



Stewards Academy

Newsletter March 2021



HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

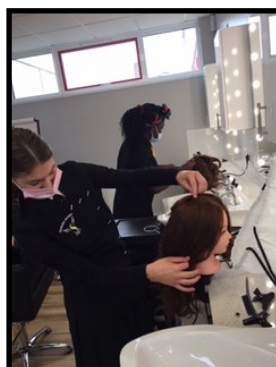
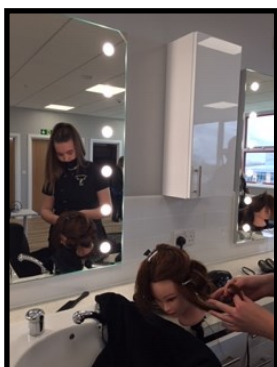
Dear Parents and Carers,

It is wonderful to address you once again following the return of all pupils to school. We have been so pleased to welcome them back after so many weeks of remote learning.

I have been struck by the maturity and resilience to change that our pupils have shown. They have coped admirably with the new testing regime, both in school, and now more recently at home. They have shown great understanding and co-operation with the measures that we have put in place in school and have embraced the opportunity to learn face-to-face with their teachers once more. I would like to give a special mention to our Y11 cohort. With the changes to assessment for their final GCSE and Vocational Courses, this has been a challenging last year for them. Despite this, they have shown remarkable resolve to approach these changes with pragmatism and have worked incredibly hard since their return to school. We look forward to celebrating their achievements in the months ahead.



I have been delighted to see pupils engaging in practical activities once more; these of course were more challenging to deliver remotely. You will see below our Y11 dance students practicing one of their GCSE dance pieces and our Y10 students enjoying the practical aspect of our new Hair and Beauty Course.



On Tuesday this week we marked the National Day of Reflection with a virtual whole school assembly. Delivered from my office, with the pupils joining remotely as tutor groups from their form rooms, we reflected on the year past and remembered those whose lives have been affected by Covid-19, acknowledging the grief and loss of those in our community and beyond.



To round off the term, Miss Francis and Mrs Bartlett celebrated a range of achievements during Community Briefings this week, including the competition winners from our Show Racism the Red Card Competition and the MFL Bake off. We continue to feel very proud of all the achievements of our young people, who have embraced every opportunity during this time. You will find more examples of their excellent work within this newsletter.

This week we say goodbye to Mr King, who is moving on to pastures new. Mr King has ably led History and Humanities at the academy in recent years and has been a valued and committed member of staff throughout his time at Stewards. We wish him well in his future pursuits. I am pleased to announce that Mr Dougherty has been successful in his application for Subject Leader of History. Mr Hawk will now lead on KS3 history alongside his role as Subject Leader of the Humanities Diploma.

Finally, it just leaves me to wish you all well for the Spring holidays. We look forward to welcoming the pupils back for the Summer Term.

Kind regards, **Helen Ginger** (Headteacher)



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Options—Y9



Dear pupils, parents and carers

I hope you are all safe and well especially during these uncertain times. Due to the current situation we have not been able to organise our usual Upper School Courses Evening. This year we will be moving to an online platform which we hope will improve communication between school and home as well as making the process clearer and more efficient. Pupils and parents will have been given access to the options presentation via ClassCharts, Parentmail or the school website this will provide the necessary information and guidance required to complete the process.

Pupils should have already received their login details enabling them to activate their online account. Should you be experiencing any difficulties please contact either myself or Mrs Root.

This is an exciting but important process for the pupils in deciding upon the next stage of their educational journey. Your support will be equally important, supporting and guiding your child with the decisions that they make.

Communication, and research will be a key aspect of the process ensuring that conversations and decisions have taken place at home and in school. Pupils will have plenty of opportunity to discuss their options with teaching and support staff throughout the duration of the process.

Attached to the presentation is the options booklet which will provide you with all the information regarding each individual subject on offer the booklet also includes key contacts including the careers guidance officer. Please read through the booklet carefully before making any decisions. Staff will be happy to answer any questions that you may have regarding their subject or the process so don't hesitate to contact us should you require any further support or guidance.

Key Dates in the option process.

