



# STEWARDS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

**HEADTEACHER**  
MRS GINGER



It is wonderful to have this opportunity to address you as we reach the end of the Autumn Term. I am so pleased that the pupils have had, as near as possible, a 'normal' educational experience this term, with activities, school trips and celebrations resuming. Particularly this week, it has been lovely to resume Christmas festivities such as Christmas Dinner, Carols around the Christmas Tree and end of term assemblies. We of course need to balance the desire to provide the full educational experience for pupils with the necessary requirement to keep the community as safe as possible in light of the new coronavirus variant.



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## HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE (CONT)

As you know face coverings are now a requirement in communal areas. We ask that you continue to make sure that your child has a face covering every day and that they continue to test regularly at home. We very much hope that further restrictions will not be necessary in school, but we will continue to keep you updated with any further information. I continue to be impressed by the pupils maturity and understanding as we work together to learn to live with COVID-19.

This term, we have made a particular effort to consider Pupil Voice. There have been a range of Pupil Voice activities: School Council, EMPV, Subject-Focused and Year Group Pupil Voice Sessions and a pupil survey. It is important that we listen to and understand the needs of our pupils following the disruption caused by the pandemic to ensure that we provide the very best educational experience and support for all pupils.

I hope you enjoy reading the many articles contained in this new-look edition.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas holiday,  
Helen Ginger  
Headteacher - Stewards Academy



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## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY VISIT TO EMMANUEL COLLEGE

Stewards Academy was absolutely delighted to be invited to the prestigious Cambridge University Emmanuel College. A number of Year 9 students and two staff members, Mr Laing and Mrs Bailey, embarked on a trip to Cambridge university to participate in an "Experience Day".

On arrival, there was a presentation on everything to do with going to University including entry requirements, the application process, the interview, and how to manage student finances.

We were then treated to a tour of the Emmanuel College campus (in glorious autumn weather) and were shown the sights before having a delicious lunch.

Following lunch, the students participated in an activity based around the very current topic of Climate Change and there were some really mature, thought provoking and interesting ideas generated by these young people, with the debate that followed being truly outstanding. After the activity we were given the opportunity to talk to a number of Cambridge University 'Ambassadors' who talked us through some of their experiences since joining Cambridge University; this was a real eye opener for our pupils, and they really appreciated this opportunity.

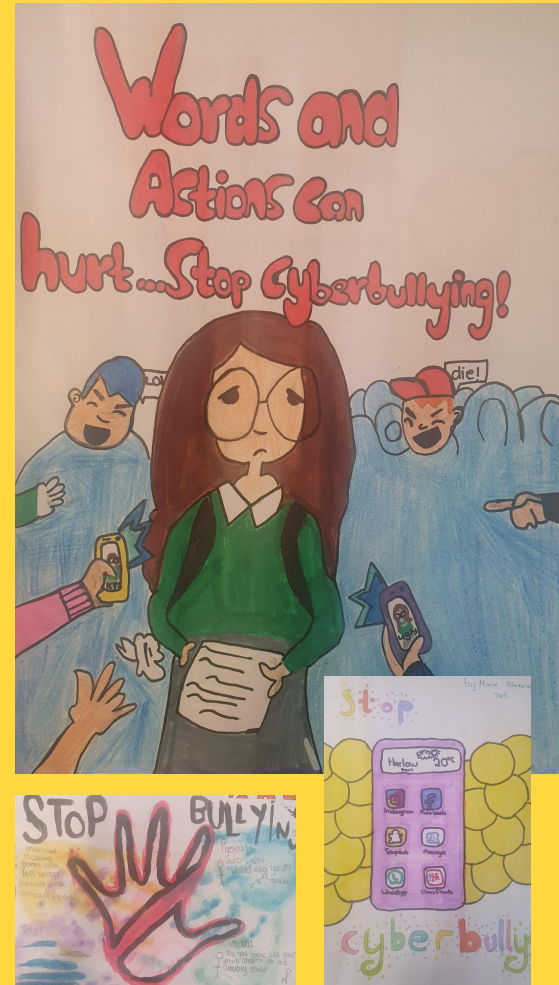
A fantastic day and experience were had by all. Well done, Team Stewards! We look forward to some of our current students securing a place at Cambridge in the future.



