



# Stewards Academy

## Newsletter October 2020



### HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

As we begin the new half-term, I am pleased to introduce our second newsletter of the term. Despite the restrictions that the pandemic presents, you will see in the pages within, that we have continued to find a wealth of opportunities for our pupils to grow and learn.

As I am sure you can imagine, life at school has not been without its challenges, with pupils and staff having to acclimatise to the new ways of working, with new guidance and changes becoming part of the new way of working. Nonetheless, pupils and staff have worked incredibly hard to make the very best of the educational experience at Stewards. The new longer day with plenty of breaks has seen pupils settled and engaged in their learning in the classroom. I have been very pleased to see the quality of work being produced around the academy.

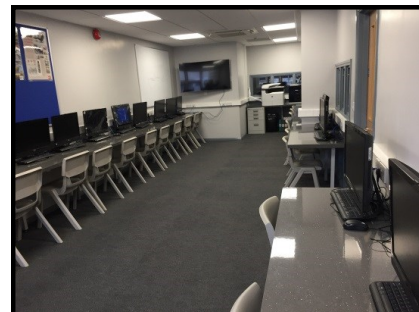
I mentioned in the September newsletter the development of the school site that has been in progress. I am now very pleased to share with you some images of these.



**Hair and Beauty Suite**



**Engineering workshop**



**CAD ICT facility**



**English and Geography Classrooms**

You will also see below images of our two outside covered seating areas for the pupils to use at break and lunch. Once again, I would like to thank the site team who have co-ordinated all this work alongside the numerous safety measures that have been put in place.



I would once again like to thank you for all your support and understanding during the last few months. There may of course be more challenge ahead, but I am confident that we can work together as the Stewards Family to find a way forward and ensure that our young people have the very best educational experience possible.

Kind regards, **Helen Ginger**





# Charity work



The Autumn Term is always a busy one for our charity team and last half term was no exception, with the team raising money for Jeans for Genes day, Macmillan Cancer Support and Show Racism the Red Card. Find out more information below:

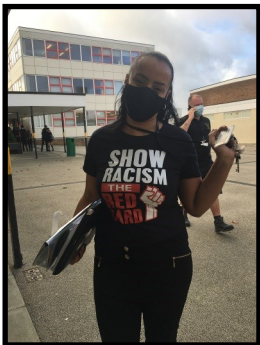
**Jeans for Genes** day took place on Friday 18th September and with over 700 staff and pupils participating we raised the brilliant sum of £356.90!

This amazing success was followed by the **MFL department's Great European Raffle!** Over recent years we have had the highly popular Great European Bake Off! to promote European Day of Languages and to raise money for **Macmillan Cancer Support**. As we've had to do things differently this year the raffle turned about to be a great alternative.

The MFL team created three beautiful hampers filled with delicious treats and a cookbook; one each of Italian, French and Spanish. The hampers generated a lot of interest and the charity team raised the excellent amount of £485.50 to go the charity.



Tickets were sold daily by charity reps from each year group. The prize winners were then drawn by the Year 11 ticket sellers– Mia Todd and Liam Holt– and our Head Boy and Head Girl – Robert Gregory and Holly Keys-Kidd. The prizes were won by David in 7JDS, William in 9JAS (collected by Phoebe) and Mrs Sherwood.



**Show Racism the Red Card** took place on Friday 23rd October to round off a week of previously planned activities. Pupils and staff had the opportunity to add something red to their uniform or workwear to show their support to this charity. Monies will be counted in the first week back and the amount raised will be shared on twitter.



Some staff and pupils also wore pink to show support for **Breast Cancer Awareness**.

We do have a few lapel badges left, donations of £1 and available from Student Services.





## Charity work outside the academy



It was great to hear about three of our younger students organising their own socially distanced cake sale to raise funds for St Clare Hospice.

James Bull 7JP, Ryan Campling 8TL and Archie Crowley 8TL wrote invitations and invited neighbours and friends to participate in the event where they sold cakes and drinks. Guests were able to enjoy the weather and sit on sanitised garden furniture before cleaning up after the event.

Each of the boys will be receiving a charity rep badge and have been asked to join the charity team for future activities in school. They raised a total of £308.72, including a £30 donation from Harlow Running Club.

Congratulations boys on your successful event! I look forward to hearing about what you have planned next.

## Mr Locke runs the London Marathon 2020



Running the London Marathon was always a lifelong ambition of mine. On 4<sup>th</sup> October I was lucky enough to run this race for a great charity called Livability, in my very own way. A very wet and windy day saw me start the race at Livability in Harlow Town, and 26.2 miles later along the River Stort, complete the race at West Ham's football stadium. I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me and together, we raised over £1750, which will be a huge help for the charity in these difficult times. A massive thankyou to Mr Hughes, Mr Davis, Mr Treamer, Miss Venables and Mr Ford for their fantastic support throughout the day!

