



Stormont House School Matters

Our vision

Achievement for all in a unique world-class school

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Access All Areas - Drama in the Community



'Access All Areas' is an award winning theatre company for adults and young people with learning disabilities that is based in Hackney. Eight students from Stormont House School have been selected to take part in 5 workshops that will take place in school over the next 4 weeks. The students have the opportunity to work with Cian Binchy – who is a young actor with autism. Cian is the main character in a play called 'The Misfit Analysis' - the play is centred on a captivating exploration through an autistic mind, Cian playfully questions disability's place in society today. Cian took the play to the Edinburgh Festival and has also appeared on BBC 1, Cian helped with the research for the play 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time'. 'The Misfit Analysis' is a part of the VAULT Festival 2016 which runs from 2 - 6 March 2016. Jamie, Adam, Jordan (Year 12) and Zoe, Tommy, Timothy, Ryan and Michael (Year 11) all went to see the dress rehearsal for the first performance on Wednesday 2 March.



'Young Epilepsy' Ambassador

On Monday 15 February 'Young Epilepsy' videoed an interview with Tia (Year 11) to find out about how epilepsy impacts on her day to day life. They were interested to find out how Tia felt that peoples views could become more informed about Epilepsy.

Tia has been working with the 'Young Epilepsy' transition team and the interviewer was interested to learn what the group had done to help Tia and her transition to adult life.

Tia's mum was very proud of her as she spoke very eloquently about her life and future and her work with the transition team. The video will be shown at the opening of 'The Young Epilepsy Champions Award Ceremony' on Wednesday 18 May 2016 at the Underglobe in central London.



If you would like to find out more about the work that 'Young Epilepsy' undertake please use the following link:

<http://www.youngepilepsy.org.uk>



Jack Petchey Award Winner - January 2016



Our Jack Petchey Award winner for January is Ben (Year 12C). Ben has made his transition into Year 12 at Stormont House School from his previous school in an amazingly smooth manner due to his positive attitude when facing new challenges. Ben is always keen to work hard in lessons and is ready to support and encourage others around him whenever he can.

Ben will work with Ms Carter, and the rest of his class to decide on what he would like to spend the grant award of £250.



Mental and Emotional Health - Workshop for Parents & Carers

On **Tuesday 8 March** HiP (Hackney Independent Forum for Parents / Carers of Children with Disabilities) is running a 'Mental and Emotional Health in children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities' meeting. The meeting is taking place at the **Tomlinson Centre, Queensbridge Road, Hackney E8 3ND** and will run from **10am to 2pm**.

The meeting will discuss the following items:

- Spotting signs of mental distress**
- Learn how schools can help**
- Find out where to get support**
- Get your voice heard**

There will be speakers from: Young Minds / HLT Educational Psychologists / CAMHS clinicians and parents.

The meeting is free to attend and they will be providing a free hot lunch.

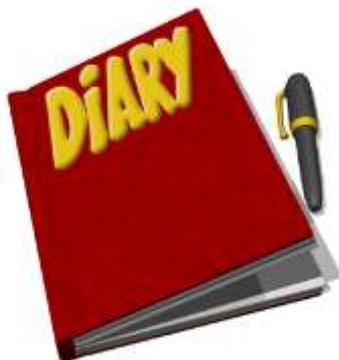
Contact HiP - call or email Ann Marie on 07985 739 851 / info@hiphackney.org.uk if you need any further information.

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Dates for Your Diary



Spring Term 2016

Wednesday 9 March - Year 8 Visit to the Tower of London

Monday 14 March - Year 8 trip to the British Museum

Tuesday 15 March - Year 7 - 8 Parent / Carer Evening - 4-6pm

Friday 18 March - Sports Relief Day

Wednesday 23 March - Spring Term Reward Outing Day

Thursday 24 March - Last day of the Spring Term - 1.15pm Finish

Summer Term

Monday 11 April - First day of the Summer Term - Normal school opening times