As I mentioned in my introduction, it is key that a period of discussion and research takes place; therefore you will notice that final decisions do not need to be submitted until Thursday 22nd April. Please note that early submissions are no guarantee of a place in a specific subject, I therefore encourage you to use this time effectively in ensuring that the right choices are made.

Things to be Considered when making your choices

When deciding upon option choices they should be based on personal future aspirations and ambitions, make them for the right reasons, not because you like your current teacher or your friends are choosing that subject and no choice is an easy option.

What Happens if there is a problem

Should there be any issues with regards pupil choices this will be discussed individually and communicated with parents; the aim is to give pupils their priority choices where possible. This may not always be possible and is often due to staffing changes or lack of numbers; this is why pupils are encouraged to select two reserve subjects.

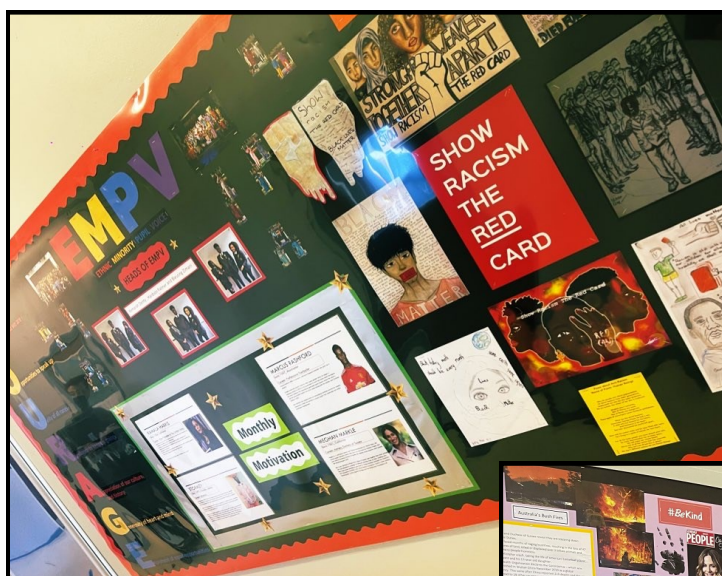
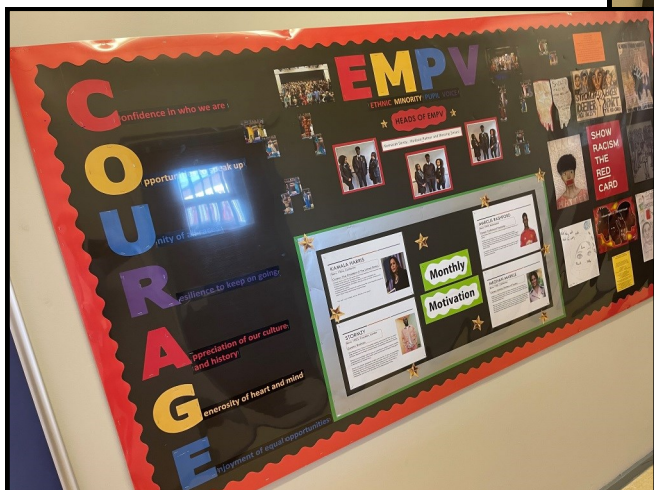
All being well, we will confirm pupils option choices at some point in July via letter. I thank you in advance for your support in this process. Please don't hesitate to contact us should you have any issues. Have a wonderful Easter Holiday.

Mr Scholtes, Deputy Head





Displays



We have spent a great deal of time enhancing our corridors with a new EMPV board, a Remembrance Board and an amazing '2020 The Year the World Stood Still' board highlighting our achievements during this very difficult time.

Sending out a huge public thanks to Miss Lucas and Miss Trowsdale Who have worked tirelessly to create these three outstanding displays

Mr Laing (Senior Lead Practitioner)



MFL Bake Off



This half term Y8 MFL pupils have been studying the topic of food and drink. Over the half term break, students were invited to participate in the Great MFL Virtual Bake Off competition organised by Miss Beckett (French and Spanish teacher). Pupils were given two teacher favourite recipes: Miss Rafferty's tortilla española and Miss Danler's gâteau au yaourt. Both recipes included ingredients and instructions in the target language. Students could either have a go at creating these dishes or research and make their own French/Spanish dish.

The MFL department were overwhelmed by the fantastic array of dishes that were shared online including patatas bravas, un gâteau au chocolat ferrero rocher, churros con chocolate, gâteaux madeleines any many more.