Well done Mr Locke, an amazing achievement!

## Coming up next

The charity team are now busy preparing for **Children in Need** day on Friday 13th November. This will be a non-uniform day with suggested donations of £1. The theme for this year is 'Come as Yourself' and the charity will be focusing on mental health and wellbeing. More information will be sent out via parentmail and in assemblies leading up to the event.



Charity reps will be selling **poppies** and other items in preparation for Remembrance Day between Wednesday 4th November—Wednesday 11th November. Each year group will have an assembly, led by Mr King, and pupils and staff will participate in a short Remembrance Service on Wednesday 11th November. Pupils that are members of scouting, guiding or cadet groups will be invited to wear their uniform on this day. More details will be sent out via parentmail and to pupils in Morning Prep.

The end of November will also see the launch of our annual **Stewards Christmas Appeal** supporting those in our local community, and our **Add Something Festive Day** with all proceeds going to local charity **St Clare Hospice**.

More information on all of these events will be shared next half term. All of our charity events are voluntary and entirely up to the pupils whether they wish to participate.

Congratulations to the raffle prize winners and a huge thank you to the MFL department, all of the raffle ticket sellers, staff and pupils that have taken part in the various activities so far this year.

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





## Open Day videos



We had to find an alternative way for pupils and staff to showcase our fantastic academy this year, as we were unable to hold our annual Open Day and Open Evening– one of the highlights of the year. In discussion with colleagues and the Student Leadership Team, we decided to offer a series of videos involving new pupils from Year 7; School Council members from Years 8-10; members of the Year 11 Student Leadership Team; and lots of staff. It was great to have over 60 pupils involved and to listen to what they have to say about life at Stewards Academy.

## Pupil Survey

Listening to what the pupils have to say is an important factor of academy life and even more so at the present time. Our first pupil survey of the year generated a 60% response. Questions focused on how they feel they have settled back in following our return, what they are most proud of so far, their target for the year, if they feel they need additional support, and what in-house 'fun' activities they would like to do in place of the normal range of trips and activities we offer. The top three included; non-uniform day, film afternoon, tutor activities. We will be looking to see what we can offer as rewards later in the term and will be following up with any pupils that have said they need support in a particular area.



## Year Council meeting

There was a brilliant turn out at the first Year 7 Year Council meeting with 70 pupils from all tutor groups keen to get involved more in academy life. This meeting was particularly looking at logistics and finding out whether pupils were keen to be involved in the discussion aspect of meetings, charity or community work. Regular commitment to Pupil Voice activities stand pupils in good stead for future positions of responsibility– including the School Council.

The first of our **Year 7 community work helpers** are now working on a rota in the dining room and with litter picking. This team will be expanded after half term. I look forward to our next meeting.

## School Council and Student Leadership Team

The teams have been off to a great start this year and adapting to our current 'normal'. We have had to reconsider how we are able to run meetings and communicate regularly; pupils are certainly rising to the challenge. What has been wonderful to see is so many wanting to get involved in our videos at the start of term, followed by charity work and now the **community work**, where there is an opportunity to prefect in the canteen and help with litter picking.



It makes me very proud to know so many pupils in the academy community want to help and support the staff in these areas and take on the responsibilities involved. These volunteers are buying in to our newly launched **Phoenix Challenge** and will receive positive points and other recognition certificates or letters for their records of achievement.

Pupils participate in regular meetings and I look forward to more of these as we move through the year.

## Harlow Youth Council– opportunity for pupils in Year 8 and Year 9

Are you interested in becoming a Youth Councillor? Stewards Academy currently has 3 representatives on the Harlow Youth Council and the opportunity is now open for others that may be interested to join them.

You don't need any experience, just lots of ideas, commitment and a passion about making a difference for young people in the Town. Recent issues that Harlow Youth Council (HYC) has addressed on behalf of all local young people include challenging hate crime and improving mental health awareness.

If you are interested in finding out more about HYC please send an email to [julie.cochrane@harlow.gov.uk](mailto:julie.cochrane@harlow.gov.uk) or [Sandrine.munyakazi@harlow.gov.uk](mailto:Sandrine.munyakazi@harlow.gov.uk) with you name age and the school you attend.

