

Reminders

- Thursday 24 October Year 12 Information Evening (5.45 – 7pm)
- Thursday 7 November Parent/Carer Consultation Evening (**Evening scheduled appointments 3.45-8pm**)
- Friday 8 November Parent/Carer Consultation Day (**Scheduled appointments throughout the day**)

Black History Month at Stormont House School

Black History Month is a UK wide annual celebration of the contribution that Black, African and Caribbean communities have made across the globe. At Stormont House our Year 9 pupils have been researching black history, they have looked at the slave trade and why this important time in history needs to be remembered. They have looked at the lives of Frederick Douglass, Jesse Owens, Harriet Tubman, Bob Marley and Nelson Mandela to name a few. To aid their research they are visiting the Docklands Museum to undertake a workshop on slavery on Friday 25 October. **The pupils will be presenting an assembly for the whole school on Friday 25 October to show their findings on Black History. Parents / carers are invited to attend the assembly which will take place at 3pm.** Ms Chenard has created a 'Black History' display in school which parents / carers will be able to see whilst at the assembly. Also to celebrate this event the catering staff will be providing an afro/Caribbean themed lunch on Wednesday 23 October.



Harriet Tubman was a legend. She escaped from slavery and helped rescue a lot of other slaves as a "conductor" of the Underground Railroad. Harriet Tubman was born into slavery in 1820. After running away, Harriet Tubman decided to help other slaves run away. In the end, she helped hundreds of slaves escape. Harriet Tubman was very famous and people admired her for what she achieved. Harriet Tubman died in 1913 of pneumonia at the age of 93.

Year 11 Transition Club

As part of the After School Club programme, we are running a Year 11 Transition Club that started on **Monday 14 October. The club runs from 3:30 to 4:30pm.**

The club is run by Laura Blackman, who is one of the Speech and Language Therapists at Stormont House.

This club is for year 11 pupils who are thinking about their future in education, its aim is to prepare them for life as a Year 12 student, they are concentrating on the social / life skills that will assist them into adulthood. During sessions they cover topics such as:

- ✚ Study skills – tips for managing coursework and preparing for exams.
- ✚ Social skills – including how to introduce yourself to new people and make friends.
- ✚ Life skills – including handling money, planning journeys and problem solving.
- ✚ College life – discussion about what college will be like, things people are looking forward to, and things they may be worried about.

Jack Petchey Award Ceremony 2013 Stoke Newington Hall

Tuesday 15 October saw our pupil's achievements being celebrated at the Jack Petchey Award Ceremony. The ceremony took place at Stoke Newington Town Hall. Pupils, parents/carers and guests were able to celebrate being award winners with pupils from 8 secondary/ sixth form colleges from all over Hackney borough. The awards were presented by Cllr Michael Desmond, The Speaker of Hackney Council, Diane Abbott MP for Hackney North and Stoke Newington and Detective Chief Superintendent Matthew Horne. The winners received a gilt medallion in recognition of their achievements, they were photographed receiving their awards with Ms Abbott and DSC Horne and then group shots were taken with Cllr Desmond. The pictures that were taken of the event will be on display in school, if you would like to look at the pictures they are on the Jack Petchey website

<http://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk>



Back row Rhys 8M, Bella 10H, Tommy 9H, Pritesh former Y11

Front row George O 9A, Jamie P 10P Cllr Desmond, Jessica 8C and Sasha former Y11

Advance Notice

As you are aware, we will be moving into our brand new school in January 2014 therefore the last day of the Autumn term for pupils will be Monday, 16th December when we shall have a Carol Service in the morning followed by Christmas lunch for pupils and staff. We shall reopen for pupils after Christmas on Monday 13th January 2014.

Autumn Term Dates for your Diary 2013/14

Y12 Information Evening
Half Term
Parent/Carer Consultation
Parent Carer Consultation
Year 11 Work Experience
Carol Service & Christmas Dinner
End of Term for pupils

Thursday 24 October 5.45 – 7pm
Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November
Thursday 7 November (Evening scheduled appointments 3.45-8pm)
Friday 8 November (Scheduled appointments throughout the day)
Monday 11 – Friday 22 November
Monday 16 December
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