

**STOP PRESS.....POSSIBLE SCHOOL CLOSURE NUT STRIKE ON THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER.
WE WILL INFORM YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF THIS IS GOING AHEAD**

Important News: Year 12 at Stormont House!

As you know, our brand new school building is on schedule to be ready for the start of January 2014. All the internal walls are up, most of the external glass is in place and the scaffolding is coming down. The School Council have visited and reported that they are very impressed; it's a very exciting time in the school's history.



I am writing to parents and carers of Year 11 students with another exciting piece of news: From September 2014, Stormont House School will be offering a Year 12 in our new building, starting by offering it to our own students that are currently in Year 11. The Year 12 offer will involve the students choosing a course at a college or other post-16 education provider where they will spend some of their time in Year 12. The students will still spend the majority of their time at Stormont House, but will also participate in extended work experience. While in school they will be able to extend their English and Maths qualifications and get the opportunity to study other work-related learning, which will be accredited and support them in their move into a Year 13 or onto Pre-Apprenticeship, Apprenticeship or employment with further training. We would like to share this exciting development with you and your son/daughter and also give you an opportunity to find out more about what it will look like and what the young people will be studying.

We are holding a Year 12 Information Evening at the school's current site on Mount Pleasant Lane at 5.45pm on Thursday 24 October, where you can find out more about this exciting development.

Leavers Destinations

We are delighted to let you all know, all our previous Year 11's have settled well into college. They are attending colleges all around London including: City & Islington, Hackney Community College and BSix to mention a few. Our ex pupils are studying a range of courses including Sport & Leisure, ICT, Art and Design and many more. Some have already been back to visit to let us know how they are getting on, it's great to see them so happy and confident!

Year 11 prepare for External Work Experience

Our current Year 11 are busy preparing for external work experience which takes place from 11 - 22 November. Most of the pupils know where they will be working. Placements include working in local shops, a garage, a couple of local primary schools, local solicitors, a music studio and a hairdressing Salon! All the pupils are very excited and are currently contacting their placement provider for interviews. We will keep you all up to date as to how they are getting on!



Water Bottles

Pupils are allowed to bring a **plastic** bottle into school for water. We have several water fountains around the school where pupils can fill up and refill with water throughout the day.

Please ensure your child's name is on the bottle to avoid confusion.

Thank You

Upcoming School Trips

- Tuesday 8 October Year 8 English trip to The Globe Theatre
- Friday 18 October Paralympic Championships at Clissold Park

After School Clubs

- Monday: Drama Club
Cricket Club - 3.30 to 5.00
Year 11 Transition Club - Starts Monday 14 October
- Wednesday: Indoor Rowing Club
Maths Homework Club
- Thursday: Animation Club
Canoeing Club (Leaside Canoeing Centre) - 3.45 to 6.30
Football Club

The above clubs are running each week from 3.30 to 4.30pm (exceptions to this time are indicated above) places are still available. Please ring the school if you would like your child to join one or more of the clubs.

Dinner Money & Free School Meals

Reminder: Dinner money is payable on a Monday morning. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly written on the envelope. Dinner money is £1.70 per day a weekly amount of £8.50.

If your child is at school full-time, you can apply for free school meals if you receive one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your income is £16,190 or less (this figure changes each April).
- Working Tax Credit for four weeks after your employment finishes
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Support from the National Asylum Support Service (NASS)

If you receive any of the above and are not currently claiming free school meals please speak to Monica (Receptionist) who will be able to provide an application form and help you to complete it. Alternatively, you can download a form from www.learningtrust.co.uk or pick one up from The Learning Trust offices at 1 Reading Lane, E8 1GQ.

How much money could I save?

If your child is entitled to free school meals, you could save on average £10 per week or £390 per year. Please let us know if you need any assistance with your application.

If you are entitled to free school meals but do not apply, you must pay for school meals.

Autumn Term Dates for your Diary

2013/14

Y12 Information Evening	Thursday 24 October 5.45 – 7pm
Half Term	Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November
Parent/Carer Consultation	Thursday 7 November (Evening scheduled appointments 3.45-8pm)
Parent Carer Consultation	Friday 8 November (Scheduled appointments throughout the day)
Year 11 Work Experience	Monday 11 – Friday 22 November
Carol Service & Christmas Dinner	Monday 16 December
End of Term for pupils	Monday 16 December