

## **Stormont House School Matters**

Our vision

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

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#### Come and see our new school in Action

Mr McDonnell would like to give all existing Parent/Carers a tour of our lovely new school. There are two dates available please contact Brenda Vanriel on (020) 8985 4245 to book one of the three time slots below on your preferred date.

Tuesday 25 February at 9am **OR** 2pm Friday 28 February at 9am.

# <u>School Council Interview with Elizabeth Cope</u> (SHS Governor)

On Friday 31 January the School Council met with Elizabeth Cope to interview her about her role as school governor. The council had met previously to work on the questions that they would be asking Ms Cope. The council found out that Ms Cope works for Inspire who are an Educational Business Partnership working in Hackney, Camden and Islington. It is an independent and local charity that supports education, training and development of young people by forming partnerships between businesses and schools.

Elizabeth works at Linklaters (a law firm) to manage their education programme. She organises volunteers from the company to become tutors or mentors in schools in Hackney. These volunteers tell pupils about their jobs and what they had to do to get such a role, their aim is to enable pupils to see their future options. She works with teachers to match them with the appropriate volunteers who can help them to communicate the relevance of their subject to their pupils by giving real life examples of how they use them in work.

The School Council asked "What made you decide to become a governor at Stormont House School?" – Ms Cope's response was that she had for a long time wanted to volunteer as a school governor and she had decided upon SHS when she visited with a colleague from Linklater's who was also a governor at the school.

Ms Cope led the discussion on three elements of school life – catering / school council budget – project ideas / ideas for the opening ceremony of our new school. These questions will be reported back when they meet again for a follow up meeting on Thursday 13 March. The School Council would like to thank Ms Cope for agreeing to be interviewed by them.





#### Achievement Board

#### The following pupils have achieved Bronze Certificate of Achievement in English

Year 7 Ashley

Year 8 Kubra & Rhys

Year 9 Nathan

#### The following pupils have achieved Bronze Certificate of Achievement in Maths

Year 7 Noreen & Kareece

Year 8 Lily, Andrew, and Rhys

Year 9 Nathan & Lorell

Year 10 Jamie, Warren, Nikita & Yolanda

#### The following pupil have achieved Bronze Certificate of Achievement in Philosophy for Children

Year 9 Tia

#### The following pupils have achieved Bronze Certificate of Achievement in Literacy

Year 7 Jake

Year 8 Tyson

Year 9 Joe

#### The following pupils have achieved Bronze Certificate of Achievement in Design & Technology

Year 7 Jake, Dennis, Patrick & Victoria

Year 8 Jessica, Lily, Kevin and Shaniece

Year 9 Jack, Moses, Timothy, Tommy, Zoe, Adam, Lorell, George Joshua V & Ryan B

Year 10 Robert, Jamie, Connor, Hoai Phong & Muhammed

Year 11 Rebecca, Terrence, Christine, John, Shannon, Natalie, & Liam

#### **School Photographs**

Now pupils are wearing school uniform and we have a lovely new school we felt it was a good time to introduce school photographs.

A photographer will be in school next Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February to take individual and class photographs of all pupils and staff. A sample photograph and price list will be sent home for you to place an order if you wish to do so, prices start at £6.00.





Miss Haynes would like to congratulate Kian in 9C this week who received 2 credits in maths for helping others with their learning. Well Done Kian.





#### **Mock Exams**

During this week year 11 and some Year 10 pupils have been taking mock exams in their GCSE and Entry level subjects. The exams are very important as they are an opportunity for your child to experience exam conditions in preparation for the summer and they also help us to predict grades, something which is essential for college applications. Although pupils should always arrive at school on time it is especially important as we are now entering into exam season.

#### **Dates for your Diary 2014**

#### **Half Term**

Year 7 Parent/Carer evening Years 8 & 9 Parent/Carer evening

Staff Training afternoon Year 7 Easter Play

**Reward Outings** 

### Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

Tuesday 4 March 3.45 – 6pm Tuesday 11 March 3.45 – 6pm

Friday 21 March (school closes at 1.15pm) Friday 28 March (parent/carers are welcome)

Thursday 3 April

#### **End of Term for Pupils** Friday 4 April 2014 (school closes at 1.15pm)

#### EASTER Holiday (7 April – 21 April)

**Staff Training Day** Tuesday 22 April (School closed)

Pupils return for summer term Wednesday 23 April **Bank Holiday** Monday 5 May

Half term Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May

**End of Term for Pupils** Friday 18 July (school closes at 1.15pm)

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