



# ***THE PHOENIX***

## **STEWARDS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER**

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## **HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE**



As we reach the end of this half-term, I feel incredibly proud to be the Headteacher of Stewards Academy. Year 11 pupils have been truly amazing during their first two weeks of examinations, showing courage and resilience in equal measure. This week the pupils celebrated their five years at Stewards with the traditional Leavers' Assembly and shirt-signing. It was a joy to see how much they enjoyed the experience of being together with their peers and appreciating their teachers and support staff. Meanwhile, years 7 - 10, had a Careers Curriculum day. I took the opportunity to visit the various activities taking place around school, with highlights such as Mock Trials with pupils acting as prosecution and defence lawyers, and Year 9 Option taster lessons.

You will read on page 7 of the election of our new Student Leadership Team. As I watched the candidates present their speeches to the school, I was struck by the maturity and confidence of these young people, who have all been successful in achieving places on the prestigious team. Congratulations to them all!

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a lovely half-term break. Hopefully some sunshine will come our way.

Kind regards, Mrs Ginger

**HEADTEACHER**  
MRS GINGER



# Stewards Learner

With the half-term break now upon us now upon us, I would once again like to take this opportunity to thank you, the students, and you, as parents for your continued support regarding standards and expectations across the academy. I would especially like to wish our Year 11 students the very best of luck as they leave Stewards for an exciting new chapter in their lives. Also thank you to all the parents and carers that I have got to know so well over the years, we got there in the end, and thank you for all your support – Please stay in touch.

Standards across the academy have continued to be a focus. Some new strategies will also be introduced next half-term ensuring that we provide the very best of care and safeguarding for our pupils. We will see the introduction of our new Iris Reach Absence System, enabling both school and parent the opportunity to monitor pupil attendance and punctuality.

We will also for the first time be adding comments to our ClassCharts posts enabling parents to have the opportunity to feel more informed about what is going on in school and have a greater understanding of the reasoning behind the issuing of sanctions and rewards. Parents will also be able to message their child's teachers through Class Charts. We hope that these new additions will provide parents with a greater understanding and continue to develop a more cohesive partnership between home and school.

Once again thank you all for your continued support, take care and have a great holiday.

MR SCHOLTES

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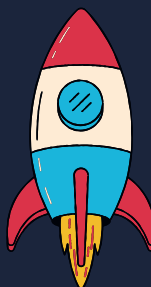
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## ROCKET CLUB

On 27th April 2023 our Rocket Club team took part in UK Youth Rocketry Challenge. The aim of this challenge was to fly a model rocket against strict rules and regulations. Flights were to be to a specified height (246m) and were to land in a specified time (42-45 seconds) carrying a payload of a one raw hens' egg that must return to earth fully intact.



From the beginning of the school year, students from all year groups were working hard on the design of their rockets to meet these challenging requirements. They had to choose the right material for the body, the right shape and size of fins and nose cone but also which motors to use and then build it. They also couldn't forget about the parachute recovery system.



Launches of the rockets the pupils had built was very exciting and it ended in success – the egg returned to the ground intact! Well done to Edward Austin, Jessica Bishop, Daisy Chapman, Andrej Sedliak, Ethan Jones, Alfie Bishop, Dante Price, Merral Elhag and Oliver Fearn

Competition was fierce however, with over 40 teams competing in the South-East Region alone, so despite successful flights we narrowly missed out on a place in the National finals. The winner of that competition will go to the Paris Air show to compete with teams from USA, Japan and France.

MR PERRIN

We wear orange...  
 Its just a colour people say,  
 With great meaning they don't,  
 We wear orange to stand up for the ones who couldn't,  
 We wear orange to stand up to racists,  
 We wear orange to bring awareness,

We wear orange to remember those who were killed,  
 Those who were bullied,  
 Those who were discriminated against,  
 Its just a colour they say...

