

## Stormont House School

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

### Connecting Classrooms – Our First Skype Call to Taiwan

On Wednesday 11 January Year 7 took part in their first Skype video conference call to pupils in Taiwan. Through the British Connecting Classrooms Project we are linked to four junior high schools Lanya & Minsheng in Taiwan and Tri Duc and Tan Tho Hoa in Vietnam. The call was to the pupils at Lanya and Minsheng; all of Year 7 was ready to undertake the call by 8.45am UK time, 4.45pm in Taiwan. The pupils in Taiwan stayed after school in order to carry out the call to us. After a couple of false starts, they were able to talk to one another; the pupils introduced themselves and gave one another a little information about their lives. Everyone was very excited to see each other for the very first time. The pupils from Lanya had taken pictures from around their school and Taipei to give us an idea of their city. The pupils from Stormont House showed their images from their recent visit to central London, including a clipper trip down the River Thames. Our half an hour call went very quickly and all the pupils agreed that they couldn't wait until the next time!



Minsheng Junior High School - Taiwan



Lanya Junior High School - Taiwan

### Breaking News: Success at the Inclusive Basketball Tournament

On Tuesday 17 January we entered a team into the Inclusive Basketball Tournament at Hackney Community College. Our team won all seven of their matches against other mainstream and special schools and returned with **seven** gold medals.



Well done to: (from left to right)  
Ricky Y10 Edward Y9,  
Mohammed A Y9 Terrance  
Y9 Shaquille Y8 Tyler Y9  
and Chan Y10.

**Congratulations!**

## More Sporting Success at the Hackney Indoor Rowing Competition at Skinners Academy

Friday 13 January turned out to be unlucky for the mainstream schools competing against our indoor rowing team: Out of a total of 8 races, 3 were won outright by Stormont House. **Well done to:** Salim Y11, Ayisha Y10 and Shaquille Y8 who all won Gold, and Shauna Y11 who won Silver. Personal bests were gained by Tori and Edward Y9, Nikita Y8, Chan Y10 and Ismail Y11.

**Well done to all that took part.**

## Attention Year 11 parents:

The Speech and Language Therapists are running an afterschool group on Mondays, 3.30 - 4.30pm. This group is to support transition to college. In the group we're working on social skills and also providing an opportunity to talk about what it's going to be like to leave Stormont.

If you need any more information about it please contact Laura Blackman at the school on (020) 8985 4245.

## Where are they now? - Life after Stormont

We are regularly visited by ex- students who return to let us know what they have been doing since they left Stormont House School. In the last few weeks we have been visited by two students, Clarina who left in 2000 and Elimelich who left in 2008. Clarina is now 28 and works at Haverstock Secondary School, she has worked as a Media Resources Assistant for the last 8 years. Clarina lives in a warden controlled flat in Highgate. This is the third time that Clarina has returned to keep us up to date on her life, when she returns she likes to catch up with all of the members of staff who remember teaching her. Our second visitor was Elimelich who is now 20. Eli has been very successful at college where he studied ICT & Media and is now undertaking an access course to enable him to go to University in Germany to study Economics. This is the second time Eli has returned; he always has lots of news about other students from his year group, especially his cousin Ryan.



Clarina



Elimelich

**It is always a pleasure to welcome our ex- students and hear about their lives and their memories of their time at Stormont House School.**

## Term dates for Pupils

Spring Term starts on Wednesday 4 January and ends on Friday 30 March with the following closures:

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

Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February- Half term

Friday 30 March – End of term – school closes at 1.15pm

Tuesday 17 April – Pupils return to school for the Summer term



**Please Note:** School will close to pupils earlier than the original end of term date to prepare for demolition! Please watch this space for further details.