BY MS MOHAMED

## Anti-Bullying Week

Students took part in Anti-Bullying week, which took place on 15th - 19th November 2021. Assemblies were run for each year group and during Ethics and Values lessons students looked at the power of 'One Kind Word'; they considered different scenarios and how they would tackle each one to show that they support anti-bullying, taking a fresh look at kindness to find out if it's possible to disagree in a kind manner and who to turn to if they needed support. Students were also given a 'One Kind Word' wrist band to show their support. Many subjects incorporated the Anti-bullying theme in lessons and after school clubs, including ICT who held a competition for Cyber Bullying; Drama Club who explored empathy and how to put oneself in someone else's shoes; and both Religious Studies and Child Development who looked at 'What you would do?' scenarios.



BY MS MOHAMED

## Show Racism the Red Card

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD TOOK PLACE ON FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER. PUPILS AND STAFF HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADD SOMETHING RED TO THEIR UNIFORM OR WORKWEAR TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT TO THIS AMAZING CHARITY.



# TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

MISS STYLIANOU



Design & Technology as a subject has always been spectacular, but watching the department physically transform into an innovative, modern learning environment has been even more so. This part of the curriculum offers pupils a chance to understand the world outside of the school walls, and all the new modern technology that is coming our way.

During lockdown, as a department, we decided to use the opportunity to come together and re-invent some of our resources and strategies. We created brand new curriculum booklets and more specifically brand new textiles projects giving the pupils the opportunity to learn about culture inspired design, smart materials and the importance of textiles sustainability.

In Year 9, the pupils are offered a Fashion Design after school club where they are able to develop and master the basic skills needed for the new Design & Technology: Fashion & Textiles GCSE we are now offering.

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## TECHNOLOGY SPOTLIGHT

It is an extremely exciting time for the department, especially for me, coming from a fashion and textiles specialist background, to be able to offer this course to our pupils and give them the inspiration they need to follow their dream career paths. The GCSE will allow pupils who are passionate about this path, to develop on their KS3 knowledge and explore biomimicry in fashion & textiles, the phenomenon of E-textiles and the use of scrap materials to upcycle a catwalk worthy outfit. After their success throughout the GCSE, it could lead them onto A-level courses at the Fashion and Retail Academy and university courses at the famous Central St Martin's or the London College of Fashion. These courses could branch out into careers in business and marketing, buying, designing, manufacturing and/or complete entrepreneurship.

# HOUSE INFORMATION

Hello Everyone,

We would like to say a big well done to everyone within Fortitude for an excellent term! You have all made a great effort to get back into the swing of things as well as adapting to the Foundation Focusses to settling in. Well Done!

There have been many activities and events taking place and we can proudly say that there have been many of you involved and stepping up by taking positions of responsibility, through selling poppies for Remembrance Day as well as raffle tickets and pins for Children in Need.

You have all shown great House spirit and a sense of community through the various charity events that have taken place, as well as in the competitions that have run simultaneously. It was fantastic to see so many of you wearing red in support for 'Give Racism the Red Card' as well as being involved in 'Dress Down' for Children in Need. This also included many of you becoming creative for the 'Draw your Tutor' competition- it was very interesting to see the portraits that you created and to see the enjoyment that this generated.

A big congratulations to the winners that are in Fortitude- they look amazing! Look out for the House competitions that are coming up and continue to get involved as much as you can, even if it is to support others. The competitions will be announced soon so keep an eye on the Fortitude board in Block 2.

Have a great Christmas break!!!

**MISS SPOWART AND  
MISS VENABLES**



## Top Fortitude Scorers

**Year 7:** Lexi Cartright - 186,  
Fletcher Groat - 100, Yobel  
Mechel - 100

**Year 8:** Chloe O'Dell - 99,  
Chloe Dean - 106

**Year 9:** Ben Austin - 93,  
Joana Ntow - 87

**Year 10:** Pheobe Dimora 137,  
Charlotte Roberts 136

**Year 11:** Demi Williams-Cousins  
- 94, Wafikat Salami - 84

# HOUSE INFORMATION

**MISS BECKETT, MISS DICKINSON &  
MRS WOOLLEY**

Congratulations on successfully making it through the first term! Over the course of this term we have been awarded an incredible 19, 526 positive points. Even though we have faced challenges, we are so proud of all that has been achieved and the resilience shown by our house.