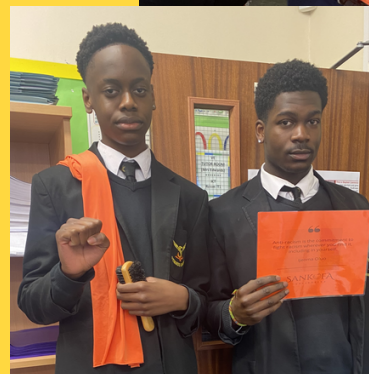
Most parents dream of being buried by their child,  
 This dream was crushed for Doreen and Neville Lawrence,  
 On the 22nd of April 1993,  
 Their son Stephen was killed by a gang of white teenagers,  
 At the hospital they asked...

"Was your son in a gang"

This comment was based on the fact that he was black

Orange,  
 We wear this colour in remembrance,  
 To remember Stephen,  
 And others killed because of the colour of their skin.

**Year 7: Sian Griffiths 7CN**



MRS EDWARDS/MRS HINDS



*"This Stephen Lawrence Day, Stewards Academy pledges to strive towards racial harmony to make sure the next 30 years look different from the last."*

The world is changing every day. If enough people create a ripple for change, together we can create a better future. On Friday 21st April 2023, students and staff attended school wearing something orange to celebrate the life and legacy of Stephen Lawrence. There is power in unity and together we made a stand against racism in our community.

It was a glorious and vibrant day. Students sold pin badges, baked and sold cakes, wrote poems, created artwork and staff went all out in their colours in full support of the day.

***Moving forward we are hopeful that the years ahead will be even more glorious.***

# HOUSE

## NEWS

## STEWARDS ACADEMY



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Stewards were chosen by the OCR exam board to host the GCSE PE practical exams this year. Four other schools travelled to Stewards with their Year 11 GCSE PE students to be moderated in a wide range of different activities.

First up was trampolining, which Stewards did not have any students competing in, but Miss Venables was responsible for organising that activity. Next year we will have some students performing their routines for the moderation.

Next up were two students for Stewards, Coco and Katherine, who performed exceptionally well in the netball activity showing all their defensive skills as a goalkeeper and goal defence for both their core and advanced netball skills.

The next performance was badminton, organised by Mr Rayney where Harry, Frankie, Henry and Satu had to show their racket skills against their opponents from different schools, with Harry winning all his singles games against everyone.

Gabriel was the only Stewards' basketball player to be examined against the other basketball players, and he stood out as the best player on show (MVP), performing all the core and advanced basketball skills to earn top marks.

Next up was football, with Charlie and Edward out on pitch and Caleb playing in goal; despite having a knee injury, he performed exceptionally well, showing a full range of goalkeeping skills.

The last activity of the day was athletics; the first event was the 1500m in which William, Rachael and Harry were running. Katherine then had to throw the javelin after her 100m race. In the boys' 100m race, Gabriel once again stole the show by coming first, in a time of 11.5s to earn top marks for his athletics.

# PE NEWS

## YEAR 11 GCSE PE EXAMS

*"We are very proud of all your efforts for the moderation day and now you just have to revise for the theory exams"*



Back row left to right: Harry, Archie, Cody, Ese, Leigh, Daniel, Djedija, Oskar, Josh, Riley  
Front row: Noble, Richard, Ben

MR RAINY

## YEAR 11 WEST ESSEX & HARLOW FOOTBALL FINALE

The Year 11 football team finished the football season and indeed their last ever football match for Stewards by playing in the West Essex & Harlow final against Debden Park school. The lads were in great spirits on the minibus going to the game and were desperate to win their last ever football game for Stewards. There was a great team spirit and they needed to show resilience and determination to keep off the Debden Park opposition, who boasted an England international in their team as well as a number of academy players. The first half of the game was a very cagey affair as both teams were testing each other out and Albie (playing in goal for Caleb) had to make some great early saves. Stewards scored the first goal to quieten the large crowd, with Josh slotting home to make it 1-0. After a stunning goal by Debden Park to equalise Jesse layed off a great assist and Gabriel duly obliged by driving the ball low past their keeper, to give Stewards a 2-1 lead going into half-time. Debden Park came back into the game in the 2nd half, scoring two quick-fire goals to make it 3-2 after which they gained in confidence, and then scored a couple of more goals to make it 5-2.

