



# Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the Stafford Manor High School Newsletter. Our aim is to publish a Newsletter at the end of each half term to give you an update on many of the exciting events that enrich the experience of the students at Stafford Manor High School.

This first Newsletter gives a snapshot of some of the experiences for students at the start of 2020. I am sure the next edition will be packed with even more articles as we look forward to World Book Day, WW1 Battlefields visit and National Science Week.

I hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter and have a restful half term. **Mr Lycett**

## Achievement Points

2019-2020 : Congratulations to the following students who have achieved the most points in their year group.

### Year 7

Leah T-F-249  
Micha L-247  
Amy S-222

### Year 8

Kacey W-208  
Megan F-194  
Courtney O-192

### Year 9

Jack W-264  
Sean F-257  
Keeley P-250

### Year 10

Humnah F-196  
Keane R-190  
Beckie J-180

### Year 11

Nadine T-145  
Jack I-141  
Lily-May G-117

**Look out for our new 'rewards texts' after half term!**

## Year 8 Girls Futsal

Congratulations to the following students who represented the school at the County Futsal competition at the end of January. This was the second time the students had progressed to the county final which was held at Fenton Manor.

It was a fantastic tournament and the students worked hard showing some excellent skills throughout. The team finished fifth overall.

Well done to Maisie, Emmi, Keeley, Kacey, Ella, Oliwia and Tegan.  
**Mrs Thorley**

## News from the English Department

We were delighted to learn recently that no fewer than 50 talented SMHS students have had their work chosen for publication in a new short stories anthology!

With the support of the English Department, our students entered a short story writing competition run by 'Young Writers', an organisation dedicated to creative writing. Their annual competitions provide the opportunity for school students across the UK to showcase their writing talents.

We're delighted that so many of our students have created work which has been chosen for this new collection of stories. Anthologies will be available to purchase from the Young Writers website in due course, and we look forward to having a copy in the school library to inspire future generations of story-writers!

"It is fantastic to see so many of our students being so creative and enjoying the opportunity to have their work seen on a national platform. We, in the English faculty pride ourselves on nurturing our pupils' creativity and we relish all opportunities to highlight their amazing talents." **Mrs Gurmin**



**Look out for our next competition  
'BBC Radio 2—500 Word Story'**



**All Year 7 and 8 pupils are currently creating their magical masterpieces ready to be entered on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

## Equipment: 'Super 7'

Please remember it is expected that students attend school "ready to learn". This means being equipped with the 'Super 7' every day:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Pen (blue or black) | 5. Bag                |
| 2. Pencil              | 6. Completed homework |
| 3. Ruler               | 7. Reading book       |
| 4. Eraser              |                       |

In addition a red or purple pen would be really useful when making improvements to work.

## Year 11 Geography Fieldwork



Year 11 students recently braved the cold, wet and windy weather to collect data for their upcoming Geography GCSE.

The day began with an observational tour around Stafford town centre, mapping out the land use and noticing the changes to the environment since the opening of the Riverside complex. Students completed pedestrian counts, environmental quality surveys and asked the general public to complete questionnaires with their opinions about the high street and the new shopping area. The data will then be analysed to assess how successful the rebranding of the Riverside area has been to Stafford.

In the afternoon, students changed into waterproofs to walk through Cannock Chase to the Stepping Stones to the study site of Sherbrook. Students were then able to collect data about the river profile and test the Bradshaw model to measure how the river changes as you move down stream. Some students were even brave enough to test the temperature of the water as they stepped into the stream bare foot.



**"Despite the weather lots of practical learning took place."  
Mrs Rowley**



## Y10 Art : Birmingham Sea Life Centre



Students in Year 10 visited the Sea Life Centre this week. They went to observe and take photographs for their portfolio. Their title for their first piece of coursework is Marine Life. The students had a talk on the life of a Penguin and watched the Sharks being fed. We also went into the "4D" cinema ..... And got very wet!!!



**"The students all had a great day!" Mrs Nesirky & Mrs Mandley**

## Keeping Children Safe Online

There are a number of websites where guidance on keeping children safe online can be found:

- ◆ What are the issues? <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/what-are-issues>
- ◆ Hot topics [Childnet International](#)
- ◆ Parent Factsheet [Childnet International](#)

Information is available on the following link which relates to the latest online chat service which is targeted at 13-18 year olds <http://www.hollingworthbec.co.uk/>

As always, support is available in school. Students can speak to their form tutor or Mrs Bradbury in Turnaround.

## Key dates for next half term

Tuesday 3 March : Year 7 Parents' Evening—3.15-6.00 p.m.  
Thursday 12 March : Year 9 Immunisations  
Tuesday 17 March : Year 9 Choices Evening—6.00—7.00 pm