

Stormont House School

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

Reminders

Staff Training Day

Friday 18 February – (School closed all day)

Half term

Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February

Pupils return to school on Monday 28 February at the normal time

World Book Day

Thursday 3 March is World Book Day. To celebrate, Stormont House School is having a special assembly where pupils are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book, comic or movie. Please support your child for this event and let them bring a costume of their choice. The Assembly will start at 9.15am and finish at 9.45am, Parents and Carers are welcome to join us either dressed in character or in usual clothes! Pupils will also be given a £1.00 book token that may be exchanged for one of six specially produced £1.00 books, again please support your child by taking them to a bookshop so they may choose their free book.

Events happening Next term

- 1 March Y11 GCSE maths module exam
- 3 March World Book Day
- 4 March National Indoor Rowing Championships
- 11 March Year 7 pupils visiting London Zoo

A closer look at our Hackney Trailblazers



As you know, the achievements of sixteen of our pupils were recognised at the Hackney Trailblazers Awards in January. Each week we have given you details of two of the award winners. This week we are focussing on **Matthew** and **Shauna**, both of whom are in Year 10.



Matthew

Matthew's award was in the category of **'turning your life around'**, an award he richly deserves. Matthew broke a long pattern of low attendance that started long before he came here. He has become a highly-valued member of his class, who is respected for his skills and excellent general knowledge. He has also shown us his razor-sharp sense of humour on many occasions.

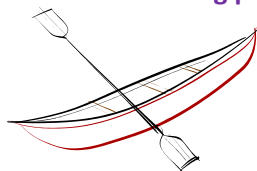


Shauna

One of Shauna's three awards was in the category of **'musical achievement'**. She is an enthusiastic music maker who willingly gives up her free time to rehearse. Though she is a solo performer, enjoying rapping and playing the drums, she always works cooperatively with the other members of the music group, she is totally supportive of her peers.

SPORTS NEWS

The school rowing team represented London Borough of Hackney schools in the East London Rowing Competition last Friday. Sixteen boroughs took part, with Hackney coming fourth, an improvement on last year when they were seventh. All the team members did really well, with some of them setting personal bests.



Congratulations to the team!

Year 11 'Moving On' Club on Mondays

Laura Blackman, Speech and Language Therapist, is running an after school club for any pupil in Year 11. The aims of the club are to provide an opportunity to discuss thoughts about leaving school and develop social and practical skills (e.g. problem solving).

The group will run each Monday from 7th March to 4th April, 3.30pm - 4.30pm. If you would like your child to attend, please complete and return a consent form - This will be sent out with a letter giving more information about the club after half term.

E-Safety Awareness

Tip:

Do you have up to date antivirus on your computer?

The people who write viruses are very crafty, sometime a virus can be downloaded to your computer by a fake pop up screen to make you panic and think that a virus is being downloaded – **think before you click**, this could be a virus, or a company trying to get you to buy their antivirus software. You can find free antivirus software on the web, but make sure you download it from a well-known website.

Discover Hackney - Things to do during in Half Term

Youth Arts & Cultural Festival

During February Hackney Council are running a whole month of free arts events and workshops, including:

- Art & Film workshops in Shoreditch
- Dance/ Glee groups in Stoke Newington
- Fashion taster day at the London College of Fashion
- Performing Arts

There is also a Talent Contest at the Hackney Empire.

Many events must be booked in advance

For more information on all events including what's on & where please contact the Youth Cultural Development Team on 020 8356 7209 or visit www.hackney.gov.uk/dyh

School Life Connexions Advisor

The role of the Connexions Service is to help young people to decide what they want to do when they leave school, then help them into college and later into a job or on to university. The Connexions service is available to help and advise young people with special needs until they reach the age of 25. Brian Lynch is our Connexions Advisor; he visits the school once a week working either in classrooms or with individual pupils. Brian also attends annual reviews for pupils in years 9, 10 and 11 and attends our Consultation Day and Open evenings.



Brian Lynch

You can contact Brian through the school, or direct through the Connexions Centre at 65 Dalston Lane, E8 2NG. Telephone 020 7014 7400.

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Information & Advice for Young people

Term Dates

The Spring term is Tuesday 4 January– Thursday 7 April 2011 with the following closures:

Friday 18 February 2011 – school closed for staff training

Half term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February 2011

Bank Holidays Good Friday 22 April and Easter Monday 25 April 2011