It was a real testament to the teams character that Stewards kept going and got a goal back thanks to Jesse, and when Gabriel pushed up and scored the fourth goal the comeback seemed on, but as they pressed for the equaliser to force extra time they just ran out of time. The crowd and opposition commented that Stewards showed great sportsmanship at the end of the game, by shaking hands with their worthy opponents, and clapping them when they received their medals. We couldn't have been more proud of you all for your performance on the pitch and your conduct afterwards.

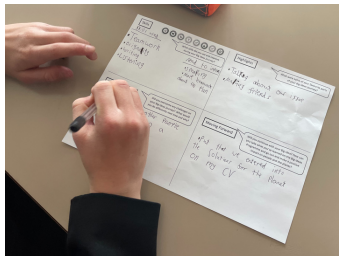
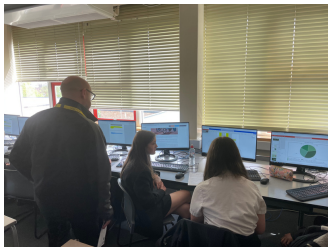


# SOLUTIONS FOR THE PLANET

The past few weeks have been dedicated to reflection and preparation. Each team that submitted an idea had the chance to reflect on their actions and the skills they achieved during this fantastic business opportunity. Some students are already thinking about adding this experience to their CV.

The mentors from Tarmac did a brilliant job supporting our students to improve their projects, giving them invaluable business advice. We won the Big Ideas regional final! Stewards Academy is going to Westminster Palace for the national final.

Out of 11 teams from different schools across South England only one made it to the national final and it was one of ours!!!



MISS DANCULEA



On the 5th of July Abbie Y9, Louise Y9 and Danielle Y8 will have their big idea judged by a cross party group of MPs at Westminster Palace.

Their idea focused on tackling the issue of social inequalities and they are aiming to create an organisation which provides sports opportunities for disabled people.

However, it wasn't just the girls who got a prize for us! Year 7: Daniel, Tamim, Hope and Liam managed to get the "runners up" trophy (3rd place).

The final took place at South Bank University in London, and pupils had a tour of the campus, the opportunity to see a lecture hall and to have a discussion with Computer Science professors and students. Pupils travelled to London by coach funded through a Jack Petchey Educational Grant.

# PRESENTATION EVENING

After weeks of preparation, Stewards Academy was delighted to hold its Annual Presentation of Awards Evening on Thursday 4th May.

With 119 prize winners, 3 performances and a guest speaker it was a jam-packed evening!

Awards consisted of tutor, subject and special awards, which staff had nominated pupils for. The tutor awards were given to pupils in Years 7-11 that had been recognised for a range of reasons; these include, academic progress, resilience, commitment to academy life. These were presented by Lucy Eels-Deputy Head Girl, Alvin Ayoubi - Deputy Head Boy, Leslie Appiah - Head Girl, Henry Davy - Head Boy and Mr Hughes and Mrs Goddard- Pastoral Leaders for Year 11.

Subject awards were given to Year 11 pupils for academic excellence. We also had the first COURAGE awards presented to Year 11s that have gone above and beyond in particular areas, and the Gordon Hewlett award for Citizenship that went to Millie Ward. For the first time, we also acknowledged the Jack Petchey Achievement Award winners at this event so we could celebrate their successes.

Speakers for the evening were Dr David Guest, Chair of Trustees, Helen Ginger, Headteacher and Vic Goddard, Executive Head from PCLC. Entertainment for the evening was provided by Ruby Ball with Mrs Lysons accompanying, Hayden Lawless, who takes the title role in our forthcoming school production of Oliver, and Erin Baldry rounding off the evening.

A huge congratulations to all of the recipients, a big thank you to the performers, presenters, prefects and guests for making the evening one to remember.



