



THE PHOENIX

STEWARDS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

XMAS EDITION - TERM 2 • 2022



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

HEADTEACHER
MRS GINGER

As we reach the end of the Autumn Term, it is wonderful to be able to share some reflections of the weeks gone by. There is so much to celebrate, as our young people continue to grow, develop and achieve.

The **Remembrance Service** back in November was particularly memorable. Seeing the photos in this newsletter, reminds me of the pride I felt on this day as our young people stood together with such respect and remembered the fallen in silence.

More recently we have had a **host of activities in the run up to Christmas**, starting with the lighting of the Tree of Remembrance, and continuing with our Christmas Fete, Carols around the Tree, and our Christmas Music Concert this week. I know you will enjoy perusing the photos of these within the newsletter.



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE (CONT)

Our **collaboration with Passmores** continues to reap benefits for both schools, with colleagues across the two secondaries working together to share ideas. You will have received an email informing you of an **additional INSET Day on 27th January**. On this day, staff from the two schools will receive joint training and there will be a further opportunity for the sharing of good practice. The partnership of school improvement will be formalised early in the New Year, with the signing of an agreement by the Trustees of Stewards Academy Trust and Passmores Co-operative Learning Trust. While the two schools will continue to maintain their unique identities, this is an exciting development that will reap dividends for the young people in both trusts.

You will of course have heard that **Ofsted** visited the academy in November. The two days of the visit were very busy, with so much good work to show case. As anticipated, the two inspectors were very thorough in looking at all aspects of school life, and when we are permitted to do so, we look forward to sharing with you the many strengths of the academy that were identified.

This term we say goodbye to three colleagues, who are moving on to pastures new: Ms O'Sullivan, Deputy Headteacher, Ms Ellis, Subject Leader of Science, and Ms Thurley, Subject Leader of Drama. We thank them for their commitment to the school over their time with us and wish them well for the future. Next term, we welcome Mr Debra, Subject Leader of Science, Mr Whitbread, Teacher of Drama, and Ms Lysons, Subject Leader of Music. Mrs da Vighi will also be taking the role of acting Subject Leader of Drama for the remainder of the academic year.

It finally leaves me to wish you a wonderful winter break. I look forward to working with you all in the New Year.

Kind regards,

Helen Ginger, Headteacher

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Headteacher's Message • P. 1
Revision Tips • P. 2

Stewards Learner • P. 3
Changing Lives Project • P. 3

House Information • P. 4
House Information • P. 5

Open Evening • P. 6
The Big Ideas Day • P. 7

Assistant Pastoral Leads • P. 8
Nice Letter/Bake Off • P. 9

PE News/Black History Month • P. 10
Dragon Club/Attendance • P. 11

Safeguarding • P. 12

UKMT SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

On Tuesday 4th October, thirty-three Year 11 students took part in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge. This involved completing 25 challenging maths questions on many different topics intended to showcase their mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills. Pupils were competing against students at a high level in Year 11, 12 and 13 across the country.

This is a new challenge which Stewards has only participated in for the second time, and the pupils have done us proud. This challenge is extremely difficult as students studying A-Levels also complete at this level.

Our pupils showed great resilience throughout the challenge which is reflected in the results. Special mentions to: Finlay Thurston-Mcgowan on his Silver award
Jed Dorman and Devalan Nair on their Bronze Awards

A final special mention goes to Finlay who got the 'Best in School' Award; another amazing achievement.

Next up will be the Junior and Intermediate challenges for Years 7 & 8 and Years 9 & 10 respectively. We will keep you updated on how they get on and hopefully more award news to follow.



MRS GANNON

Headteacher

MRS WOOLEY

BY MRS DA VIGHI



REMEMBRANCE
DAY



On Friday 11th November the Stewards Academy community came together as one for a Remembrance Service in the Quad. This was a particularly poignant occasion as it is the first time the whole staff and student body have stood together since 2019.

The service was organised and led by Mr Dougherty, Subject Leader for History, and our Head Boy Henry, Head Girl Leslie and deputies, Lucy and Alvin gave readings.

Pupils that are scouts, guides and cadets proudly stood in uniform representing their roles superbly. In the lead up to the 11th, Mr Dougherty and the student leaders delivered assemblies to each year group reminding us of the significance of Remembrance. Our charity team did an excellent job selling poppies and poppy related items raising money for the Royal British Legion.

