



Stafford Manor
High School

July 2022

Newsletter

After the challenges of the last two years, it has been great to see lots of events and activities return to Stafford Manor High School this term. This Newsletter hopefully conveys how valuable these experiences are for the pupils. We are always very proud of our students when we receive praise from the locations visited and members of the public about how polite and well behaved our children are.

On a personal level, throughout my time at Stafford Manor High School, I have always been impressed and inspired by how well our pupils represent the school wherever they go or whenever we have visitors to the school. Indeed, as I reach the end of my final term at Stafford Manor High School, I have many fond memories from the last 21 years that involve pupils past and present. Thank you to all the pupils who have made my time at Stafford Manor High School so special.

I would also like to thank all the parents and carers for their support over the years. I know that by working together the school will always provide the very best education for each and every individual pupil so they can fulfil their dreams and ambitions. It has been a privilege to be Headteacher at Stafford Manor High School and I wish the school every success in the future.

Mr Lycett



New for 2022! House System

We are thrilled to introduce a new house system within our school. We have 4 houses, Lion, Tigers, Panthers and Leopards! These teams will be overseen by Mrs Sims and Mrs Thorley.



To launch this system we ran 2 days celebrating the Commonwealth Games (12th/ 13th July). Students took part in a variety of activities across all subjects, their aim was to try and win their house as many points as possible.



In addition to these days, next year we will be looking at additional ways to earn HOUSE POINTS, for example, achievement points, punctuality, the FRIDAY quiz. This is an exciting opportunity for students and staff to work together within their houses.



Key Dates for your Diary

Thursday 17th August—A Level & Post 16 Results Day

Thursday 25th August—GCSE Results Day

Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th September— Staff INSET Day : Students not in school. The main school office will be open.

Wednesday 7th September—Students return to school: Year 7 at 8.45am and Year 8 to 11 at 10.00am. Year 12 & 13 arrive at 9.00am to confirm timetables.

Thursday 8th September— All students start at 8.45am. Year 12 & 13 Partnership lessons begin.

Staff Farewells!

A few staff are leaving at the end of this term to move on to pastures new.

I am sure you will join me in saying 'Thank you and all the best for the future!' to:

Mr Belle, Miss Klosowski, Mrs Pemberton-Smith & Mr Walley

Year 11 Prom: The Moat House, Acton Trussell

On Thursday 14th July, Year 11 celebrated their time at SMHS with their prom held at The Moat House. It was a glitzy, glamorous affair with students and staff alike all dressed up and celebrating the students' achievements over the past five years. Music, chatter and laughter filled the air and smiles were seen on everyone's faces. It was a great night full of celebration and cheer. Congratulations Year 11 Class of 2022! We wish you well for the bright futures ahead of you. **Mrs Klosowski**



Year 9: Dyffryn Residential, Wales



This year 24 Year 9 students attended the residential to Dyffryn. They had waited 24 months to attend the trip, which made the week even more exciting! During the week the students visited the local beach and explored the sand dunes, went to Shell Island and experienced rock climbing. Their final visit was to go into Barmouth.

The students were fabulous and were a real credit to the school, their families and themselves! A big thank you to all the support from everyone who helped to make this trip so special! **Mrs Thorley**

Year 7: Harry Potter World

48 students in Year 7 had a fantastic day at Harry Potter World this term. Students had a 3 hour tour and were fascinated by the Great Hall. They got to walk in the footsteps of Harry Potter, had the opportunity to look at the set designs and props used in the films and explore the wonders of the Wizarding World! **Mrs Mandley**



Harry Potter



Year 10 Creative Media: "Lights, Camera, Action"

On Monday 20 June, Year 10 Creative Digital Media class had the opportunity to take part in a "Lights, Camera, Action" Workshop at Staffordshire University.

The students were able to use the Universities complex equipment learning about the aperture, shutter speed and ISO on a camera. A task was then set for the students to create a five shot film where they had to really think about their positioning, focus points and what was going to be in each of their shots to tell a story.

They had a great time and are now going to use their new skills in their coursework.
Mrs McCracken

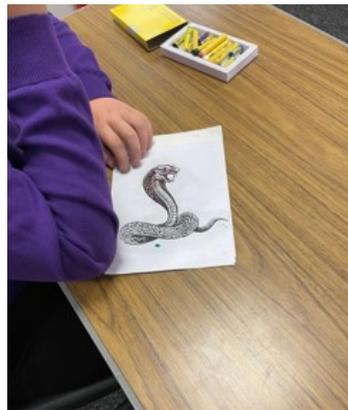


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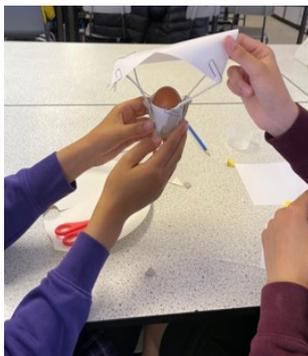
On the 28th and 29th June we welcomed our new students for transition morning. Year 6 took part in a variety of activities including ICT, DT, English, Maths, science, drama and textiles. They also had a tour of the school to support them with their move to high school. Some of our older students supported this and I would like to thank them for their involvement and making the Year 6 children welcome.

Mrs Mandley has also visited all of the Year 6 children at their schools this term and we are looking forward to welcoming them to SMHS in September. All of the children received a goody bag and are now ready to be Stafford Manor High School Year 7 pupils!

Some examples of the work carried out on transition day in Art and DT ...



Within the taster session Y6 pupil's were learning about endangered animals and creating a piece of artwork to raise awareness of animals close to extinction. Pupils learnt about a new drawing technique called oil transfer print and they researched the textile artist, Sophie



The DT session involved an introduction to the subject and CAD / CAM. The students were able to try out some basic practical skills in order to produce a product which was a sweet dispenser.



Faculty Information

SEL & Careers



Over the past month Year 8, 9 and 10 have had an assembly from the Fire Prevent team from Rising Brook fire station. They learnt to importance of being aware of the role of the fire service. Some pupils (and Mr Chadwick!) also had a chance to try on the firefighter protective equipment!



PE and Sport

Finally this year we have been able to give our student the opportunity to take part in extracurricular activities. These include, netball, football and athletics. Students have taken part in attending clubs and also competing against other schools at local district tournament. In addition we took 16 year 7 students to the district athletics event at Rowley Park Stadium, it was a fabulous (WARM!) afternoon. The students performed extremely well, with one student (Leo Conway) being selected to represent the District at the County athletics in Shot Putt and winning first place. Well done.

In addition some student in year 7 and 8 have taken part in a football leadership programme. Next year we are looking to run a football festival aimed at encouraging more young girls to take part in football.

Plans were also in place for Year 7 students to take part in the level 3 Bikeability programme which is ran by Cyclist Training Ltd. Unfortunately we have had to postpone this fabulous opportunity to a date next year due to the extreme heat.



Leo Conway

Kindness Rocks!

Year 7 have completed the Kindness Rocks project. Each Year 7 student has painted a rock and have placed it around the school grounds. The idea is that we spread a little kindness around the school and make our students smile. Mrs Booth has been amazing finding the rocks and helping the students place them around the school.

Information about the project can be found here: <https://www.thekindnessrocksproject.com/>



Achievement Points & Rewards

Achievement Points

Top three achievers for each year group:

Year 7

1. Eloise G
2. Abigail K
3. Seb S

Year 8

1. Zaine S-T
2. Jack R
3. Casper S



Year 9

1. Micha L
2. Amy S
3. Jessica M

Year 10

1. Sam O'B
2. Chloe S
3. Adina C

Year 7 – 10 Rewards trip: Cannock Chase and Clip'n' Climb



To celebrate the end of the academic year, any students who had been recognised as consistently meeting expectations were invited to a rewards trip at Cannock Chase and Clip and Climb.

Student took part in rounders and archery on Cannock Chase.



Student Council Page

Our School Council Members:

Year 10: Andrew Hope, Delta Constable

Year 9: Jessica Manning, Rubie Jones, Lorna Evans

Year 8: Stephanie Manning, Chloe Cooper, Kyla-Mae Stevenson

Year 7: Eloise Gates, Abigail Knowles, Billy Western, Holly Wright, Lillie Dewsbery, Lily Sturgess

We have 15 members of the student council who have worked hard this academic year, here is just a small list of all the wonderful things they have organised for the students and communities at SMHS.

- House of Bread – food donation – over 500 unperishable items given to local food-bank.
- Raised £395 for Princes Trust.
- Raised £365 for red nose day and red cross.
- Raised £341.81 for Children in Need.
- Raised £348.64 for Cancer Research – organised a race for life (rearranged for 13th July)
- Organised a bake sale for the Queen’s Jubilee and has tutor quiz.
- Helped with idea’s to create houses.
- Chosen and selected badges to raise identify across the school – linked to the House system
- Created formal positions – Chair/ Secretary to ensure a student focus
- Student VOICE.



The student council are looking forward to making further improvements and developing new activities next academic year!



The Work of the School Council

We aim to contribute to the School Newsletter to help you be more aware of your school environment and the work we are doing to make the school the best it can be. Every week we meet up and discuss ways to improve our school, if you have any ideas or suggestions please let any member of school council know. Anything we talk about, that is necessary for pupils to know will be included in the Newsletter.

For recent news, as you might be aware, our head teacher (Mr. Lycett) will be leaving the school in September. This means that he will not be returning after the summer holidays. We wish him all the best in his future roles and experiences he may take on.

Community Information

ASDA Summer Holiday Children Eat for £1!

Children can get hot meal for £1 at Asda during the summer holidays - And a free pouch for baby - Kids Eat For £1 (Hot/Cold Meals) In Asda Cafes During School Holidays (25th July - 4th September) aged 16 and under @ Asda - To help tackle holiday hunger at a time when the cost-of-living is higher than ever, children aged 16 and under can access a hot or cold meal for just £1 at Asda cafes.



Asda has announced that, in a bid to keep children fed over the summer holidays, they'll be able to grab a meal at their in-store cafes seven days a week, with no minimum adult spend requirement.

The Kids Eat for £1 initiative is available all day, every day from July 25 until September 4 in England and Wales, as long as the café is open. And dependent on the store, a hot meal or cold meal, or both, will be on offer!

Mental Health Support Team's in schools are open over the summer holidays *

If your child is experiencing a mild to moderate mental health difficulty, we may be able to help.

We can help with low mood, anxiety, sleep issues, worry and panic

Please call us on 07929846820 (Cannock and Stafford) or 01283 504487 (Burton and Uttoxeter)**
9am-5pm Monday-Friday
20th July- 7th Sept

Please leave your name and number and one of our practitioners will give you a call back

*Identified schools in Cannock, Stafford, Burton and Uttoxeter areas covered

**PLEASE NOTE, THESE NUMBERS ARE NOT TO BE USED IN AN EMERGENCY

SCHOOL NURSE

VIRTUAL DROP-IN
for Parents/Carers & Young People

WHEN
Every Thursday
Time: 15.30 - 16.30
including School Holidays

WHERE
Your mobile phone/device & a quiet place to chat

HOW
Scan the QR code or type the short URL into your browser:

mpft.live/schoolnurse

ALL AGES EVENT

ADVANCE TICKETS
£0 not required

ON THE DAY

1. Scan or enter the link into your browser between the advertised times
2. Enter your contact details
3. Wait in the private virtual waiting room (no one else will know you are waiting)
4. Your School Nurse will let you in to the virtual room

FAQS
Confidential.
Chat about anything.
Secure platform.
Not recorded.
No new app needed.

Rising Brook Church Uniform Bank

Rising Brook Church have partnered with Staffordshire Women's Aid and Signpost Services to organise a 'uniform bank' to help local families get free new or good used school uniform for the next academic year.

uniform bank

AT RISING BROOK COMMUNITY CHURCH

In partnership with

DONATE • COLLECT • SWAP

Uniform Bank open times:

- Wed 27 July 9.30am - 2pm
- Thurs 28 July 9.30am - 2pm
- Fri 29 July 9.30am - 2pm
- Sat 30 July 9.30am - 12pm

Donations:

Drop donations any weekday between 10am - 2pm at Rising Brook Community Church, Burton Square, Stafford, ST17 9LT

More info:

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