Over the last few months there have been many opportunities to get involved in school life - after school clubs, charity events, EMPV, assemblies, sports events, house competitions, Remembrance service, academic prep and school council.

Thank you to Emmanuel Addo-Sunu, Tiffany Page and Israel Kayode for their support in running a variety of assemblies this term. Also to Brooke Manoli and Nancy Osagie for helping with the first house assembly. Our KS3 prefects have been excellent with supporting the smooth running of Parents' Evening.

Well done to Toby Clegg and Panashe Ganagana for coming 3rd in our first house competition of 'Spaghetti Bridges' run by the Maths department. There was also some great engagement in Children in Need activities and fundraising for charity.

Overall, it has been an excellent first term and we are really excited to see how the rest of the year goes after such a stellar start. Keep it up Panthers!



## TOP POSITIVE PANTHERS AUTUMN TERM:

**Year 7:** Hayden Lawless (7JS), Angel  
Meguille Soyam (7JS) and Bahar  
Aldanmaz (7JS)

**Year 8:** Evelyn Asumam (8GGS), Henry  
Asuma (8GGS), Anna Golley-Dring  
(8GGS) and Alegria Manzambi (8JT)

**Year 9:** Erin Springthorpe (9EC), Urte  
Bludziute (9EC), Elissa Zakaria (9EKB)

**Year 10:** Mary Gigerciuc (10RN), Ella  
Stacey (10RN), Elizabeth Adigun (10EW)

**Year 11:** Tiffany Page (11FD), Emmanuel  
Addo-Sunu (11ALC), Bethany Bartlett  
(11ALC), Nancy Osagie (11FD)

# HOUSE INFORMATION

**MISS DANLER AND  
MISS MCGRUDDY**

Greetings House Bravery! We applaud your effort for getting through the first term of school so well, you have already managed to accumulate 5,752 positive points! Well done, we know this term has still seen some challenges and you have faced them with resilience and the true bravery spirit. Bravery pupils have been regularly attending phoenix curriculum lunchtime and afterschool clubs and collecting extra positive points for our House. There has been lots of entertainment with performances in Open Mic Thursday lunchtimes and dedication every week from our Bravery choir members. Keep going!

We would like to say well done to Luis Ali, Finlay Thurston-McGowan, Alisha Cuthbert and Evie Clegg for their continued support in the music department and their enthusiasm for practicing music.

We have some fantastic House competitions coming up for December. We will make the most of them and see if we can have the highest number of positive points by the end of term!

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

**Year 7:** Danielle Asante 7KH 46 positives, Casey-James Till 7TT 43, Joshua Mackintosh 7TT 41.

**Year 8:** Amber Moore 8SA 43, Diana Delgado 8SA 40, Harrison Coleman 8SA 39.

**Year 9:** Precious Uchendu-Nathaniel 9KT 39, Nyah Shoebridge 9ADB 39, Alisha Cuthbert 9KT 36.

**Year 10:** Maisy Taylor 10VE 38, Holly Battelley 10SMR 36, Alex Hundley 10VE 34.

**Year 11:** Ben Noruwa 11EM 44, Poppy Tant 11SD 30 and Wahid Yaseen 11SD 29.

# HOUSE INFORMATION

**MR YOUNG & MISS WHITE**

Hello House Valour! What a great term we have had thus far! We applaud you for your great strength, resilience and commitment. We have been involved in numerous competitions and activities and you have made your house proud! We have managed to achieve an accumulative amount of 18,375 positive points. This is absolutely outstanding! A special mention goes out to 3 learners who have been put forward for the Harlow Youth Council: Lena Cichonczyk 8JY, Mason Collis 8JY and Leslie Appiah 10SE.

With Christmas approaching, we think it is important to reflect on all we have done. We had a maths challenge where you all represented House Valour with pride! We remembered those lost during Remembrance Day; we reflected on Black History Month with a special assembly and got involved in the Pudsey activities. We then had an art competition with some outstanding entries. Our latest school activity has been the lighting of the Christmas tree and writing notes to loved ones. It was lovely to see so many of you wearing something festive on Monday and getting involved in the Christmas spirit.