Mr Dougherty said: *"The Remembrance Event at Stewards Academy was amazing. The students were honestly exceptional. From those paying their respects, those in uniform and members of the Student Leadership Team who did readings. I was so proud of all the students during the event, and I believe all students should be incredibly proud of themselves."*

Other staff also shared how they felt afterwards, some comments below:

'I have attended many Remembrance events across Europe, including Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium. The 2 minute silence observed by staff and pupils of Stewards Academy ranks as one of the most moving and respectful I have ever attended. The respect shown was profound and moving.' Mr Springthorpe
'There is a huge sense of pride when you see our younger generation, standing in silence and paying their respects to those who gave their lives for us all. Wonderful British Values shown.'

Mrs Atkinson

'This was my first time commemorating this special time at Stewards and I found it such a moving event! It really pleased me to see the young people of Harlow step up and mark this solemn occasion with such respect.'

Mr Laing

REMEMBRANCE DAY

HOUSE INFORMATION

MISS KHAN

Welcome Team FORTITUDE!

Well Done Team Fortitude on completing the term! You have shown that your commitment to education remains strong through your resilience, respect, and determination. Some of you have successfully completed your mock exams and others have built up the courage to take part in some amazing extracurricular activities! Our House system supports pupil development and well-being, setting our children up with skills for life, which is why we believe in its integration into the pastoral care of our school.

I know next term you will continue progressing further, but remember you are not alone, Team Fortitude is here for you every step of the way!



Year 7:

Stacy Pouna - 165
Hope Middleton - 160

Year 8:

Joshua Downes - 123
Micaela-D-Baltaretu - 124

Year 9:

Amelia Ashton - 114
Daisy O'Dell - 130

Year 10:

Lucy Adams - 88
James Addo-Suna - 114

Year 11:

Satu Brou - 86
Steven Birch - 82

HOUSE INFORMATION

MISS DORLING
& MRS HINDS

Big shout out to all of our Panthers in the mighty Prowess!

In Prowess we search for ways that students and staff can feel more connected to and involved with the community around them. It facilitates discussions between the most junior and most senior of school and fostering friendly competitive spirit along the way!

This way in which Prowess House allows younger children to develop relationships with and learn from older children and the older children to develop leadership skills and empathy in their relationships with the younger children, is just one of the positives of our House system. Prowess House also creates a sense of belonging, feeling of camaraderie and ensures our children have the opportunity to develop teamwork skills that will stay with them for life. Houses are about more than the academic side of school and help develop the whole child, which is so important for overall well-being.

Prowess currently hold the House Cup and they are the team to beat!

The final day of term will see The Big Christmas quiz led by Mr Hughes. The winning tutor group from each year will receive the chocolate prize and house points issued.

We are Prowess! We are mighty and we are powerful!



Year 7:

Rizwan Ahmad 54
Stephanie A-West 56

Year 8:

Lola Robery 94
Skye Kempson 65

Year 9:

Ella Robinson 53
Kayleigh Johnstone 45

Year 10:

James Snowdon 48
Kiera Thomas 59

Year 11:

Elvan Kasakci 46
Ella Stacey 41

HOUSE INFORMATION

MRS EDWARDS &
MR MEEHAN

As the term draws near to a close, the staff Heads of House and student house captains are busy preparing for the end of term assemblies and house competitions.

Pupils have been competing in the 12 Days of Christmas competition, organised by Mr Hawk, and are competing for house points as well as chocolate! Fun activities and quizzes have been incorporated into Morning Prep which provide an opportunity for all pupils to take part. The answers only count if submitted by the daily deadline though and pupils are quick to get their form answers in!

At time of going to print we have had Fortitude and Valour House assemblies. These provide a great opportunity to bring the houses together, celebrate success, reflect on the term that has past and think about what is ahead. Each house assembly has its own additional twist too with some competitions taking place.

TOP BRAVERY SCORERS



Year 7:

Samantha Nicholson - 47

Rosie Bright - 41

Year 8:

Danielle Asante - 31

Charlotte Braund - 28

Year 9:

Valeria Taylor - 34

Amber Moore - 44

Year 10:

Rebecca Brown - 39

Precious U-Nathaniel - 43

Year 11:

Millie Ward - 44

Sophie Osazee - 31

HOUSE INFORMATION

MISS DANCULEA &
MISS WILCOX-HART

Over the course of this term we have been awarded an incredible 20,000 positive points. We are still the house with the most 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, EMVP, assemblies, sports events, house competitions, Remembrance service, Solutions for the Planet, academic prep and school council.

Our KS3 prefects have been excellent with supporting the smooth running of Parents' Evening.

It has been an excellent first term and we are really excited to see how the rest of the year goes after such a brilliant start. WELL DONE tigers!

Congratulations on successfully making it through the first term!

