

# Head's Up!

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Dear Parents and Friends of Stafford Manor,

Where does the time go during the half term? As we move into the final week of this half term I would like to remind you just how important attendance is at school for your child's well being, general social and cultural development and also their academic development too. Please make sure that your child attends every day over the next two weeks. Our attendance continues to be significantly better than this time last year and that is down to the excellent work of school staff to make our school unmissable and unforgettable.

### **VIP Lounge and Attendance Matters Rewards**

Students will still be able to get hot chocolate and biscuits from the VIP Lounge for the last week of this half term. Vouchers are given by staff to any student who has worked hard in their lesson, or who has completed fantastic work etc. Amazon vouchers will also be up for grabs to any students with 100% attendance in the last two weeks of term but, you have to be in it to win it.

### **Parent and Student voice.**

We will be running our annual parent and student voice activities next week, so please watch out for direct communication and as part of this Head's Up bulletin, so that your views about our school and the provision on offer for your children can be shared effectively and acted upon by school leaders.

### **E-Scooters**

Reminder that E-Scooters are not to be brought onto the school premises. It is illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces, such as parks, street pavements, and shopping centres. Please have a look at the [link](#) for further information.

### **Year 9 Immunisations—6 March 2025**

Information has been sent home to parents this week about the immunisations that are taking place on 6 March.

### **Year 11 Mock Exams—week commencing 10 February**

Thanks to those parents who attended Year 11 Parents Evening. The event was well attended and there were some really positive conversations between staff, students and parents about how Year 11 can continue to make progress with their learning and development this year.

### **Please see the Year 11 Mock Exam timetable on page 2!**

Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing our students next week.

Best wishes, as always

**Rhys Adams**  
**Headteacher**

## Assessment Window 2: 10<sup>th</sup> February

10 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Session 1: P1-2		Session 2: P3-4		Session 3: P5	
	Exam:	Additional	Exam:	Additional	Exam:	Additional
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	English Language	09:30-11:15			Business	13:30-15:15
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Maths	09:45-11:15			Geography	13:45-15:15
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Biology 09:15 – 10:25	Sep Biology 09:15 – 11:00			PE Media	13:45-15:15 <i>Non audio</i>
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb			History 1	11:30 – 13:15		
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Chemistry 09:15 – 10:25	Sep Chemistry 09:15 – 11:00			French Writing	H: 14:00-15:15 F: 14:00-15:00

24 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Session 1: P1-2		Session 2: P3-4		Session 3: P5	
	Exam:	Additional	Exam:	Additional	Exam:	Additional
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Textiles and Art All Day.					
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	History 2	09:30 – 11:15				
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	English Literature	09:00-11:15				
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	DT Business	09:00-11:00 09:00-10:45	Maths	12:00-13:30	<b>NO EXAM DUE TO PARENTS EVENING SET UP</b>	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>NO EXAM DUE TO PARENTS EVENING SET UP</b>					

3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Session 1: P1-2		Session 2: P3-4		Session 3: P5	
	Exam:	Additional	Exam:	Additional	Exam:	Additional
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	ICT	09:45 – 11:15			History 3	14:15-15:15
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Maths	09:45-11:15			Media	13:45-15:15 <i>Audio</i>
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Physics 09:15 – 10:25	Sep Physics 09:15 – 11:00				

**French Speaking will be ongoing from the 4<sup>th</sup> March.**

## Headteacher's Award for last week

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Conor Robinson	Ella Smith	Joshua White-Stones	Lyla Bottomer	Vasil Kartalov
Moustafa Abouzeid	Sam Lally	Zak Brannan	Ethan Colligan-Liddle	Kaore Brooks
Sahib Singh	Layla Withey	Ryan Mpambe	Lilly Mandley	Stephanie Manning
Rhys Gates	Jacob Radford	Meme Bayliss	Ellen Mapunda	Isobel Sargeant
Kian James	Stanley Ruty	Ellise Kelly	Jack Keay	Mason-Lee Chambers

### OUR Values and Behaviour Expectations

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

### Internet Safety this week!

All students have been in assemblies this week looking at how to keep them safe on line, this years internet safety day focuses on online scams.

