

Head's Up!

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Dear Parents and Friends of Stafford Manor,

Happy New Year to all our families, friends and partners! On behalf of the school, our governors and all staff working here, I would like to wish you all a happy and successful 2025, and in particular your children.

Another great start to term.

Students have arrived back to school after the Christmas break with very positive attitudes and, really pleasingly, excellent attendance. We are currently seeing a greater proportion (+1.2%) of students attending school each day and this is down to the hard work and dedication of all school staff, who are working hard to make school more unmissable and unforgettable for each and every student at our amazing school.

We have held assemblies this week to reinforce our high expectations of attendance, behaviour and the work students produce. These have been really positive and we have noticed more students getting more rewards also for making positive choices about their education in school.

Staffing update

We would like to extend our best wishes to Mr Tomblin, who recently left Stafford Manor High School. Mr Tomblin served the school for nine years and developed a range of positive relationships with students, staff and our community. I know you would want to wish Mr Tomblin all the very best for the future. We have appointed a specialist Design Technology teacher, Mr Ebsworth, who has settled in well during his first week with us.

As you will also know, Mrs Rushton has also recently left Stafford Manor High School. I am pleased to say that we have recently advertised for a SENDCO and we have had a strong field of applicants that we will be interviewing shortly.

Introducing Year 7 to university

I was delighted to see higher horizons working with our Year 7 students this week on the routes they might take to attend university. Students left really inspired and curious about their future prospects and about the opportunities that attending university could bring to them. Thanks to Miss Mee, our careers lead, for organising this and to those staff who also supported the sessions.

Community Support and Food Hub - Open Wednesday's 2pm-4pm and Fridays 11am – 1pm.

A huge thank you to Mel Cooper, one of our parent governors, who has been working in our community support hub for a year this month. Mel coordinates our support hub and this is open for any members of the school community to go to access support. It is based in the community room and we offer a range of advice, support and access to food and other useful household supplies. If you would like more support or to raise anything with school leaders, you can also pass these onto Mel, who works closely with myself and the senior leadership team in school.

Best wishes, as always

Rhys Adams
Headteacher

SMHS Community Support Hub And SMHS Food Hub

Open to all



Week 1:

Core Knowledge: English (All Years)

This week's core knowledge focus is English. 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.



OUR Values and Behaviour Expecta-

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'



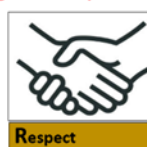
Community

- 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



Class Charts – Behaviour and Achievement system.

A Happy New Year to you all, this week we have held assemblies to all students reminding them on they high expectations we have for all students at Stafford Manor High School, we are pleased that we have had over 86,000 achievement points given out since September, which is fabulous! Over 261 students achieved our GOLD standard last term, 140 students achieved silver and 60 students on bronze. This terms brings a new opportunity to improve further.

A reminder to all parents if you have yet to log into Class Charts please contact the main office and we can support you in logging in.

LOG IN GUIDE

1. Open www.classcharts.com/parent/login
2. Enter your email address
3. Choose 'I don't have an account yet'
4. Enter your parent access code and name
5. Choose a password
6. Click Log-in!

Uniform:

A reminder over the summer to ensure all students come back to school with the correct equipment and uniform to ensure September start positive. **Please also note nose piercings will need to be clear or covered. Any students in incorrect uniform or do not meet the piercing expectations will be issued with sanctions.**

Essential Equipment- 'Super 7'



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Essential Equipment

Pen - Black/ Blue/ Red and Purple
Pencil
Rubber
Ruler
Reading book
School Bag
Homework



Desirable Equipment

Calculator
Sharpener

Uniform



Stafford Mano
High School

A SMHS blazer and tie can be purchased from Crested School Wear

- SMHS Blazer and clip on tie
- Black trousers/knee length skirt
- White shirt
- Black shoes/suitable footwear

Crested School Wear

www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk

[35-36 Gaolgate Street, Stafford, ST16 2NT](https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk)



PE kit



Stafford Manor
High School

The PE tops can be purchased from Crested School Wear

Black jogging bottoms, Sports leggings or shorts (No logos)

Black PE top- SMHS logo

Suitable trainers



Punctuality:

We have had a few students arrive late to school this week, please be reminded that any student who do not attend their tutor line up by 8.45am will be late. We encourage all students to be on the main playground by 8.40am.

Behaviour system and consequences:

You can see if you child has a detention by logging into Class Charts.



