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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe we have reached the end of the academic year already! This term has been an incredible one, with a whole host of events, celebrations and activities filling the calendar. It was particularly pleasing to see Year 11 passing out with such style. The Prom was a fitting celebration of their five year journey with us, and we are immensely proud of the delightful young people they have become.

This term we say our goodbyes to: Mrs Avis(Business Manager), Mrs Bailey(Careers), Mr Carlier(Deputy), Ms Coericius (Bridge), Mrs Doble(Maths), Miss Khan(English), Mr Locke(Computing), Mrs Mbon(EAL), Mrs O'Toole(Catering), Mr Phipps (Maths), Mrs Sherwin(MFL), Mrs Tant(Maths), and Mr Young(PE). We thank them all for their hard work and contribution to the academy and wish them well in their future pursuits. In the new academic year, we welcome new staff to the Stewards Community and we are excited about continuing to grow and learn together as an academy.

I hope that you enjoy perusing this newsletter and sharing in the delights of Stewards Academy. I wish you and your families well for the summer, and continue to feel privileged to serve you as headteacher of this remarkable school.

Kind regards, Mrs Ginger

HEADTEACHER
MRS GINGER



Stewards Learner

As another year draws to a close and with the summer holidays just around the corner, I would like to thank all pupils, staff and parents for their support this year. It really has made such a massive difference. I would also like to wish all our Year 11 students the very best of luck with the next stage of their journey, and lastly a warm welcome to our new Year 7 pupils as they themselves start their Stewards Journey. Not meaning to wish the summer holidays away before they have arrived but just a few updates and reminders in preparation for the new year. Firstly there will be some slight changes to the school day particularly around the timings of breaks (highlighted)

Tutor time	8:45-9:15am
PD1	9:15-10:30am
Morning break	10:30-10:50am
PD2	10:50-12:05pm
Lunch	12:05-12:35pm
PD3	12:35-1:50pm
Afternoon Break	1:50-2:00pm
PD4	2:00-3:15pm

The rationale for lengthening the morning break is to provide pupils with a longer period to purchase their food and drink. It is hoped that this coupled with the new dining facilities will make the whole process more efficient and enjoyable.

Finally just a reminder with regards to students attendance and punctuality to school and their lessons making sure that students are at school on time and attending all lessons.

Once again thank you so much for all your hard work and support! Have a great summer whatever you are doing, take care and stay safe.

MR SCHOLTES

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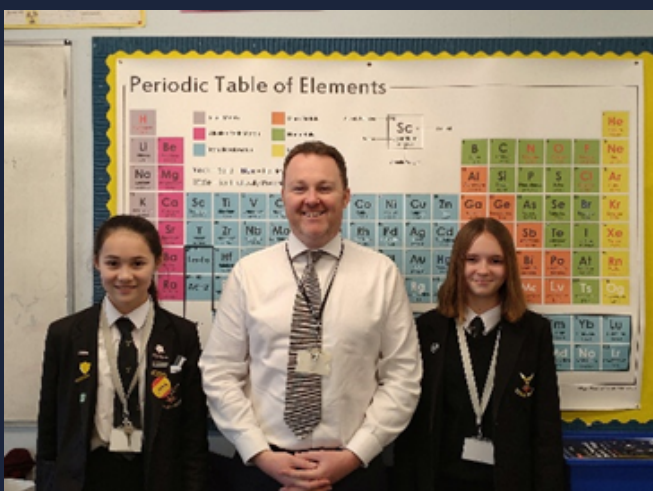
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BIOLOGY CHALLENGE COMPETITION

This term a group of our Year 9 and Year 10 students took part in the Biology Challenge competition. This year, over 43,685 students from 621 schools worldwide took part in the competition. The pupils had to answer 50 questions from different biology topics. All of our students did very well, reaching 70% of correct answers. One of the girls who achieved more than 79% from both of the tests received a Bronze Award. Well done everyone who took part, we are very proud!



