

SPRING EDITION/3 · 2023



#### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



What a busy term it has been so far! I can hardly believe that we are now over half way through the academic year. It was a particular pleasure last half-term to be working alongside the staff of Passmores, as we begin our formal partnership. Our joint INSET day in January, was an ideal opportunity to get staff from the two schools with similar responsibilities together, to share and steal ideas for improving our practice in school. With our continuous ambition to improve and develop the educational experience of our young people, this is such a positive way forward for us as a school.

It has also been lovely to hear of our pupils' success in competitions and events: coming third in the regional finals of the Royal Society of Chemistry's national competition; having published writers in the Young Writers Anthology; and both Year 7 and Year 11 rugby teams winning the West Essex Rugby Championships!

It continues to be a great privilige to work alongside staff and parents to develop our young people. I look forward to the next half-term and the successes and enjoyment it will surely bring.

Kind regards, Mrs Ginger

**HEADTEACHER** 



#### STEWARDS LEARNER NEWS

As we move into the second half of the school year and hopefully some warmer weather I would like to take this opportunity to thank you the students and you as parents for your continued support with regards standards and expectations across the academy. It has been a pleasure working with the student council to ensure that as a school we continue to grow and develop.

As you will be aware various structures and systems have been reviewed and adapted based on the feedback that we receive from our students and parents.

A couple of these are outlined below.

Plans for a new dining facility are in the process of being designed and we hope that this new facility will be open in the new academic year.

New interactive display screens have been installed in all classrooms across the school to support Teaching and Learning across the Academy.

Other less grand but no less important initiatives have seen key changes to support standards across the Academy

A review of the school's behaviour systems with the introduction of tighter sanctions and community correction for students that are unable to follow expectations during their social time.

Greater focus on lates and punctuality to lessons ensuring that learning takes place uninterrupted.

We have also seen a considerable improvement in the standards of uniform and the wearing of lanyards around the academy.

A recent pupil survey highlighted that although not perfect these new initiatives are being recognised and welcomed by the students themselves and are having a positive impact upon standards around the Academy.

Once again I would like to thank you for your continued support.

MR SCHOLTES

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#### PTI CONFERENCE 2023

Stewards Academy is proud to have been invited to the PTI Primary Headteachers Conference for the eight consecutive

year, and to the Secondary Headteachers Conference for the first time. Pupils invited were:

- Year 7 Ahmed Mohamed, Wiktoria Jurek, Sian Griffiths, Georgie Hale
- Year 11 Leslie Appiah, Henry Davy
- Year 10 Ethan Jones, Ruby Ball

The events took place at Fanhams Hall in Ware on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd of February. Pupils were asked to be the pupil panel and began by introducing themselves, they then were asked questions by the delegates at the conference.

The year 7 pupils were asked to consider their educational experience so far and tell the delegates about how well they were prepared for their transition to secondary school.

The year 10 and 11 pupils were asked to speak about the leadership and teaching experience at Stewards. Some questions were really quite difficult however they answered with confidence, honesty, and humour. It was the first time some of the pupils had spoken publicly and they did themselves and us very proud.

Feedback from the Headteachers was fantastic, one said:

'Please send my thanks to all four of them - they were the highlight of the event for me and confirmation that we all do what we do each day in order to see young people like this go on and take on the world. They were a credit to themselves and their families as well as to you and your school.'









MRS BAILEY

#### LONDON MARATHON

I'm running the marathon in April 2023 for muscular dystrophy UK, the leading charity that supports individuals and families effected by muscle wasting conditions. My dad, Neil Martin, suffers from a rare form of muscular dystrophy and over the years his condition has progressively worsened. He can no longer do things that we take for granted every day. There's currently no cure for muscular dystrophy and it is a horrible, life changing condition. My training is in full swing and although times are tough, I'm hoping to raise as much as I possibly can for a charity that means so much to me.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/abbir-martin









BY MISS MARTIN

# TOP OF STEM THE BENCH

Students from Stewards Academy recently competed in the Royal Society of Chemistry's national competition - Top of the Bench. Students were required to answer 35 questions from various topics of chemistry. Daisy O'Dell and Hannah Tovee both in year 9, Ahmet Kaya in year 10 and Jed Dorman in Year 11 competed against 44 schools from around Essex to come third in the regional finals to claim Bronze. Mr Perrin, Assistant Headteacher, said "We are immensely proud of the team. They stood toe to toe with some of the brightest chemists in Essex and showed that they had what it took to reach the Top of the Bench!"





