

Head's Up!

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Dear Parents and Friends of Stafford Manor,

Attendance still matters

A huge thank you to all families for continuing to support our drive on improving attendance. The school is currently 1% above attendance rates for this time last year. Please remember that in order to access gold and silver rewards at the end of this term, your children need to attend school well and be above 95% and 92% attendance for the year so far.

Please continue to support the school and ensure your children attend every day. Being here at school gives them the best chance of being successful!

Rewards And Celebrations Day—Thursday 19th December

A reminder please that we will be running more unmissable and unforgettable rewards experiences linked to attendance and behaviour on Thursday 19th December.

Gold (95%+ attendance) reward experience this half term will be: Christmas FILM, FEAST AND FUN

Silver (92%+ attendance) reward experience this half term will be: Festive FILM with tuckshop

Bronze (below 92% attendance) reward experience this half term will be: Festive Activities

12 days of Christmas! - Attendance matters

We will be launching 12 days of Christmas next week. Any students who have 100% attendance for the last 12 days, will be placed into a prize draw for a range of Christmas gifts which will be drawn out of Santa's Sack on the last day of term. You have to be in it to win it! Vouchers, sports equipment, gifts and other goodies will all be available to draw on the final morning of this term! Father Christmas will be making an appearance on the last day to drop off gifts to all those who attend for the last 12 days.

Festive Friday Fun! - Final Day Arrangements and Non—Uniform

Advanced notice and a reminder please that the school will be finishing on Friday 20 December at 12.30pm. Please do ensure your children attend that day because we will be having a range of lessons and activities that are fun and enjoyable for your children during the morning. In addition, children will be able to wear non uniform /Christmas jumpers for the day. We are asking for a donation of £1 to support our local food bank as part of this special day. Please donate what you can here.

'Ditch the blade assemblies led by the police this week

The school works very closely with the police, who agreed to attend school this week to lead 'ditch the blade' special assemblies to teach students about the impact that carrying knives has on schools and the wider community. Students were very receptive to these messages and behaved impeccably throughout the sessions, which involved all students on Thursday 5 December.

Best wishes, as always

Rhys Adams
Headteacher

Headteacher's Award for 29 November 2024

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Rhys Gates	Elizabeth Bruce	Joseph Wilson	Eloise Gates	Chloe Cooper
Edward Ponting	Aiden Hemming	Leighton Knox	Amelia Dyble	Stephanie Manning
Archie Stokes	Harry Kemsley	Kian Roper	Samantha James	Vasil Kartalov
Amber Hollinshead	Stanley Ruttly	Thomas Brown	Aaric Sambahangphe	Tyler Colebatch
Christabel Ofuosu	Megan Denston	Adam Jones	Kayne Clark-Hughes	Isobel Sargeant

OUR Values and Behaviour Expectations

Ready	Respectful	Responsible	Resilient
Attending every day	Using good manners	Being accountable	Staying on task
Being on time	Listening to my teacher	Knowing my role	Not giving up
Wearing full uniform	Respecting myself	Meeting deadlines	Avoiding distractions
Bringing my equipment	Showing others respect	Not blaming others	Coping with setbacks
Completing homework	Allowing others to learn	Managing my behaviour	Being comfortable to FAIL
Lining up quietly	Being calm	Doing my best work	Overcoming difficulties

School Vision and Values



'Every child reaching their full potential'



- Safe and welcoming
- Proud of our school
- Inclusive and Equitable
- Focussed on People
- Celebrate Success



- High Expectations
- Ambitious for all
- Take the initiative
- Pursue Excellence
- Positive Destinations



- Excellent Behaviour
- Manners and honesty
- Listen and appreciate
- Show up every day on time
- Be kind, be learning



- Be determined
- Be resilient and bounce back
- Challenge yourself and others
- Work hard and don't give up
- The Struggle helps us develop



Achievement – OVER 75,000 achievement points have been issued this term so far!!!

Overview on Achievement Points 2024-25

01/08/2024 - 05/12/2024

Name ↓	Positive
Year 7	19591
Year 8	17476
Year 9	15209
Year 10	11704
Year 11	11058

Rewards Criteria 2024-25

	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Attendance	Less than 92%	92 % - 94% attendance	95% attendance or above
Behaviour	Behaviour points of 61 or more	No more than 60 behaviour points	No more than 10 Behaviour Points

THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER

- Christmas FILM, FEAST and FUN for students who have achieved our **GOLD standard**, this will be throughout the day.
- Festive FILM with tuckshop option for **silver standards**
- Festive Activities for **BRONZE**



GOLDEN Tickets will be given out WC 16th December!

We will be running a cake sale and tuck shop – please bring some money to buy some snacks

Which film will win?

FESTIVE FILM AND FEAST!



Friday 20th December

Friday Festive FUN! To help get into the Christmas Spirit we will be organising a non-school uniform day for the last day. The theme will be FESTIVE! We do ask that students please donate £1 towards the charity Young Minds and also toward Year 11 Prom.

The school day will run from our usual start time and gates will be open from 8.30am with line up starting at 8.45am. Although a normal morning, we hope to share some FUN and FESTIVE themes within lessons, plus we will be popping into each lesson with some prizes for excellent behaviour and attendance!

The school will close at 12.30pm to students.

Our Local Community



We are proud to be working within our community, this week all students have taken part in assemblies focusing on ADVENT, this was delivered by YOUTH NET. The assemblies explored the meaning of advent with the reflection of hope, peace, love and joy.