MR PERRIN

The *Oliver! JR* Production

After many months of hard work and dedication, our performing arts students at Stewards Academy performed an outstanding week of 'Oliver! JR' the Musical shows. 35 students took part across Years 7 - 11, got involved with the show and portrayed their dedication to rehearsals led by Miss A Martin and Miss J Lysons, a student-led technical and assistant directors' team. Our extremely talented cast gave 5 performances overall: 2 primary school performances and 3 to an audience of families and friends. Big thank you to Miss A Martin, Mrs da Vighi, Mrs Lysons, Miss Nicholson and Mrs Patch for their support throughout to put together this amazing show. All pupils involved with this project are an absolute credit to the performing arts department and should be incredibly proud of their work.



Reviews:

Jerounds Primary Academy: *'Our year 5 classes came out singing the songs and absolutely amazed by the standard of singing, acting and dancing. You mentioned at the start of the performance that one of the parts was being played by an understudy and some children in my class spent some time trying to work out who it was but we concluded that we simply couldn't tell so extra credit to whoever that was. The children also were very impressed with the backstage crew who worked seamlessly to support the actors.'*

Mrs Bartlett - Pastoral Lead for Year 7 and KS3 Transition Coordinator at Stewards Academy: *'I just wanted to say how brilliant the show was and how impressed I was with the quality of the performances! My children came to watch it and both of them said that they absolutely loved it! You have clearly worked so hard as a team putting on this production and the smiles on the children's faces said everything about what an impact you have had, and what a difference you have made to the wonderful children you have worked with!'*

Mrs Long - Subject Leader Food Technology: *'I just wanted to say how blown away I was by the school production of Oliver, it was absolutely amazing, so well produced, designed and staged. The children were outstanding and I literally had goosebumps most of the evening. You've obviously worked extremely hard and it truly shows in every aspect. Thank you and well done'*

Mr Perrin - Assistant Headteacher: *'I enjoyed tonight's production and it was clear that you, the team and the children have put a lot of effort into the production. Thank you for an enjoyable experience.'*

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On Wednesday 26th April, twenty-seven Year 7 and thirty Year 8 students took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. This involved completing 25 challenging maths questions on many different topics intended to showcase their problem-solving skills. Pupils were competing against students at a high level in Year 7 and 8 across the country.

This is an annual challenge which Stewards has participated in for many years, and once again the pupils have done us exceptionally proud. This challenge is extremely difficult as students must apply excellent mathematical thinking in order to find the solutions.

Our pupils showed great resilience throughout the challenge which is reflected in the results and which are the best Stewards Academy has ever had! Special mentions to:

Year 7

Paris Fletcher, Daniel Jedamski and Emily Webber on their Silver awards
Aisha Age, Andy Chow, Caitlan Clark, Merral Elhag, Rinal Elhag, Georgie Hale, Darcie McClarnon, Ahmed Mohamed and Harry Taylor on their Bronze awards

Year 8

Silvia Yip on her Gold award
Micaela-Demetria Baltaretu, Charlotte Braund, Yobel Mechael, Chinonye Okeke, Danny Scott and Greyson Wright on their Silver awards
Hasan Adsiz, Marie Blaszczyk, Louie Branch, Edward Halsey, Chase Hawkins, Alfie Hines, Riley Howe, Daisy King, Shivani Nair, Chukwuebuka Ndiwe, Ethan Ngobili, Lexie Powell and Millar Thurston-Mcgowan on their Bronze awards

A final special mention goes to Silvia who achieved the 'Best in School' Award and Daniel who achieved the 'Best in Year' Award; both amazing achievements. These phenomenal results bring our mathematic challenges to a close for this year. The maths department is exceedingly proud of all pupils who participated and we wish Year 7/8/9/10 good luck with their UKMT challenges next year.

MRS WOOLLEY & MRS
GANNON



UKMT
MATHS CHALLENGE

PE round – up STEWARDS SUPERSTAR JOINS NORWICH CITY FC



After having a great time at the Year 11 Prom, Gabriel Keita put pen to paper and signed his professional contract with major shareholder of Norwich City, Delia Smith. This has been the result of years of hard work and dedication not just playing for Stewards and getting them to the finals of the West Essex Cup but also putting in all the hard hours training at Norwich City's academy. Gabriel has also had to balance his academic work to support his sporting prowess and is looking forward to what the future holds for him. We are all very proud of Gabriel and look forward to next season.