BY MRS GODDARD

#### LEARNING AT STEWARDS

It may be chilly outside, but the Stewards community continues to fight off the winter blues with its dynamic and exciting educational experiences.

In our recent Ofsted recent inspection, Inspectors commented on the pupils and their experience in the classroom: 'Pupils are friendly and welcoming. In lessons, they work hard and focus well. This creates a positive environment for them to learn.'

Part of our active teaching and learning strategies has focused on the quality of delivering an excellent curriculum. This was highlighted a number of times in the Ofsted report:

'Teachers teach the curriculum well. They plan learning that considers carefully how to build pupils' subject knowledge.'

Over the past few years, we have had a laser sharp focus on student retrieval and retention of learning.

'When teachers introduce new content, pupils can link it to what they have learned before. Teachers check pupils' learning effectively.'

At Stewards, we continue to focus and underline the importance of reading. This leads to academic success and is crucial in the modern world. The inspectors saw a huge amount of evidence of this during lessons:

'Leaders and teachers have made sure that all pupils become fluent readers. Pupils choose from a wide variety of books to read for pleasure. Pupils read literature regularly in lessons. Less-confident readers get the support they need.'

The report also praised our extra-curricular ('Phoenix' programme):

'Leaders challenge pupils to show the school's 'courage' values when they join clubs and activities.'

It is vital in this post pandemic era that we promote positive attitudes to exercise which in turn helps us all to be mentally better balanced and prepared for the demands of modern life.

Teachers continue to use their time freely to support student progress outside the curriculum. Y11 students have the opportunity to access a wide range of revision sessions in numerous subjects. The next Y11 PPEs begin after half term. Please can I encourage you to ensure that your child attends and makes the most of the opportunities that are on offer to ensure examination success. The revision schedule has been shared with the students and is also available on the school website.

#### **STEWARDS ACADEMY**



## **NEWS**

#### Year 7:

7CN-Sian Griffiths 218 7SPL- Rinall Elhag 192

#### Year 8:

8ID- Ivanna Miksovic 191

8CH- George Springthorpe 151

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11SMR Millie Ward 118

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#### Year 7:

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Year 10:

10EKG-Millie-Sue Williams 130

10MR-Francesca Easton 103

Year 11:



















#### Everything you need, in one place.

At Stewards we use the impartial careers advice website Unifrog. Unifrog is an online tool that each student can access to support them in preparing for the next steps in their educational pathway towards employment, informing them about varying careers and a full range of options available to them. Students can easily find and apply for every course and apprenticeship in the UK – including choices from sixth form and college, university courses and apprenticeships.

Unifrog helps to enable students to consider and plan for their transition to the right destinations. Students can compare side-by-side every post-16 and post-18 opportunity in the UK. They can rank on lots of factors, such as starting salary, distance from home, drop out rate, and weekly study hours.

Every student in the school from Year 7 to Year 11 can use the tool to log skills and experiences linked to employability, and to log activities in which they have felt a sense of achievement, helping to build a portfolio of evidence towards their next steps. Unifrog also has an extensive careers library for students to browse, research and 'favourite' in their discovery of the fast-changing professional world they are preparing to enter.

Please ensure you login and get the absolute best out of the platform. If you have any problems please see your tutor, Mrs Bailey or Mr Laing.

#### National Careers Service .

## CAREERS INFORMATION

Thinking About Your Next Steps In Education Or Training? Check Out All Of Your Choices. Get Free Expert **Advice** To Help You Take Your Next Step. Higher Technical Quals. Get The Jump. Explore Your Choices. Types: Earn While You Learn, Get In Demand Skills.

Whatever the stage of your career, the National Careers Service provides free, expert, impartial advice to help you make decisions about your skills and work. From guidance on skills and training opportunities in your local area, to practical help with CV writing, the National Careers Service can help you take the next step.

