

Stormont House School

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

Happy New Year!

The staff at Stormont House School would like to wish all pupils, parents and carers a happy and peaceful new year.

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Yeni Yiliniz Kutlu
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Feliz Ano ~Nuevo

Naya Saal Mubbarak
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Shuvo Nabo Barsho

Xin Nian Kuai Le

Bonne Annee

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Feliz Ano Novo

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Fiican!

Careers Open Evening A reminder to all Year 10 and 11 Parents/carers

The Careers Open Evening for Key Stage 4 (years 10 and 11) pupils and parents / carers is next Tuesday, 11th January from 6.00 – 8.00pm.

It is important that you attend this evening as it is an opportunity for you to discuss further education options for your child when they leave school. We have arranged for representatives from

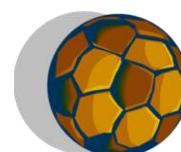
- B6, Hackney
- City and Islington College, Islington
- Hackney Community College, Hackney

to be in school to talk to you about the courses they can offer and answer any questions from you or your child.

The Connexions Advisor, Brian Lynch will also be in attendance.

We look forward to seeing you and your child at this event.

Sports News



As reported before Christmas, our pupils have been doing very well in local sports competitions. We now have a new trophy and medal in our display cabinet from the South London Special League Fairplay Festival. There are also some photographs on display in the cabinet, so please have a look next time you are in school.

Free School Meals – We can help Make sure you claim!

If your child is at school full-time, you can apply for free school meals if you receive one 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 Guarantee 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.

If you complete a free schools meal application form by the end of next week the school will also benefit by receiving additional funding. 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.



If we need to close the school early, or we are unable to open the school due to bad weather, we will notify you using the text messaging service. If you do not have a mobile phone the text message will be sent to your land line. The message will be sent to the first priority contact, so please make sure that your contact information is up to date, if you are not sure you can ring the school to check the information we have. In addition to the text message you can look on the Learning Trust website, which lists all school closures in Hackney.

The web address is: www.learningtrust.co.uk

School life

Each week we would like to give you some information about life in school. This week we are focussing on our school mentors.

Mentors

Mentors from our Business Partners, Williams Lea, come into school fortnightly to work alongside Year 10 pupils, helping to broaden their understanding of the world of work. We currently have 12 mentors who visit school. The mentors are greeted by Year 10 pupils who also provide refreshments. They then work together, on various work related issues, for example they prepare the students for their Internal Work Experience, assisting them to develop strategies to cope with the interview process that will help them in later life. The pupils also spend a day with the mentors in their work place in the City, where they follow the mentors through a usual working day. Williams Lea have been working with the school for many years, in fact some of the individual mentors have been coming in to school for over twelve years, they volunteer for the scheme and are very committed to helping our pupils. The mentors attend various functions at school including Record of Achievement Day and Christmas lunch. The mentoring team won The Learning Trust Education Award for the Best Business Partnership 2010.

The Spring term is Tuesday 04 January 2011 – Thursday 07 April 2011 with the following closures:

Friday 28 January 2011 – school closes at 1.15pm for staff training

Friday 18 February 2011 – school closed for staff training

Half term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February 2011

