

Head's Up!

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Dear Parents and Friends of Stafford Manor,

We have been really impressed with the start back that students have made this year both in terms of attendance and also the focus and commitment students are showing to meeting our high expectations. We have issued a large number of rewards already in the first 2 weeks of term and I am hopeful that you have been receiving information about this through our class charts app.

Year 7 Writing Competition

I have launched a writing competition for Year 7 this week. Students task is to produce 1 side of A4 on and I am specifically interested in: What are **the best things** about being at Stafford Manor High School? What they think of their lessons so far and our facilities? How are teachers supporting them in lessons? How have they been supported to settle in and make a positive transition to secondary school and also why they feel people should come to Stafford Manor High School?

All students who complete the task and submit an entry will get 20 class charts points. The best 2 entries will get the chance to read their writing out as a welcome speech to parents at our up and coming Open Evening. Any entries must be handed in on Monday 15 September to their Tutors.

Open Evening—Thursday 25 September 6.00pm—9.00pm.

We are pleased to announce that we have our Open Evening on Thursday 25 September from 6.00pm onwards. A number of our amazing students have been asked to represent the school and parents should have had letters to request permission for them to say. If not, please ask your child to collect a letter from reception or their form tutor.

I would like to thank you for continuing to choose Stafford Manor High School. **The deadline to apply for high school is 31 October 2025. Please click on the link below and select Stafford Manor High School as your first choice to secure your child's place with us.** [Admission to Year 7—September 2025](#)

Student leavers and ex student destinations

I am working on an Alumni Board for ex students of our school. Whether they attended Stafford Manor, Stafford Sports College or Rising Brook School. I am really interested in showing our current students a range of success stories about what careers ex-students have gone onto study and do as a career. If you know of ex students and their current destinations, then please could you let me know? Ideally, I would love to invite them into school to talk in planned assemblies. If you are able to help, please register your information by clicking on the [link](#).

PTFA

Finally, we are in the process of setting up a PTFA (Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (at Stafford Manor High School. We would really like to hear from you if you are able to spare some time to support us. If you are able to help, please register your interest by clicking on the [link](#).

Best wishes,

Rhys Adams
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards

Friday 5 September 2025

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Freya Capewell	Poppy Ford	Oliver Brice	Nicolas Amarioare	Amelia Dyble
Samuel Heathcote	Mia Pearce	Casey Day	Remani Okyere	Miley-Ann Palmer
Faris Idzwan	Saihajpreet Kooner	Jacob Stopka	Thomas Brown	Yeliz Demir
Rose Kour	Raymond Sharples	Jaiden Craig	Louis Smith	Petko Hubavenski
Amber McMeel	Christabel Ofosu	Freddie Evans	Ryan Mpambe	Ellen Mapunda

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
- Focused 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



We are thrilled to share that our students have collectively earned over **12,200 achievement points** already this academic year! This incredible milestone reflects their dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment to excellence.

A special shout-out goes to the **3,500+ points** awarded for a *responsible attitude to learning* — a testament to the positive mindset and maturity our students are showing in the classroom.

We are so proud of their efforts and look forward to seeing this momentum continue throughout the year. Keep up the fantastic work!

Parent Log In

All students have now been issued login details for both the student and parent portals. These platforms are a valuable way to stay informed about progress, achievements, and school updates.

If you require any assistance with accessing the portals, or if you have not yet received your login details, please don't hesitate to contact the school — we'll be happy to support you.

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!

Daily Uniform

Blazer – black with SMHS logo

Trousers – black matt material, front fastening with zip, side seams and full length leg under no circumstances will leggings or jeans be allowed

Shorts – black tailored shorts will be added to the school uniform during warmer weather. The school will advise all parents and students when the weather is warm enough for shorts to be worn. This is a change as a result of student and parent feedback but will only come into effect, when the school states these are allowed. Text messages and emails will be sent home to notify parents.

Skirt – black must be knee length

Shirt – white with collar must be fastened to neck and tucked in

Footwear – sensible all black footwear with no coloured logos, markings or laces

Socks/tights

Tie – SMHS tie

Jumper – A plain black V-neck jumper may be worn under the blazer but must not come below the length of the blazer and cannot be worn as an alternative to the blazer. Hoodies cannot be worn as an alternative to a V-neck jumper.

Hair

No hair styles considered unsuitable by the Headteacher may be worn at school.

Fashion haircuts such as steps, lines and shaved styles are not allowed.

Under no circumstances must a student dye, colour, streak or highlight their hair with an unnatural colour.

Make Up

Discreet/natural make up may be worn.

Jewellery

No jewellery should be worn except for a wrist watch and one set of small stud earrings, no other visible piercings are allowed.

Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring that all items of jewellery are removed for PE/games lessons and for any loss or personal injury which may result through accident.

Nail jewellery, nail art and false nails are not acceptable, only discreet coloured nail varnish may be worn.

Wednesday 17 September—University of Staffordshire

On Wednesday 17th September the Y11 students will be participating in three 1 hour workshops. They will take place during P1, P2 and P3. The workshops will be delivered by a team from the University of Staffordshire.

The focus will include:

- Post-16 Options: What's college like?
- Employability Skills
- Why go to University?

The next couple of months will see the Y11 students making decisions relating to their next steps, whether this is attending college, sixth form or completing an apprenticeship. It is vital that they are well informed and with the support of these workshops, staff in the school and you at home we are confident they will be able to make the right choice for them.

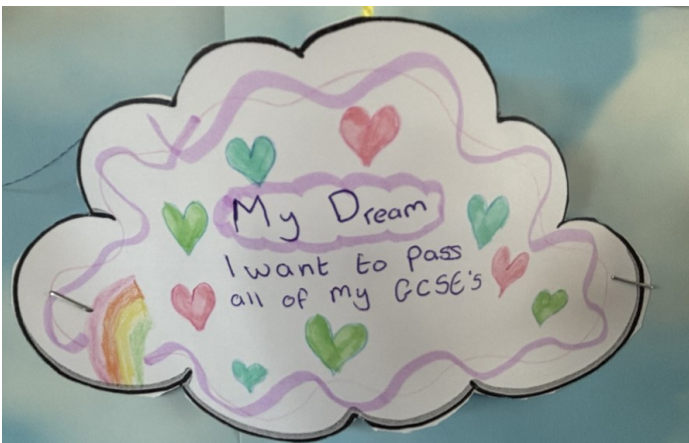


Year 7 and 8—Achieving their goals!

As Walt Disney once said 'if you can dream it, you can do it'

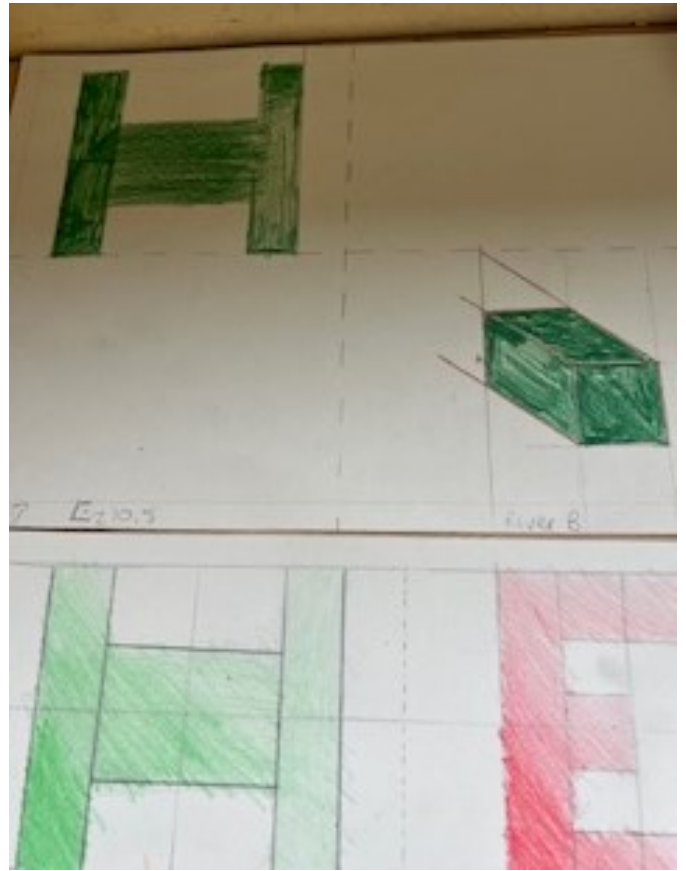
This week the Year 7 and 8 students have been busy thinking about their short and long term goals. They have created clouds to illustrate these goals and they have been used to create a fabulous wall display in Miss Mee's SEL classroom.

The students have so many varied and wonderful goals and dreams. They will be working hard over the next weeks, months and years to ensure these dreams come true.



Year 10 Design Technology

Year 10 DT group have been working on Isometric and Working Drawings and have worked amazingly well and have produced excellent outcomes. Well done to the whole class, but especially Rive



SMHS Community Support Hub And SMHS Food Hub

SMHS Community Support Hub and Food Hub are open every Wednesday and Friday for all our parents. You can pop along and have a coffee and a chat. There is also food available for collection to help support you.

The Community Support Hub is also open during our Parents Evenings.

Open to all– please come along

Wednesday—2.00 —4.00 pm

Friday—11.00 am—1.00 pm