TOP VALOUR SCORERS



Year 7

Fleur Fairservice - 180

Alfie Austin - 127

Year 8

Silvia Yip - 155

Melik Dziri - 133

Year 9

Veronika Zinkovska - 174

Sirmed Ahmed - 155

Year 10

Ryan Campling - 121

Terri-May Silvester - 140

Year 11

Lillie Hudgell - 112

Connor Vinten-McCullagh - 102

SOLUTIONS FOR THE PLANET



Tuesday, the 6th of December was a special day for our young “engineers” at Stewards Academy. KS3 pupils had a lot of fun using their scientific and geographical knowledge coming up with their big idea to save the planet. Their ambition and enthusiasm left our guests extremely impressed. The feedback I received from our mentors was how polite and determined our students are.

Moreover, it was so lovely to watch all pupils work in teams, some of them with people that they have never met before. And then, after overcoming this challenge, presenting their idea in front of 90 other pupils (ON STAGE). WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT. Stewards pupils are brave and amazing team players!

However, this is not the end of their journey! The next step is taking our teams to the regional stage of the competition. In order for their big ideas to enter this stage, they will have to meet and develop a business plan. Our mentors from Tarmac, who attended The Big Ideas Day to meet our pupils, were so impressed by their ambition and enthusiasm that they promised to come back whenever we are ready to hold our development sessions.

Well done to you, young entrepreneurs! You have a bright future ahead of you. Do not let anything stop you!

We are proud of you!

Our next development sessions will take place after Christmas, 1 day/week after school. Watch this space and check for my announcements!!!

MISS DANCULA



REMEMBRANCE TREE

On Friday 2nd December at 3.45pm members of the Stewards Family gathered for a short service to mark the turning on of the Tree of Remembrance lights.

In the month of December the water feature in the Chinese Garden is replaced with our tree.

Organised by Mrs Atkinson and The Bridge team, pupils and staff are able to write messages to those they have loved and lost, or hopes and wishes for those in need, and these are laminated and placed on the tree. Hearts for those who wish others to read what they have written and notes and gold envelopes for those who wish to keep their words private.

It is always a moving service, led by Mrs Ginger and Mrs Atkinson, followed by a short reflective silence and turning on of the lights.

This year, Mrs Atkinson shared a poem also, written by poet David Harkin.



SHE IS GONE (HE IS GONE)

*You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love that you shared
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday
You can remember her and only that she is gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*



CHILDREN IN NEED/ READING WEEK

The Stewards community got into the spirit of Children in Need with a non-uniform day and book character dress up competition. Book characters were chosen for this year's competition as it was also the first of our annual reading weeks. The theme for the week was 'Folktales' and pupils were able to participate in a range of activities including creative writing, drop everything and read and storytelling sessions.

Miss Tovey, KS3 English coordinator, delivered assemblies throughout the week sharing both the importance of reading and why we support Children in Need.

The Stewards community raised over £550 for the charity, a fantastic effort, well done!



NEW ART DEPT GRAPHIC

MISS MARTIN



Just before the summer break, the Art and Design Faculty were approached by Mr Laing for an exciting mural opportunity.

After lots of talk and lots of initial design ideas and planning. Miss Martin started to collate work together from a variety of students. Most of the main imagery you see is from our 2021/22 GCSE cohort. However work can also be seen from some of our year 8 students. This task in particular was extremely challenging as we are presented with excellent work daily from across all year groups. However the work selected was pieces that fitted well together and complimented each other.



Once all the students work was photographed individually, Miss Martin set to work designing, working with Miss Spowart and her fantastical photoshop skills. Together both teachers worked together to design the whole mural with the individual students work.

We hope that you agree, the work has paid off and commend all of our students for supplying us with such a variety of work, we wish we could have used it all!

Following the success of the Stewards summer charity event, Mrs Atkinson and I decided this year to arrange a Christmas Fete. Staff, pupils and volunteers had been busily preparing behind the scenes for the last few weeks to ensure everything was ready.

As the time came to open the doors there was a sense of Christmassy nervous anticipation - will people come? Will they like the goodies on offer?

And the answer was a resounding yes!

It was great to see so many of our school and local community come along and take part.

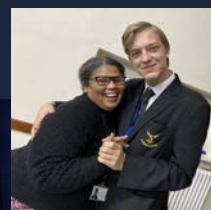
Some of the activities included a raffle, two tombolas, glitter tattoos, guess the name of the bear and number of sweets in a jar. We also had decorations, knitted items and other things on sale. Delicious hot chocolate, mince pies and cakes were served up by the technology team.

All monies raised will go to the Stewards Christmas Appeal, something we have run for a number of years.

