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STEWARDS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It is wonderful to be able to share with you once again, a host of information and celebration. This term, as ever, has been busy and productive and I continue to feel very proud to lead Stewards Academy in its mission to enhance the lives and prospects of the young people in its care.

This term we say goodbye and thank you to: Mrs Ramsey (English), Mrs Opakunle (French), Mrs Lee (Learning Support) and Mrs Gibson (Student Services). We wish them well in their future pursuits and wholeheartedly thank them for their contribution during their time with us.

I am also pleased to announce the appointment our new Curriculum Deputy Headteacher, Mr Stephen Drew, who will join the Stewards Family in September. Mr Drew is looking forward to supporting us in our relentless drive to improve the educational experience at Stewards Aademy.

It leaves me finally to wish you all a wonderful Spring Holiday.

Kind regards, Mrs Ginger

MRS GINGER



STEWARDS LEARNER NEWS

With the Easter holidays now upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students and parents for their continued support regarding standards and expectations across the academy.

Last week saw the start of the Stewards Academy Saturday School, as the Year 11 students move towards their summer GCSE exams. Over 60 students attended, studying a range of subjects. This support will continue after the Easter break and throughout the exam period. It is never too late, so if you are in Year 11 and interested in getting involved, please let myself, Miss Martin or Mrs Root know.

This half-term has also seen a series of parent information evenings aimed at giving parents a clear insight and understanding of all the various initiatives and systems that are in place to support every student attending Stewards Academy. I hope that those of you that were able to attend found this beneficial and informative.

As you will be aware, we have been reviewing behaviour and standards across the academy. As part of this review we have been considering how we recognise the pupils who consistently conduct themselves impeccably day in and day out. So next term will be trialling the 'Stewards Passport', a system that is designed to recognise and reward those students that are always well behaved and demonstrate the Stewards Values. I look forward to giving you more information about this initiative in our next newsletter.

Once again I would like to thank you for your continued support. Take care and have a great holiday!

MR SCHOLTES

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DRAGON CLUB

Hello, my name is George Springthorpe, and I am chairperson of the Dragon and Fantasy Appreciation Society - Dragon Club for short. If you grew up playing fantasy roleplaying games, reading fairy tales, or even watching a film, chances are you have come across the word 'Dragon'. It has come to represent fantasy and mythology, and I believe that this club is a homage to the Dragon and all things it has come to represent. The first club meetings were presentations and debates in which we discussed Dragon Mythology and took place during lunchtimes. But our focus is now also turned to fighting fantasy. The club is a place where people can meet others interested in mythology, fantasy, and of course dragons We have now begun after school sessions where students can play fantasy boardgames. At our afterschool branch of the club, we enjoy and play boardgames such as Labyrinth, Dungeons and Dragons, Dungeon Quest, HeroQuest, and Dicey Goblins. We also play card games such as Top Trumps, Pokémon, and Yugioh. Our club introduces students to worlds filled with magic, fantasy, and mythology, along with a few orcs and goblins along the way. Our club is open to a vast range of students, from different years and backgrounds but we all love fantasy and Dragons. And in the words of famous fantasy author, JRR Tolkien, "It simply isn't an adventure worth telling if there aren't any dragons." If you are interested in attending, please see me or Mr. Springthorpe.



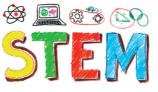


Games Club runs on Tuesday after school in Room 11. Thankyou.

GEORGE SPRINGTHORPE

UK POWER

To celebrate National Careers Week, UK Power Networks hosted a careers event highlighting a range of careers available in electricity industry and showcased the career journeys of some of their employees. The packed agenda included a Q&A panel, speed networking session and presentations on the role of UK Power Networks and the future of the electricity.









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MR LAING



Staff and students were in working in Geography, History, English, Maths, PE, DT, MFL, H&B and Science during the first week of the holidays to boost the 'Higher' grades they have already achieved. Great to see so many going for Gold and going for those 8's and 9's.













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The following comments were made by pupils taking part in the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge today:

'An amazing experience, I learnt how to communicate my opinions better' – Ethan Jones

'Engaging with others and listening to other people's perspectives whether we agreed with it or not, changes and opens our minds. Also, we improved our communication skills' - Lily Yamoah

'Helped me express my opinion and gain the confidence to do so' - Macey Brown

'I think today I've learnt some skills and how to talk to a crowd of people' - Daniel Calin

'I believe that today I have learnt how to communicate in order to reach your goals' - Dariusz

'I think that it's a great opportunity for people to share their opinion and get involved with others' - Lei









'The Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge has enhanced the speaking and listening skills of Year 10 pupils at Stewards Academy. Pupils engaged confidently and passionately with the sessions and produced some incredible speeches on topics such as equality and equity, women in football and the cost-of-living crisis. I am super impressed with our pupils who showcased how dedicated, respectful, and kind they are in their discussions'.







