



Stormont House School Matters

Our vision

Achievement for all in a unique world-class school

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Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition

Following an onsite camp craft training day with H5 Adventures, Year 12 students were ready to take on their first Duke of Edinburgh challenge; the practice expedition. This included an overnight camp, cooking their own food and a lot of walking.

The students had to plan, train for and complete an expedition through their own physical effort and with minimal intervention from adults. Their expedition started at a small lake off Charter Road in Epping Forest where from this point they had to use their orienteering skills to navigate their way to Gilwell Park Scout Camp using a map and compass, all the while carrying their rucksacks with equipment for the overnight stay. The students spent one night camping in Gilwell Park where they had to put up their own tents, cook their own evening meal and breakfast. On Thursday morning they had to pack up camp and make their way to Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge which marked the end of their practice expedition. They then travelled back to school by train from Chingford Station.

The Year 12 will have to complete their qualifying expedition in April 2017 making sure they use what they have learnt on their practice expedition.

Well done Year 12!



Follow Stormont House on Twitter!

@StormontHouse is the official School Twitter account.

If you use Twitter, please "follow" us to get the latest news and information about the school in your Twitter feed.

This is an additional form of communication which will allow us to get information out quickly and help us promote the school and the outstanding achievements of our children and staff. We are committed to demonstrating safe, positive and responsible use of social media and encouraging the use of 21st Century technology.

Please note that this will run alongside the usual communication methods such as face to face contact at school, home letters and the existing school website and will not replace them. At this time we are using Twitter as a one way "broadcast" account, so will not respond to replies to Tweets. Please use the usual methods of contact if you have something which you want to discuss with the school.

Shakespeare Schools Festival

This year Stormont House School are proud to announce that both 7M and 7D will be performing in the esteemed Shakespeare Schools Festival, which uses the unique power of Shakespeare to transform lives. Over 1000 schools across the country are taking part in the world's largest youth drama festival, performing in professional theatres. Our performance of *The Tempest* takes place on Wednesday 16th November at Stratford Circus Theatre, and booking is now open through the theatre.

Ms. Motin and Ms. Driver are hard at work with Year 7 writing, rehearsing, and producing their own version of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to engage in cross-curricular activities to gain a deep understanding of both the context and content of the play. As well as studying *The Tempest* in English lessons, students will make costumes and have drama workshops during expressive arts, and study the Tudors and William Shakespeare in Humanities. PSHE lessons will focus on the social and emotional skills students develop as a result of working together on this project.

Shakespeare Schools Festival works with special and mainstream schools around the UK. By empowering children to perform Shakespeare using adapted scripts and rehearsal guidelines, parents and teachers have seen the incredible impact the festival has had on the lives of many children. For more success stories, visit the SSF website:

<http://www.ssf.uk.com/>

On Wednesday Year 7 visited the Globe Theatre to support their work on *The Tempest* and William Shakespeare. The children were shown around the theatre and watched some actors in rehearsal on the stage. They took part in a workshop with an actor from the Shakespeare Company to support their Shakespeare in Schools *Tempest* production. It was a fantastic experience and gave the children some great ideas to add into their performance of *The Tempest*.



WE'RE PERFORMING IN
Shakespeare
SCHOOLS FESTIVAL
BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!

The Tempest

Stratford Circus, London

7:30pm 16th November 2016

BOOK TICKETS: 0844 357 2625

Term Dates for your Diary

Autumn Half Term	Monday 24 to Friday 28 October
End of Autumn Term	Wednesday 21 December
Spring Term Start	Tuesday 3 January 2017
Spring Half Term	Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2017
End of Spring Term	Thursday 31 March 2017
Summer Term Start	Tuesday 18 April 2017
Summer Half Term	Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2017
End of Summer Term	Friday 21 July 2017