

Head's Up!

Issue#24

14 March 2025

Stafford Manor
High School

Wolverhampton Road
Stafford
Staffordshire
ST17 9DJ
Tel: 01785 258383
Email: Office@smhs.staffs.sch.uk



Dear Parents and Friends of Stafford Manor,

Parent Voice! Your views are really important

Please would you take the time to complete our annual parent voice survey. Your views are really important and are used to help us to reflect on how we are doing as a school and how we can continue to improve. The link for parent voice can be found here: [Parent Voice 2025](#)

Parent Mental Health Survey—please complete this by clicking on the link below.

[Mental Health Survey for Parents](#)

Mindful March

It is mindful March! So please find attached the Action for Happiness 'Mindful March' challenge to give you some suggested daily activities to get you reflecting and focussing on things you can do to develop your own mindfulness, happiness and well-being. You can find the link here, or attached with this weeks Head's Up. <https://actionforhappiness.org/sites/default/files/Mar%202025.jpg>

Read For Good (please click the link)

Not only are our students taking part in the charity 'Read for Good' Spring Readathon! But we also have a new section on our website. Please take the time to have a look at this, where you will find lots of information.

School Uniform (please click the link)

We want all our students to dress smartly and be a good advertisement for the school and themselves. We believe the school uniform plays an important part in supporting positive behaviour, and discipline, developing the ethos of the school and supporting teaching and learning.

The main items of uniform are as follows:

Blazer—black with SMHS logo.

Trousers-lack matt material, front fastening with zip, side seams and full length leg, under no circumstances will leggings or jeans be allowed.

Skirt-black must be knee length.

Shirt—white with collar must be fastened to the neck and tucked in.

Footwear-sensible all black footwear with no coloured logos, markings or laces.

Best wishes, as always

Rhys Adams
Headteacher

OUR Values and Behaviour Expectations



School Vision and Values

'Every child reaching their full potential'



Community

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



Aspiration

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



Respect

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



Endeavour

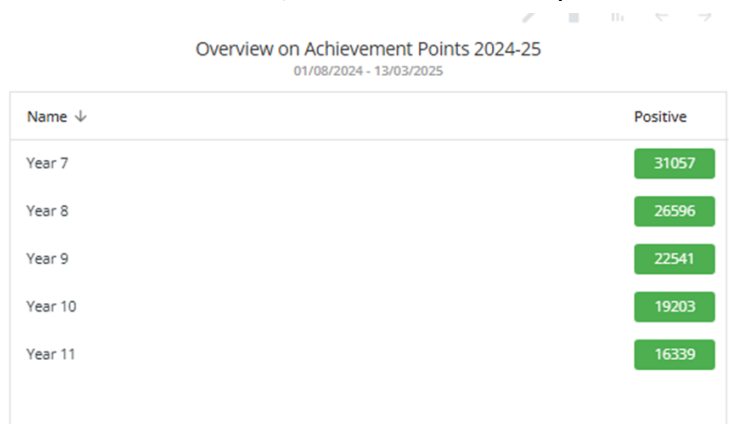
- Be determined
- Be resilient and bounce back
- Challenge yourself and others
- Work hard and don't give up
- The Struggle helps us develop

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

Class Charts – Behaviour and Achievement system



A reminder to track your child's progress on achievement and behaviour, if you need any help please contact the main school office. Together students have received over 115,000 achievement points!



Punctuality:

We have had a few students arrive late to school this week and waiting by the local shops. Please can you ensure your child arrives on time, all students should be in school by 8.45am. We encourage all students to be on the main playground by 8.40am.

Support in school:

A reminder your child has many levels of support in school. If you have any queries or questions please contact your child's tutor, Head of Year or pastoral support.