MISS KHAN

BASKETBALL

In a series of competitive basketball games, the Year 11 team finished runners-up in the recent Harlow competition. The team played exceptionally well and should have won their final game against eventual winners, STEM, losing by a single point. This was a great performance from the Year 11 basketball team with two players stepping up from Year 10 (Callum and Alfie), who didn't look out of place in the senior team. Gabriel Keita was awarded MVP (Most valuable Player) as he stood out in his performances, whilst being assessed for his GCSE PE practical performance during the matches.

The Year 8 team competed really well in the West Essex Basketball finals held at Stewards. They won their opening game against St. Marks with Jack having an immediate impact from the start, ably assisted by Daniel who was awarded MVP.

The Year 8 basketball team finished third out of the six West Essex teams taking part in the 4 v 4 basketball tournament.

The Year 9 team did well in their 5 v 5 basketball fixtures held at Passmores Academy. They came a respectable third out of the six schools taking part, with Sarim awarded MVP for his drives to the basket and overall play as point guard.

The Year 7 basketball teams got their first taste of competitive 3 v 3 basketball held at St. Marks, with 3 teams taking part in the Harlow basketball competition. The boys represented Stewards well but lost most of their basketball fixtures against the local schools. Reggie was awarded MVP for his shooting and passing in the games. Better luck next season!



PE NEWS





YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL SQUAD

Back row: Braden Keown, Ollie Brearey, Blake Ryley-Warren, Freddie Brown, Tyler Jenkins, Liam Jackson, Corey Pead, Reid Mulvey, Jamie Cutler

Front row: Teagan Sharass, Tamim Ullah, Finley Alcock, Mason Spence, Robbie Young, Harry Robery, Reggie Barrett

YEAR 8 BASKETBALL



YEAR 8 BASKETBALL TEAM

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YEAR 11 FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Year 11 football team got their football season off to a fantastic start in winning their league game over Passmores who had previously been in the Essex cup quarter-finals. After a group huddle, the team exploded out of the blocks and quickly began to dominate the opposition, creating chance after chance but not putting them away. The first goal came after a great assist from Gabriel taking the goal-kick straight into the Passmores half, which resulted in a great shot which was well saved by the goalkeeper. However, Josh Anin who had stepped up from Year 10 grabbed the first of his brace with a tap-in from inside the six yard box. At one of the first corners for Stewards, Mr Rayney had been shouting at William to get to the edge of the area; he duly obliged and scored a screamer of a goal in the top corner, when the ball came out to him to make it 2-0. After a bit of a defensive mix-up Passmores were able to come back into the game to make it 2-1.

At half-time, there were a number of positional changes made with Billy and Luis dropping into defence to bolster it up. This then created a lot more space for Gabriel and Jesse to either drive with the ball or play through balls up front. Gabriel was fouled just outside the area and then decided to get up and get on the goal-sheet with a well taken, driven low free-kick which the keeper had no chance in getting to make it 3-1. Albie who had been having a good game with his hold-up play, celebrated the first of his two goals with his trademark forward roll to make it 4-1. Josh Anin then got his second to make it 5-1. Albie then finished off his second goal from a throw-in to make it 6-1. During the last few moments, Stewards took their foot off the gas to allow Passmores to score their second, in what was to be the final touch of the game. We are extremely proud of you all and are looking forward to your next football match. Well played gents!

YEAR 8/9 GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM

Abbie Dowers, Alegria Manzambi, Danielle Asante, Lola Robery, Paige Williams, Daisy Gerrard, Ana.

Well done girls for your great performance in the football competition held at Passmores, finishing a respectable 3rd out of 6 teams. We look forward to next season to watch you improve as a team.





Year 11 BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM V PASSMORES WON 6-2

(Goalscorers J.Anin 2, A. Marsden 2, G. Keita, W. White)

Back row: Gabriel Keita © Lowin Dunn, Albie Marsden, Luis Oliva, Caleb Odumosu, William White, Shay Downes, Trey De Friend, Samuel Yamoah

Front row: Billy Fishenden, Jesse Ansen, Oscar Curtis, Josh Anin

MR RAINEY

PE ROUND-UP - FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Year 7 boys A & B football teams have been playing a series of warm-up matches against all the other Harlow schools, in order to get them game ready for when the competition started. There have been a number of minor changes to the A & B teams, as players who have impressed us in football training on Monday's after-school have taken their chances to step up and represent the school in matches held at Mark Hall on a fortnightly basis. At the moment we are awaiting the results of the last set of games to see if we have made it through to the finals week in March.

