# **Stormont House School Matters**



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Our vision

#### Achievement for all in a unique world-class school

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## Year 9 Conquer Edale: an incredible journey of self-discovery





On Monday 9 May Year 9 made the four and half hour coach journey to Edale, in the Peak District. It was a very hot day but everyone was in good spirits and excited to be going away for five days. After settling in to our very own Kinder House and having a delicious dinner, we went for a night hike to see incredible views. After the walk one student said it was like being on top of the world!

Over the week Year 9 took part in a range of daring activities around the area; rock climbing, abseiling, raft-building, canoeing, caving, and weaselling (crawling through small spaces in the rocks). While some students were fearless, others found the heights and depths very scary indeed, but everyone took part and showed they are made of tough stuff. Ms Foster was amazed at the determination walking down in the cave, and Ms Haynes was really proud of her group for jumping off the 'Leap of Faith'. In the evenings the activities were on site, and everyone tried their hand at archery, problem solving and orienteering. Students showed and developed fantastic team-work and communication skills, and spoke to new people they had not worked with before. The instructors at Edale were so impressed they even said some students should come back one day to work there.

We returned to school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> (!) tired but happy. Everyone had such a brilliant time learning and experiencing new things. We couldn't decide what we would miss more about Edale; the friendly staff, the challenging activities, the beautiful view or the wonderful food!





### Lily Year 10 - GLL Sport Foundation - Top Up Award



Through our school sports programme Lily (10P) has developed a real skill and passion for tennis. She has built on this both in and out of school. Lily's success was recognised on Thursday 12 May when she was awarded the GLL Sport Foundation Top-Up Award at the Sobell Sports Centre.

Lily has won funding to help her with training and competition costs, including free training membership of GLL / partner managed sport and leisure venues for a year. Through this scheme Lily has free access to the GLL sport science support programme, which is supported by Middlesex University and London Sport Institute. Lily will be able to access One to One Athlete programme – access to a personalised 12 week performance / intervention programme to improve athlete sports performance.

This is a tremendous achievement, though Lily remains very modest about her success. She is an inspiration to other students: Well Done, Lily you are a tennis star of the future!

### End of Key Stage 3 Assessments in English, Maths and Science

Key Stage 3 Maths, English and Science assessments will be taking place during the weeks beginning 16 May 2016 and 2 May 2016. These are important for the teachers to evaluate the progress your child has made and to help plan the next learning steps for your child. The assessments will take place during normal Maths, English and Science lessons.

## **Sports Clubs in Hackney**

The following sports clubs are run in Hackney during term time: NO CHARGE

#### No Limits - Pan Disability Multi Sports Club

Monday 4 – 6pm at Clissold Leisure Centre, 63 Clissold Road N16 9EX

Attendees help choose the sports played form the following: Athletics, Basketball, Cricket, Dodgeball, Football, Goalball and Badminton

#### No Limits 2 – Pan Disability Multi Sports Club

Thursday 4 – 6pm at Britannia Leisure Centre, 40 Hyde Road N1 5JU

Attendees help choose the sports played form the following: Athletics, Basketball, Cricket, Dodgeball, Football, Goalball and Badminton

For more information please contact Alan Walsh on 07974 891 932 email: Alan.Walsh@learningtrust.co.uk

# **Dates for your Diary**



#### **Summer Term**

23/05/16 NO Cricket Club 23/05/16 Year 7 Kidzania trip

24/05/16 London Youth Games Football – Hackney Marshes

30/5/16 to 03/06/16 - HALF TERM

24/06/16 INSET Day (School is closed to students)