Year 7 – Head of Year – Mr Chadwick

Tutors : Mrs Gurmin, Mr Mainwaring, Mr Regnauld, Mrs Munford

Year 8 – Head of Year - Mrs Sims

Tutors: Mr Taylor, Mrs Cass, Mr Freeman, Mr Gadsby

Year 9 - Head of Year - Mrs Sims

Tutors: Mrs Sawyer, Mr Harrison, Mr Hughes, Mrs Nesirsky

Year 10 – Head of Year – Mrs Thorley

Tutors – Mrs Parkes, Mrs Millinchip, Mrs Adey and Mrs Adams

Year 11 Head of Year – Mrs Thorley

Tutors – Miss Burns, Miss Mee, Mrs Mandley and Mr Barnes

Uniform:

We expect all students to wear FULL uniform in school, please can you check and support your child in ensuring they meet this expectation. Any student who does not have correct uniform will be sanctioned according to our behaviour and uniform policy.

SMHS Uniform List

Stafford Manor High School Blazer
White shirt
School Tie (Can be purchased from the school office)
Black school shoes or black trainers
School trousers (NO leggings), **skirts knee length.**

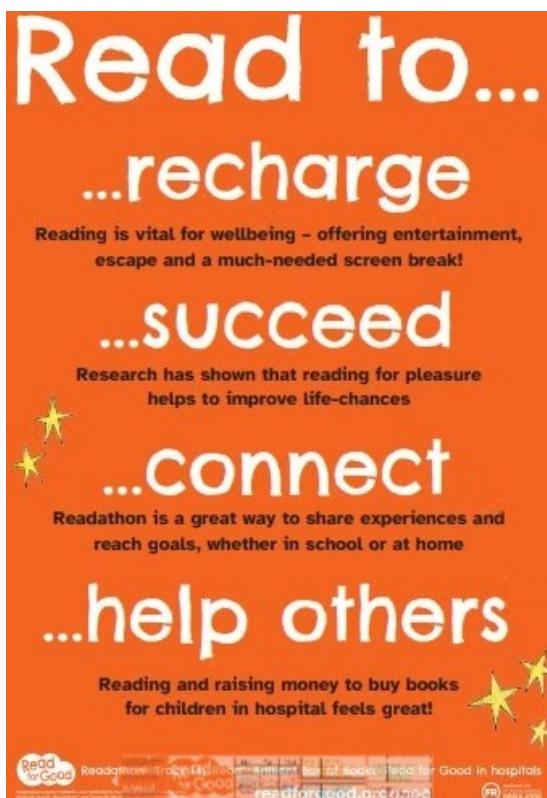
Facial piercing, please can you ensure your child if they have a nose stud or any other piercings are clear. If piercings are not clear they will need to be covered throughout the day or removed.

REWARDS:

As part of our REWARDS promise to all students, we are delighted to confirm students will have the opportunity to take part in a rewards afternoon on Thursday 10th April. Gold students with 95% attendance or more and less than 10 behaviour points will be invited to Bowling with a meal. Silver students with 90% attendance and no more than 60 behaviour points will experience an afternoon of activities including sports, creative and gaming, Bronze students will focus on developing teamwork, resilience and creativity!

Students invited to the GOLD rewards will receive further information on Tuesday.

READ FOR GOOD



SMHS are taking part in the charity 'Read For Good' spring Readathon! We are asking all students to get reading and to ask family and friends to sponsor them for doing so.

Read for Good are a charity that take mobile libraries and storytellers all over UK hospital's Children's Wards. The money we raise goes towards buying new books for children to enjoy.

For all money we raise in the readathon, Read for Good will donate 20% back to us in book vouchers which we can use to stock our own school library. Please see the attached letter for more information.

More information about this event has been sent out in a separate email.