The last round saw the A-team beat St. Marks 2-0 with Blake scoring some fine goals after a good team performance.

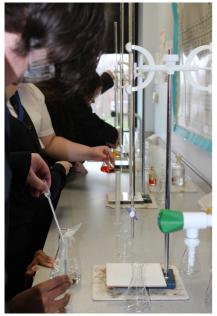
The B-team were undefeated led by Tyler Jenkins with Louie Douglas dribbling around the keeper to beat Mark Hall 1-0.

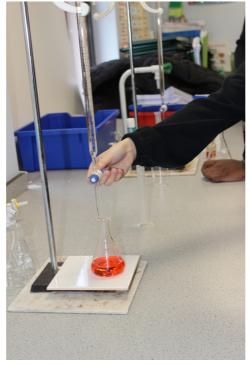
The Year 10 team got off to an impressive start by winning their first game of the season against St. Marks 3-2 which was a cracking game with the year 10s scoring in the last minute of their match. They are now awaiting their next fixture.

The Year 9 team were unlucky in their opening fixtures losing 4-2 against St. Marks and then in a close encounter lost 3-2 to Passmores. However they were successful in their next game winning 2-0 against St. Nicholas in their home game.

The Year 8 team lost their first fixture of the campaign with a loss against Passmores 6-3 with Stewards taking an early lead in the game but then Passmores came more into the game. Hopefully they will improve for their next game.









DEPARTMENT FOCUS



MR DEBRAH

We learn Science simply because it is interesting, exciting, relevant to our everyday life, and enables us to gain the knowledge and skills to make sense of the world around us (science literacy). It also helps us to become responsible, global citizens. The broad science curriculum develops the passion to work, progress and excel to the best of students' ability. Students are given access to a variety of resources to support their learning, improve retention of knowledge and foster independence; both in thought and approaches to learning. Throughout the curriculum students develop a detailed understanding of science and how to apply their knowledge precisely. Investigational experiments are regularly carried out and pupils develop both practical and theoretical skills. From KS3 through to KS4, pupils are given regular recall questions to refresh their knowledge of specific topics and increase the length of their memory curve. This is done through 'Do Now' activities that have 5 questions on recall and includes numeracy in science. Through our 'Make It Better' approach, we sequence the lessons so that students reflect on what they have done and are given the opportunity to improve it. The curriculum enables our students to become more prepared for the next stage in education (either in a sixth form or college), employment or training, with skills such as analytical, extensive writing, data collection and problem-solving, communication and presentation skills. Science can lead to several career choices such as Clinical technician, Forensic science technician, Medicine, Microbiologist, Veterinary, Chemist, Biologist, Researcher, Biomedical engineer, Epidemiologist, Teacher, Horticulturist, Accountants, Engineers and so on.





YEAR II APPRENTICESHIPS

Live opportunities for September start date:

Service Engineer: Groundforce VP PLC group:

https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000131379

Keep checking here for new opportunities: In the spring and early summer you will see many more.

https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices

THE ARMY ARE RECRUITING:

Register here: https://apply.army.mod.uk/register

You can join the army as a soldier at 16. https://jobs.army.mod.uk/regular-army/entry-options/soldier/

Experience the workplace.

Springpod offer some amazing virtual work experience opportunities. Click here for more info:https://www.springpod.com/

Some other great careers tools for pupils to learn about the workplace are:

https://barclayslifeskills.com/

https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers



YEAR 10 OPEN EVENTS

Stansted Airport College

Open Event is Thursday 20th April 5-8pm book here:

http://www.stanstedairportcollege.ac .uk/about/open-events

Herford Regional College

Open Evening at both campuses is Thursday May 4 from 5.30-8pm book here:

https://www.hrc.ac.uk/whatson/events/event/152-open-event-may

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday 26th April - Careers Fair - Hosted by Harlow College in partnership with local schools and employers.



COURAGE CURRICULUM

After the Easter break, Stewards Academy will be making some improvements to the school curriculum. For example, pupils in years 7 to 9 will no longer be taught in tutor groups, which will allow lessons to be pitched more accurately to meet pupils' needs. At KS4, additional time has been allocated to Ethics and Values to allow for an improved delivery of Citzenship, Careers and RE, and the allocation to English, Maths and Science has also been reviewed. This means that all pupils will have new timetables in the new term, with some changes to teaching staff and groups.

A new bespoke curriculum, to be known as the COURAGE curriculum has also been designed to deliver lessons in small group settings to some pupils for all or part of their timetabled day. This will be accompanied by intervention and therapies as relevant to each individual student, to provide a bespoke and individualised approach. Students who are part of this change have been informed, as have their parents. We look forward to these exciting opportunities that the new curriculum will bring.