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

**Year 7** - George Springthorpe CH, Damira Suboceva ID, Ivana Miksovic ID

**Year 8** - Victoria Chochorowska SW, Lena Cichonczyk JY, Michelle Noruwa JY

**Year 9** - Chloe Steele MG, Myah Weekes TL, Lukrecija Kundrotaitė TL

**Year 10** - Rachael Carpenter SE, Ella Braby UM, Lillie Hudgell UM

**Year 11** - Charlotte Briant SPL, Holly Lucken SPL, Niamh Stock SPL

# PE NEWS

MR SANDERS



The PE department have had an extremely busy start to the new academic year. The boys have been participating in rugby, swimming and badminton in their core PE lessons, whilst the girls have participated in netball and swimming in their lessons. As a department we have been very impressed with their positive attitude to their lessons.

Our extra-curricular clubs have seen students take part in netball and football training, with fixtures also being played against other schools across Harlow. We have seen fantastic numbers coming down to play sport on a Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings.

## Boy's Football

The Year 7 age group have had 40+ pupils attend football training across the week. They have participated in two 7 a side tournaments at Passmores, with two more still to play at the time of writing this. They have performed very well and represented the school with distinction. A big thank you to Mr Vickery for helping out with the Year 7 pupils this half term. Well done and good luck for the rest of the half terms tournaments.

The Year 8 pupils have been led well by their captain Jake Alcock, in the two games they have played to date. They won their first ever sporting fixture 1-0 against Mark Hall with Milton McAlpine scoring the winner. In their second fixture they lost against a strong Burnt Mill side, although they played well and showed excellent teamwork and courage to play until the final whistle which will stand them in good stead for future matches.

The Year 9 age group started the season in great form comfortably defeating Mark Hall 5-1 and then St Nicks 8-1, with Daniel Calin scoring an amazing 7 of the 8 goals. Unfortunately they lost narrowly in their last group game against Burnt Mill and will now have to wait to see if they qualify for the finals. They have been superbly led by their captain Kaley-Ray Till and have played some brilliant passing football creating and scoring plenty of goals.

The Year 10 pupils have been very enthusiastic with the approach to the game, although were unfortunate to come away with a 5-4 defeat in their only match to date against Burnt Mill. They played some excellent football but lacked the defensive stability to come away with the points. They are due to play against Mark Hall in their penultimate game of the season.

The Year 11 pupils in their final year at Stewards Academy have performed extremely well winning both of their games to date against Burnt Mill 3-1 and St Nicks 2-1 in a closely fought game. Max Arnold has led the team well as captain, in what is an extremely well-mannered group of boys that play football in the right spirit. They have one final game against Mark Hall to decide if they will reach the final of their competition.



BY MR SANDERS



## Basketball

This is a growing sport within the school, with the boy's participation numbers growing year on year since the construction of the sports hall.

The Year 7 and 8 pupils have enjoyed their first competitive action since joining Stewards Academy, participating in 3v3 tournaments taking place at St Marks against the other Harlow schools. On writing this, both year groups have played in two friendly tournaments with the competitive action to follow before we break up for Christmas. The Year 7 pupils (pictured below) in particular have trained well and in great numbers and this has provided healthy competition for places when selecting the teams. We wish both year groups the best in the last two competitions.



## Primary Festival

Stewards hosted the annual primary festival for its feeder schools this half term. Unfortunately for a multitude of reasons, only three schools participated in the event.

The 3 schools; Kingsmoor, Milwards and Nazeing played some excellent football on the day and the outcome was only decided on goals scored after the final game finished 0-0 between Nazeing and Kingsmoor.

It was Nazeing that progressed on to the next stage of the competition due to scoring more goals against Milwards in their first game. Kingsmoor finishing an unlucky second with Milwards third. Thank you to all the pupils that took part and to the teachers for bringing them across to the competition. We wish Nazeing good luck in the next round.



BY MRS BAILEY

Our Year 11 Construction students got the opportunity to visit and tour Harlow College to enable them to have a chance to ask questions and find out more about what the college has to offer.