This year's prom was a great success. We arrived at Stewards for 5pm to take photos with the people we've enjoyed our last five years with, both teachers and students alike. We stayed at school for around an hour before heading off on the coaches to our prom venue, the Manor Of Groves.

We partied throughout the night as the two Dj's played music. However, for those who maybe didn't like the louder environment quite as much, they were able to spend some time in the beautiful garden with a small bridge overlooking a calm pond and a white gazebo with seating.

There was food available in generous amounts, enough for everyone to have a fair share. The longer we spent at the venue the more enjoyable it became. Prom will forever be a special memory for many of us as it gave us a chance to bid farewell to an important chapter in our lives and all the people involved.

So I'd like to finish by saying thank you to Miss Ali for her role in organising the event and all others involved. Also a big thank you to everyone who helped make it so special.

Year 11: Connor Longley

Year 11, we are so proud of you all. What a fabulous night at the Manor of Groves: the dance floor was bouncing!

We have watched you all grow from being young children into flourishing young adults.

You have worked hard and achieved academically, emotionally and socially.

You all looked so sophisticated and grown up and your behaviour throughout the evening was impeccable. It was a pleasure for us to talk to you all about your time at school as part of the Stewards Family and your future plans as you spread your wings.

MRS GODDARD

YEAR 11 PROM 2023



BOARD GAMES CLUB

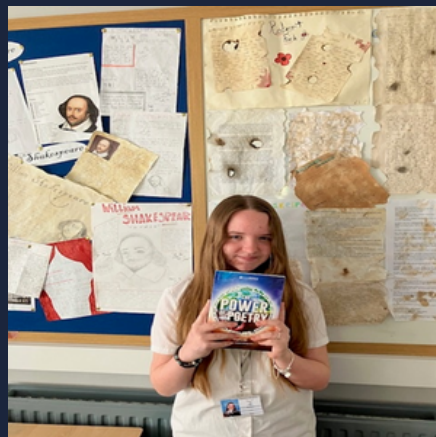
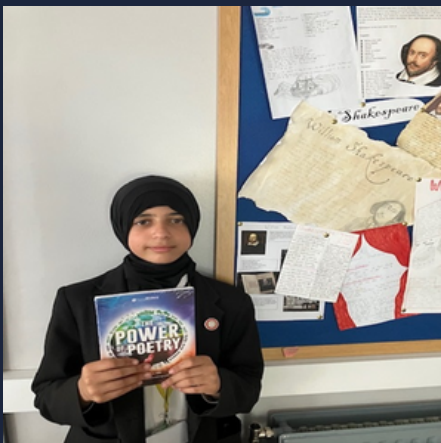
This term, board games club has continued to go from strength to strength. We have introduced the newly revised 'Heroquest' game which has been inundated with members signing up to play. Players are risking dark dungeons and hideous creatures and using their wits to cast spells and work out strategies to overcome the challenges. We have also introduced the 'Avatar' board game to tie in with release of the new Avatar film 'The Way of Water.' Members have enjoyed attempting to save the world of Pandora against the invasion of RDA robots. Members have also been bringing in their own games which has seen classics such as 'Operation' and 'Scrabble' being played. Games club is open to all and is run in a relaxing and fun environment. It runs from 3:15pm every Tuesday. Please see George Springthorpe (8CH) or Mr. Springthorpe (Room 11) for further details. All welcome!

Year 8: George Springthorpe 8CH



Creative Writing Club

Stewards Academy Creative Writing Club has seen more success for pupils, with many achieving publications in the 'Young Writers' anthology series. The club is looking to promote a whole school writing competition in both poetry and short story writing for the Autumn Term. We shall be looking forward to seeing new members joining from our new year 7's starting in September. For more details, please see Mr. Springthorpe in room 11.



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Greetings from all of us in the English department! We are coming to the end of a very busy school year, and what a year it has been! We have redesigned our English curriculum and considered the sequencing of units carefully to provide our pupils with a meaningful and memorable learning experience.

