

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 +1.1% 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.

Best wishes, as always

Rhys Adams

Headteacher

Headteacher's Award for w/e 6 December 2024

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Edward Ponting	Sam Lally	Maxley Penlington	Andrey Georgiev	Jegor Gerasimovic
Amber Hollinshead	Isaac Johnson	Alexander Anthony	Archie Kendall	Vasil Kartalov
Kian James	Nicole Sturgess	Adrian Czarnowski	Lucas Betts	Isobel Sargeant
Conor Robinson	Yewo Mapunda	Madison Morton	Lyla Bottomer	Lena Spiers
Georgie Pearson	Daniel Patrick	Leighton Knox	Vladimir Carter	Mohammed Attia

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'



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



Achievement – OVER 79,000 achievement points have been issued this term so far!!!

Overview on Achievement Points 2024-25

01/08/2024 - 13/12/2024

Name ↓	Positive
Year 7	20620
Year 8	18477
Year 9	16295
Year 10	12597
Year 11	11523

Assemblies this week will be reflecting and rewarding students for their hard work, attendance and positive behaviours shown in school.



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

Any donations will receive 10 achievement points.

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!

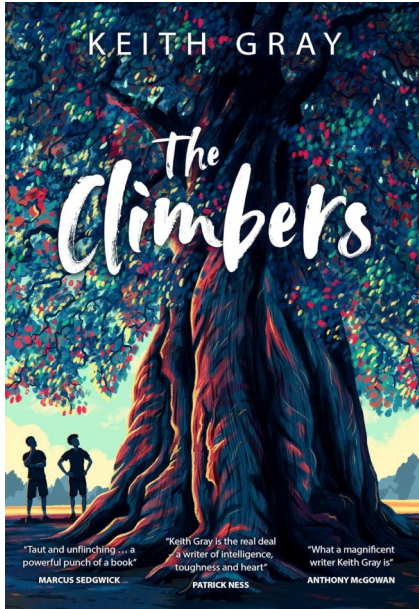
The school will close at 12.30pm to students.

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SMHS Book Group

Thank you to our wonderful students who have made a great start in getting SMHS Book Group up and running. We have already read 2 books and are well into our 3rd!

We're currently reading: **Keith Gray's 'The Climbers'**.



Sully is the best climber in the village. He can scale Twisted Sisters tangled branches and clamber up Double Trunker with ease. But when new kid Nottingham shows up and astonishes everyone with his climbing skills, Sully's status is under threat and there's only one way to prove who's best. Sully and Nottingham must race to climb the last unnamed tree. Whoever makes it to the top will become a legend. But something spiteful and ugly has reared its head in Sully... Is it worth losing everything just to reach the top?

We talk regularly about the books we love, the characters that make books come alive and also the books we'd like to read in the future. We talk about our current book and discuss what we're enjoying and what we're not enjoying. We always eat too many biscuits too!



We'd love to see more people joining us and sharing their favourite stories, if you'd like to come along and see if it's something you'd enjoy, we meet every Wednesday lunchtime in the library.

Girls Football Fixture

On Wednesday the Year 9 girls football team travelled to Blessed William Howard School to play in a 5 aside futsal match. This was their first fixture of the year, and they **won 10-6!!!!** What an amazing achievement - well done girls!!!

Huge congratulations to **Jessica, Daisy, Rekhia, Evie, Kelis and Ellise.**

Thanks Mrs Adams



REMINDER - 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.

iDEA Award

Congratulations to Lillie Tipton and Kian Roper in Year 9 who are the first students in school to achieve their iDEA Bronze Award certificate. All year 7, 8 and 9 students have started this award in their IT lessons this term and are working their way through completing online badges to gain points towards their certificate. More information can be found on the website and students can work on this at home too. Hopefully they'll be some more Bronze certificates coming soon and maybe even silver or gold so well done and keep it up!

<https://idea.org.uk/about/learner>



THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM IN SCHOOLS ARE **OPEN** OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 23rd December - Monday 4th January
(excluding weekends and bank holidays)

If your child is experiencing low level mental health difficulties, we may be able to help. Call us* between 9am - 5pm (Monday to Friday), leave your name and number and one of our practitioners will give you a call back to see what support we can offer.

We can help with:

- Low mood
- Anxiety
- Sleep difficulties
- Worry
- Panic

Burton and Uttoxeter
01283 504487

Cannock and Lichfield
01283 352113

Stafford
01283 352097

Tamworth
01785 301027



*Please note that these contact numbers are not to be used in an emergency.



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:

- Employee owned business.
- 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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**SMHS Community Support Hub
And
SMHS Food Hub**

Wednesday 18 December 2.00—4.00 p.m.

Open to all parents. Final day to join us for a cup of tea, coffee and a biscuit, or even to collect some food from our Food Hub.