The department then had the very tough decision of judging the entries in order to find the star bakers!

After much deliberation, we are pleased to announce the winners:

1st place: Michael R – 8EKG with un gâteau au chocolat ferrero rocher

2nd place: Billy H 8MR with un gâteau aux fruits

3rd place: Richard K – 8ADB with une tarte au limon

Well done to all those that entered the competition your teachers will be rewarding your efforts with puntos and points!

We look forward to the return of the great European Bake Off to celebrate European day of Languages in September 2021.



Miss Rafferty, Subject Leader MFL

Remembrance Garden

We are currently developing a small outside area of the School into a Remembrance garden to remember past staff and students, following a donation from Harlow Council. Our amazing site staff have excavated the area and removed around 30 tons of soil. They have created a trench around the outside for upright sleepers and to act as a retainment wall for the rest of the soil. We intend to plant poppies and wildflowers on the flower beds to complement our Veteran Remembrance Wall and have already created a graphic conveying a tranquil vista along the adjoining wall. We intend to plant a dwarf cherry tree with seating around it for people to sit on and reflect. Brass plaques will be attached to the wall



as a memorial. Watch this space for progress on this unique and special area...

Mr Laing (Senior Lead Practitioner)



Alfie Babb – Harlow Town Football Club



We have received some positive news on the sporting front recently, as an ex-Stewards Academy pupil, Alfie Babb received an award from the Harlow Council Civic Awards for making an outstanding contribution to the local community.



In his nomination, Cllr Ingall said: "Having become Harlow Town FC's Head of Youth Development at just 18 years old, Alfie has been instrumental in encouraging the football club to reach out to the local community, running assemblies in local primary and secondary schools, promoting the importance of leading an active, healthy lifestyle, hosting indoor futsal tournaments, as well as encouraging Harlow schools to utilise the stadium to host sports days and other events.

"Alfie is a hard working, inspirational young man, with a passion for Harlow, football and youth development that shines through in everything he does."

Alfie played for Harlow Town FC as a youth himself, before coaching his own Under 8's team at the age of 16. He then took on the role of Head of Youth Development, overseeing the Harlow Academy, and has been the driving force in offering youth provision to the children of Harlow and the surrounding areas.

Under his stewardship, Mini Hawks - the football sessions aimed at 5 to 9 years old - has flourished, providing an opportunity for children to develop their football and social skills in a fun and affordable setting.

It only takes a short conversation with Alfie to understand his passion for the town, the Football Club, and Youth Football in general, and we are delighted that this passion has been recognised.

Everyone at the Club would like to congratulate Alfie on this award, and thank him for his continued service to the town and it's Football Club.

Alfie has always shown a keen interest in sport and in particular football and it was always an ambition of his to pursue a career in the football industry on leaving Stewards Academy. It is clear that Alfie has a bright future ahead of him and we wish him every success as he continues his journey.

Mr Sanders, Subject Leader

Amy Raymond - Oxford University

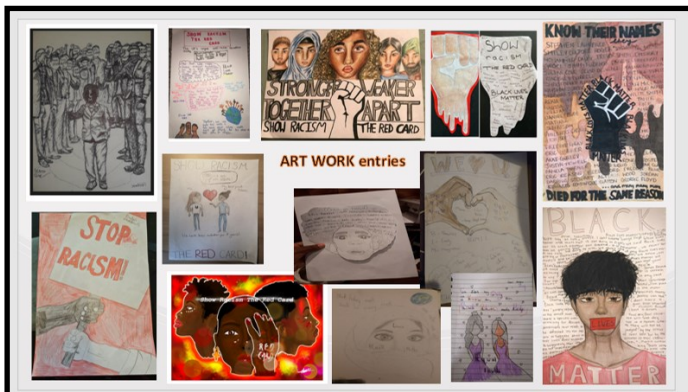


Congratulations to ex-pupil Amy Raymond who has received a conditional offer to read Law at Keble College, Oxford. It is always wonderful to hear how well our ex pupils are doing.