Firstly, some updates on KS3. Year 7 began with a journey through the history of storytelling, before embarking on a voyage through the gothic world of Frankenstein, which eventually lead them into an expedition through Victorian London following the adventures of the intrepid character Wild Boy.

Our Year 8's have explored the representation of women in literature including the character of Miranda in Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. Other highlights include delving into dystopian literature including Orwell's masterpiece, *Animal Farm*. Finally, Year 8 have been studying Zephaniah's topical novel *Refugee Boy*, a book about Alem Kelo, a 14-year-old refugee from Ethiopia and Eritrea.

Year 9 studied the conflict-filled world of *Romeo and Juliet* followed by *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, and are currently invested in the American play, *A View from the Bridge*. All three texts help facilitate the transition into KS4 where pupils explore themes in a greater depth.

MRS O'GRADY



DEPARTMENT FOCUS

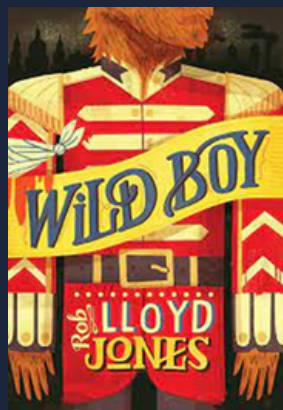
We have explored a rich tradition of literature, but also analysed non-fiction texts along the way. Pupils have had the chance to practise writing imaginatively and have written transactional texts such as speeches and articles. They have also had the opportunity to hone their speaking and listening skills through various oracy activities and several new oracy assessments, such as a mock trial for Frankenstein.

Our English Clubs continue to be very popular with Mr Springthorpe's Creative Writing Club being packed to the rafters weekly. Miss Khan and Miss Wilcox-Hart's Debate Club have truly impressed us all with their rhetoric skills! We would like to mention Macey Brown specifically as our winner of the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge - well done Macey! Your speech was passionate and moving.

A big thank you to Miss Tovey for organising three Reading Weeks and delivering reading assemblies throughout the year. These weeks are close to our heart and help raise the profile of reading across the academy.

We are looking forward to the next academic year, especially welcoming our new Year 7's, and enriching our curriculum even further - watch this space!

Best wishes, Mrs O'Grady and the English Team



Enrichment and Achievement Rewards Trips 2023

As a way of thanking and congratulating pupils for their hard work and achievements during the academic school year we offer reward trips. This week 350 Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 pupils were able to attend Rewards Trips to Colchester Zoo and Chessington World of adventures as a reward for their good behaviour and work throughout the year. The pupils had a great time and the weather was fab! A memorable and enjoyable experience with their classmates was had by all.

Mr Laing



TEACHING & LEARNING

Wednesday 21st June saw the end of an era as our Year 11 students finished their final GCSE exams, signifying the end of their compulsory education at Stewards Academy. All the students approached their examinations with maturity, conscientiousness and superb behaviour.

They are a truly special group of young people who should be proud of their considerable achievements. We enjoyed celebrating their five years at Stewards on Thursday 13th July at the Year 11 Prom. Whether students are joining Sixth Form, or moving on to adventures new at college, we wish this unique and talented group of people every success in the future.

We would love for students to continue reading throughout the summer holidays, to help with this, students will be able to borrow books from the library (remember that this is FREE), as long as they do not have any overdue books outstanding. If students currently have overdue books, please ask them to return them as soon as possible. Suggested reading lists are available from the English department.

The Bedrock Learning platform was introduced at the start of this year. It is a programme designed to teach students a range of new vocabulary through a variety of non-fiction lessons and tasks. Through learning and acquiring new words, students will be able to unlock a wider range of texts. Please continue to encourage your children to engage with Bedrock as much as possible over the summer. The little and often approach is usually the best method.

The summer holiday will be a well-deserved rest for both students and staff at Stewards. Wishing all our families a wonderful summer break.

MRS GODDARD

HOUSE BEDROCK COMPETITION



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As of Friday 7th July, the House Bedrock points show that the house in First place is Valour, in Second place is Bravery, in Third place is Prowess and in Fourth place is Fortitude. Well done to every House, you have all done a fantastic job!