Many thanks to everyone that prefected, supported and came along to join in the festive cheer. An especially big thank you to Mrs Atkinson, Bridge Manager, for her hard work behind the scenes organising it all.



CHRISTMAS FETE



BAKE-OFF 2022 WINNERS

Year 7 MFL Bake Off Winners 2022



Jamie Chapman, 7SPL



Hope Middleton, 7AK



Oscar Rowe, 7SPL



Lillie France, 7TEC

Year 9 MFL Bake Off Winners 2022



Daisy O'Dell, 9SD



Phoebe Jean Hodgson, 9SD



Year 8 MFL Bake Off Winners 2022



Taisia Florea, 8ID



Lewis Short, 8EO

Year 10 MFL Bake Off Winner 2022



Joanie Roberts, 10TL

Year 11 MFL Bake Off Winners 2022



Emily Braham, 11EW

As a school community, we raised £171.27 for Macmillan Cancer Research, so well done to all who made cakes or came and purchased some!

A massive thankyou to all pupils who participated in this years European Bake Off to celebrate European Day of Languages!

We were so overwhelmed with the quantity and quality of cakes that we represented and it was so difficult to pick winners! Please rest assured that all of the baked goods were amazing, and we are so proud to have such amazing students.

CAREERS@ STEWARDS ACADEMY

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 interviews every Tuesday and Thursday with an Independent Careers Adviser. Pupils are given 35-45-minute appointments and they receive a written summary of the advice and options discussed. Sept 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 interviews Harlow College presentation to Yr. 11 BSHS and Herts & Essex assembly to Yr. 11 Oct 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 interviews Emmanuel College University Visit - Year 9 Nov 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 interviews Harlow College Visit with Construction Class - Year 11 Harlow College assembly Dec 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 interviews PTI Headteacher Conference - Year 7 MC Chalkie White - Music pupils presentation Jan 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 interviews Andrew Mines CEO - presentation Leventhorpe 6th Form assembly to Yr. 11 Feb 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 interviews London <i>She Can Be</i> Event - Year 9 Girls Avant Garde Training Academy March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 interviews Harlow College Visit - Year 10 National Citizens Service Assembly April 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 interviews Past Pupils - Callum & Edward Apprenticeship Talk May 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 interviews Downham University Trip - Y11 June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 interviews July 2022	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 interviews Sept 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 interviews TBSHS Sixth Form Visit/Talk Year 11 Harlow College Pop-up in Library Year 10/11 Oct 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 interviews Herts & Essex Sixth Form Visit/Talk Start of re-launch Unifrog Update of Website Nov 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 interviews 15th Dec 2022 Harlow College Visit/Talk Future Skills Questionnaire Dec 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 interviews 19th January 2023 9.15am SFG Sixth Form Visit/Talk Jan 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 interviews 2nd February 2023 Year 11 Apprenticeship Talk by AIM- The 'ask' programme 23rd February 2023 Dept for Work & Pensions Workshop Feb 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 interviews 7th March 2023 University Visit: Emmanuel College Cambridge Year 9 23rd March 2023 Department for Work & Pensions Workshop March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 interviews April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 interviews 10th May 2023 at 4.30 Careers Fair (joint with Passmores) 18th May 2023 All Day Department for Work & Pensions Workshop Year 10 May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 interviews Army Outreach Workshop date TBC email sent DHL Employer Visit date TBC teams meeting planned CEO Andrew Mines Engineering Talk date TBC June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 interviews SmartKas Employer Talk date TBC email sent Fidelity International (Finance) Employee Visit email sent TBC F2 Academy Visit (Football) date TBC July 2023	Careers @Stewards Academy 2021-2023 @stewardscareers

PE NEWS

MR RAYNEY

It took COURAGE to win the rugby finals for both Year 7 & Year 11 teams. Confidence was flowing in the squads from the first whistle and both our teams took the opportunity to take the game to the St. Marks opposition from the start. Great unity was shown both on and off the pitch with Jesse and Caleb coming over to give the Year 7s a pre-match pep talk after Mr Young & Mr Rayney had talked to the Year 7 team before their first final which was lovely to see. Unity was apparent throughout the matches by being so together in their defensive duties. When presented with their medals and trophies in the clubhouse after the finals that Unity shone through and especially on the noisy minibus with the Year 11s in fine singing form going through their whole repertoire. The Year 11s showed great Resilience after going down to 13 players in their final to come back from going one try down in the first half to turning in a superb display in the 2nd half. Emet also displayed some spirited Resilience to play after feeling ill. There was good Appreciation shown by both teams for coaching and taking them to the matches leading up to the finals with great wins over Passmores, St Nicholas & SFG for the Year 7 team & Year 11s beating Burnt Mill, St Nicholas and Passmores. Sporting Generosity was shown after the finals with Stewards shaking hands with the St. Marks opposition who had put up a hard fought contest. It was fantastic to see the sheer Enjoyment when scoring the tries that won the matches but also at the end of the games with Caleb's fantastic slide & the sheer joy of the boys lifting the trophies in the clubhouse. We are extremely proud of you all!



