



# Stewards Academy

## July 2020 no. 1



**Dear Students,**

I hope you are all well as we near the end of the Summer term. You will be receiving two more newsletters after this one— [a special edition on Friday 10th July with Head Boy and Head Girl candidate speeches](#) and one in the final week of term that will round off the term and give you an update on some of the things that will be happening next academic year.



You will find in this newsletter lots of important information: on pages 2&3 about our final [Jack Petchey](#) recipients of the year including our Leadership winner; on pages 4&5 about the [Head Boy and Head Girl election process and who the candidates are](#) for this year; and finally information from [Ms Thurley](#) on page 6 about the [Life in Lockdown competition](#) that comes to an end on Friday 3rd July.

Do take the time to read it through, particularly the information about the Head Boy and Head Girl election process as the voting involves all of you.

I would like to thank all pupils that have applied for a position of responsibility, I will be touch over the next couple of weeks.

May I take this opportunity to remind you also about regularly checking ClassCharts for announcements and messages on the chat function that your teacher may have sent you as these will keep you up-to-date.

Remember as well that you can see what has been going on in the academy on Twitter [@StewardsAcademy](#) and [@Stewards\\_Head](#) and on Instagram [stewardsacademy](#).

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

**Dear Students,**

Life continues apace at Stewards and it has been a pleasure to welcome even more of you back into school. I have spoken to many of the Year 7, 8 and 9 tutors who have told me how much they have enjoyed seeing their tutees and celebrating the work that has been completed at home. The teachers that are supporting Year 10 have also commented on the positive attitude of the pupils who have been coming into school for their weekly sessions.



I hope that you are all keeping well and following the advice you have been given about keeping to a routine and eating and sleeping well. Today some of our Year 8-10 pupils took the opportunity to speak to Robert Halfon MP about mental health and the issues faced at this time. Mr Preece and Mrs Atkinson told me how impressed they were by the way in which the pupils communicated the thoughts and feelings of so many young people.

As we move towards the end of term, we are now planning for September. You will probably have heard that the Government have announced that all pupils will then be back in school full-time. We will be very pleased to welcome you back and are planning to ensure that you are supported as you return. There will be more information in the next newsletter.

**Until then keep safe and well,**

**Mrs Ginger**



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# Jack Petchey winners



I was glad that we were able to finalise and decide on the final Jack Petchey Outstanding Achiever recipients for this year despite the pending and then partial closure.

We managed to announce March's prize just before the Year 11s finished on 20th March and then followed up with the April and May winners more recently.

## March– Harrison Matthews

Harrison has been nominated for a Jack Petchey award for the support he offers to staff and pupils in the academy. As an incredibly able musician Harrison loves to perform at various events throughout the year. In preparation for these events he also mentors the younger performers and assists them with their pieces or with pre-performance nerves. He has shown considerable maturity and commitment to this and in other areas of responsibility. As a Young Carer, Harrison shares his experiences and supports others in the same situation. For example, he is regularly involved in the Friendship Group and has delivered talks and performances to them. Staff that work with Harrison are impressed with the resilience and strength he has shown and look forward to hearing more about what he is up to in the future.



## April– Sonya Kemsley

Sonya has an infectious personality. She is full of positivity and loves to share this with the people around her. She is supportive and caring to her peers and is someone who can always be relied upon and trusted. She is very intelligent and strong minded, never afraid to share her opinion but always very considerate and thoughtful of others. She has grown in confidence over the last three years and her perseverance to be the best that she can be is inspiring. She is a perfectionist and this has helped her achieve her goals and flourish academically and in the Performing Arts. Her quirky sense of humour compliments her style and she has the drive to be successful in the future.



## May- Aimee Mayo

Aimee is a kind, thoughtful and caring young lady who is always prepared to help and support others. She has dedicated her time to peer mentoring, being an excellent role model to younger students, and has shown compassion and selflessness through her extensive charity work. She has always shown excellent resilience with any challenge that comes her way and her strength and maturity has been invaluable to her success. Aimee has been a key leader of the Charity Team this year and has gone above and beyond to ensure the charity events were a success.



Congratulations to all of our worthy recipients this year. I look forward to looking at next year's nominations when we return in September.



# Jack Petchey winners



Each year staff and pupils are able to nominate staff members to receive the Jack Petchey Leadership Award. Our award winner this year is Mrs Larkin and her citation is below:

## Mrs Larkin

This member of staff has dedicated the last 22 years to the young people of Stewards Academy. She is well respected by her colleagues and the pupils that have worked with her over the years. Working in learning support has not always been an easy job but she always conducts herself with professionalism, fortitude, and integrity.

The department has evolved over the years and she has been instrumental in its development. Helping to support, mentor and train new and established staff members all with a calm and supportive manner. She has been described as a legend!

Throughout her time in the learning support unit, now the Bridge, she has supported hundreds of the most vulnerable, disadvantaged, and challenging pupils. Many of whom keep in contact with her to let her know how they have progressed and the achievements they have had. The pupils she has worked with know that they can be successful no matter what their struggles. Her positivity and caring attitude have provided great guidance to all.

This member of staff has been crucial to the success of the Stewards Christmas Appeal since it started. She has helped coordinate all the donations, create beautiful gift parcels, and ensure they have been delivered to those most in need.