On Thursday we also welcomed PCSO Ludlow-Smith who delivered an assembly to all year groups on a national agenda of DITCH THE BLADE. Within the assembly all students were reminded of the dangers, importance of speaking out and keeping safe.



Mrs Nesirky took her YR10 Art GCSE Group and a selection of KS3 students with good attendance and achievement points to Twycross Zoo on Monday 2nd December.

The GCSE Art students needed to take a variety a photos based on the animals that ranged from distance to close up detailed photos. These photos will be used in the students coursework.
The KS3 students had a fantastic time exploring the zoo and seeing a variety of animals such as giraffes, monkeys, birds, tortoise, zebras and Rhinos.

All students also had the opportunity to go into 'Lorikeet Landing' and feed the birds some nectar.

Overall it was an wonderful experience!



Football Leadership Event

On Monday, a selection of our Year 10 sports leaders went to Stafford Town Football Club to referee a football tournament for local primary schools. The leaders were instrumental in the smooth running and success of the event.

All students made amazing, made huge progress throughout the day, and received many positive comments from the teachers that attended with their schools. A massive well done to Lilly Mandley, Hollie O'Neill, Millie Vincent, Kayne Clark Hughes and Reece Hitchen.

Mrs Adams



Year 7 Interhouse Benchball Competition: Thursday 18th December 3.15pm-4.15pm

Following the success of the Endball Competition last half term, there will be a Year 7 Interhouse Benchball event on **Thursday 18th December 3.15pm - 4.15pm** in the sportshall.

All year 7 students are welcome, and all participants will receive extracurricular reward points. There will be additional prizes for the winners. Students need to let their form tutors know if they would like to take part and bring their full PE to school on the day of the competition.

Mrs Adams

12 Dishes of Christmas

Each week during December the canteen will be providing a Christmas meal from around the globe. There will also be the usual sandwiches, pizza, paninis etc available to purchase as well, apart from on Wednesday 11 December when it is our Christmas Meal.

Menu—11 December 2024



12 DISHES OF CHRISTMAS
around the globe

ROAST TURKEY DINNER
a traditional Christmas dish from the UK
served with all the trimmings

or

MUSHROOM & SQUASH WELLINGTON (Ve)
a traditional Christmas dish from the UK
served with all the trimmings

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CHERRY & VANILLA CHRISTMAS CAKE (V)
a festive pud from Edwards & Ward

FESTIVE FACT
IN FRANCE CHILDREN LEAVE THEIR SHOES OUT TO BE FILLED BY FATHER CHRISTMAS RATHER THAN A STOCKING!

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a recipe for success

Menu—16 December 2024



12 DISHES OF CHRISTMAS
around the globe

JOLLY SPAGHETTI
a traditional Christmas dish from the Philippines
spaghetti with hotdog sausages

or

CHEESE & POTATO QUICHE (V)
a traditional Boxing Day dish from Australia
leftover quiche served with salad

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PEAR & APPLE SPONGE (V)
a traditional Christmas cake served in Portugal

FESTIVE FACT
THE PHILIPPINES HOLDS THE RECORD FOR THE WORLD'S LONGEST CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

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Menu—17 December 2024



12 DISHES OF CHRISTMAS
around the globe

CHICKEN 'EFC'
a traditional Christmas dish from Japan
served with rice and katsu curry sauce

or

WINTER MIXED BEAN CHILLI (V)
a traditional Christmas dish from Mexico
served with tortilla chips

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CLASSIC GINGERBREAD (Ve)
a traditional Christmas biscuit from Germany

FESTIVE FACT
OVER 3.5 MILLION JAPANESE FAMILIES ORDER KFC FOR CHRISTMAS DAY!

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facing this
holiday season,
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SUICIDE**

Can you shine a light on the longest night?

Staffordshire County Council and Samaritans are partnering again to light buildings across Staffordshire green on Saturday 21 December (the longest night), to remind people they are **NEVER** alone, and support is **ALWAYS** available.

How you can get involved

- **16th – 22nd December** - Display the poster in your window, with a green light. Please stay safe and only use the LED candle provided*.
- **21st December** (the longest night) - Post a photo of your light on social media and share a story of how you have been helped, or have helped someone in their time of need. Anyone can contact Samaritans for free at any time, from any phone, on **116 123**.

Please spread the word by tagging Staffordshire County Council and using the hashtag #LightUpTheNight in your posts. Or email your pictures to philip.wade@staffordshire.gov.uk

Please note - The tealight provided contains button batteries which could harm a child or pet if swallowed. Please keep out of reach.

Would you like to gain the skills to save a life?
Scan the QR code to find out more about our free
Suicide Awareness and Prevention training.





Job Opportunity!

Cleaning vacancy: Stafford Manor High School, Wolverhampton Road, Stafford, ST17 9DJ.

Duties include cleaning of classrooms, toilets, Staff areas and various other parts of the School as per a Cleaning Schedule.

£11.44 per hour.

Shifts available: 3pm - 6pm, 15 hours per week, Monday to Friday.

No experience necessary as full training provided.

An Enhanced DBS check required.



Benefits of working for CleanTEC:

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- Quarterly newsletters sent out with business updates
- Continuous support from Management.
- In house Payroll and Admin.

For more information, please contact Cari - Ann - 07908743706

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We care about cleaning and those who work with us.

**SMHS Community Support Hub
And
SMHS Food Hub**

Open to all

Wednesday : 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Friday : 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.