

# Stormont House School Matters

Our vision

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

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#### **Stormont House Musicical News**

In the first of our four music trips this month, Robert 9H and George 10P excelled themselves as musical representatives of the school. During the Instrumental Day at the Round Chapel on Wednesday 3rd July they played a piece of their own composition with David Harries and then improvised in the final jam session.

On the same day, Year 8 went to the Hackney Empire to hear the Apollo Chamber Orchestra play a programme of music by Beethoven and Brahms. This was the culmination of the project which members of the orchestra had started in school when they came to work with us in the brass, woodwind and string workshops.

The following Monday, Year 8 were out again, this time in the role of performers when they joined all the other secondary schools in Hackney for the first exclusive Secondary School Singing day at the Round Chapel. The highlights for us were 'Clown', 'Our day will come' and 'Ain't no mountain high enough'.

This event was followed by the Year 7 singing event at the Round Chapel which was a bit of a marathon as our rehearsal started at 2pm and the concert didn't finish until 6.30. The highlights of this programme, in which about 20 other schools took part, were 'It must be love', 'One note samba' and 'Sir Duke'.

All these participants were worthy representatives of Stormont House and it was a great pleasure to accompany them on their trips.

#### **STOP PRESS**

#### **Introduction of School uniform**

Following serveral consultations with pupils, parents and carers, staff and governors, we have now finalised the details of our school uniform which will be introduced in September. School uniform will be compulsory for all pupils. A separate letter will be sent out tomorrow by 'Pupil Post' and in the mail, giving full details, but briefly:

Boys: Dark grey school trousers

Girls: Dark grey school skirt or dark

grey school trousers

**Boys and Girls:** 



White school shirt or plain white polo shirt
Dark green (bottle green) sweat shirt with school logo or dark green (bottle green) school v neck jumper with school logo.
Black shoes

### School Council Visit to Stormont House School - New Build

On Thursday 11 July Mrs Weston and Mrs Napier took the School Council representatives to see how the builders are getting on with our new school. They were met and shown around by Ian Hazelton, the Operations Manager for Willmott Dixon, the person responsible for the build. The School Council members were given protective clothing including flourescent jackets, hard hats and gloves before they set off on their tour. They were shown plans, told what had been taking place on site since we left in July 2012, given information about different materials that are being used and saw how the builders are progressing. They walked around the whole building and were able to ask questions about every area they viewed. Mrs Weston was very impressed by the questions the council asked and felt that they were fantastic ambassadors for Stormont House School.







We have just received our official Red Nose Day Certificate from last year's fund raising events. Pupils raised an amazing £311 through sponsored events.

# Well done to US!

#### **Term Dates & School Closures**

■ Wednesday 24 July

End of Summer Term – school closes at 1.15pm

Monday 2 September

Staff training – school closed to all pupils

♣ Tuesday 3 Septemeber

Staff training – school closed to all pupils

 ★ Wednesday 4 September

School reopens to all pupils for Autumn Term

#### **Advance Notice**

As you are aware, we will be moving into our brand new school in January 2014 therefore the last day of the Autumn term for pupils will be Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December when we shall have a Carol Service in the morning followed by Christmas lunch for pupils and staff. We shall reopen for pupils after Christmas on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

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