Ready	Respectful	Responsible	Resilient
Attending to my role	Engaging in my role	Being accountable	Staying on task
Being on time	Respecting my teacher	Respecting my role	Not giving up
Bringing full attention	Respecting myself	Respecting my school	Working hard when
Bringing my equipment	Respecting others' input	Not blaming others	Working with others
Completing homework	Showing others to learn	Bringing my behaviour	Being accountable to my
Living in reality	Being calm	Bringing my best self	Overcoming difficulties

Detention 2024

Detention time	Reason	Location
30 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lates Uniform Class Detention (not removed from lesson) 	RESET at Lunch time (1.30-2pm)
60 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HOF referral Failed 30 minutes detention 	School hall after school (3.15pm until 4.15pm)
90 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Failed 60 minute detention Refusal to hand in phone/headphones. Failed HOF 	School hall after school (3.15pm – 4.45pm)

Year 7 Interhouse Benchball Competition

During the final week before the Christmas holidays over 35 Year 7 students took part in an after-school Benchball competition. Each tutor group entered a team into the tournament and all teams played each other once. It was fantastic to see so many of the students getting involved, working well within teams and having lots of fun. The results are shown in the table below.

1 st	7AR
2 nd	7KM
3 rd	7GM
4 th	7FG



A massive well done 7AR and all the students that took part. Each player has received extracurricular reward points and the winners received a box of sweets plus certificates that were awarded in assembly this week.

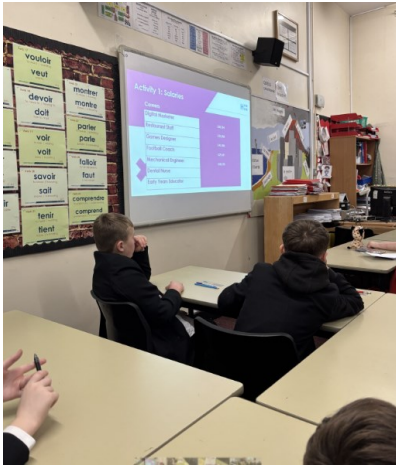
I would also like to thank the following year 10&11 sport leaders for officiating the games, setting up the equipment and keeping score of the games. They were a massive support in helping the event run so smoothly.

Chloe Cooper
Hollie O'Neil
Reece Hitchen

Stephanie Manning
Zach Wilson Stark

Lilly Mandley
Kayne Clarke Hughes

Higher Horizons (University of Staffordshire)



Four members of the Higher Horizons (University of Staffordshire) team visited the school this week.

The Y7 student have participated in 3 sessions today introducing them to University.

Session 1: What is University - Students explored key university terms, common myths regarding University and the different facilities available at different Universities.

Session 2: Pathways and Courses - Students were introduced to the different routes people may take to study at University and the different subject and courses available.

Session 3: Budgeting and goal Setting - Students explored the cost of university and the idea of budgeting and living independently

FREE DRUG AWARENESS TRAINING

For any additional support please contact - Re-solv on 01785 817885

- Face to Face Session
Friday January 17th
9.30am - 12.00pm
Stafford Family Hub ,
Faraday Road, Stafford,
ST16 3NQ
- Online session via
Teams
Thursday 13th
February
6.30pm - 9.00pm

Talking about drugs, solvents and substances with your children can help protect them from harm. Often parents underestimate their influence but evidence shows that 11-15 year-olds in particular look to their parents for information.

**Would you like to know more?
Book your free place by calling
01785 854700**



Drugs, Substances, Gases, aerosols, petrol, glues, solvents, poppers, laughing gas...

We're here to help.





Open Days

Saturday 18th January 2025 from 10AM
Monday 20th January 2025 from 6:30PM

On Saturday 18th January 2025 we will be offering FREE Taster Sessions at Stafford Manor Tennis Centre which are a fantastic way for children aged 4-15 and Adults (16 plus) to try tennis in a fun and supportive environment.

From the Blue/Red group for the youngest enthusiasts (4-7 years) at 10:00 AM to Adults (16 plus years), at 12:00 PM, we offer a range of sessions tailored to every age.

On Monday 20th January 2025 we will be offering FREE Adult Taster Sessions at Stafford Manor Tennis Centre which are a fantastic way for Adults (16 plus) to try tennis in a fun and supportive environment.

Adults (16 plus years) sessions, at 6:30 PM & 7:30PM.

Book in advance to secure a spot and discover the joy of tennis!

[BOOK YOUR FREE SESSION
on Saturday 18th January](#)

[BOOK YOUR FREE SESSION
on Monday 20th January](#)

School Patrol Crossing

Unfortunately, there is no patrol on the crossing, therefore we would like to take this opportunity to remind children, parents and carers that you ask they take extra caution when travelling to and from school.

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

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Wednesday : 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. CLOSED

OPEN ON THURSDAY 16 JANUARY FROM 3.30–6.00 DURING Y8 PARENTS EVENING

Friday : 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.