MRS DAVIGI

Stewards Academy Celebrates 60th Anniversary: **Calling All Ex-Pupils!**

Stewards Academy in Harlow is celebrating its 60th anniversary in the next academic year, and we would like to invite all ex-pupils to join in the celebrations by sharing their memorabilia from their time at the school. The school, which first opened its doors in September 1963, has been a cornerstone of the community ever since. It has seen thousands of students pass through its halls and has helped shape the lives of many. As we celebrate this milestone, we want to reminisce about the past and showcase the rich history of the school.

We are calling on all former pupils of Stewards Academy to send in any memorabilia they may have, such as old photographs, yearbooks, memories, uniforms, sports awards, and anything else that captures the spirit of the school.

Your contributions will be featured in an exhibition that will be on display at the school during our anniversary celebrations. This exhibition will provide a unique insight into the history of the school, and we want it to be as comprehensive as possible, covering the different decades.

Whether you are a recent graduate or attended the school many years ago, we would love to hear from you. Your memories and memorabilia will help us to paint a vivid picture of the school's history and to celebrate the achievements of our alumni.

Please send any contributions to the school address or email us at [insert email address]. You can also hand deliver any material to the school reception where it can be copied. Unfortunately, we will be unable to return material in any other instances. We look forward to hearing from you and celebrating this special occasion together.

MR HAWK



# 60TH ANNIVERSARY



# STEWARDS STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

It was a poignant moment when the outgoing Head Boy- Henry Davy, Head Girl- Leslie Appiah and deputies- Alvin Ayoubi and Lucy Eels presented the newly elected top team with their badges. Following an application process, group interview with a selection panel, and speeches delivered five times to staff and students, the votes were counted and the new team announced.

Taking up the prestigious positions for 2023-2024 are:

- Head Boy- Dariusz Waleszczak
- Head Girl- Precious Uchendu-Nathaniel
- Deputy Head Boy- Ethan Jones
- Deputy Head Girl- Ruby Ball

All of the applicants that went through the interview stage, and the candidates that delivered speeches, should feel immensely proud of themselves. It takes great courage to put yourself out there in an interview and to present to staff and year groups. The confidence you displayed was amazing.

The final positions in the student leadership team are in the process of being sorted and will start their new positions after half term.



The outgoing Student Leadership Team at Stewards with the new



Our new Student Leadership Team



Head Boy, Girl and Deputies

# MUSIC DEPARTMENT



MRS LYSONS

## DEPARTMENT FOCUS

We are holding auditions on Friday 9th June in the hall from 3.30 – 5.30. This is open to anyone who has a group or a solo they would like to perform. It can be a Dance or Musical performance. This will be my first Stewards' concert and I can't wait to be a part of celebrating this academic year which has been a very busy and exciting one for everyone.

Studying music can give you a great mix of social, technical and business skills, which can all help in acquiring the skills that you need to be *employable*.

While some of these skills are acquired by students of all subjects, for example, team work, good communication and self management, music students have an edge.

In the words of Albert Einstein: "The greatest scientists are artists as well". Music involves both art and science! Which means it will help you build your problem solving, research, planning, analytical and critical thinking skills, as well as develop your creativity. Not to mention discipline, composure under pressure, time management, communication, team and individual working ability - all gained from practice and performing. You might also learn technical skills through using computers, equipment and software to create and record music.



# YEAR 11 APPRENTICESHIPS

## Live opportunities for September start date:

There are some apprenticeship opportunities with start dates after exams on the Government Apprenticeship website, please click here to view and apply:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

## 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/>

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# YEAR 10 OPEN EVENTS

Herford Regional College

Upcoming Open Events

Thursday 29th June 2023 - 17:30 to 20:00

Tuesday 26th September 2023 - 17:30 to 20:00

Tuesday 21st November 2023 - 17:30 to 20:00

Sixth Form Open Events will be announced in September.

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>

# TEACHING & LEARNING

With exam season well under way, we wish our Year 11 students all the best with their summer exams. Well done to all students who have attended extra sessions on Saturdays and after school - there has been great attendance with excellent resources provided. Study leave for Year 11 commences on Thursday 25 May.