SHOUT OUTS!

'Thank you to Miss Venables for always going above and beyond for her students and for organising Sport's Presentation and Sport's Day. She is an inspiration to us all!'

'Shout out to the new Head of Music, Mrs Lysons, who is doing a fantastic job!' - Mrs Reeves

'A huge thank you to the site staff for all of their hard work setting up and supporting with the smooth running of the GCSE exams' - Exam Team

'Shout out to Mrs da Vighi who always works so hard, has stepped up as head of department and is the best mentor anyone could ask for! She always goes above and beyond!' - Miss Martin

'A huge thank you to Mrs patch for making the brilliant costumes for our Oliver Junior production.' - Miss Martin

House Competition

The house with the **most HDPE bottle tops** at half term in their tub will win **100 House points!**

Drop off your bottle tops to the Technology office before morning prep! Make sure you put them in your house colour trays. The house with the most collected bottle tops will win 100 house points. 2nd place will win 50 points, 3rd will win 25 and 4th will win 10. If you'd like extra points, make sure you count your bottle tops yourself and you as an individual will win 20 positive points at the end of the year! The more colour, the better!!

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Safeguarding, Mental Health & Wellbeing update

As the academic year draws to a close, we have been reflecting on what a busy one it has been! Safeguarding (especially young) people in 2023 requires a multi-faceted approach, as we consider not just what we can see, but what we can't. As we know, there is a whole world that exists online; substances (e.g. edibles) can be bought and sold, relationships are formed and broken, and bullying can occur, unfortunately. It is not the first time we have highlighted online safety and it will not be the last! It is imperative we refresh our memories regularly and ensuring safety is at the forefront of our minds as the internet and its possibilities are endless. We must remain vigilant and encourage conversations with our young people about who they are communicating with online and remind them about the dangers and consequences of making/sharing/storing images. Childline have a new tool to help young people to remove a sexual image or video of themselves that's online. Whilst this is a great development, the best option for ensuring self-protection remains not producing these photos at all. It is important to remember how fast and far images can travel.

In February this year, we were lucky enough to have The Drug Bus from Resilience Voyage visit us at Stewards and give a number of students a wonderful, insightful and fun learning experience. The purpose of the Drug Bus is to provide a unique platform that allows young people to learn about topics such as substance misuse, mental health, knife crime, county lines and offending.

Last week was Children's Mental Health Week! We had some wonderful staff from Place 2 Be come into school, including an Educational Psychologist, to host a focus group about what mental health means to them and what help is available in school. The group of students they met were year 10 students representing Pupil Voice. The students were rewarded with a £10 Amazon voucher each. Place 2 Be were so impressed that they would like to organise another focus group for the Autumn term. Well done, year 10!

We will soon say farewell to Andrea Barlow (Place 2 Be) who has done some incredible work with numerous students after working here at Stewards for 6 years. We are fortunate enough that Stacie Allen, who we know well, will be stepping up to fill Andrea's shoes.

Thank you for all your hard work, Andrea. Welcome on board, Stacie!

Mind in West Essex have some wonderful activities organised for the summer holidays! These include social skills, wellbeing walks, story time and crafting. They also have some great online courses for parents around supporting teenagers' emotional wellbeing, childhood anxiety and challenging behaviour at home.

Did you know that Mind in West Essex also offer a telephone emotional support service (aged 18+)? West Essex Night Owls are open and available 7 days a week from 5pm-11pm.

Please see the link to their website below, where there is more information about all the things mentioned above and details of the monthly LGBTQ+ Social Group. **Mrs Atkinson - Safeguarding Lead**

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STEWARDS SAFEGUARDING TEAM 2023



Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Atkinson
The Bridge/Safeguarding Office

Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Mr Myatt
Safeguarding Office

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Safeguarding Officers: PSM Office



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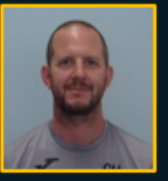
Mrs Coulson



Mrs Coates



Mrs Hardiman



Mr Hughes

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