



Welcome to our first Newsletter since COVID interrupted all of our lives. Through our Newsletter we aim to provide an update on many of the exciting events that enrich the experiences of students at Stafford Manor High School. We also like to celebrate the achievements of our amazing pupils!

As we reach the end of another very busy term, it is great to see that many of the familiar aspects of school life are returning and our children are thriving from the opportunities provided. The Humanities and Creative Design Faculties have a special focus this term, and don't miss the brilliant Art work that feature in the winning entries to our Christmas Card competition.

I hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter. Everyone at Stafford Manor High School wishes you and your family and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Have a safe and peaceful holiday and we look forward to welcoming the pupils back in 2022!

Mr Lycett

100% of Y7 parents say their child is happy at SMHS.

93% of Y10 parents say their child does well at SMHS.

100% of Y11 parents say their child feels safe at SMHS.

94% of Y9 parents say SMHS has high expectations for their child.

100% of Y8 parents say their child does well at SMHS.

November 2021 Parental Survey

Achievement Points

This term we have awarded an amazing **38,073** achievement points across the whole school! Well done to all the individual prize winners with the highest totals. We will be reintroducing our rewards trips later this year as well as the end of year Awards Ceremony. You can keep up to date with your child's points using SIMS ParentApp.

This term the winning tutor groups with the most points are:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
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We have introduced Achievement Awards Badges this year. 20 students have already received over 200 achievement points and been awarded their Bronze Award Badge!

Christmas Testing & Start of Spring Term 2022

Please support your child with twice weekly Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing through the Christmas Holiday. Remember to report your results to the NHS. If you have a positive LFD result, book a PCR test immediately.

Tuesday 4th January 2022—School LFD testing only.

Wednesday 5th January 2022—Term begins for all pupils. 8.45am start with lessons as normal.

Faculty Focus: Humanities and Social Science

Philosophy and Ethics

In Philosophy and Ethics, Year 7 and 8 have been working with Maddy Belle from Youth Net on the theme of 'Advent' and the meaning behind some of our Christmas traditions to the Christian Faith.

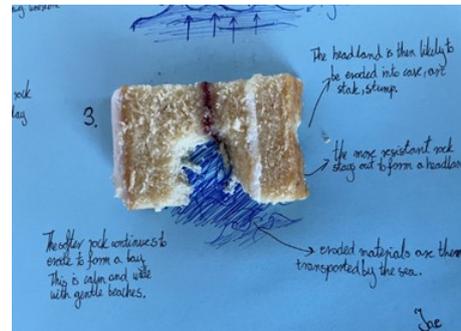
We looked at the Christmas nativity story and compared it to the original version from the gospel of Luke, we were all very surprised to find out that the infamous donkey is never even mentioned!

Students then explored the traditions behind the advent calendar, the Christmas stocking and why we exchange gifts on Christmas Day.



Geography

Year 10 Edible Headland and Bay Formation at the Coastline!



Year 10 students have been busy learning about the processes of coastal erosion. In lesson, we put the theory to the test using layers of cake to represent layers of resistant and less resistant rock. As the waves approach the bands of rock, they erode the different rock types at different speeds which creates the headland and bay formation. After creating the cake landforms, students put this new knowledge into an exam style answer. If you ask our year 10 students, their favourite part of the lesson was definitely the part where they could eat their creations!

Faculty Focus: Creative Design

Design Technology

Year 8 have been taking scrap timber and some steel tube to create a little trophy. The work of the podium students can be found below. I am sure you will agree they look fantastic!

Morgan Johnson



Chloe Cooper



Harley Lugg



Performing Arts



Year 11 have been creating sets, designing costumes and doing makeup as part of their BTEC Performing arts Production . The brief was 'Pantomime' so students had to investigate the different types of set, costume and makeup within pantomime. We had some great Dame creations!

A few students have created their own costumes from scratch. Alisha Robinson made the costume from Aladdin.



Key Dates For Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 11th January: Year 8 Parents Evening

Tuesday 25th January: Year 11, 12 & 13 Parents Evening

Tuesday 8th February: SEN Consultation Evening

Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February: Future Pathways Week

Half Term: 19th February—27th February

Tuesday 8th March: Year 7 Parents Evening

Tuesday 22nd March Year 9 Choices Evening

SMHS Supporting Others ...

The pupils at Stafford Manor High School have been fund raising this half term for different charities. In October the pupils held a non-uniform day for Cancer Research and raised £348.64. We are also hoping to reschedule a Race for Life later in the year.



We also raised £52.68 for the poppy appeal which contributed to the District total of £63,500



In November we held a further non-uniform day where pupils raised £358 for Children in Need.



Santa Dash Food Bank Appeal



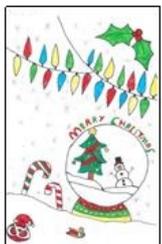
Thank you to everyone for supporting the Santa Dash Food Collection. We managed to raise 413 items in total, with Mr Chadwick's Tutor Group collecting over 65!

The impact that this has shouldn't be underestimated and will make a real difference.

The charity is overwhelmed by the amount of items that have been collected and want to pass on their thanks for all the support given.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to any of our charity appeals this term!

Christmas Card Competition Winners!



Leo Smith



Abigail Knowles



Amy Sayer



Rubie Jones



Chloe Small



Ava Meecham



Sierra Smalling

Well done to everyone who entered the Christmas card competition! The standard was extremely high and it was a very difficult decision to choose the winners. The designs above were finally selected as the images that accompanied our Christmas message to our community. Chocolate and achievement points were also awarded as prizes! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!