RUGBY FINALS VICTORY

Year 11

Rugby Squad

Albie Marsden
Caleb Odumosu
Charlie Jenkins
Daniel Rolfe-Doyle
Gabriel Keita
George Hill
Henry Gerrard
Jesse Ansen
Leo Rasameepen
Lowin Dunn
Nickerson Said
Seth Horsley
Luis Olivia
Billy Fisherden
Harry Boutall
Trey De Friend



PE ROUND UP

Year 7

Rugby Squad

Freddie Holgate
Reggie Barrett
Reid Mulvey
Morgan Till
Louis Kent
Emmanuel Adigun
Jacob Ford
Liam Jackson
Jacob Blackman
Emetas Bludzius
Niall Tyrrell
Liam Bellamy
Tyler Jenkins
Tyler Lukusa
Louie Douglas
Alex Fronea

VICTORY



COURAGE LEADS TO RUGBY FINALS VICTORY FOR YEARS 7 & 11

TEACHING & LEARNING

If there is one word that sums up the Stewards Academy classroom it is **challenge**. In every lesson students are challenged to think, discuss, read, write and explore. Challenge is embedded through questioning by students and teachers.

Each session starts with a do now task to grab attention and kick-start thinking and discussion. We quiz regularly to make sure students are good at recalling the key facts and information about a topic.

As a reading school, we read challenging texts every lesson and make sure that every student has the support to work and learn independently.

Home study is incredibly important in developing independence and good study habits. Each student has access to the best online tools, teaching and resources available through ClassCharts.

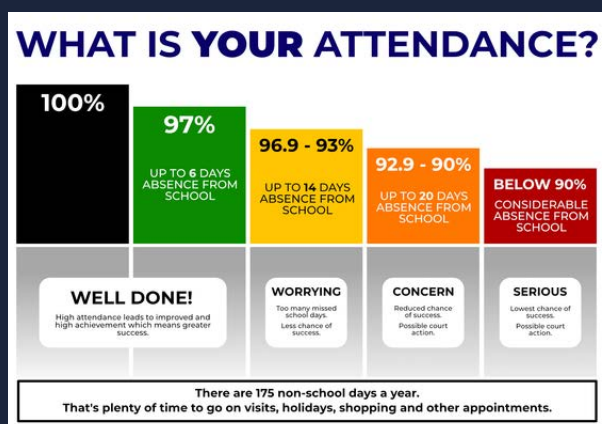
Learning objectives and outcomes are always made clear. Teachers check progress and feedback is given regularly.

Through this all students are encouraged to develop their Knowledge, Skills, Imagination, Independence and Character. For students who take responsibility for their learning and their personal development, rewards are given through: positive points, badges, certificates and even a hot chocolate.



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION - WE ARE @ 91%

National average attendance is 87% and we are doing amazing at 91% so keep up the good work, 😊



Dear Parent /Carers

Please see below information about the Bounty Club, food support that is open to all. Get the first £15 - 20 of your weekly shop for £2.50. The Bounty Club has been picking up fresh food from Harlow outlets for 4 years.

We have passed it onto various charities as well as Harlow Foodbank that we run. Times are hard for so many right now. We want to get help to people who need it. That might be you, and if it is - we want you to know this. All the food that we get for the Bounty Club will be thrown away: dumped into landfill if we don't pick it up.

We think we are helping the planet and helping you - so come and take advantage of it while you can.

We get it for free from local companies, and ask you to pay a little as club members to help cover the costs of picking it up.

Click on the 'Get Food' link below to find out how, where, and when you can be part of it!

<https://mrct.org.uk/bountyclub/>



Rainbow
services

PRANK

STEWARDS SAFEGUARDING TEAM 2022/23



**Safeguarding
Lead**



Mrs Atkinson
The Bridge/Safeguarding
Office

safeguarding@stewardsacademy.org

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

**Deputy Safeguarding
Lead**



Mr Myatt
Safeguarding Office

Safeguarding Officers: PSM Office



Mrs Morley



Miss Dangerfield



Mrs Ali



Mrs Coulson



Mrs Coates



Mrs Hardiman



Mr Hughes

For Safeguarding updates and information please visit:

