

# Head's Up!

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Dear Parents and Friends of Stafford Manor,

Well done to Year 11 for completing the bulk of their GCSE Mock Exams this week. Students have conducted themselves exceptionally well during what is a challenging time for them and I am sure families at home. Please see the remainder of exams shown below, along with times for revision and also booster sessions to support Year 11 not just in the lead up to exams.

### Year 11 Mock Exams Week 2

25 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Session 1: P1-2		Session 2: P3-4		Session 3: P5	
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Exam:	Additional	Exam:	Additional	Exam:	Additional
	Textiles and Art All Day. Rooms needed for Art/Textiles lessons.					
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov			Maths	12:00-13:30		

### Key Stage 3 Resolve Sessions on Caffeine use and Vaping

It was a pleasure to welcome external presenter Dan from Resolve into school this week to work with Key Stage 3 students. Please see more details of the sessions on page four of this week's Head's Up.

### Attendance still matters

A huge thanks you to all families for continuing to support our drive on improving attendance. The school is currently well 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!

### Year 9 Parents' Evening - Thursday 28 November 3.25pm–6.25pm in the main hall.

I am looking forward to seeing Year 9 families this Thursday from 3.25pm. Please do attend and please do pop and see me if you have any questions or queries I can help with.

### Core Curriculum Knowledge

Being here everyday also gives your child the best chance of learning the core curriculum knowledge they need to make sense of the world and to achieve well in school. A reminder please that if you want to support your child with their core knowledge, there is a link on the website and this can be found using the link here: [Core Knowledge](#).

Please test them and ask them questions about the contents held within this section of the website. You could set them tests at home, ask them to do their own flashcards or get them to recall key facts for you at home. Why not even link this into a reward?

Best wishes, as always

**Rhys Adams**  
Headteacher

Year 11  
REVISION TIMETABLE **RED WEEK 2024-25**



	<b>Lunch 1.35-2.05pm</b>	<b>After School 3.15-4.15</b>			
<b>Monday</b>	English Creative Design	English J15	H&SC J10 Component 2	Textiles and Art	Maths KB
<b>Tuesday</b>					
<b>Wednesday</b>	Science Humanities	Geography	History	H&SC	Maths MT Maths KB
<b>Thursday</b>	Maths/IT	PE Revision Mrs Thorley			
<b>Friday</b>		Maths KB	Science JFr		

Year 11  
REVISION TIMETABLE – **BLUE WEEK 2024-25**



	<b>Lunch 1.30-2pm</b>	<b>After School 3.15-4.15</b>			
<b>Monday</b>	English Creative Design	Art and Textiles	Maths KB	H&SC J10 Component 2	English
<b>Tuesday</b>					
<b>Wednesday</b>	Science Humanities	Geography	History	HSC	Maths MT Maths KB
<b>Thursday</b>	Maths/IT PE – Mr Chadwick	PE Revision with Mrs Adams Component 2			
<b>Friday</b>		Maths KB			

# OUR Values and Behaviour Expectations

this term so far!!!

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 66,000 achievement points have been issued**

Name ↓	Positive
Year 7	17569
Year 8	15520
Year 9	13558
Year 10	9866
Year 11	9755

### Rewards Criteria 2024-25

**Be PART of the SMHS WOW!**

**Attendance – attend school every day!**

**Behaviours - show positive behaviours in attitude, strive for your very BEST!**

	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

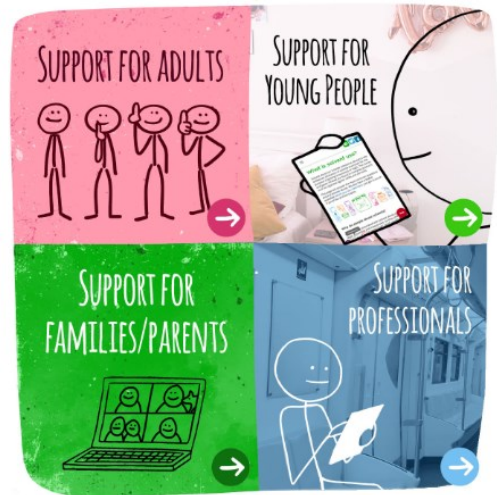
### Uniform:

Please can you support the school by checking your child's uniform, please can you ensure **skirt lengths** are knee length, we are seeing an increasing number that are too short, we will be contacting those parents to ask for appropriate clothing to be brought into school

**Facial piercings** need to be clear please, these can often be purchased cheaply from amazon or other providers.

### Assemblies

Last week all students too part in the Anti Bullying week assemblies. Each assembly focused on what RESPECT means and how we can show RESPECT within Stafford Manor and the local Community!



On Thursday 21 November, KS3 participated in hour long sessions with Dan from Re-Solv. Re-Solv is a national charity specialising in substance misuse. The charity works alongside the Stafford Borough Community Prevention Programme educating young people on the risk associated with substance misuse and signposting support if students feel they need it.

Today the Y7 students participated in a session about Caffeine and the risks involved. Whilst the Y8&9 students has sessions on Vaping where they assessed the risks of vaping and how to make positive choices when faced with to vape or not.

Further support can be found on these topics can be found here: <https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/service.page?id=sYGaiwG1f4A>

## Q&A session with Professor Janina Ramirez

There is an exciting opportunity to take part in a Q&A session with Professor Janina Ramirez who is doing a talk on Medieval women. The event is free and will be hosted in J9 by Mr. Mainwaring. There are 30 tickets available and students will have the opportunity to ask Professor Ramirez a question about her topic and about being a historian in general.

The event takes place on Friday 13 December at 10:30 and last for one hour.

If you would like the opportunity to attend this event, then you will need to do the following.

Choose one historical woman from the list below and create a fact file on their life. Tell me who they were, what they did and why they are historically significant. Please submit your entries to Mr. Mainwaring by 9 December. The entries can be typed or hand written. The best 30 entries will be chosen to attend the event.

Anyone who enters will be rewarded with Achievement Points.

Here is the list of women to choose from:

Joan of Arc

Julian of Norwich

Aethelflaed, Lady of the Mercians

Eleanor of Aquitaine

Margery Kempe

Isabella of France

Margaret of Anjou

Any questions? Please contact Mr. Mainwaring via [g.mainwaring@smhs.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:g.mainwaring@smhs.staffs.sch.uk), Class Charts or in J9

Good luck!



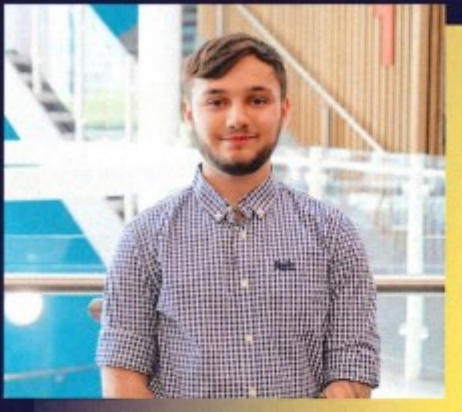
Friday, 13 December

**Prof Janina Ramirez: Medieval Women, livestream**



Congratulations to Beckie Jones who was the winner of the Principal's Award at NSCG for 2023.

Congratulations, as well to Cameron Jackson, who has gained three prestigious SANS Institute Awards for Academy Achievement, Core Knowledge and Practical Skills and an Alumni Award.



## COMPUTING, IT & ESPORTS AWARD

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### CAMERON JACKSON

**LEVEL 3 BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**FORMER SCHOOL: STAFFORD MANOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Cameron's passion for programming and security was evident from the moment he attended NSCG for his interview, since then he has demonstrated an exceptional attitude and dedication to learning both inside and outside of the classroom. His commitment to cyber security has led him to achieve three prestigious SANS Institute Awards for Academic Achievement, Core Knowledge and Practical Skills, and an Alumni Award.

He has also excelled in various competitions, including Cyber Discovery and Capture the Flag events, as well as the CyberStart competition, which focuses on Ethical Hacking, Programming, and Forensics. Despite his rigorous schedule, Cameron finds time to pursue personal projects, such as writing programmes in Python, creating websites, and developing a password cracker software. He also represents the NSCG Dragons Esports Team weekly in Overwatch and dedicates time every Monday to update the software and security on all 24 machines in the Esports classroom. Cameron's excellent problem-solving, programming, and web development skills have led him to achieve a distinction in his first Level 3 unit, with expectations of similar results in upcoming exams. His ambition is to join GCHQ on an apprenticeship, and he is preparing himself thoroughly for this future role by consistently going above and beyond in all his endeavours.

## SMHS Community Support Hub

### Open to all

**Closed Wednesday 27 due to Y9 Parents Evening**

**Open Thursday 28 November 3.30—6.00 p.m.**



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10 minute panto  
Superhero Nativity  
Magician  
Christmas songs  
White Christmas  
And much more...

# Christmas

**28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November 7pm**

**Saturday Matinee 2pm**

**Trinity Church, Mount Street, Stafford**

**Tickets: £7.50 Concessions £5**

**Email: [nonametheatregroup@outlook.com](mailto:nonametheatregroup@outlook.com)**

**Telephone: 01785 612063**

**Also available from Mews Music, 8 St Mary's Mews**

**SMHS Community Support Hub  
And**

**SMHS Food Hub**

**Open to all parents**

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**Open Thursday 28 November 3.30–6.00 p.m.**

**Open Friday 29 November - 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.**