# **Head's Up! Issue #**9

Dear Parents and Friends of Stafford Manor,

#### Protecting your child online

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As you will be aware, we have a no mobile phone policy within school. That means your child can have a phone on them in school, but that we do not want to see it in school. IF we do, we will ask your child to hand it in and it is kept safe in the main office and your child is allowed to have it back at the end of the day without a sanction, if they cooperate. We took the decision to ban mobile phone use at Stafford Manor High in October 2022 for a number of reasons. Firstly to improve their mental health. Secondly because it encourages more effective communication, engagement and conversations during social times and thirdly to reduce their unmonitored access to ICT and also reduce instances of online bullying during school time.

Online safety is part of our duty to keep students safe within education and one that we take seriously. Students have lessons on online safety through SEL lessons and also have assemblies on this topic. In addition, we currently monitor all online activity within school as part of our duty to filter and monitor the online information your child is accessing within school, on our network. This means staff can limit your child's access to inappropriate information online during ICT or computer based lessons, or in the library. It also means that any information your child searches for online is also monitored and scanned for any inappropriate, unsafe or concerning material and content. This is part of our duty to filter and monitor information and it is an expectation as part of Keeping Children Safe in Education.

As a parent myself with children at both primary and secondary school age, it is important for me to also guide and advise my children about how to stay safe online. To support you with helping your child to stay safe online, I have included a link to some useful information here: NSPCC-keeping children safe online. If you scroll to the bottom of the page, it will take you to links that will support you to understand how to talk to your child about online safety, online well being and also parental controls too. I hope you find this useful.

### Child Exploitation and Online Protection—CEOP

If you are worried that your child may be experiencing sexual abuse and grooming online then you can report this to CEOP, which is a law enforcement agency that is set up to help keep children and young people safe from sexual abuse and grooming online. If you are concerned about your child or another child, then you can report this directly to CEOP using this link: Child Exploitation and Online Protection.

Informing School about any Safeguarding Concerns

If you have concerns about anything in relation to safeguarding or bullying relating to students at Stafford Manor High School, then you can inform school by clicking on the red hand on the school website,

### Keeping your child safe from Extremism and Radicalisation

Another part of our duty to keep children safe is to ensure we fulfil our duty under the governments' national prevent strategy to protect our children from extremism. Radicalisation can be difficult to spot. Some signs that your child is being radicalised include isolating themselves from family and friends, unwillingness or inability to discuss their views, increasing levels of anger, talking as if from a scripted speech, a sudden disrespectful attitude towards others, increasing secrecy, especially around internet use. I realise that may of you may be thinking that these are the hallmarks of changes in teenage behaviour and that your child is not at risk from radicalisation. However, if you are concerned about your child, please speak to Mrs Bradbury at school. There are also some useful links here to support you with protecting your child from radicalisation.





# Student Leadership Team 'your team – your voice – your school – your future.'

We are re-shaping student leadership at Stafford Manor and are advertising for students to apply to become part of the student leadership team.

Students who would like to be part of improving the school should complete an application form by Friday 24 May and hand it in to their tutor.

Get involved in student leadership to help the school to continue to improve.







## Headteacher's Award for this week

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Meher Ali	Leah Sharman	Lillie Dewsbery	Vasil Kartalov	Jonathan Kisambu
Solomon Nyangule	Skye Reynolds	William Weston	Isobel Sargeant	Michalina Labno
Harvey-Lee Hammond- Browne	Lacey Tweats	Lucas Bennett	Casper Simmons	Jack Stockley
Bobby Sales	Alexander Anthony	Lucas Betts	Tyler Colebatch	Jessica Manning
Megan Denston	Zak Brannan	Ethan Colligan- Liddle	John Williams	Leah Thomas- Finlayson

**\*\*** Any cake donations either baked or homemade would be really appreciated!



## **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 Challenge yourself and others Work hard and don't give up The Struggle helps us develop
Ready	Respectful	Responsible	Resilient

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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

### **Half Term Five Highest Achievement Points**

Well done to all students on a positive half term!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Harvey-Lee Ham- mond-Brown	Alexander Anthony	William Weston	Isobel Sargeant
Meher Ali	Leighton Knox	Leo Conway	Vasil Kartalov
Solomon Nyangule	Oliver Ridley	Miley-Ann Palmer	Lexi Lewis
Arly Penlington- Stopka	Mackenzie Dickson	Cole Reeves	Morgan Armstrong
Nicole Sturgess	Iris Hogan	Lillie Dewsbery	Lena Spiers

# SMHS Community Support Hub Open to all

Friday 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.