

# Stormont House School Matters

## Our vision

Achievement for all in a unique world-class school

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Week ending 09/07/21.

## Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition

Although COVID-19 has stopped so many residential holidays happening this year, luckily Year 12 were able to still do their Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition on Wednesday 9 June and Thursday 10 June 2021.

This year's Duke of Edinburgh Expedition was slightly different, as due to COVID-19 restrictions the students could not camp overnight. Although we could not camp overnight students still had to plan, train for, and complete the expedition through their own physical effort and with minimal intervention from adults. The qualifier began with the sun shining and all 20 Year 12 students in attendance. Our journey start point was Chingford, where the Year 12's split up into their three teams. From this point they had to use their orienteering skills to navigate their way to Lea Valley Campsite using a map and compass. Both teams did very well to navigate their way to camp through woodland and fields, they even got to see wild horses running.

Once the students arrived at Lea Valley Campsite they were tasked with working in their teams to put up a tent. The students were not sleeping overnight, but to qualify for the Bronze Award they had to be able to put up a tent, which they did with flying colours. Once the tents were erected, each team had to cook a meal together using a Trangia. The students cooperated well, and their teams and some tasty food was had by all.

Due to the students not staying overnight they ended up doing another walk back to Chingford Train Station after they had eaten their food. The journey on the first day of Duke of Edinburgh was the longest distance any Year 12 group have ever travelled and in total they walked 11km that day.

On day two the students navigated a new part of Epping Forest and started their walk at Wood Street Station. The students were very tired from the previous day, but they showed true grit and resilience, with all of them coming back on the second day to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Expedition. An example of how dedicated they were was shown with one team supporting their peer in a wheelchair by taking it in turns to pull straps attached to the chair. They worked together to make sure their friend went on the same walk as them and so they could take part in the experience. The second day ended at Chingford, after a 7km walk and although everyone was tired, they were proud of themselves for completing the expedition. The assessors from H5 added to the sense of achievement by telling all of the Year 12's that they had travelled 18km in total and had all passed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award expedition.

Well done Year 12!



# WOW Week

WOW week took place from Monday 24 May to Friday 28 May 2021 and was a week filled with Career focused lessons and activities.

Every class did a fantastic job in transforming their classrooms into a place of work in the 6 weeks leading up to WOW Week. The places of work that each class transformed their tutor room were:

7MO - Stormont Hospital  
7MU - Stormont-Murphy Building Site  
8E - Art Gallery with a Live Art Exhibition - One Minute Sculptures  
8N - Fashion Mania Fashion House  
9A - Classroom Games Testing and Design Company  
9C - The Museum of Curiosities  
10B - Wembley Stadium  
10O - Stormont Supermarket  
11G - Stormont Post Office  
11M - Stormont Train Station  
12H - Cine 12 Cinema  
12M - T-Raj's Café

Once every classroom was transformed students took part in experiencing their tutor groups place of work. Each student became an employee of their place of work and learnt about the different roles and responsibilities in that sector of employment. In addition to tutor rooms being transformed, students took part in practical work sessions in the following areas:

Sports Hall - Stormont House Leisure Centre  
Science room - Who stole Mr Nelson's Beigel? Crime Scene Investigation  
Art room - Stormont Pottery  
DT room - Stormont Jewellery Shop

We were also lucky enough to have some external employers and organisation's work with students. Yr 11 worked with Yarrow Film Studio's and learnt about film production, getting the opportunity to create short films. Yr 8 and 9 got to take part in a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Career's workshop funded by Hackney Music Service and run by Conductive Music. Conductive Music's workshop put the arts in STEM to create STEAM. Students explored the physical world through arts and technology: understanding conduction and music through sound, electricity, pitch, and resistance by using every material, such as a ruler, a pencil, or a desk and even each other to control a computer or make the table sound like a piano - incredible!

Thank you to all the staff and visitors who raised our students' aspirations and gave them an inspiring insight into the plethora of career possibilities that are available to them. Remember there is a job out there for everyone!





# Calling all young women who love to dance!



You are invited to join our free Dance 4 Change sessions every Thursday 5:30pm – 6:30pm on Zoom.



You will explore a variety of dance styles with our professional teacher including: Hip Hop, Street Dance, Krump and more!



Open to all dance abilities from beginner to expert, ages 16 – 25

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- **Year 11 6<sup>th</sup> Form Induction** – Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 July
- **Year 11 ROA Leavers Event** – Tuesday 13 July
- **Sports Day** – Wednesday 21 July
- **Student Reward Day** – Thursday 22 July
- **Students break up for Summer term** – Friday 23 July (early finish)



**Named water bottle** - please ensure your child brings a clean, reusable water bottle to school with their full name clearly marked on it, especially as the weather gets warmer.

## School Uniform

**Have you gotten your school uniforms for autumn 2021!?**



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School uniform can be purchased online at – [myclothing.com](https://www.myclothing.com).

**Boys:** Dark grey school trousers

**Girls:** Dark grey school skirt or dark grey school trousers

**All students:** White school shirt or plain white polo shirt, dark green (bottle green) sweatshirt with school logo OR dark green school v neck jumper with school jumper, black shoes (not trainers except for PE)

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