If you need more help to understand which opportunity might be right for you, speak to a qualified careers adviser at the National Careers Service for free, impartial careers advice.

Learn more contact us at: https://skillsforlife.campaign.gov.uk/





#### SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

On Thursday 9th February, 22 year 7 and 8 pupils where selected to represent Stewards at the Harlow schools Sports Hall Athletics Competition. Pupils participated in their year group teams in a variety of track and field events throughout the morning. Track events included an obstacle course relay, 2,4 and 6 lap events and a team Parluf event where runners could select the amount of laps they ran individually to complete the race. Pupils demonstrated a true level of dedication and resilience to push through and complete each race they where selected for, placing in the top 3 for many of the races they ran in. As well as the track events each pupil also had the opportunity to take part in two indoor field events. The field events included: standing triple and long jump, vertical jump, speed bounce and shot putt. Well done to Skye in year 8 who one the overall shot putt event and throwing the shot further than the end of the marked out area for the event!

All the teams worked extremely well together to ensure they finished as high up the leader boards as they could. A big well done to the year 7 girls team who finished 3rd overall in the competition! Overall results can be seen below:

- Year 7 girls 3rd place
- Year 7 boys 4th place
- Year 8 girls 4th place
- Year 8 boys 6th place

Well done to everyone who took part! A great warm up event for all involved before the athletics season starts in April.







Kindness and compassion shown on a remarkable level towards a member of our school community who had Downs Syndrome. Finlay went above and beyond to ensure at all times our classroom was inclusive of his needs. He would ensure at break at lunch this child was never alone and encourage him to play games to build on his social skills. During transition day to secondary, Finlay ensured the child was never alone, understood his surroundings and held his hand during movement between lessons. This kindness and compassion was recognised by members of staff from the secondary school. His kindness and compassion went above and beyond to be inclusive of the child's needs and the understanding he showed towards this child was above any other child in the





#### KINDNESS AWARD

Findlay won a Harlow Education Award for his demonstration of compassion and kindness towards a fellow student and was rewarded with a lovely framed certificate and smart trophy. Top work Findlay we are all very proud of you!

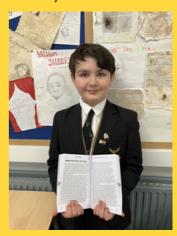
#### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

#### YOUNG WRITER

'An ecstatic George Springthorpe in Year 8 celebrating his first published story in 'Young Writers' anthology.

GS was picked from many entries and has been entered into a regional final. Any pupils interested in

Creative Writing should visit the Stewards Academy CWC that runs on a Thursday after school.'



# WEST ESSEX RUGBY CHAMPIONS



The Year 11 Rugby team finished the rugby season with their last ever Rugby match for Stewards by winning the West Essex Rugby final at Wanstead RFC. The lads were in great spirits on the minibus going to the game and were even louder on the way home blasting out 'Sweet Caroline' and 'Freed from Desire' at the top of their voices. There was a great team spirit and they needed to show grit and determination to keep out the Davenant opposition as most of the rugby was being played in the Stewards half for the first half of the game. It was a very cagey affair and the scores were 0-0 as testament to both teams great defences. After a tactical team-talk at half-time from Mr Young and Mr Rayney the Year 11s ran out with renewed vigour for the 2nd half and after some great link-up play between the forwards and the backs Gabriel went over for the first try of the game. Albie completed a fantastic conversion to take Stewards 7-0 up. Davenant came back at Stewards but there was no-way through the black wall of the Stewards defence with Captain Caleb leading the team in putting in some fantastic tackles. Unfortunately Caleb had to come off for an injury and then Henry was also off and so it was all hands to the deck to keep out Davenant. Eventually Davenant did score right in the corner but crucially missed the conversion and it was a determined defensive team effort with thirteen players to see out the game. It was fantastic to see the celebrations at the final whistle after Gabriel had kicked the ball into touch and the team fully deserved to become West Essex Champions. We are extremely proud of each and every one of you. MR RAINEY