Big Yellow Bus-NSCG

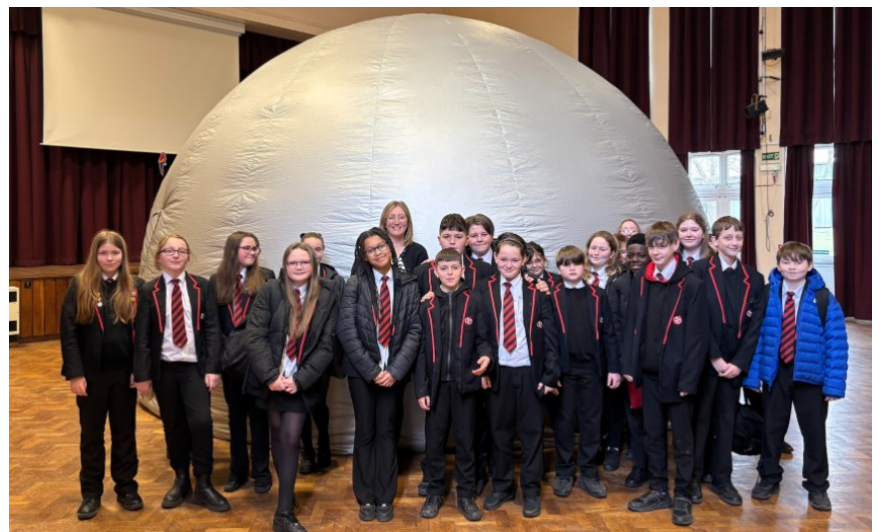
Today Stafford College visited the school in their 'Big Yellow Bus'. They worked with 38 Y11 students who participated in a variety of activities. These included completing 'The RIASEC Test' where students answered a series of questions and from this were able to identify subjects/courses that may suit their strengths and interests. Students also participated in communication and team building activities, further supporting them with skills they will need when beginning further studies after their GCSE's.



Higher Horizons

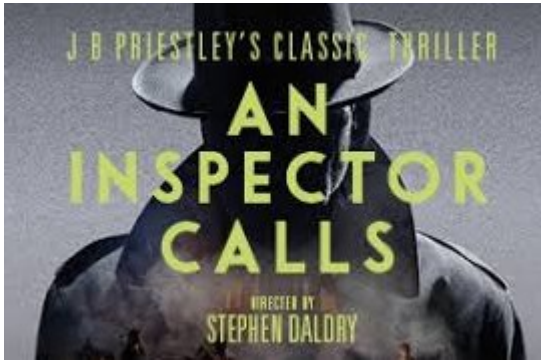
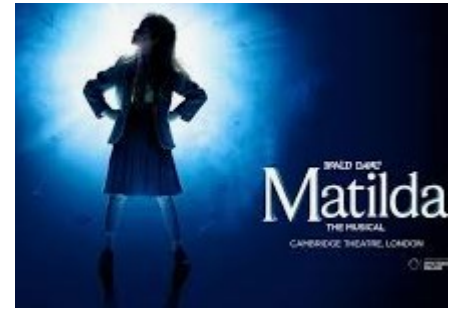
On Wednesday 12th March Y7 students participated in their second Higher Horizons event (Part of the University of Staffordshire).

A large inflatable Stardome/planetarium was erected in the main Hall. The students watched a short film titled 'We Are Aliens!'. The film took students on an epic ride in the hunt for evidence of alien life, balancing science, education and family entertainment. This was a brilliant opportunity for students to participate in something outside of their normal classroom learning as well as explore a topic that compliments thier KS3 science studies.



London Theatre Trip—Thursday 27 and Friday 28 March

There will be a meeting in the main hall for on Thursday 20 March at 4.30—5.00 pm for students and parents.



On Thursday afternoon of last week, a group of thirty Y11 and Y10 students travelled to The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton, to watch a performance of J.B Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls', one of the plays studied as part of the GCSE English Literature course.

Students really enjoyed the trip. We had a good view and the chairs were really comfortable.

The performance was enjoyable as the way the actors acted it out suited the characters from the play really well. Especially Gerald who acted with all his heart. Eric was represented as drunk really well and initially not responsible for his actions. Edna, the servant, was on the stage all of the time and her acting represented how the poor did not have a voice. It was like the old silent films as she hardly spoke.

The set was good. The house that fell apart was really cool and it exploded everywhere. The suspense was great. The smoke and sound effects were fantastic – they stand out when compared between this play and others.

Over all the whole play was enjoyable to watch, I would watch again and I would recommend.

Petko Y10



SMHS Community Support Hub Open to all

Wednesday : 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Friday : 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.