

Stormont House School

Our school vision: Achievement for all in a unique world class school

Reminders:

- ✚ Friday 30 March at 1.15pm School will close for the end of term
- ✚ Monday 16 April is a staff training day (school closed to pupils only)
- ✚ Tuesday 17 April School will re-open to pupils at the usual time



Stop Press.....Stop Press..... Important Announcement Building Works and Term Dates

It has now been confirmed that the last day of the Summer term for pupils will be Friday 13 July, in order to allow packing to take place prior to demolition!

School will open in our temporary site at Mount Pleasant Lane E5 9JG on Monday 10 September, after renovation works, unpacking and equipment testing. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by the building works and thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships

On Friday 23 March our rowing team competed in the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships at the Lea Valley Athletics Centre. Our team performed exceptionally well with one member of the team **Shaquille (Year 8) coming in at 4th place out of 169 competitors from all over the UK!!**



Tori Y9, Nikita and Shaquille Y8
at the rowing competition



Jack Y7 competing at the competition last week

Well done to all who took part

Dates for Your Diary - Summer Term

- Wednesday 18 April Year 8 visiting The Design Museum t Bethnal Green
- Thursday 19 April Year 9 visiting The Anne Frank Exhibition at The Hackney Empire
- Thursday 10 May Y10 Trip to Ragged School Museum

Year 8 and the Apollo Chamber Orchestra

We are fortunate in having a strong partnership with the Apollo Chamber Orchestra whose conductor, David Cernaik, arranges for groups of his colleagues to come to the school each year to work with our Year 8 pupils. We have enjoyed three excellent workshops with them this term, hearing brass, woodwind and string instruments and incidentally finding out why it is that only male horse hair can be used in the making of violin bows.

Last week, ten pupils from Year 8 went to the Hackney Empire to see David conducting the Apollo Orchestra playing Beethoven's 6th Symphony. Even though the music is quite serious, we were able to appreciate everything that was happening because the orchestra demonstrated the various musical ideas and sections before each movement was played. We were really lucky because our seats were in the posh boxes facing the stage. It would normally cost over £100 for one of these boxes and we had three of them!



Adam, Connor, Shaquille, Nikita, Jamie, Mohammed and Raheem all from Year 8 enjoying the orchestra from their box at the Hackney Empire.

Meet more of our Trailblazers



Success at Hackney Trailblazers

Previously we told you about the achievements of thirteen pupils who were recognised at the Trailblazers 2012 Awards, and gave details of two award winners. This week we are focussing on **Shauna and Eversley both in Year 11**, who both received recognition in the category of **Music**.



Shauna always works in a mature co-operative way with both adults and other pupils she has developed her musical skills by

practising independently, giving up her lunch breaks to rehearse and always supporting others in their music making. Shauna has developed in her self-confidence; she is now able to improvise in her music making, even during a performance. Shauna is a reliable member of the school band 'Beatmakers', she has performed with the band at the Round Chapel, Clapton Girls Technology College, Hackney Empire and Stoke Newington Town Hall. Shauna decided to work at 'Rising Tide' recording studios for her two week work experience; her report praised her musical talent and willingness to learn.



Eversley uses his own initiative and works hard through lunchtime and after school clubs to create music compositions using garage band. Eversley has a high level of skill and a desire to learn further. He works with multiple tracks and has added

his own vocal overlays, always experimenting and trying out new things. Eversley recently added sound to an animation. The piece showed a high level of understanding and thought, matching sound with movement.

Term dates for Pupils

Friday 30 March – End of Spring term – school closes at 1.15pm
Tuesday 17 April – Pupils return to school for the Summer term
Monday 4 June - Friday 8 June – Half term
Monday 11 June - Pupils return to school after half term
Friday 13 July – End of Summer Term - school closes at 1.15pm
Monday 10 September – pupils return for the start of the Autumn term