#### OTHER PEINFORMATION

The Year 7 Rugby team got the New Year off to a fantastic start as they continued their excellent form by winning the West Essex Rugby Final in their first season together as a squad. The Year 7s took the game to the Davenant opposition right from the start despite being a player down. Tyler J showed great strength and went over early for our first try and it wasn't long before Tyler L also went over the try-line to score. Davenant came back at Stewards and it was a determined team effort with Stewards superb tackling that stopped them in their tracks. Stewards were showing great resilience despite being a player down for the whole half but eventually conceded a try towards the end of the first half. Mr Young & Mr Rayney then gathered the Year 7 team in for their half-time team talk and it definitely worked as Stewards stormed further in front with another try from Tyler J and with further pressure from Reggie and Morgan to get a hand down on the ball to score another try. Emet then turned up and made a fantastic tackle with his first piece of the action and Tyler L then got his second try of the game after some great team work beforehand. Davenant then came back to score their second try but this was to be their last score as the superb tackling from Stewards saw them see out the game to win and become West Essex Champions. It was fantastic to see the great team ethic that the team displayed by working right up to the final whistle and the team fully deserved their reward by becoming Champions. We are extremely proud of you all and are looking forward to working with you next season to see you develop as a team.



Year 7 WEST ESSEX RUGBY CHAMPIONS

Freddie Holgate, Reggie Barrett, Reid Mulvey, Morgan Till, Louis Kent, Emmanuel Adigun, Jacob Ford, Jacob Blackman, Emetas Bliudzius, Niall Tyrrell, Tyler Jenkins, Tyler Lukusa



#### MR RAINEY



Year 8/9 GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM Abbie Dowers @, Alegria Manzambi, Danielle Asante, Lola Robery, Paige Williams, Daisy Gerrard, Anna Golley-Dring,



#### **CROSS COUNTRY**





All Year groups were represented as Stewards took part in the West Essex Cross-Country competition on a very cold Thursday morning just before Christmas and competed well despite the demanding course and the cold weather. Well done to all of our students who took part: Danielle, Jacob, Rachael, Sasha, Abbie, Daniel, Guoda, Richard, Abbey, Daisy, Tyler, Reid, Emin, Iga, Becky, Jude, Kamal, Charlotte, Ethan, Kaley, Morgan, Niall, William. Good luck for the Athletics season in the summer term.





#### **FOOD TECHNOLOGY**









# Food Tech















MRS LONG

# In KS3 Food and nutrition is delivered as part of the technology rotation. Pupils have the opportunity to develop their cooking skills using a range of techniques to produce healthy dishes using staple ingredients provided by the school. They can personalise their dishes using seasonings, spices and additional ingredients.

The rotation includes theory lessons that build their knowledge around the topic of healthy eating, food and the environment, and food safety and security.

In KS4 pupils can elect to take Hospitality and Catering as a Level 2 Vocational option. Learning more complex preparation and cooking skills from a range of cultures. This culminates in a three and a half hour cooking exam which forms a percentage of their final grade.

In theory lessons pupils gain an understanding of the operations of the hospitality and catering sector, which employs one in twelve people in the UK.

A good result can support entrance to college courses in the subject, leading to university degrees and a range of careers, including; Executive Chef, Hotel manager, nutritionist, event manager, food scientist, army catering, Environmental Health Officer, and the opportunity to run your own business.

Most importantly, my aim is to instil a love of cooking, one of the greatest expressions of human creativity.

#### **DEPARTMENT FOCUS**

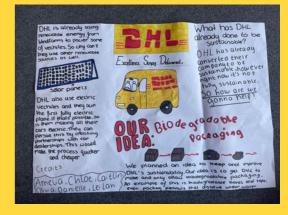


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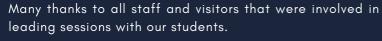






## ENRICHMENT DAY

Wednesday 8th February saw a whole school drop down for an exciting array of personal development activities. Year 7 participated in team building with Mr Young and Mr Hughes, self esteem and self awareness activities which included presentations by Miss Khan, Mrs da Vighi and Year 11 Student Leadership Team members. Year 8 completed 'Crest in a day' in the Science department. Year 9 had a presentation and project day led by DHL staff. This culminated in each tutor group presenting their selected idea. Year 10 has a series of talks connected to 'futures' including DHL, Harlow College, AIM apprenticeships and Mrs Ginger about what employers are looking for. Year 11s spent some additional time in their options subjects working on NEAs or revision.

