Included are important links should you need any advise on how to support your child with online safety at home.



<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



#### Overview on Achievement Points 2024-25

01/08/2024 - 07/02/2025

Name ↓	Positive
Year 7	27327
Year 8	24307
Year 9	20303
Year 10	16968
Year 11	15109

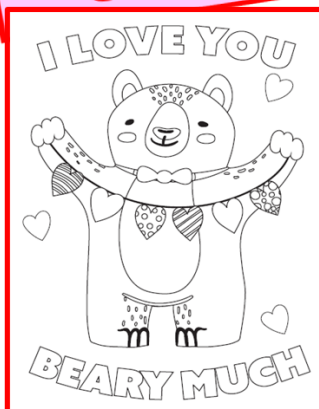
Behaviour 104,015 points given which is fabulous!

# Valentines Crafts

On Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 February, Miss Mee is running a Key Stage 3, Valentine's Craft Group in J5. Students' can bring their lunch to the classroom.

Miss Mee is hoping to make this a regular session and it will provide a quiet space for any students who would like to participate in some mindful activities.

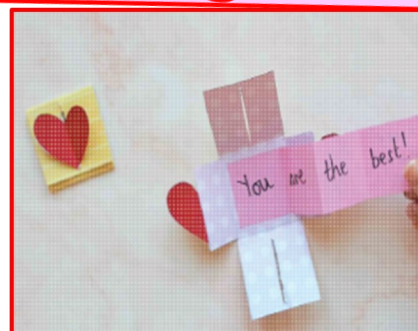
## Cards



## Heart Owl Craft



## Valentines Origami



## Paper Hearts



**Week 6: Commencing 10/02:**

### HEADS UP:

**Core Knowledge: Computing (KS3) and Option Subjects (GCSE)**

For Years 7, 8 and 9, this week's core knowledge focus is Computing. For Year 10 and 11, the focus is *a different option subject from the last two weeks*. Please spend some time with your child finishing the flash cards they have started in tutor.

Ask them the questions on the front of the cards and see if they know the answers.

If they know the answers, put the cards away and ask them again the next day.

If they don't know the answers, tell them and ask them again until they start to remember them.

For more information on how to use flash cards to aid long term learning, scan the QR code on the right.



## Love your journey

Air pollution is a problem around most schools in Staffordshire and we see a rise in pollution levels and pick up and drop off times.

We would like to encourage you to do your bit to help improve the air quality around Stafford Manor High School and also increase exercise levels, both of which can lessen the risk of heart disease.

Please help us to support the British Heart Foundation on Friday 14 February 2025.

February 14th your journey to School

**Air Pollution and lack of activity are two of the major causes of heart disease in the UK**

**Join us on St Valentine's**

**Friday 14th February**

**Love your heart and choose an ACTIVE mode of travel to school that day, or one day that week**

160,000 people die prematurely each year due to exposure to air pollution

British Heart Foundation | air aware Staffordshire | Staffordshire County Council



## FREE Understanding Behaviour For Parents/Carers

**Please note, this session is for parents/carers of children with a diagnosis or on the pathway. (Inc. those not yet referred to our service).**

DATE	SESSION OVERVIEW	LOCATION	TIME
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	<b>Understanding Behaviour</b> Parents/Carers are invited to join a member of the Autism Inclusion Team for an online check-in session with time for questions.	Microsoft Teams	16.30-18.00

### SPACES ARE LIMITED

To reserve your space, please email: [amanda.jackson@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:amanda.jackson@staffordshire.gov.uk) and include any questions to be answered in the session along with the name of the school your child attends.



# 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.**

SMHS Community Support Hub and Food Hub are here to support any parent who has a child in school. We have regular food and toiletry deliveries every two weeks. Food deliveries are all cupboard staples, including pasta, rice, tinned vegetables, sauces, etc.

We are also try to start a uniform swap shop. If you have any uniform that is in good quality but your child has grown out of, please consider donating this to Stafford Manor.