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# Celebrating Success



## Positive points

Pupils have been off to an excellent start this term in receiving positive points. As of 23rd October our top 10 pupils per year group– without any negative points– are below:

### Year 7

Daisy	O'Dell	JDS	93
Guoda	Juozapaityte	JDS	90
Kayden	Meadows	NW	88
Raeleigh	Green	GGs	87
Blessing	Oppong-Yeboah	PH	87
Grace	Pollock	GES	87
Elizabeth	Davidson	GM	85
Bella-Mai	Guerriero	NW	85
Lauren	Dennis	JP	84
Lillie-May	Granger	JDS	83
Archie	Jenkins	PH	83

### Year 8

Erin	Springthorpe	JC	84
Elliott	Webb	MG	84
Kaitlyn	Ballard	TL	83
Nyah	Shoebridge	ADB	82
Ahmet	Kaya	MG	81
Macey	Brown	MG	80
Ryan	Campling	TL	80
Maddie	Fairley	MG	79
Maddison	Ali	MR	77
Joana	Ntow	MR	77

### Year 9

Charlotte	Roberts	JAS	91
Pheobe	Dimdore	CV	89
Lucy	Eels	JAS	81
Ella	Stacey	RN	81
Holly	Battelley	SMR	80
Mary	Gigerciuc	RN	80
Lillie	Hudgell	UM	80
Rachael	Carpenter	RT	79
Leslie	Appiah	RN	77
Ralfie	Parmenter	RT	77

### Year 10

Ben	Noruwa	EM	117
Gabrielle	Hodgson	EM	97
Divine	Idehen-Amen	SD	88
Rosie	Edwards	SD	82
Holly	Lucken	SPL	82
Leah	Darrington	SD	74
Demi	Williams-Cousins	HM	71
Kaite	Balch	HM	69
Estelle	Shaw	FD	69
Niamh	Stock	SPL	69

### Year 11

Amber	Coericus	EG	96
Madison	Parrish	TT	90
Emily	Edwards	TT	77
Alfie	Saunders	LCR	69
Eva	Hart	EG	65
Flick	Parmenter	TT	65
Ethan	May	JS	59
Phoebe	White	JS	58
Paris	North-Stone	JS	57
Ioana	Salavestru	EG	56

## House System

Competition between the houses has been increasing throughout the half term. Over 42000 positive points have been issued since we returned in September so far! Current house standings are...



Bravery	12914
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Fortitude	13120
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Prowess	13159
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Valour	12710
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## Presentation Evening prize winners

The tutor prize winners that would have attended our Annual Presentation Evening have finally received their well-deserved certificate and prize! Congratulations to all winners. We look forward to seeing who will be the recipients in 2021.

## Partial Closure recognition

A number of pupils across all year groups have been recognised and congratulated for their hard work and commitment to studies during the partial closure.

All certificates received can go towards the Phoenix Challenge and we can see a number of the pupils above are on their way to achieving their first 100 points, keep up the great work!

**Mrs Bartlett, Assistant Headteacher: KS3 & Miss Francis, Assistant Headteacher: KS4**



# Art Department– The Big Draw



## THE 2020<sup>®</sup> BIG DRAW FESTIVAL

### A CLIMATE OF CHANGE

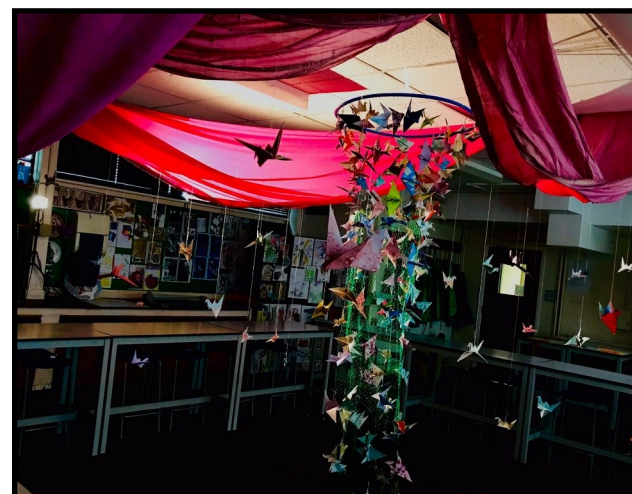
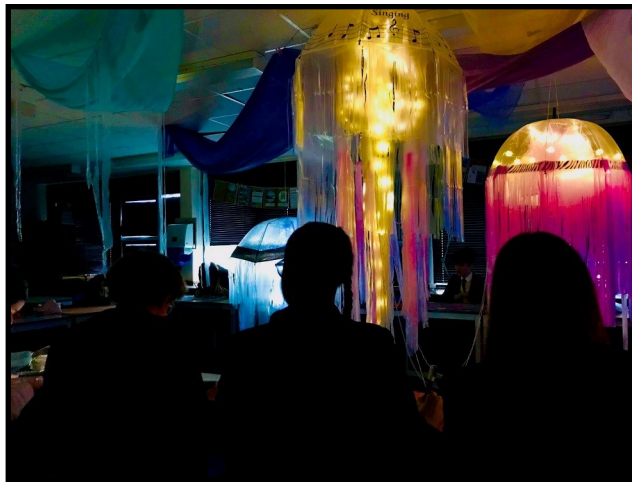
The Art Department was transformed into an amazing spectacle for both the eyes and the imagination during 'The Big Draw'. The theme this year was 'A Climate of Change' and we decided to take inspiration from the world around us. The creations are inspired by the devastating effects of the Australian bush fires, under the sea and taking to the skies. All art and photography classes have the opportunity to work in one of the rooms and use the experience to create their own work. Staff have been invited to explore the rooms after-school and be creative also!