Mrs Sherwood, Assistant Headteacher

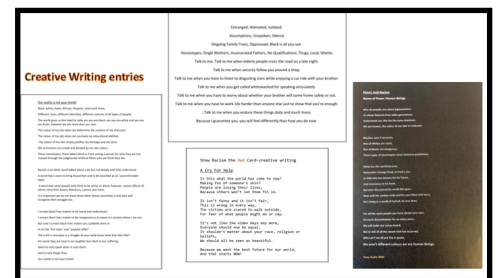
Show Racism the Red Card Competition

Stewards Academy and the Heads of EMPV launched the Show Racism the Red Card competition during lockdown and we received some phenomenal entries in two categories: art and creative writing. Congratulations to all our winners!



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Obahi Aigbehi 11K,
Carxel Bofenda 10TEC,
Tiana Hayder 8MG,
Precious Uchendu-
Nathaniel 8PS, Lily
Yamoah 8MG,*

*Maryam Hakimi 7JY
and Nia Hudson 7JDS,
Tiana Hyder 8MG, Abbie Dowers 7GGS, Amber Coericius 11EG,
Blessing Zimani 11JS.*

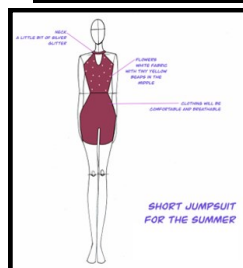
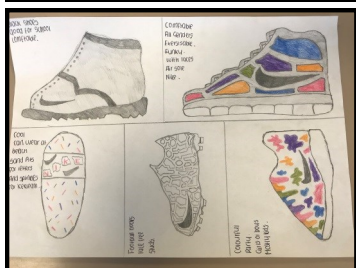
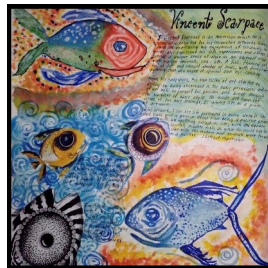
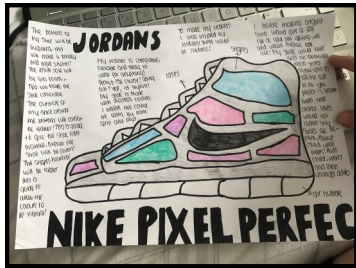




Blended Learning Celebration



During the second National Lockdown, Stewards pupils have worked remotely participating in a range of online lessons and completing and submitting classwork and assignments. Pupils have been able to use the Blended Learning Booklets created by subject teachers to continue studying the topics they would have covered in school during the Spring term. Since the Christmas break, I have sent 145 letters to pupils congratulating them on their consistent commitment to studies across the curriculum. I would like to take this opportunity to praise pupils for their continued hard work. As someone used to teaching from the classroom, it has been lovely to welcome pupils back face-to-face but I have enjoyed learning new ICT skills from online learning. Below you will find some examples of work completed by pupils across the school during the recent lockdown.



Mrs Sherwood, Assistant Headteacher

Safeguarding

Safeguarding Lead



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If you have any worries about your safety or wellbeing, speak to a member of the Safeguarding team, or to any adult in school.

Senior Deputy Safeguarding Lead



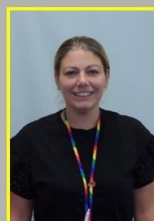
Mrs Atkinson
The Bridge

Safeguarding Officers

PSM Office



Ms Morley



Mrs Ali



Mrs Coulson



Mrs Coates

For safeguarding updates and information visit:





Celebrating Success



Valour House



Well done Valour House for your tireless effort and enthusiasm throughout this difficult time. Mr Hawk and I have been impressed by the maturity, resilience and dedication shown by all of you towards your schoolwork as well as your compassion and care towards one another. We are very proud of the courage you have shown in settling back into school life.

Your superb attitude can be seen through the number of positive points Valour students have been awarded this half term. We'd like to say a huge congratulations to our top point earners for this period:



Form	Top scoring student for the Spring term overall	Total points	Form	Top scoring student for the Spring term overall	Total points
7JY	Mason Collis	51	10SPL	Niamh Stock	42
8MG	Chloe Steele	50	11JK	Daisy Dove	40
8TL	Mariia Novikova	48	8TL	Lukrecija Kundrotaite	39
7NW	George Sturman	45	10SPL	Charlotte Briant	39
8TL	Myah Weekes	43	9UM	Lillie Hudgell	38

Now, with very little time left until the Easter break, we kept the positive vibes alive by supporting Comic Relief on Friday 19th March. We are looking forward to seeing you all getting involved and representing Valour House!

