

Stormont House School

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

Reminder:

Wednesday 28 September **Year 7 Parent/Carer evening** 4 - 5.30pm (scheduled appointments). If you haven't returned your preferred time slot slip please contact the school.

Year 8 School Journey to Suntrap Educational Centre

On Wednesday 14th September Year 8 left for two nights at Suntrap Outdoor Activity Centre in Epping Forest. They were accompanied by Ms Whitbread, Ms Napier and Ms Wosiak. The class did a variety of activities shelter building, campfire making and sing-a-long. On Thursday the pupils were shown a selection of different animals and were able to handle them, they included a slow-worm, a hissing cockroach, a salamander and a corn snake.

Each tent had assigned jobs each day which included washing up, wiping down the dinner tables, sweeping and filling the water bottles ready for the next meal. Ms Whitbread was very impressed with all of the pupils and awarded prizes on Friday for all the good work that had been achieved.



Year 8 group photo with staff



Shaquille, Robert & Raheem and their woodland shelter.

Year 11 Destinations

We are delighted to let you all know, all our previous Year 11s have settled well into college. They are attending colleges all around London including: City & Islington, Hackney Community College and Westminster Kingsway. Our ex pupils are studying a range of courses including Sport & Leisure, ICT, Art and Design and many more. Some have already been back to visit to let us know how they are getting on, it's great to see them so happy and confident!
(Ms McNamara, Deputy Headteacher)

Extended School information (After School Clubs)

The following clubs are running each week. If pupils want to join one of the clubs they should speak to Mrs Napier to find out if spaces are still available. Parents/carers **must** complete and return a permission form before the pupil can start to attend any of the clubs:

Monday:	ICT Club
Wednesday:	Indoor Rowing Club
Thursday:	Football Club Animation Club
Friday:	Youth Club

New rules on Attendance



Morning registration is at 8.55am and the school is open to all pupils from 8.30am for breakfast if they wish

The government now classifies any child with less than 80% attendance as having 'persistent absence' and will expect strong action to be taken. The school is fully aware that some pupils have particular health needs that affect their attendance, but we expect all pupils to attend school and be on time on every day that they possibly can be. This is an achievement issue: a child not attending school is not achieving as they should be. The Local Authority Attendance Officer will pick up on any pupil whose attendance or punctuality is poor or not improving. When a pupil is absent due to sickness or any other reason the school must be informed in writing or by telephone. This will enable us to authorise the absence in the register. Failure to contact us means your child will be recorded as having an unauthorised absence which will be noted by the School Attendance Officer. We are bound by law to provide records of all absence, authorised and unauthorised, to the DfES and these are published annually.

Medical/ Dental Appointments

Only essential medical/ dental appointments should be made during school time, and a note or medical card showing the appointment should be seen by the school to authorise the absence. Please try to make routine medical/dental appointments after school or during school holidays.

Holidays in school time

In exceptional circumstances only, parents/carers may write to request permission to take their child out of school during term time. Permission will not be granted if this is a holiday that could take place during school holiday times. Parents/carers should not book a trip and then ask for permission, as it will not be granted.

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/carer 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