Stewards achieved the nationally recognised bronze Young Carers award and is in the process of working towards silver; this is due to the commitment and hard work of this member of staff. She works tirelessly with our Young Carers to ensure they get the support and guidance they need both in school and from outside agencies.



As we are unable to attend an awards evening presently where Mrs Larkin would receive her award we decided to create one of our own for the interim.

Many congratulations Mrs Larkin.

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



# Head Boy/ Head Girl elections process



Twenty - two pupils applied for the prestigious positions of Head Boy and Head Girl this year. As part of their application each candidates ClassCharts record and attendance record (up until 20th March due to the partial closure) was reviewed.



The next stage of the process was for the candidates to participate in socially distanced group interviews. The interviews took place on Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July. The interview facilitator was Mrs da Vighi, the interviewer was Mrs Ramsey and the selection panel comprised of Mrs Sherwood- Assistant Headteacher, Mr King– Head of Humanities, Mr Hughes– Pastoral Lead and Mrs Coates—Year 10 PSM.

The selection panel then decided on which applicants would go through to the final stage and you can see the successful candidates on the next page.

**As we are unable to have speeches in Hall this year or hold our election in the normal way please see below for how we are going to complete the election process...**

## **Candidate speeches**

The final candidates have been asked to prepare a written speech with support from Mrs Houghton. **These will be published in a special edition newsletter on Friday 10th July.** This will be sent out via ClassCharts.

## **Voting**

**The vote will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July via a secure Microsoft form.** The link will be sent out in advance but will go live on Wednesday morning at 8am and remain open until 5pm.

Everyone will have one vote for Head Boy and one vote for Head Girl.

Although it is useful to know who has voted, your vote will be anonymous.

The votes will be added up automatically.

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE CANDIDATE INFORMATION CAREFULLY AND DECIDE WHO YOU THINK WILL REPRESENT YOU BEST AS HEAD BOY AND AS HEAD GIRL. WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON HAVING A DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL AT STEWARDS AND ALTHOUGH OUR CIRCUMSTANCES ARE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR THE CANDIDATES WILL APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.**

**PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO VOTE ON WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY**

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs da Vighi, Assistant Headteacher: School Organisation and Enrichment



# Head Boy/ Head Girl candidates 2020-2021

8 boys applied for the post of Head Boy and the chosen candidates are...

**Robert Gregory**



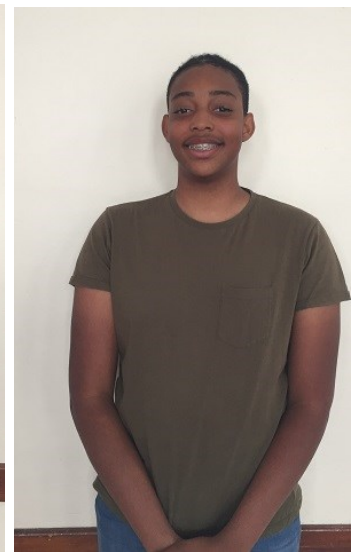
**Vladimirs Kukins**



**Hardson Palmer**



**Damion Wint**



14 girls applied for the post of Head Girl and the chosen candidates are...

**Obehi Aigbehi**



**Holly Keys-Kidd**



**Fay Mills**



**Frankie Pite**



**Katie Swallow**



**Mia Todd**



**Bryony Witt-Davies**





# Life during Lockdown competition



At the beginning of the half term the Performing Arts department launched a school wide competition titled 'Life During Lockdown.' The entries could be in any creative art form and had to relate to the individuals or the groups experience during this time. The response has been overwhelming. Both students and staff have taken the time to document their lockdown journey in such imaginative ways, with a lot of the entries extremely personal and open accounts of how the last four months has affected their outlook on life.

The judging process will begin next week with a group of volunteer students judging the staff work and a cross section of teaching staff judging the students.

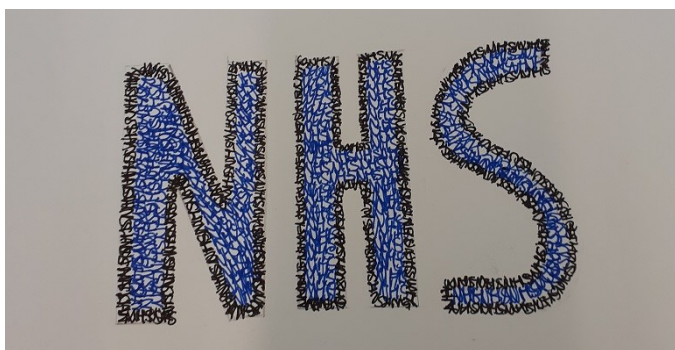
The competition will be split with Year 7 and 8 in one category and 9 and 10 in another. There will be a prize for the winning entry and runner up in each. The winners will be announced in the final week of term and prizes will be issued in September.

For this work to be fully appreciated, we are hoping to display it on return in September for all staff and students to see. It will be a reflective process for all of us but also a very positive experience to bring us back together as a community and have empathy with each individual's journey through these testing times.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this process. I feel truly honoured that I have been able to receive such insightful and meaningful work that I hope will be remembered for years to come.

Miss Thurley, Head of Performing Arts

A few entries below...



Jessica Taylor



Ella Braby



Charlotte Briant