They had the opportunity to view their amazing facilities including their plumbing, engineering, brickwork and joinery workshops. The students had an amazing time and one student, Matthew Moore, commented "The experience was a real eye opener and I look forward to attending the College next year"





After being unable to bring Stewards Academy's EMPV group together for over eighteen months, it was amazing to have over 150 pupils and staff attend the EMPV meetings this year already. With packed agendas, led by the heads of the EMPV group, Ms Mohamed, Israel, Nathan and Wafikat, attendees discussed:

- How Stewards is committed to being an anti-racist school.
- Supporting Show Racism the Red Card day
- The national Show Racism the Red Card competition.
- The EMPV motivational board.
- The planned cultural event in March
- What Is Racism and why does racism exist?
- Non-Racist Vs Anti-Racist.
- Racism is not banter!



Our student leaders of the EMPV have been busy this month delivering assemblies to the student body about Black History Month, the work of the EMPV and Show Racism the Red Card. They have also met and been interviewed about Black History Month by the Editor of YourHarlow, alongside our Head Boy- Emmanuel, Head Girl- Poppy, Deputy Head Girl- Tiffany and two of our Year 10 School Council and Peer Mentors, Ella and Leslie. Cultural diversity is integral to life at Stewards Academy, and it is wonderful that our pupils are keen to educate those around them about their experiences.

"The EMPV group will always be close to my heart. Over the years we have worked so hard to celebrate diversity and tackle issues in society and the world. I was overwhelmed with the number of students who came along to the the EMPV meetings. We discussed so many issues and ways we can work together towards becoming an anti-racist school. I look forward to the year ahead and I am really excited to see where this will lead us." - Ms Mohamed



# JACK PETCHEY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

MRS DA VIGHI



We are proud to participate in the Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme. Each year pupils and staff are able to nominate those that they think are worthy of an award. Our first three winners for this academic year are Max, Wafikat and Jack from Year 11. Well done to all of you on this excellent achievement.

## September- Max Arnold

Max has been a fantastic leader throughout his time at Stewards, most notably on the sporting field. He continues to excel in his swimming for school, club and county. He has recently won his county race in the 200m freestyle and also achieved 3 bronze medals in other races. Max has continued to improve and develop throughout his time at Stewards and regularly represents the academy in other sports too. His hard work and dedication to his sport is an inspiration to others. Congratulations on being a very worthy winner of the Jack Petchey Achievement Award.

## October- Wafikat Salami

Wafikat is an excellent ambassador for dance, a subject that she is truly passionate about. She helps to lead dance club for younger students on a weekly basis and recently choreographed and taught a piece of dance to others: This was as a tribute to a member of staff that had inspired them. Wafikat is a member of the Student Leadership Team and commits her time to supporting others. She is a key leader of the EMPV group this year and has delivered assemblies to her peers about Black History Month. Well done for this fantastic achievement.

## November - Jack Navin

Jack has always been passionate ambassador for the performing arts. He has dedicated many hours to both drama and music throughout his time at Stewards, performing in concerts, plays and whole school productions. He works extremely well with others and his peers have nominated him for his commitment and hard work. They recognise his supportive nature to both staff and younger pupils and his willingness to be involved in academy life. Jack is an important member of the Student Leadership Team and sets a superb example to others on a daily basis. Jack thoroughly deserves his Jack Petchey Achievement Award, many congratulations.



On the 15th of November, we were very lucky to receive Stacy Seales of So Special Occasions to talk to our Y9 vocational students about her business. Mrs Seales is a very successful businesswoman and event planner from Harlow and based in Epping, but she travels extensively to help her clients plan and deliver their dream event all over the world. Her work was even mentioned in Vogue and Tatler magazines! Mrs Seales answered many interesting questions from the students regarding event planning as they are currently planning their own event as part of their assessment. Mrs Seales also talked about all the challenges and rewards of building and owning your own business while being a full-time mother and we all found this amazing! A big thank you again for donating your time to inspire our students Mrs Seales!

## WORK-RELATED LEARNING 'SO SPECIAL'



BY MISS GARVIN



### The UKMT Senior Maths Challenge

At the beginning of November, 27 of Miss Garvin's Year 11 students took part in the UKMT Senior Maths challenge. Our students have participated in lots of Junior, Intermediate and Team UKMT challenges in the past but this is the first time that Stewards Academy have entered the Senior challenge. The challenge consisted of twenty-five very demanding maths problems, without the use of a calculator!

