

# Head's Up!

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Dear Parents and Friends of Stafford Manor,

### **Thank you for your support this half term.**

Our students have been excellent this term and worked really hard to meet expectations in lessons and around school. They are working really well across the school and have involved themselves in so much this half term.

### **The focus on core knowledge—knowing more means your children can do more!**

Please can I ask parents to familiarise themselves with core Knowledge for their children next half term by clicking on the link here [Core Knowledge](#) which will take them to the school website and the core knowledge that we need children to learn, 'off by heart' each half term. If parents could look at this and go through it with their children. We would like parents to take time each night to quiz and talk to their children about their learning. You could ask them to recall a key fact about a subject, or recall a definition, key dates, a technique or any aspect of these essential booklets.

### **Student Leadership Team**

I am pleased to share that we now have around 50 students working within the student leadership team. They are linked to our whole school priorities and a Senior Leader. The aim of the student leadership team is to work with senior leaders to shape their areas of school leadership and improvement in order to ensure that we have more of our students leading and shaping key aspects of school provision. I am looking forward to sharing the plans that the student leadership team are currently developing with senior leaders over the next few weeks and then on celebrating their progress in due course.

### **Attendance rewards!**

Our whole school attendance has improved by 0.3% this half term based on attendance rates at this point last year, which is excellent. This week we have had attendance rewards including attendance breakfast for those tutor groups that have had the best attendance in each year group. Congratulations to all tutors and students involved. We also had attendance celebration extended lunch on Friday 25 October to reward the 258 students with 95% or above attendance. In addition to this, we have also given out four £10 vouchers per year group for students with 95% or above attendance for this year. That's over £1000 invested in rewarding good attendance this half term and in an attempt to catch the most students possible making good choices and attending school. If your child is here, they will be successful at school.

### **Key Dates for this half term**

Please see some of our key dates for the remainder of this half term below. I look forward to welcoming parents who attend and please do pop over and say hello if you would like to discuss anything.

Best wishes, as always

**Rhys Adams**  
**Headteacher**

## Key Dates for your Diary

Thursday 28 November—Year 9 Parents Evening—3.30—6.00 p.m.

Wednesday 4 December—Flu Vaccinations

Friday 20 December—Last day of term– Students finish at 12.30 p.m.

## Headteacher's Award for this week

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Conor Robinson 7GM	Sam Lally 8LEC	Maxley Penlington 9DH	Abigail Knowles 10SP	Ben Mountford 11AB
Georgie Pearson 7GM	Jacob Radford 8OG	Daria Irinciuc 9DH	Leo Smith 10SP	Stephanie Manning 11AB
Adalynn Winnard 7GM	Max Baker 8JFR	Kaelan Ismail 9DH	Tyler Plant 10SP	Tyler Colebatch 11KB
Bellatrix Owers-Wardley 7GM	Elizabeth Bruce 8LEC	Ellise Kelly 9DH	Amelia Dyble 10SP	Mason-Lee Chambers 11AB
Kian James 7GM	Maria Ghebaru 8LEC	Louis Smith 9RS	Petko Hubavenski 10PSP	Jegor Gerasmovic 11KB

## OUR Values and Behaviour

Ready	Respectful	Responsible	Resilient
Attending every day	Using good manners	Being accountable	Staying on task
Being on time	Listening to my teacher	Knowing my role	Not giving up
Wearing full uniform	Respecting myself	Meeting deadlines	Avoiding distractions
Bringing my equipment	Showing others respect	Not blaming others	Coping with setbacks
Completing homework	Allowing others to learn	Managing my behaviour	Being comfortable to FAIL
Lining up quietly	Being calm	Doing my best work	Overcoming difficulties

### School Vision and Values



'Every child reaching their full potential'



**Community**

- Safe and welcoming
- Proud of our school
- Inclusive and Equitable
- Focussed on People
- Celebrate Success



**Aspiration**

- High Expectations
- Ambitious for all
- Take the initiative
- Pursue Excellence
- Positive Destinations



**Respect**

- Excellent Behaviour
- Manners and honesty
- Listen and appreciate
- Show up every day on time
- Be kind, be learning



**Endeavour**

- Be determined
- Be resilient and bounce back
- Challenge yourself and others
- Work hard and don't give up
- The Struggle helps us develop



Well done to all students, together students have achieved over 50,000 achievement points!!!  
FANTASTIC

A reminder that you can track your child's achievement through the class charts app. If you are struggling or having problems, please contact your child's HOY and we will support you in accessing and logging in.

## Overview on Achievement Points 2024-25

01/08/2024 - 25/10/2024

Name ↓	Positive
Year 7	12725
Year 8	11801
Year 9	10394
Year 10	8023
Year 11	7746

## Rewards Criteria 2024-25

	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Gold</b>
Attendance	Less than 92%	92 % - 94% attendance	95% attendance or above
Behaviour	Behaviour points of 61 or more	No more than 60 behaviour points	No more than 10 Behaviour Points

We are delighted to make you aware of the Christmas reward, back by popular demand, with a little extra!

**Gold** - Students will be invited to a festive film and feast (Pizza on us!) with additional festivities throughout the day.