We would like to thank all students across the academy for coping so admirably with timetable changes since the introduction of our new COURAGE Curriculum after Easter. We look forward to these exciting opportunities that the new curriculum will bring.

Departments are busy preparing for the Year 9 Options event that takes place after half term. There will be some important decisions to make regarding your son/daughter's choices for key stage 4.

Students across the school have continued to work hard showing responsibility and engagement in their learning. They have continued to focus on our school's COURAGE values both in weekly assemblies and Community Briefings.

Teachers have continued to create many opportunities within classes to develop important reading skills. Please don't forget to speak to your son/daughter about their progress with Bedrock Learning. This is a digital literacy improvement curriculum designed for home study. By focusing on vocabulary, grammar and subject specific terminology, Bedrock aims to equip learners with the language and literacy knowledge they need to boost their educational outcomes.

Please ask your son/daughter to speak to their English teacher or Form Tutor if they would like to borrow a book from the school library to read over the Whitsun break.

All good wishes for a safe and happy half term break.

MRS GODDARD



Amazing pastry dishes from Mrs Long's year 9 pupils with pastry made from scratch.

Jack - steak pie

Amber - lemon curd tarts

Jay-Jay went to receive his GLL sports foundation award in the training category. He is now a sponsored athlete!!!



# STUDENT



Macey Brown in 10ALC took part in the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge regional final with a speech about her identity. She was competing against pupils from schools in Essex schools. She did brilliantly delivering a great speech.

# ACHIEVEMENTS

## EMPV 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 world 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.



MRS HINDS MRS EDWARDS

STEPHEN LAWRENCE DAY

# #LiveYourBestLife

Stephen Lawrence Day



**This is Stephen Lawrence.**

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.



## SEND Inclusion Award

*We are delighted to inform our community that we are in the process of working towards obtaining the SENDIA - SEND Inclusion Award. This award will enable us as a school to deliver high quality education for pupils with SEND. Compliant with the SEND Code of Practice, the award framework focuses on removing barriers to learning through early identification, inclusive teaching, and effective leadership. It will also allow us to evaluate impact to improve classroom practice and pupil outcomes.*

Successful completion of the award will enable schools to:

- Gain recognition for high-quality education and care for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities
- Demonstrate to all stakeholders that the school provision complies with current legislation and the SEND Code of Practice, and is effective in achieving good outcomes for all pupils.

## Objectives of SENDIA

1. The school demonstrates a commitment to achieving and maintaining the SEND Inclusion Award, including informing relevant stakeholders.
2. The school's SEND policy and practice is compliant with legislation and DfE guidance and promotes an inclusive ethos.
3. There is a strong and effective leadership and management of SEND provision.
4. Everyday teaching for pupils with SEND is good or better.
5. There is an effective system for identifying pupils' special educational needs.
6. Pupils are actively involved in decision-making about, and the delivery of, their own SEND provision/ support.
7. Parents are actively involved in decision-making about, the delivery of, their child's SEND provision/ support.
8. The school is committed to providing high quality, ongoing continuing professional development (CPD) on SEND.

If you would like any further information, please contact SEN department [send@stewardsacademy.org](mailto:send@stewardsacademy.org).

### What are our Targets?

- Ensure Quality First Teaching for all students - "Naturally Inclusive, Caring and Equal"
- Ensure our school is FULLY inclusive.
- Ensure all teachers use and participate in the graduated approach (Assess, plan, do, review).
- Involve students and parents in all aspects of SEND.
- Demonstrate that the school's provisions for SEND are effective in achieving good outcomes for all attending Stewards Academy "Academic and Personal development for all, regardless of ability"