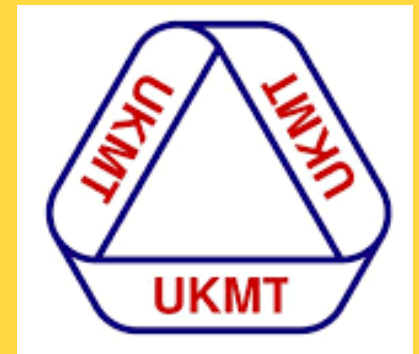
We are incredibly proud of all students that took part in this event as they were competing against students at a very high level across the country, including those in Year 12 and 13 who are already studying A-Level Maths. Three of the students achieved a Bronze Award in the challenge which is an incredible accomplishment. There were many other students that were also extremely close to achieving this award, some only missing out by 2 points!

Congratulations to Mihai, Khalid and Sebastian on their awards. An extra congratulations to Sebastian who was awarded 'Best in School'.

We look forward to seeing more students compete in the other UKMT challenges throughout the year.



## UKMT MATHS CHALLENGES



MR SPRINGTHORPE

This term has seen the relaunch of Stewards Academy Creative Writing Club, run by English teacher Mr. Springthorpe and open to all year groups.

The club's aim is to offer opportunities for pupils of all writing abilities to discuss and develop their creative writing skills and provide a platform for pupil publishing and competition entry. The club shall be offering a series of workshops centred around creative writing and offer opportunities for pupils to learn about publishing and how to promote their work. The club has already registered with the Foyle Young Poets award through the National Poetry Society and is currently working on a writing project entitled 'Water' in association with Birmingham University and the National Literacy Trust. Future events shall see the visit of professional writers and the production of an Academy anthology presenting pupils' work. Mr. Springthorpe stated 'I am very impressed with the attendance and level of enthusiasm shown by the pupils. When we write creatively, we get to the heart of what it means to be human. Already, pupils have shown that they wish to write to express, communicate and use words to formulate ideas, stories, poems, and feelings. I look forward to the exciting opportunities the club can offer our pupils.'

The club runs every Thursday from 3:20 and is open to all year groups. Please contact Mr. Springthorpe for further details.





## Safeguarding

BY MRS RAMSEY

The safety and wellbeing of our pupils is at the forefront of everything we do here at Stewards Academy. Creating a safe and secure environment, where our pupils enjoy their learning and fulfil their academic and personal potential, is our priority. We also educate our pupils about the wider world, so that they are prepared and equipped to face the challenges that lay beyond the protection of the school environment. We deliver Safeguarding topics through our Ethics and Values Curriculum. Ethics and Values education is a subject through which pupils develop the knowledge, skills and attributes they need to manage their lives, now and in the future.

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fighting for young people's mental health



# CHECK YOUR ATTENDANCE

0 days off school in a year 0 lessons missed	100%	Perfect attendance
2 days off school in a year 10 lessons missed	99%	Excellent attendance
5 days off school in a year 25 lessons missed	97%	Good attendance
10 days off school in a year 50 lessons missed	95%	Slightly below average attendance
14 days off school in a year 70 lessons missed	93%	Poor attendance
20 days off school in a year 100 lessons missed	90%	Very poor attendance

## AND CLASSCHARTS

# REGULARLY



MRS SOUTER



### EXAM INVIGILATORS

We are seeking to appoint additional Invigilators to supervise students taking public examinations. Full training will be given. You will need to be available between 8:30am and 1pm for morning exams and 12:30pm - 4pm for afternoon exams. All times are approximate and do not guarantee hours.

### SCIENCE TECHNICIAN WITH STEM RESPONSIBILITY

An opportunity for January 2022 has arisen within our Science Department for a Science Technician with STEM responsibility [Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics]

Hours: 25 hours per week, Monday - Friday [Term Time only] Some flexibility in working pattern would be required. Full details and Application Forms are available to download from our website. All applications will be assessed upon receipt.

### FINAL SHOUTS OUT



- Raheem Idrees - For his continued support in the school canteen
- Mrs Larkin who has come in volunteering to help us with the Xmas Hampers
- Melissa Boon Yr.10 - For being such a great help with organising the Hampers
- Miss Pelka for organizing the Hamper labels
- Billy for delivering them
- Big thanks to them from Mrs Atkinson - 'We couldn't have done it without them'
- "Ben, Billy, Roy, Dave, 'Clive' and Neil. Thank you for all your hard work around the site and for always going the extra mile!
- Behind the scenes of teaching there is an AWESOME admin team!!!