

Stormont House School

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



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As you know one of our priorities this year is improving communication with parents and carers. The weekly School Matters Newsletter has been an important part of this. Our updated website contains important news and announcements, news about school events, and a showcase of curriculum works as well as our weekly newsletters, so if you think you may have missed an issue you can look it up on our website!

Year 11: College Open Days & Work Experience

All Year 11 pupils have been sent a booklet with the dates of College Open Days, so please do check that you have received one!

Year 11 pupils are also preparing for their external work experience which will take place for 2 weeks from Monday 14 November to Friday 25 November.

We will also be holding a Careers Evening for all parent/carers of all Year 11 pupils on Tuesday 28 February 2012 between 5.30-8pm. (more details to follow shortly)

Year 7 visit to The Ministry of Stories

The Ministry of Stories is a non-profit creative writing centre in East London that helps children and young people to develop their writing. This week Year7 spent a morning at The Ministry of Stories creating their own books using their own characters and story ideas. Their ideas were then illustrated by an artist and their books were professionally bound. They were extremely proud of their work and delighted to take their books home.



World Skills Event Excel Centre 6 – 7 October 2011

World Skills London 2011 is the biggest vocational skills competition in the world. 1,200 Competitors from approximately 50 countries/regions competing in 45 skills (from bricklaying to beauty therapy to landscape gardening) will battle to win a medal during the 4 days of competition. Year 10 will be attending this event on Thursday October 6 & Year 11 will be attending on Friday 7th October.

UP & Coming Events for Pupils

- ✚ Thursday 6 October - Year 10 at The World Skills Event at The Excel Centre
- ✚ Friday 7 October – Year 11 at The World Skills Event at The Excel Centre.
- ✚ Thursday 13 October - Year 9 at The London Metropolitan Archive.
- ✚ Thursday 13 October & Friday 14 October - Hackney Schools Paralympic Sports Championships.

WILLIAMS LEA MENTORS



From October 13 a team of Mentors from our Business Partners, Williams Lea, will come into school fortnightly to work with 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 preparing them for their Internal Work Experience, and developing 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 has 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 Educational Business Partnership 2010.

School Dates for your Diary - Autumn Term 2011



- Thursday 10 November Parent/Carer Consultation Evening (4-8pm) **(scheduled appointments)**
- Friday 11 November Parent/Carer Consultation Day **(scheduled appointments for parent/carers with pupils) (Please note schools is closed to all pupils unless they are accompanying a parent/carers for an Annual Review)**
- Monday 14 - Friday 25 November Year 11 Work Experience



Term Dates for pupils Autumn Term

Tuesday 6 September **start of term**
Monday 24 – Friday 28 October – **Half Term**
Monday 31 October **pupils return**
Friday 16 December 2011 **end of term** (Pupils leave at 1.15pm)
Spring term begins Wednesday 4 January 2012