New timetables will be issued to your son/daughter by their tutors on the first day back. Class Charts timetable information will also be amended over the holiday and will be accurate ready for the new term.

Year 11 have been superb in their latest round of PPEs, approaching these important practice exams with maturity and excellent behaviour. This bodes well for their real examinations in the summer. Please can I ask you to support and encourage your Year 11 son/daughter with their revision over the coming weeks to ensure they get the best possible chances for success in the final exams. One example is the Collins 'English Language & Literature in a week' booklet that has been given to all Year 11 English students with revision tasks for every day leading up to the final exams. Please encourage your child to make the best of these outstanding preparatory exercises.

I would like to wish all our Stewards families in the local community a very happy and safe Easter break.



BOXING CHAMP

Ollie started boxing from a young age and has progressed to gain wins in regional and international finals. He is two-time international champion and has six wins out of seven major fights.

He won a gold medal in Sweden in the King of Ring tournament and more recently a gold medal in the Baltic Box Cup in Poland. He trains three times a week and works hard to keep himself fit.

Ollie Furman is pictured on the left with his **gold medal**, from the Baltic Box cup. Gold medal winner in 46 Kg category.

A real candidate for Team GB in the future.



GOLD MEDAL WINNER!

EMPY CULTURAL EVENT



On Monday 27th March 2023, EMPV hosted the annual Cultural Event at Stewards Academy. The theme of the evening was "Don't Assume". The cultural event enabled students from the many enriched cultures within the school to exhibit different cultural dress and music from around the word via a fashion show, along with different cultural **dishes**. The main finale of the evening saw EMPV students take part in a short play entitled "Don't Assume", which highlighted living in a world where different cultures are generalised or stereotyped because of their race, religion and cultural beliefs.









Stephen was born and grew up in Plumstead, South-east London, where he lived with his parents Neville and Doreen, his brother Stuart and sister Georgina. Like most young people, he juggled an active social life, schoolwork, family commitments, and part-time employment

What happened to Stephen?

Stephen was murdered in a racially motivated attack, by a gang of white youth while waiting for a bus in Well Hall Road, Eltham, with his friend DuWayne Brook on the evening of 22 April 1993. He was 18 years old.

On Friday, 21st April EMPV will be celebrating Stephens' life on: **Stephen Lawrence Day**

MRS HINDS MRS EDWARDS

UKMT MATHS CHALLENGE



On Thursday 2nd February, thirty-five Year 9 and twenty-four Year 10 students took part in the UKMT Intermediate 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 9, 10 and 11 across the country.

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

Our pupils showed great resilience throughout the challenge which is reflected in the results. Special mentions to:

Year 9

Daisy O'Dell on her Silver award

Luke Gable, Owen Godfrey, Alegria Manzambi, David Mitran and Kyrylo Novikov their Bronze Awards

Year 10

Ahmet Kaya on his Silver award

Olivia Chochorowska, Alisha Cuthbert, Bertie Frances-Chamberlain, Luca Spires and Dariusz Waleszczak on their Bronze award



A final special mention goes to Ahmet who achieved the 'Best in School' Award; another amazing achievement. Next up will be the Junior challenge for Years 7 & 8 in the Summer term. We will keep you updated on how they get on and hopefully more award news to follow.



MRS WOOLLEY & MRS GANNON











Mrs Ginger announced the next round of Jack Petchey Achievement Award winners recently. The recipients have been nominated by staff and peers for being excellent role models, helping them in their role as Peer Mentor, running an after-school club and commitment to academy life. Winners for December to February are Lillie Hudgell, Ethan Jones and Lucy Eels.



PROUD TO BE A JACK PETCHEY





Our Drugs bus is a topic bus. We cover a small range of topics on this particular bus, substance abuse, county lines and knife crime. It's important to highlight our company is all about strengthening resilience and we do this by exploring individual's self-awareness. To be aware of our emotions and thoughts, helps us to be aware of our choices and behaviours. We are a preventative & interactive company, and we like to educate in style





Comments made by the students:

I really enjoyed it - I understand better about being aware of dangers. Loved the escape room, but it was scary - it was so dark.

The prison cell was smelly; I wouldn't ever want to be in one! Thought it was really good - I learnt a lot. I didn't know how easy it could be to get caught up in trouble - I am now

MRS ATKINSON







EWARDS SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Deputy Safeguarding

Lead

Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Atkinson The Bridge/Safeguarding Office

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

Safeguarding Officers: PSM Office









Mr Myatt

Safeguarding Office

Mr Hughes





Mrs Morley Miss Dangerfield



Mrs Ali



Mrs Coulson



Mrs Coates



For Safeguarding updates and information please visit:





