

Head's Up!

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Dear Parents and Friends of Stafford Manor,

They say time flies when you are having fun and it's hard to believe we are nearly at the end of our first half term of the academic year.

We have had such a positive half term this half term. Our children have been amazing and our staff here equally so. I am so proud of the work we have done and our children's achievements and attendance are improving exceptionally well.

Attendance is currently 2.1% above where it was last year and we continue to buck the national trend on attendance in our school.

Rewarding Excellent Attendance

We will be rewarding students for their excellent attendance next week with attendance breakfasts for the best attending tutor group in each year group and certificates and badges for those students with 96% or above attendance which is currently 245 children. I am even more impressed with the 162 students from that group, who currently have 100% attendance this term. These students will be getting special recognition and congratulations from myself and the school also.

The more your child attends school, the more they will learn and achieve. Please ensure that your child attends school all of the time. If they are here, they are getting access to a good education and excellent support and guidance.

Thursday 6 November—Year 7 Settling-In Evening

There will be a settling in for all Year 7 parents on Thursday 6 November from 3.30—6.30 pm. This is an opportunity for parents to find out how their son/daughter is settling in at Stafford Manor High School.

Letters have been handed out and emailed home. Please ensure you book at appointment with your child's tutor.

Thursday 13 November —Year 11 Success Evening

We would also like to share with parents that we have a Year 11 Success Evening at Stafford Manor High School on Thursday 13 November from 5pm-6pm. This is an essential event for Year 11 and their parents to attend and will provide you with all of the information you need to support your child in Year 11 this year, including revision information, booster classes, rewards opportunities, access to resources to help them with exams and other opportunities for support with mental health. This event will also be an opportunity to speak to myself and other school leaders if you have any questions or would like help with anything.

Rhys Adams
Headteacher

Headteachers Award—29 September to 3 October 2025

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Tayah Wood	Katy Parry	Elizabeth Bruce	Mya Bryant	Billy Weston
Ella Davies	Heidi Edmonds	Tilly Perry	Iris Hogan	Samantha James
Scarlett Roberts	Grace Bryant	Freddie Evans	Daria Irinciuc	Lillie Dewsbery
Chloe Butler	Christabel Ofosu	Joshua Holloway	Lillie Tipton	Alfie Scott-Mullen
Alicja Tomczak	Conor Robinson	Jacob Radford	Katie Jones	Ruby McCann-Johnson

Headteachers Award—6—10 October 2025

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Hari Kumar	Jeffrey Agyekum	Freddie Evans	Ace Farr	Favour Ogunleye
Amber McMeel	Grace Bryant	Ella Smith	Joshua White-Stones	Kayla Lewis
Freya Capewell	Rose McKinney	Jade Foster	Alexander Anthony	Cole Reeves
Lily Greaves	Seren Jenkins	Isaac Jones	Brandon Baker	Lucas Betts
Samuel Heathcote	Katy Parry	Hashim Muhammad	Dylan Hollins	Eva Shippey

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



Class Charts – Behaviour and Achievement system.

50,000 achievement points, well done to all students who are working hard within all lessons and across school.

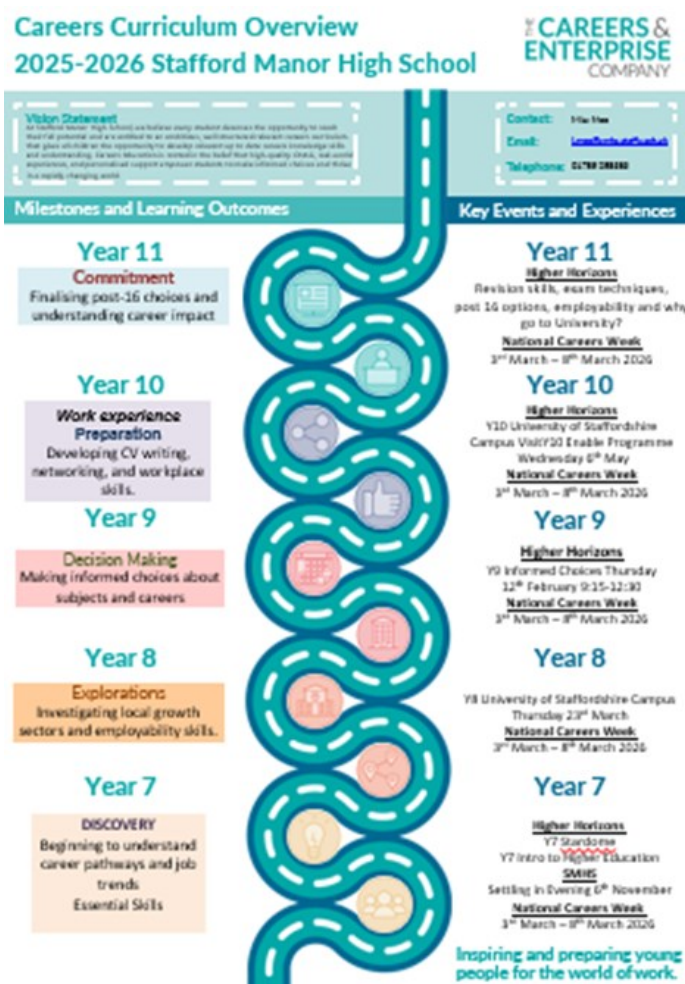
Parental Info
01/08/2025 - 17/10/2025

Name ↓	Positive
Year 7	13962
Year 8	12766
Year 9	10697
Year 10	8075
Year 11	6769

Careers in the Curriculum at SMHS

This week, all students have successfully completed their Future Skills Questionnaire, focusing on career readiness.

Looking ahead to Monday, students will take part in a dedicated Careers Day, where they will explore the essential skills and knowledge needed to thrive in the world of work. Please see each student's individual journey outlined below.

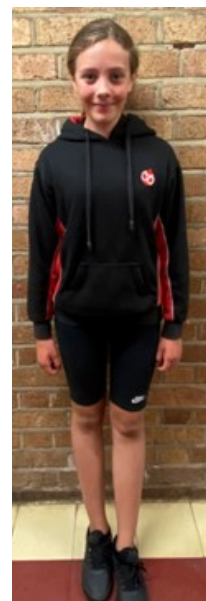


Rewards Criteria 2025-26

Next year we will be running more rewards and activity days across the year, like this year we will offer a bronze, silver and a gold option which will be based on attendance and behaviour.

	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Attendance	Less than 92%	92 % - 94% attendance	95% attendance or above
Behaviour	Behaviour points of 61 or more	No more than 60 behaviour points	No more than 10 Behaviour Points

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.

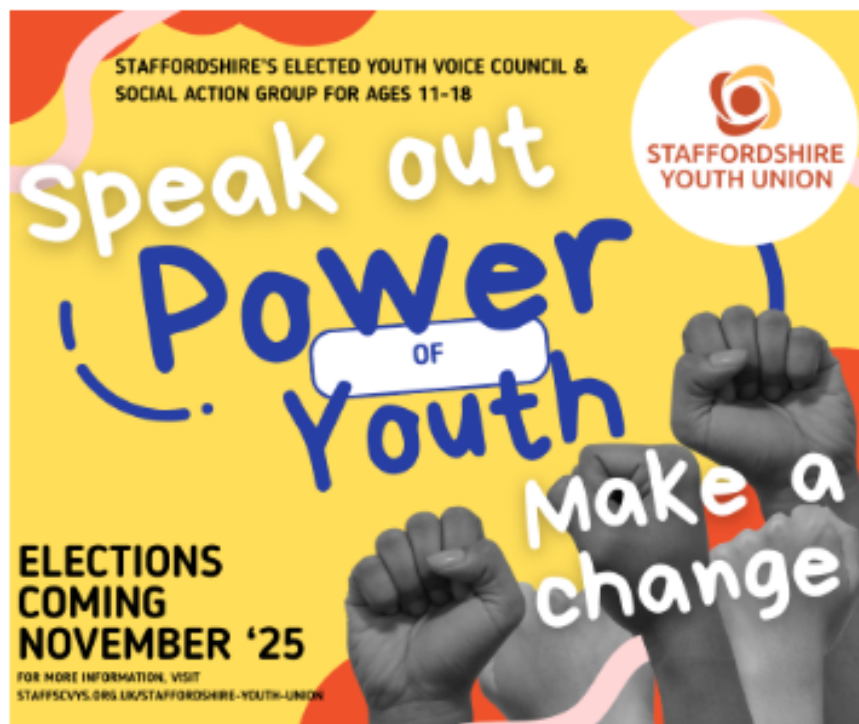
Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Services (SCVYS)

This autumn, young people across Staffordshire will have the chance to stand, campaign, and vote in the **Staffordshire Youth Union (SYU) elections**. These elections are a fantastic opportunity to bring democracy to life and empower **young people aged 11–18** to shape decisions that affect them. This is great to link in with sessions, discussions and work about **British Values** (democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs). Young people 11-18 across the county will have the opportunity to vote for their new representatives during **UK Parliament Week 2025** (voting window 13th - 26th November).

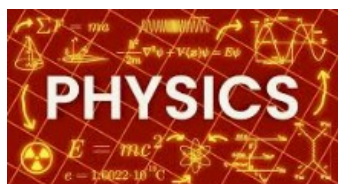
Our promotional video (2 ½ minutes) lets you hear directly from current SYU Representatives. [Watch the short video here](#) (YouTube)

The last time the Staffordshire Youth Union Elections had this many seats up for grabs was 2023 - **almost 1,200 young people voted** in those elections - this is their opportunity to have a say on the next local Youth Representatives! **We'd love your help** to make this year even bigger and **get more Staffordshire children and young people's voices represented**; as a small charity, SCVYS needs your help to get the word out to young people and share the opportunity - new members are needed in every Staffordshire District & Borough (Moorlands, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Cannock Chase, Lichfield, East Staffordshire, South Staffordshire, Tamworth, Stafford).

Time is of the essence, as new candidates only have **until Wednesday 29th October** to [register as a candidate](#) on the SCVYS website (scvys.org.uk/staffordshire-youth-union). Being elected into **Staffordshire Youth Union is the only method of entry** for young people to potentially become the next Members of UK Youth Parliament (MYPs).



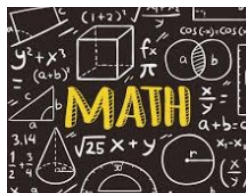
School Clubs



Science Revision Sessions for Y11—3.20—4.00 p.m.

Physics revision—Wednesday 22 October; Thursday 6 November; Wednesday 12 November; Wednesday 19 November; Thursday 27 November; Thursday 4 December and Thursday 11 December.

Chemistry revision— Monday 10 and 24 November, and Monday 8 December.



Maths Revision Sessions for Y11

Maths revision is taking place every Wednesday from 3.20—4.00 pm.

Friday—Fast and Furious Maths with Miss Burns in J17—3.20—3.35 pm.

GCSE Y10 and 11 Art Catch Up

This takes place every Monday and Friday at 1.30—2.15 pm in Mrs Nesirky's room.

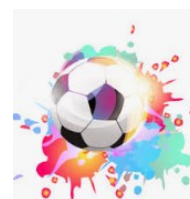


PE

The following PE activities take place as follows:

Monday—Boys Football (All Years) on the field at 3.15—4.15 pm

Monday—Girls Football (All Years) in the sports hall at 3.15—4.15 pm



Monday—Table Tennis in the Gym at 1.30—2.00 pm

Tuesday—Table Tennis in the Gym at 1.30—2.00 pm

Wednesday—Table Tennis in the Gym at 1.30—2.00 pm

Monday—Y7/8 Tennis in the Tennis Centre at 3.30—4.30 pm

Tuesday—Y9/10 Tennis in the Tennis Centre—3.30—4.30 pm

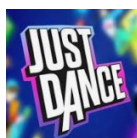


Wednesday—Girls Netball (All Years) in the sports hall at 3.15—4.15 pm

Wednesday—Y11 GCSE PE (Badminton) in the Tennis Centre at 3.30 –4.30 pm



Thursday—Just Dance in S1 at 1.30—2.00 pm



Do you like a quiz?

Tuesday—Year 7 and 8 Quiz in the Library at 1.45—2.15 pm

Friday—Year 9 and 10 Quiz in the Library at 1.45—2.15 pm



School Clubs

Health and Social Care Support Session

These sessions will run until 26 November, every Monday and Wednesday, 3.15—4.15 pm in J10.

Yarn Club

Do you like knitting and crocheting? Then join the Yarn Club on a Thursday in J17 with Miss Burns at 1.30—2.15 pm



Drama Club

Wednesday—In the Drama Room at 1.45—2.15 pm

Halloween Spooktacular Film and Fancy Dress

Students who have excellent attendance and achievement are invited to the first ever SMHS Halloween Spooktacular Film and Fancy Dress event on Wednesday 22 October 2025.

Halloween Spooktacular Film & Fancy Dress

We are rewarding all year 7 and 8 students who have been getting it right the majority of the time.

This is a half term reward that will be taking place on Wednesday 22nd October from 5:30 – 7:30pm.

£2 entry – this will include a small bag of goodies. You will be able to purchase drinks and cakes on the night.

Prizes for the best fancy dress costume—
BE SPOOKTACULAR!



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