Continue to try your best, be happy and look after each other.

Mr Young & Mr Hawk

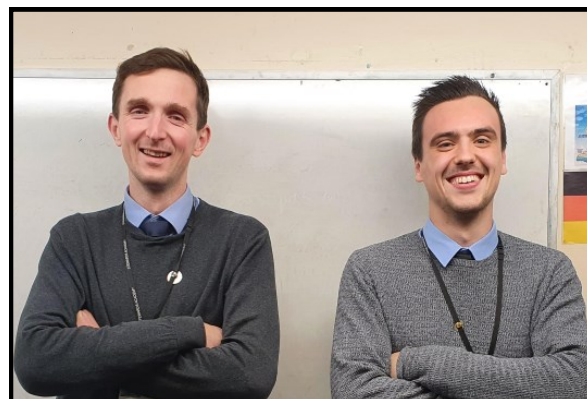
Bravery House



Hello Bravery House and welcome back! I am sure you are all as happy as Mr Sadler and I are to be back in the classroom. I think that every member of Bravery House will agree that this third lockdown and period of online learning has been a very difficult time. However, I want to start off by saying how well we think you all have done throughout this difficult period. We have all had our own challenges throughout this pandemic, but each one of us has managed to get through them and back to school safe and well.

I want to take the time to give a shout out to those in Bravery House who have been consistently getting many positive points, due to the

Julia	Lukasik	JP	27
Ben	Noruwa	EM	27
Bailey	Dackombe	ADB	23
Nyah	Shoebridge	ADB	21
Archie	Brown	VE	20



hard work and amazing effort they have been putting in recently. The top five scorers for Bravery House, between 1st and 16th March are:

Very well done to those students listed above! Please make sure you are keeping up the hard work now we are back in school.

Now that we are back in school Bravery House, let's focus on winning events that will be coming up soon, enjoying being back in school and working hard to achieve lots of positive points for the House!

Mr Sadler & Mr Dougherty



Celebrating Success



Fortitude House

As we come to the end of a strange term we can start to look forward to new routines and habits forming to re-start the Summer term, completing the academic year and looking forward to things to come.

Year 11 have got off to a great start in preparation for their assessment pieces which will go towards their GCSE grades and moving on to future pathways and careers. Everyone in Fortitude wishes you the best of luck with this.

Since our return lots of positive points have been awarded to pupils for a number of reasons including: recognition of hard work, resilience, and upholding our COURAGE values. Keep it up everyone! Below are the points total for each of our year groups in Fortitude:

Year group	Total positive points
Year 7	2305
Year 8	1548
Year 9	1903
Year 10	1343
Year 11	1731

Finally, a thank you to all students and staff in Fortitude and across the academy for their excellent efforts this term, throughout both our home learning period and for the weeks back in school. Your support of each other has been particularly impressive. Enjoy your break and I look forward to seeing you on our return.

Miss Venables



Prowess House

We cannot begin to explain how excited we are to have all of Prowess back in school again. It has been a long winter, but with Spring in the air and the children back in school we are all ready to hit the ground running and ensure that we keep first place on the leader board!

The hard work of so many pupils is exemplified by the number of positive points that have been awarded during lockdown. It speaks testament to the level of maturity and dedication shown by so many pupils who have stood up in such a difficult time and shown resilience and maturity way beyond their years.

With most of our pupils being back for over a week now, it is fantastic to see how many Prowess members have already shown positivity and a determination to succeed. We would like to give a special congratulations to the top 3 positive point scorers since returning to school who are:

Abbie Dowers – 19 Positive Points, Elizabeth Davidson – 17 Positive Points, Rohwan McCann Warner – 16 Positive Points

It is a fantastic achievement to have accumulated so many in such a short space of time and these pupils are a fine example of what House Prowess can achieve. Keep it up everyone.

Mr Compton & Mrs Woolley



Key Dates

March 2021

Friday 26th Term finishes (end of P2)

April 2021

Monday 12th Pupils return to school - Week 2

Tuesday 13th Year 9 HPV Vaccination

Friday 16th Year 9 HPV Vaccination