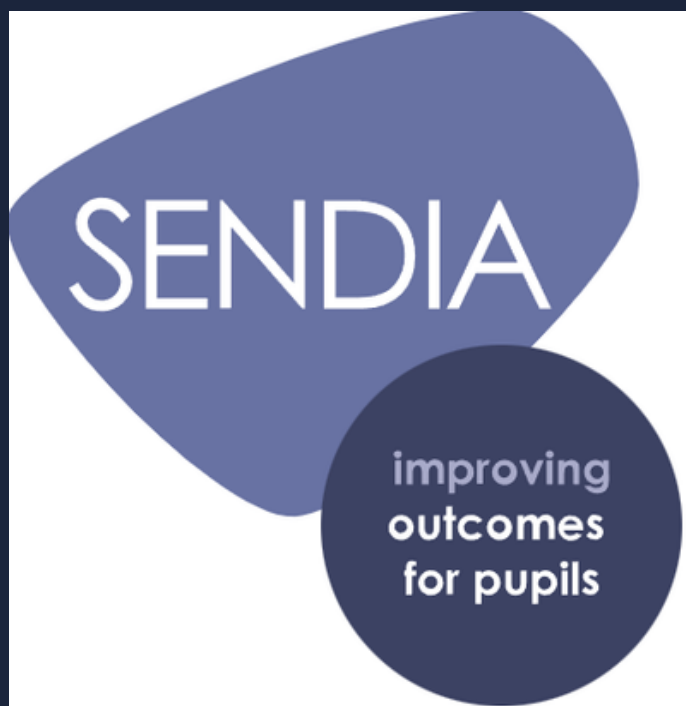
### What will it include?

- Create a working group that will be made up of representatives from all groups with an interest in SEND education. (Staff, students, governors, and parents).
- Self-Evaluation of the school centred on characteristics of the school, Ofsted rating and Pupil/Parent/Staff Voice.
- Creating an Action Plan with a comprehensive evidence portfolio to demonstrate our compliance with the Key Performance Indicators and Objectives.
- Visit from an assessor to verify that the objectives have successfully been met.

### How will it help?

The award will help us to develop high quality SEND provision throughout the school by:

- Promoting awareness of SEND issues and inclusion for all stakeholders of Stewards Academy
- Promoting awareness to all students, including those not on the SEND register.
- Evaluating and improving classroom practices and interventions
- Developing a clear and inclusive support system focusing on improving student outcomes.



The framework focuses on removing barriers to learning through early identification, inclusive teaching and leadership, it also encourages schools to actively evaluate its impact so as to improve classroom and pupil outcomes.

We support many children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities including those who are more able, gifted and talented; if your child has additional needs and you would like to talk with us about support or would like guidance, please make an appointment at the Office.

## Safeguarding information

Please see below information to help you get those photos or images taken down from the internet.

**childline**

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

### REPORT REMOVE

Report Remove is here to help young people under 18 in the UK to confidentially report sexual images and videos of themselves and remove them from the internet.

### HOW REPORT REMOVE WORKS

Having your nudes shared can feel scary, and it can leave you feeling worried or even ashamed. But it's not your fault.

It's against the law for anyone to share a sexual image or video of someone who's under 18, and we're working with the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and Yoti to help you remove any sexual image or video of you that's online.

Report Remove is safe, easy and free – all you need to do is follow these steps:

- choose your age range
- create a Childline account so we can send you updates on your report
- report your image or video to the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF)
- talk to a Childline counsellor if you want any extra support, or access support on the Childline website
- check your Childline locker a few days after your report to see if you need to add any more information and to see updates on your report
- report any issues with this process by sending an email from your Childline locker with the subject 'Report Remove' and as much information about the problem as you can.

SAFEGUARDING

### Internet Safety

#### Do You Really, Really Know Who You Are Chatting To?



#### Someone Online May Be Lying About Who They Are

So keep safe, don't give out your personal information such as full name, phone number, address, school name, photos and passwords to people you are chatting with online.

And never, never meet an online-friend alone. Make sure you are with a trusted adult in a public place.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



# STEWARDS SAFEGUARDING TEAM 2023



#### Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs Atkinson**  
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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

#### Deputy Safeguarding Lead



**Mr Myatt**  
Safeguarding Office

#### Safeguarding Officers: PSM Office



**Mrs Morley**



**Miss Dangerfield**



**Mrs Ali**



**Mrs Coulson**



**Mrs Coates**



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