keeping 5 clean sheets throughout!



A fantastic performance from the girls in preparation for their next tournament in early January.

The senior girls team also played extremely well together, pulling together to demonstrate their skills learned over the past four years playing for the team. The girls played two games against St Marks, winning 3-1 and a closely fought game against Passmores. The girls are in a good position for their next tournament before the Harlow District Champions tournament.



## Boys Basketball

Year 7 have been training together at lunchtimes to improve on their knowledge and skills of basketball, a new sport for a lot of the boys in the year group. We have had a high number of boys attending training meaning we were able to enter two teams into the Harlow schools competition hosted at St Marks on a fortnightly basis. All the boys played extremely well in their tournaments with DJ and Kenzie picking up players of the tournament. Well done boys, keep up the hard work!



## England Red Roses Rugby Event



On Wednesday 11th December a groups of Year 7 girls were invited to attend a rugby coaching session hosted by Harlow Rugby Club with Vicky Fleetwood and Sarah McKeena who are professional rugby players for Saracens and England Roses. Upon arrival, we were welcomed into the Rugby Club for a question and answer session with the ladies. Questions ranged from "How did you get into rugby?", "Why did you choose rugby over the other sports available?" and "How much do you get paid?" The girls then went outside to the first team pitch and participated in a range of activities including tackling, ball handling and small sided games.



Miss Venables, PE Teacher

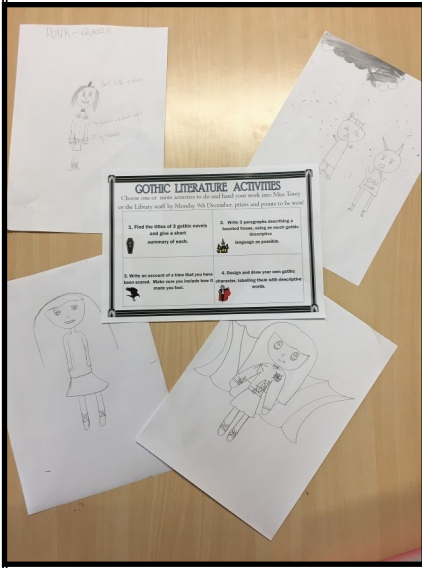




# Gothic Reading Week



Stewards Academy celebrated their first 'Reading Week' of the school year last week. The theme chosen was 'Gothic'.



The week's activities ran alongside the other reading schemes at Stewards and were intended to highlight the benefits of reading to students of all ages and at all stages of school life.

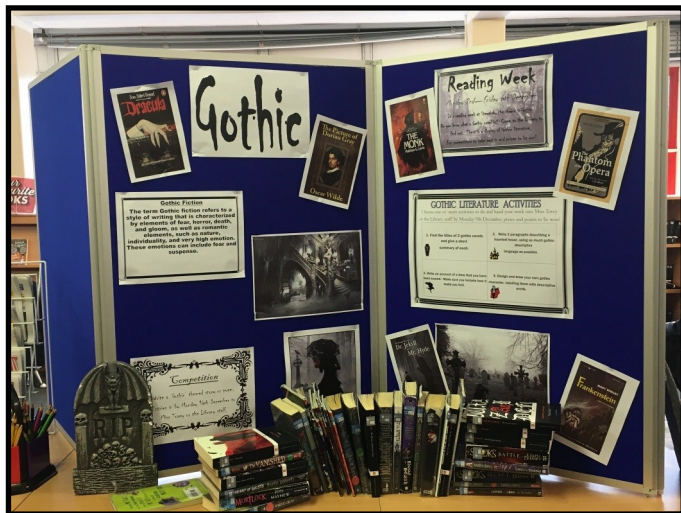
Activities included a writing competition where pupils wrote their own gothic stories or poems or designed a gothic character; Word searches, quizzes and crosswords complemented the offer.

Staff from the English Department took part in readings in the library at lunchtime from a selection of 'Gothic' novels, the extract from 'Dracula' was particularly well received.

On Friday 6th December staff dressed up in a gothic themed fancy dress which was excellent fun.



It was a very successful week; there were plenty of entries into the competitions (winners to be announced shortly) and the library was certainly a hive of activity all week. The second reading week is planned to take place in the Spring term.



