

# Head's Up!

## Issue#8

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Dear Parents and Friends of Stafford Manor,

Please could I ask for your support with ensuring that your child continues to attend Stafford Manor High School in full school uniform.

We can appreciate that the weather is warming up now, which is pleasing, as it is encouraging more of our students to be outside in the fresh air during break and lunch.

However, we would ask please that students attend in full uniform.

Once the weather is warm enough, we will be allowing boys to attend in tailored shorts. Girls are permitted to wear skirts as part of our uniform, but these should be knee length please.

It is also advised that your child bring a water bottle to remain hydrated during the day. These can be filled up at our hydration station in the canteen at break and lunch but not during lesson time please.

The school will ensure that windows are opened to encourage air flow through the building and into classrooms. We will be advising all students to think about how active they are when the weather is hot and also encouraging them to find shade during lunch.

Sun cream would also be advisable for students to apply before leaving home for school.

Please could we ask that children do not bring water pistols or other similar toys to school that carry water. Using these causes disruption to learning, as it often means students are wet after social time, which often means students are more uncomfortable in lessons. This also causes a hazard inside the building, as the water gets onto the floor and makes it slippery and dangerous.

Finally, we will, as always, get to a point when the weather may be too hot for ties and blazers. We are NOT at this point yet based on a slight rise in temperature this week. The school will notify parents and students in advance if it gets too hot for ties, blazers and when boys can begin to wear tailored shorts. For the time being, please send your child in full school uniform.

### **Mental Health Awareness Week**

It is mental health awareness week next week and the school will be encouraging students to move more and to seek support if they need it with their mental health and delivering lessons on how students can help their own mental health. Please ask them about their learning on this in school and talk to them about how they are feeling.

Best wishes, as always

**Rhys Adams**  
**Headteacher**



**MENTAL  
HEALTH  
AWARENESS  
WEEK**  
13-19 MAY 2024

## Headteacher's Award for this week

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Meher Ali	Adam Jones	Connor Forster	Lily Sturgess	Leah Turner
Harvey-Lee Hammond-Browne	Luca Winnard	Seb Sutton	Vasil Kartalov	Jonathan Kisambu
Arly Penlington-Stopka	MacKenzie Dickson	Lucas Betts	Isobel Sargeant	Jessica Manning
Yewo Mapunda	Leighton Knox	Amelia Dyble	Morgan Armstrong	Michalina Labno
Daniel Patrick	Oliver Ridley	Ruby McCann	Stephanie Manning	Leah Thomas-Finlayson

### **Students—Your School Library Needs You!**

#### **Are you...**

Reliable, Hardworking, Honest, Sensible and Enthusiastic?

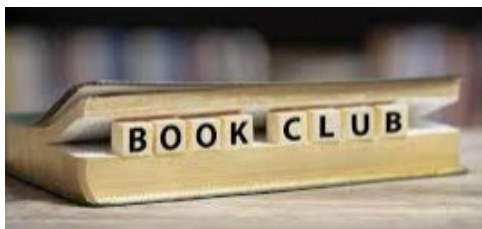
#### **Could you...**

Keep the library tidy, shelve returned books accurately, help to issue and return books, deal with enquiries and requests from students, help students find information, advise students on books they will enjoy reading, help out at special events such as author visits, open evenings etc, help to prepare displays?



If the answer is **YES** to any of these, **then SMHS library needs YOU!** We are looking for student librarians to help with the day to day running of our school library. If you are interested in applying or you want to have a chat about what's involved please come and see Mrs Gurmin in the library.

### **KS3 Book Club!**



Do you love to read?  
Do you want to read more?  
Do you love to talk about your favourite books?  
Do you want to find more books by your favourite authors?

Come along to the library on Tuesday and Thursday lunch times where you can be part of our brand new book club. There will be a chance to choose from your favourite books or even try out something new and exciting!

The Book club is available to all Yr7-9 pupils and it will be held in the library from 1.40-2:10 every Tuesday and Thursday.

Where will your next book take you?

## **Homework Club**

We are excited to announce the return of the afterschool homework club! Meeting in the Library every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15 - 4pm.

There will be computers available, a huge range of non-fiction and reference books to help with all areas of homework. There will be adults available too to help if you get stuck, or read through work to check you're on the right track.

Come along to the Afterschool Homework Club and never miss a deadline again!



**SMHS Community Support Hub**

**Open to all**

**Wednesday 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.**

**Friday 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.**