#### **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

Christmas hampers were in full swing again this year. From the purchasing of the goods and the wonderful donations from MCKS Charity - School Pantries and James Keys Kidd @ DHL, we were able to supply over 60 families with a hamper full of basics and Christmas treats.

Year 11 students assisted the Bridge staff putting the Stewards Hampers together.

A big thank you to Billy and Sian for delivering all the hampers . Grateful families commented:

How wonderful to receive such a beautiful hamper, it will really help us out over Christmas.

Thank you ,so much you have given me so many lovely things, I really appreciate it. I am going to put all the chocolates, biscuits, and goodies under the tree for the children to wake up to Christmas morning.

Again, Stewards have helped me out when things are so tough. I can't express how very grateful I am for the support and hamper.











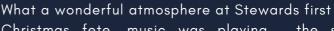












Christmas fete, music was playing , the stalls were bursting with goodies.

A fabulous raffle full of great prizes , of hampers, boxes of chocolates, wine, beauty gifts sets and lots more.

Stalls full with Tombola, glitter tattoos, Christmas hairball braids, lots of knitted doll's teddies and hedgehogs.

Cones of sweets, honeycomb and lots more stalls full of Christmas gifts .

Students and staff manned the stalls, excited as parents, carers and students filled the hall.

Students had a wonderful time purchasing gifts for their friends and family. The sweet tombola and food and toiletries tombola was a great attraction, parents and students returning over and over again hoping to win an item.

Refreshments on offer of a tasty home cooked mince pie and cookie was enjoyed by many with a hot chocolate from the wonderful food tech team Miss Long and Miss Stylianou with students ably assisting.

A big Thank you to all parents' carers' students' and staff for supporting this event.

We raised over £850.

**CHRISTMAS FETE** 

#### COFFEE MORNING

This term we held the first of our Stewards parents coffee mornings supported by Mind. A great safe space to discuss and share challenges some parents face with their children and mental health issues.

A listening ear and shared strategies parents said they were grateful for the advice and enjoyed the time given. They felt listened to and appreciated time to share.

Big thank you to Gaye and Kerry from Mind.







We can help take oney off your mind.

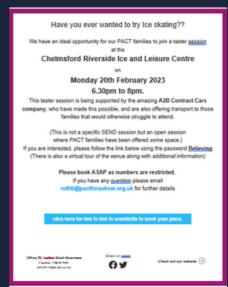




# WELL BEING







ACTIVITIES



AND OTHER INFO

- A big shout out to the incredible PSM's, canteen, care taking, reception and attendance teams! They work tirelessly and their support are very much appreciated
- Memorial to Mel Armstrong
- Exam Invigilator vacancies
- Reminder to Year 11 parents and students that lots of information will be sent via Class Charts so make sure they have logins to check regularly



thow you can gain qualified teacher status (QTS), and an optional aduate certificate in education (PGCE) through the Essex School

Tuesday 21 February, from 7.30pm
Scan the QR code to view our events and register for the latest one via Eventhrite, or visit our website:



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The focus for the students safeguarding this term is Online Safety. important safeguarding information. Subjects covered this term Staying safe Online. Catfishing, Cyber bullying, Online friendships and Relationship Online. how to remove indecent images sent or received online. Any concerns you have of a safeguarding matter or query please email @aatkinson@stewardsacdemy.org or call into reception.

## The community briefings share There is some very useful information from Childline -

Online Safety

MRS ATKINSON









#### https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobilesafety/remove-nude-image-shared-online/

Please see link below

# WARDS SAFEGUARDING TEAM



#### 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

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Deputy Safeguarding

Lead

Safeguarding Office



Mrs Morley



Miss Dangerfield



Mrs Ali



**Mrs Coulson** 



Mrs Coates



**Mrs Hardiman** 



Mr Hughes

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