**Silver** – Students will be invited to the festive film where snacks can be purchased.

**Bronze** – Festive activities will be delivered throughout some of the day.

### Uniform:

Please can you support the school by checking your child's uniform, please can you ensure **skirt lengths** are knee length, we are seeing an increasing number that are too short, we will be contacting those parents to ask for appropriate clothing to be brought into school

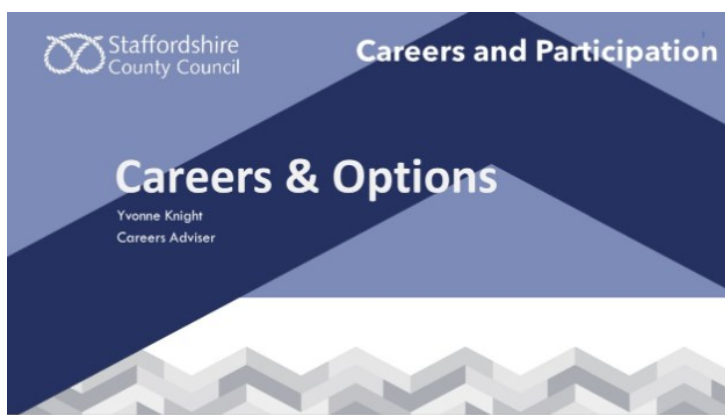
**Facial piercings** need to be clear please, these can often be purchased cheaply from amazon or other providers, again after half term parents will be contacted to support the removal or change of piercing.

### Well done NETBALLERS!!

We have seen lots of students take part in our sports clubs, which is fantastic! Keep this going into next half term.

A special mention to the year 10/11 and Year 9 Netball teams for representing the school at the district event this half term!! Super proud!!!





## Making a career decision

### SELF AWARE

- Think about you. Your skills and interests
- Values and motivations
- 'Wants' from a job



### OPPORTUNITY AWARE

- Be curious and consider jobs that are familiar and those that are not
- Career planning and research is important
- Work experience and volunteering
- Talk to professionals and employers



## Year 10 and Year 11 Exploring Further Pathways

It has been a busy week for Year 10 and 11's. On Monday morning Martyn Williams from Stafford College delivered an assembly on what courses the college has to offer, entry requirements and information about what facilities the college has.

Yvonne Knight, the school's career advisor has introduced herself to all Year 11 students and began one-to-one career advice sessions.

It is also pleasing to hear so many Year 11 students visited Stafford College Open Evening on Wednesday 23 October. Stafford College will be holding another Open Evening on 28 November—5.30—8.00 p.m. Please support your child by attending these events with them.

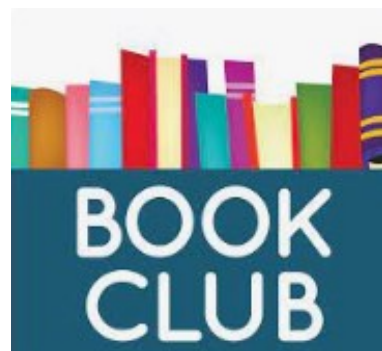
<https://nscg.ac.uk/news-and-events/stafford-open-event>



## Book Club

Do you love to read? Do you love to talk about the things you are reading?

If the answer is YES please come and join our book group. We read a range of books from spy to thriller, romance to sci-fi, the classics to fairy tales and everything in between. Join us every Wednesday lunchtime in the Library – what book will you choose to read?



### Your Library Needs You!

Mrs Gurmin is looking for student librarians to help with creating displays, issuing and returning books and generally keeping the library a fab place to be, Please collect an application form from Mrs Gurmin in the Library.

## PE News

During this half term there has been a range of sporting clubs on offer to all our students that have been very well attended.

On average, 30 students have been taking part in weekly lunchtime fitness, badminton and table tennis sessions which has been amazing to see!

There have also been high numbers of students attending boys' football, girls' football, netball and fitness sessions.

All of the students that have attended extra-curricular clubs have been awarded with Class-Charts rewards points each time they attend, which has had a big impact on reinforcing positive behaviours and improving physical activity levels in pupils at Stafford Manor High School.

Well done to all those students that have attended.

### Mrs Adams - PE Department





# Family Voice Forum

For parents, carers and families in Staffordshire

**NHS**  
Midlands Partnership University  
NHS Foundation Trust

## FREE ONLINE WEBINARS

**OCT.**

14th - Wellbeing Tips  
28th - Online Safety



**NOV.**

11th - Building Resilience  
25th - Depression and Low Mood



**DEC.**

9th - Stress Awareness



All sessions are free to join!

Places can be booked via our website:

For more information, please email

[participation@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:participation@mpft.nhs.uk)



## **Mondays at 6pm**



# HALF TERM MARKET

## Stafford Pre-loved Uniform

Wednesday

30th October 2024

10:30am – 12:30pm



**Stafford Family Hub**  
Faraday Road, Stafford,  
ST16 3NQ

### Stafford Pre-Loved Uniform

Stafford Family Hub are holding a pre-loved FREE uniform market next week.

We have a huge number of:

- Grey/black trousers from age 5 all the way up to age 16
- White shirts/t-shirts from age 5 all the way up to age 16
- Plain red sweatshirts

And a limited number of:

Branded school sweatshirts from various schools across Stafford District.

**SMHS Community Support Hub  
And  
SMHS Food Hub**

**Open to all**

**Wednesday : 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.**

**Friday : 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.**