Mrs Bailey, Reading Manager

## Read Theory



This term we introduced a new reading homework to years 7, 8 and some year 9. It is called 'Read Theory'. This is an easy to use online reading comprehension tool. Pupils may login at home or school and are set a number of quizzes to do over a fortnight on ClassCharts. They can access the site on [readtheory.org](http://readtheory.org)

Parents/Carers may also login using the same login and click on 'my progress' to see how many quizzes your child has taken and passed. The current homework set is due in on Monday 6th January so they can work on this over the Christmas holidays!

Mrs Bailey, Reading Manager



## Year 7

As we break up for Christmas, I would like to recognise and celebrate a few highlights of the activities that Year 7 have been involved in this half-term.

'Children in Need' was a very special day at Stewards where pupils and teachers alike donated money to wear non-school uniform for the day. Many people arrived in elaborate costumes, as well as pyjamas and really got in to the spirit of the occasion! Lots of pupils gave more money than the minimum £1 donation and

the whole day was met with a deep rooted sense of empathy and compassion amongst students and staff alike. I am pleased to report that the final total raised amounted to £971. This is an amazing achievement by all involved and I would like to personally thank Year 7 for their heartfelt contributions to this very worthy cause!

Remembrance Day was another significant event that took place at Stewards this half term to mark the moment the guns fell silent on the Western Front during the First World War. The majority of students across the year group bought, and wore a poppy to remember war heroes, past and present, and the whole school came together in unity for a two minute silence on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month. Year 7 exercised the utmost respect and maturity throughout this poignant occasion and showed real compassion for strangers that sacrificed their lives. Their heartfelt sense of pride was clearly evident and emulated across the year group and I want to commend Year 7 for their excellent conduct on the day!

Reading has been a strong focus for Year 7 this term and tutor groups having been battling it out to be top of the leader board for the 'most words reads' across the year group. The top 3 are incredibly close; in first place, the highest tutor group word count was achieved by 7ELH who collectively read an outstanding 2.35 million words as a form class. In second place, 7HMB trailed closely behind with an impressive 2.3 million words and in third place, 7JC was hot on their heels, with an honourable 2.26 million words. This is an incredible achievement by all pupils involved and I want to congratulate Year 7 for their excellent contributions to these figures. I would also like to personally recognise three particular individuals that have gone over and above the minimum expectation for reading this term and have read an incredible amount of words. They are well on the way to becoming a Stewards 'word millionaire'. Well done to Ruby Ball 7JC with 733,000 words, Myah Weekes 7HMB with 562,000 words and Dariusz Waleszczak 7ELH with 517,000 - congratulations for their outstanding efforts. Your hard work, dedication and commitment to improving your reading has been highly commendable and I am extremely proud of you!

The end of the first term has been jam packed for Year 7 and has been filled with festive cheer! The pantomime – 'Jack and the Beanstalk' was highly attended by many pupils and really did start the Christmas season off with a bang! Christmas dinner day was also a big hit and many friendships blossomed as the festive tunes blared out and the turkey crackled! The Christmas Concert united young and old in both the year group and the community and it was so lovely to see so many year 7 pupils getting involved with the traditional carols and dance performances! 'Add something festive' day saw many pupils celebrate the up and coming holidays with Christmas jumpers, festive tinsel and crazy hair accessories, raising even more money for families in poverty this Christmas and a special tree was placed and lit in the Chinese garden, adorned with heartfelt messages from pupils and staff alike, in memory of loved ones. The final Christmas assembly was also a memorable occasion with many exciting, funny and festive performances!

The term ended on a high with a celebration event for all pupils in Year 7 that successfully achieved 25 spendable points by the deadline in November and eligible pupils were offered the opportunity to go on a rewards trip to either 'Jump City Trampoline Park' or 'Ice Skating' in Chelmsford. Both trips were well attended and very much enjoyed by all involved, and wonderful to watch both pupils and staff sharing a special time together. The atmosphere was lovely and both events signified a real celebration of the hard work and true dedication that Year 7 have shown across their first term at Stewards, so well-done Year 7 for your outstanding efforts - you really did deserve this wonderful treat!

It has been a brilliant first term for Year 7 and I am so proud of how well they have settled into Stewards. They really are a lovely year group and a credit to yourselves as parents, so I just want say 'thank you' parents for all your support over the last term and thank you to your children for making our jobs so worthwhile!

Have a great Christmas Year 7 and a well-deserved break. I look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready to go in January!

**Mrs Bartlett, Pastoral Lead Year 7**







## Year 8

So far so good Year 8! Your attitude, your attendance and your punctuality have all been fantastic and I am hoping it will continue. The first term is nearly complete, again I am very pleased with your contributions to school life.

