

Stormont House School Matters

Our vision

Achievement for all in a unique world-class school

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Reminder:

Year 7 Parent/Carer Meet the Tutor Wednesday 1 October - 3.45-5.30pm

The Year 7 Tutors, Ms Chenard and Ms Motin, are looking forward to meeting all the new Year 7 parents/carers for appointments slot on Wednesday 1 October. Please ensure that you are on time for your appointment as they are only for 10 minutes. If you do not have a booked slot already please telephone Tracy Napier on 020 8985 4245.

Jack Petchey Awards Ceremony Stoke Newington Town Hall

On Tuesday 7 October 9 pupils from Stormont House School Jack Petchey Award will be attending the regional award ceremony at Stoke Newington Town Hall to receive their gilt medallions. The Jack Petchey Foundation was established in 1999 to support organisations that work with young people aged 11-25. Since its formation over £85 million has been distributed to schools, youth clubs, scouts and guides groups. The Jack Petchey Foundation's aim is to invest in youth organisations and programmes that represent value for money and create inclusive and positive opportunities for young people to engage, excel and achieve.

Our award winners for 2013-14 are Timothy Y10, Hoai Phong Y11, Terrence Y11, Lily Y9, Victoria Y9, Credo Y10, Raheem Y11, Kareiss Y8 and Tariq Y12.

Congratulations to them all

Year 11 Prepare for External Work Experience

Our current Year 11 are busy preparing for external work experience which takes place from 1-12 December. 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 will be soon getting ready to contact their placement provider for interviews. We will keep you all up to date as to how they are getting on!







A team of Mentors from our Business Partners, Williams Lea, come into school regularly to work with Year 10 pupils, helping them to broaden their understanding of the world of work. We currently have 12 mentors who visit our school. When they arrive they are greeted by Year 10 pupils who also provide refreshments for them. 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 get to spend a day with the mentors in their work place in the City, where they follow the mentors through a usual working day pattern. Williams Lea has been working with the school for many years now, 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 our school including Record of Achievement Day and Christmas lunch. Because of the excellence of their work the mentoring team won The Learning Trust Educators Award for Best Educational Business Partnership.

Y10 & Y11 Trip to Lea Valley Waterworks

Last Friday Year 10 and Year 11 visited Lea Valley Waterworks as part of the BTEC Assignment in Applied Science. Pupil's task was to explore the effect of human on ecosystem and Lea valley fits that picture. Below is a short history of Lea valley water works:

The beautiful site of the former Essex Filter Beds is an area of semi-natural habitats on the banks of the River Lea in East London. In 1852, three years after London's worst Cholera outbreak and the consequent demand for cleaner, safer water, the East London Waterworks Company constructed the six Middlesex Filter Beds in order to provide the surrounding areas with purified water.



Abdou & Jamie looking at samples from a woodland habitat



A newt from an aquatic habitat

In 1969, after over 100 years in operation, the Middlesex Filter Beds had become outdated and were replaced by the new Coppermills Water Treatment Works located in Walthamstow. Thames Water became responsible for the beds in 1974 but nature had already taken over and plants as well as other wildlife had begun to colonise the abandoned site.



Precious is in the long fields using a net to catch insects



Adam is Pond dipping



group being briefed

The site has been leased to the Regional Park since 1988. Each disused filter bed is managed so as to provide a variety of habitats for wildlife.

Term Dates for your Diary

Year 7 Parent/Carers Evening

Wednesday 1 October 3.45 – 5.30pm

Year 12 Prospective Pupil Info Evening Thursday 23 October

Half Term Monday 27 – Friday 31 October

Parent/Carer Evening Year 12 Thursday 13 November

Parent/Carer Consultation Eve Thursday 13 November (Evening scheduled appointments 3.45-8pm)
Parent Carer Consultation Day Friday 14 November (scheduled appointments throughout the day)

Year 11 Work Experience Monday 1 December - Friday 12 December

Reward OutingsWednesday 17 DecemberCarol ServiceThursday 18 DecemberChristmas DinnerFriday 19 DecemberSpring Term StartMonday 5 January 2015