We have already seen some brilliant work being produced and pupils have really enjoyed the immersive experience felt in the rooms.

See some of the work already produced on the next page and see more pieces on the Stewards Art and Photography twitter page @MissHRMartin

**Miss Martin, Subject Leader for Art and Photography**

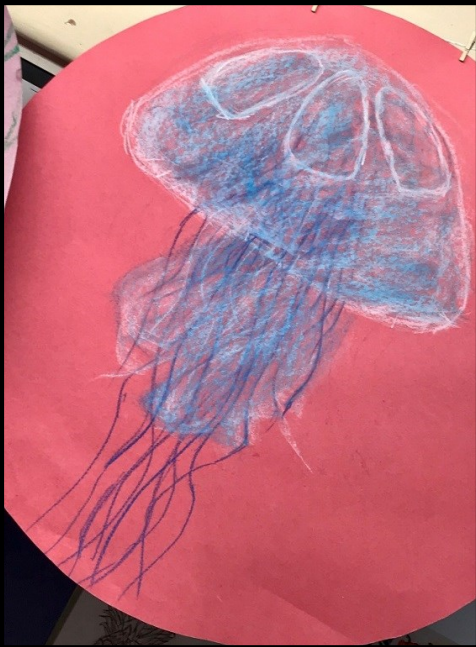
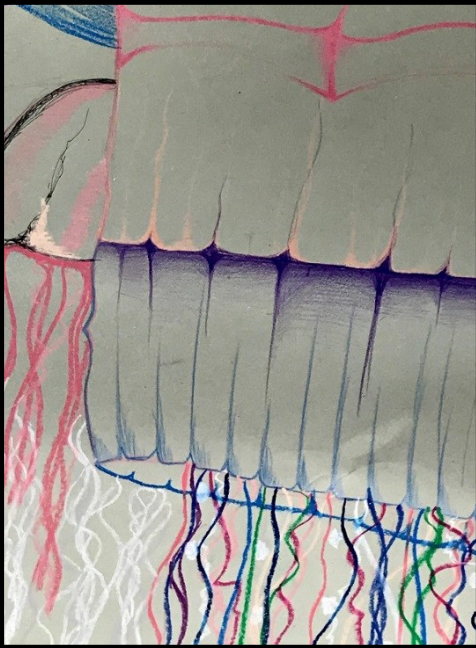
#### The rooms...







# The Big Draw







# Reminders



## Equipment and supplies

Remember when packing your school bag to restock your supplies of equipment, hand sanitiser, tissues and face mask. It is a great support to everyone onsite if pupils have their own equipment and supplies with them on a daily basis

## Uniform

As the weather gets colder may we take this opportunity to remind you that hoodies and non-school jumpers should not be brought to school. If you wish to layer up then you should have a V-neck black jumper in-line with the uniform policy. We would encourage pupils to wear an appropriate coat to and from school and this can be worn outside during social time (break and lunch).

## Communications from the academy

Please make sure you are signed up to Parentmail and check regularly for any communications from the academy. Announcements to parents and pupils may also take place through ClassCharts. Up-to-date information can also be found on the website [www.stewardsacademy.org](http://www.stewardsacademy.org) and through twitter [@StewardsAcademy](https://twitter.com/StewardsAcademy) [@Stewards\\_Head](https://twitter.com/Stewards_Head)

# Stewards Academy COVID-19 Procedures

Following confirmation of a positive COVID-19 test result the following procedure will be put into action. Please always remember to remain calm and sensible, following staff instructions.

- Headteacher to contact DFE / ECC to seek advice and guidance.
- Staff to be informed.
- Pupils to be identified.
- Pupils will be asked to meet in the hall where the Headteacher will inform pupils regarding the situation.
- Pupils if required to self-isolate will inform parents.
- Letter to be issued to all students.
- Pupils to leave school site.

# Key Dates

## November 2020

Wednesday 11th November Remembrance Event

Friday 13th November Children in Need– non uniform

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November** **INSET Day - School closed to pupils**

## December 2020

Friday 11th December Year 11 Mock Interviews tbc

Monday 12th December Add Something Festive Day

Wednesday 16th December Year 7 Christmas Lectures

**Friday 18th December** **TERM FINISHES– staggered finish at end of P2: Year 7 11.45am, Year 8 12pm, Year 11 12.15pm, Year 9 12.30pm, Year 10 12.45pm**

## January 2021

**Monday 4th January** **INSET Day - School closed to pupils**

Tuesday 5th January Pupils return