

#### **Stormont House School Matters**

Our vision

Achievement for all in a unique world-class school

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Week ending 28/01/2022

#### **SMART School Council**

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January the Student SMART School Council representatives from Ks3, Ks4 and Ks5 met for the first time this year. At the meeting Izzi and Diego in year 7 were elected as the SMART School Council Reps for 7MA and 7MU. Congratulations Izzi and Diego!

It was a busy meeting with lots to discuss. Some fantastic ideas and suggestions came out of the meeting and the students have been working on their ideas with their fellow classmates.

- 1. All SMART School Council Reps will be asking other students & staff for ideas for class questions.
- 2. We want to know about our students top 3 priorities. What is it that students want to improve? The School Council said: -
  - Getting a good education
  - Being kind to one another
  - Raising money and supporting charities

Students will be asking their classmates for their ideas during Tutor Time; Arjun and Joel our year 12 School Council Reps will create a survey/questionnaire on Microsoft Teams for all students and staff to complete. Watch out for the survey!

- 4. Angelina, Callum, Alisha, Cameron and Izzi plan to hold a Poster Competition: "One Kind Word". Look out for more details about this during the term.
- 5. The year 12 Reps will continue to organise and run the Table Tennis Tournament this term. This was very successful last term. Look out for the results in the School Newsletters.
- 6. Zion and Oliva our year 8 Student Council Reps have come up with some great Meal suggestions and will be forwarding these on to Charlie in the Kitchen.

# Helping every child to engage and lead change in their world



### <u>Homework Timetable</u>

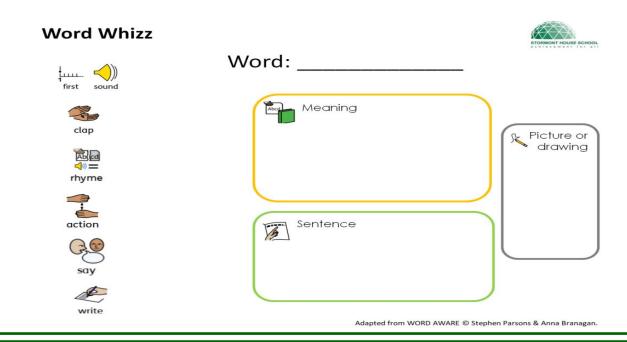


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	beginning	January	January	February	February	February	March	March	March	March
		Maths	English	Maths	English	Maths	English	Maths	English	Maths
	Homework									
		Humanities	FT/DT	Science	PE	Computing	PSD	Art	Humanities	FT/DT

## Speech and Language Therapy update

This term we have a whole school focus on **language**. The Speech and Language therapy team run a range of targeted groups to support our students understanding of language (receptive) and use of language (expressive). Part of our focus on language is exploring vocabulary and providing students with strategies to learn new vocabulary. Our students are learning lots of new words every day, so it is important we provide them with visual tools to help learn new vocabulary.

This term we are launching "Word Whizz", staff will be filling this out with their classes when teaching new words in specific subjects. Have a go at using it at home. Talk to your child about new words and fill out the "Word Whizz" below!





School Photographer – Monday 31st January

Students finish for half term – Friday 11th February

Half term – Monday 14th – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

**INSET day (school closed)** – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Yr 7, 11 and 12 Parent/Carer Evening – Thursday 10th March

#### **Parent Notices**

MOBILE PHONES: Devices must be kept in bags, out of sight, and switched off. Mobile phones and smart watches must not disrupt classroom lessons with phone calls, games, ringtones, music, or beeping. This is something that we will be reenforcing with all students in school and we kindly ask that you remind your child of this. If a student has their phone in school and it is seen it will be confiscated. To help students understand this, some form tutors are collecting electronic devices in at the beginning of the day and keeping them safe until it is time to go home.

ATTENDANCE: It is a legal requirement that students attend school, on time, every day, and any absences are reported no later than 8.30am on the school absence line 020 8985 4245 (SELECT OPTION 1). Frequent absence from school can significantly impact students' progress both academically and socially. To reinforce the importance of attendance we will be including unauthorised absences as one of the criteria for participation on reward outings awarded to recognise positive attitudes to learning, school and behaviour. We would like all our students to be able to participate in these events throughout the year and so ask for your support in ensuring your child attends school every day to be able to fully benefit from everything school has to offer.

Please remember to keep us up to date with contact details, it is essential we are able to contact home in an emergency.





# Autism Parent Coffee mornings

A facilitated online session for parents with children with autism to meet professionals and share ideas.

**Fourth Wednesday of Every Month** 

Talk to an Occupational Therapist Wednesday 10.15-11.15

For ideas on independence and sensory issues.

Talk to a Clinical Psychologist Wednesday 11.30-12:30

For ideas on supporting emotions and behaviour

There are limited places for these sessions. Please book your place through the Eventbrite links (those will be accessible to parents who registered their interest with us.) Your child must already be known to Hackney Ark for you to attend.

Call 0207 014 7071 to register your interest or email <a href="mailto:huh-tr.camd@nhs.net">huh-tr.camd@nhs.net</a> with the name of your child.

