

Head's Up!

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Dear Parents and Friends of Stafford Manor,

Welcome to another issue of Head's Up this week. There are a number of key things I would like to draw your attention to this week, which are outlined below.

Year 7 Bikeability—23 and 24 January

A number of our students took part in Bikeability Level 3 this week. Level 3 teaches students how to stay safe in more challenging situations and is especially useful if your child cycles to school.

Water Bottles

Hydration is very important and as part of the schools sustainability we are asking that students bring in water bottles from home. We give out a large amount of plastic cups during any school day and would like to be able to reduce this.

Mental Health Support

Please take the time to look at the Mental Health Support Team post on page 5. There is a free one hour course available to parents to help support your children on Thursday 6 February from 6pm.

Attendance matters!

I am pleased to share that the school is currently +1.3% above attendance rates for this time last year and +2.1% up on cumulative attendance rates also. This is an outstanding achievement and one which will enable more of our children to do better at school. I would like to thank you all for supporting this key whole school initiative and would request that you continue to support the school by sending your children into school every day.

Best wishes, as always

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rhys Adams', is written in a cursive style.

Rhys Adams
Headteacher

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



Over 94,000 achievement points given out since September!! A big well done to those students making the positive choices within school and those being recognised for their hard work!

Class Charts – Behaviour and Achievement system

Behaviour Leaderboard

01/08/2024 - 24/01/2025

Name ↓	Positive	Negative	Ratio
Year 7	24936	1613	94%
Year 8	21890	2548	90%
Year 9	19006	2062	90%
Year 10	15572	1267	92%
Year 11	13962	2329	86%

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.

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:



Ready	Respectful	Responsible	Resilient
Attending to the task	Engaged in the lesson	Being in control	Ready to take
Being on time	Listening to the teacher	Working to the best	Not giving up
Working full effort	Respecting others	Working hard	Asking for help
Bringing no equipment	Working when required	Not leaving others	Working with others
Completing homework	Working when in class	Respecting the behaviour	Being confident to try
Using a quality	Being calm	Using the best work	Overcoming obstacles

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)

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

Week 4 – Commencing 27/01:

Core Knowledge: History (KS3) and Option Subjects (GCSE)

For Years 7, 8 and 9, this week's core knowledge focus is History. For Year 10 and 11, the focus is *one* of the option subjects they study. 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.





Water Bottles—Hydration is Important

We are currently trying to reduce the number of plastic cups that are being handed to students during the school day. There has been water spills during the day and this is becoming a health and safety issue. We will still provide cups for medical emergencies but would encourage you to provide a water bottle for your child.

Water is available for students in the canteen.



Bikeability—Thursday 23 and Friday 24 January 2025

We have had a number of Year 7 students completing their level 3 Bikeability course over the past two days.



Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year is a festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional Chinese calendar. This event marks the end of winter and the beginning of Spring. To celebrate the Chinese New Year on Wednesday 29 January, the canteen will be providing a special menu for the lunch.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

2025

A red and gold snake zodiac symbol, part of the Chinese New Year 2025 celebration.

SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN CURRY
WITH RICE
OR
VEGGIE CHOW MEIN
WITH
ORIENTAL VEGETABLES

A decorative separator consisting of three small, stylized floral or sunburst motifs.

LEMON AND GINGER CAKE

The logo for Edwards and Ward, featuring a stylized 'E' and 'W' symbol.

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a recipe for success



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM IS HERE TO HELP PARENTS

FREE 1 HOUR ONLINE WORKSHOP TO HELP PARENTS
SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN WITH ANXIETY



Thursday 6th February at 6pm

Book your tickets using the QR
code below:



Talk to the Mental Health Lead in your school for
more information

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SMHS Community Support Hub Open to all

Wednesday : 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Friday : 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.