Many of you have continued with the right attitude, understanding the importance of working hard. This year is a chance to shine. You need to make sure that every piece of work stands out; you must meet your homework deadlines and strive to be number one in your class. Don't settle for second best!

Well done to those who have supported evening events, and who have attended extra-curricular activities, you have demonstrated real responsibility.

Christmas is a time to relax and enjoy yourself. Enjoy your well earned break!

## Year 9

Congratulations on completing your first term in Year 9. You should be very proud of the way you have conducted yourself thus far. You are quickly becoming mature students, demonstrating the right credentials to be very successful on your journey to Year 11. It is great to see you working hard in your core subjects as well as your GCSE options.

If you are going to stay on top of your game, you must remember the 5 Rs: Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness, Resilience, and Reflection. Each one is just as important as the other. Never let your standards drop.

Take time over the Christmas period to think about this and how you will better yourself in the New Year. You could set a new educational or personal goal? Or think of a New Year's resolution? The Christmas period is also a time to relax and unwind as I know this term has been very busy for you.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Mr D.Tremer - Pastoral Lead Year 8 & 9**

## Year 10

### Merry Christmas!

The first full term is now complete – well done and congratulations to the vast majority of you who have continued to work hard, completed all your work and have participated in the many extra-curricular activities which are available to you. You all deserve a well-earned break, so I hope you have a great time with your family over the Christmas period. Please read the information below in preparation for the New Year:

**The 5 Rs :** If you are going to stay on top of your game, you must remember the 5 Rs: Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness, Resilience, and Reflection. Each one is just as important as the other. Never let your standards drop.

### Homework and Coursework

All homework and coursework deadlines must be met. Start organising your time wisely to ensure this happens. If you feel you need help, don't forget about the extra-curricular options that are available to you. The teachers are here to help you.

### Work experience

You **MUST** organise your work experience placement. Your placement is your responsibility so please organise it. All placements are invaluable as they will be able to highlight which skills you excel at and which will need more work on. All experiences will look great on your CV and can be a great talking point in an interview. Speak to your parents, family friends and other relatives over the Christmas period for ideas of placements if you still haven't got one confirmed. Please see myself, Miss H Care or Mr G Cooper if you need any support.

### Christmas Festivities

I hope you all have a wonderful time together, enjoy your break and return to school with new goals and New Year's resolutions!



# Year Group News



# Year 11

## Merry Christmas!

The first full term is now complete. You only really have one full term left! Can you believe it?! I can't, so it really is time to make the most of every opportunity. This term has been really busy, and I am very pleased with how you have worked. You all deserve a well-earned break, so I hope you have a great time with your family over the Christmas period.

Please read the information below in preparation for the New Year:

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### Pomodoro Revision

Please don't forget that this is available to you every Monday. Be in The Green Room for 3:45pm start. It's a great learning environment and you can get support from teachers and friends.

### Exams

Please remember that your PPEs begin on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Although they are practice exams, I want you to consider them your real GCSEs. All your results will be going on your college applications, so please don't let yourselves down. You need the best grades possible in order to gain a place in your next educational establishment.

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Mr G Hughes, Pastoral Lead Year 10 & 11

## Key Dates

### December 2019

Tuesday 17th  
Thursday 19th & Friday 20th  
Thursday 19th

Christmas Concert  
Dance Fusion show- celebrating 10 years - 7pm  
Term finishes 12 noon



### January 2020

Monday 6th  
Thursday 9th  
Friday 10th  
Monday 13th  
Thursday 16th  
Monday 20th  
Thursday 23rd  
Thursday 23rd  
Tuesday 28th

Spring Term Commences - Week 1  
Parents' Evening Year 11 (Teachers)  
Art & Photography trip - Writtle College and Maldon  
HPV1 Injections Year 8 Girls  
Ski lessons - session 1, lesson 1  
HPV1 Injections Year 8 Boys  
Parents evening Year 10 tutors  
Ski lessons - session 1, lesson 2  
Parents Evening' Year 10 tutors



### February 2020

Thursday 6th  
Monday 10th  
Tuesday 11th  
Wednesday 12th  
Wednesday 12th

Ski lessons - session 2, lesson 1  
Year 11 Music Recording exam  
Year 11 Music Recording exam  
New York Trip Departs  
Ardèche Parents Meeting

