



Headteacher's update

Week commencing Monday 20th January 2020 will be a Week B

SEND update

As reported in the 29th November bulletin, the SEN team will be giving regular updates, please see the latest from the SEN Team at the end of this bulletin.

Enrichment day

On Tuesday, we had our second enrichment day of the year, and the students enjoyed a variety of topics throughout the day.

The Year 7 focus for the day was about the very important topic of climate change. This included sessions about Carbon Footprint, the impact of climate change on communities and eating habits and palm oil. The students worked really well and their engagement within the sessions was excellent.

Year 8's looked at Mental Health, focusing on attitudes towards mental health and coping strategies. We were delighted to have our Wellbeing Counsellor Ronan Miller in school to deliver sessions to the students, which involved the whole year group and small group work. In the afternoon, the students selected their own activities to experience practical coping strategies, including: physical activity, Art, Music and Drama. A very worthwhile day working on an extremely important aspect of their lives.

Year 9 also discussed mental health awareness, with the focus being on attitudes towards mental health, promoting mental health and digital resilience. They also spent time discussing two of the Fundamental British Values of 'Individual Liberty' and 'Rule of Law'.

Year 10 worked on the PSHE RSE topics of Teenage Pregnancy and Contraception during the morning sessions. In the afternoon the focus was on Human Rights. The students worked very well during the lessons, showing a good attitude to the content delivered.

Year 11 had extra lessons in their option subjects, to continue to prepare them for their summer examinations. The afternoon sessions focused on the Modern Foreign Language that they are studying, and also revision techniques and preparation for steps after Stanley.

Year 11

This week was a very busy week for our Year 11 students, on Monday they had interviews with Runshaw College, which some students were quite nervous about, but they all bravely went into the experience with an open mind and came out having had a very positive experience. These sessions will enhance their interview skills moving forward when they go on to other interviews both for college and to enter the job world.

On Tuesday they experienced additional and bespoke sessions for their option subjects and were given revision techniques and preparation for their GCSE exams and Steps after Stanley. On Wednesday they were given the results of their Mock exams, which will give them an insight into what additional revision they need to do as they work towards the GCSE examinations in the summer term.

Last night was Year 11 Parent/Carer evening which was very well attended. I hope that you found the evening to be informative and should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office with your enquiry.



Southport Learning Partnership 'Love my Community' Day

As part of the Southport Learning Partnership we will be taking part in the annual 'Love my Community' charity support day. This year we will be holding a mufti day on Friday 14th February to support the Marfan Trust. This charity was suggested by Linaker Primary School.

Marfan syndrome is an inherited disorder that affects men and women of any race or ethnic group. This was identified in 1896 by a French physician, Antoine Marfan. The syndrome is a disorder of the body's connective tissue which predisposes to medical problems affecting the heart, eyes and skeleton, requiring treatment to prevent serious complications. Those affected suffer from one or more of the following problems: Eyes, Skeleton, Heart. Please visit their website to learn more about the syndrome. <https://www.marfantrust.org/>

On Friday 14th February students will be able to wear their own clothes, in exchange for a donation to the Marfan Trust, we would suggest a minimum donation of £1. All the schools in the local community and Southport will be taking part which includes 29 Primary and High Schools combined.

Bike Locks

Can I please remind you that it is important that your child has a bike lock, if they come to school on a bike. Whilst we do have a bike shed, often a student will have a lock attached to their bike but not use it to lock their bike. The bike shed is locked from 8.40am to 2.50pm, but on occasion, it is also necessary to open it during the day and we encourage students to ensure the maximum safety of their bikes whilst on the school site.

Eco-Committee

As part of the Eco Award the Eco-Committee have chosen 'Biodiversity' as one of their key themes. Part of this is to educate the school community as to the species of plants and animals found on the school site.

As a result they have decided to have a BIRD of the week.

Each week there will be a PP slide with a species of (usually) bird to share with staff and students and I thought it would also be good to share with Parents/Carers. Students and Staff are tasked to try and see one before the end of the week. Simple as that! There are no prizes ... aside from the knowledge that you know a little more about the natural world around you!

Bird of the Week- 20th January

Pied Wagtail



The Pied Wagtail is a common bird which spends all year around school. A pair usually breeds somewhere around our buildings (usually Technology) but in winter they are much more common. Look for them in both yards running around the grass or flags, wagging their tails and chasing insects. Sometimes large numbers of up to a hundred roost (spend the night) in the larger bushes in the yards. They spend the night here to be safe from predators.

Interesting fact:

When breeding Pied Wagtails are often aggressive towards one another. The birds around technology often attack reflections of themselves in the windows.



Next week a group of students are going to complete the Big Schools Bird Watch. It is part of a national survey into the bird species using school sites. Mr Baxter is pretty certain that they will gain different results from virtually every other school in the country given that we are on the coast next to a marsh. Good luck and happy bird watching!

Mr N Moore
Headteacher



Library/Homework Club

Please be reminded that the library is open every lunchtime and after school from 3-4pm for students wishing to complete any homework or to simply have a quiet area to read – there are hundreds of books to choose from! A member of staff is always at hand to assist the students. Additionally, there are numerous resources available, including laptops/tablets to aid their learning.

Word of the week

As you may know, we have a word of the week that we encourage students to use during their day-to-day learning and each week the word will be displayed in classrooms and around school. This week we had 'reminisce'.

The word for next week will be 'paroxysm' and we hope students do their best to use the word within lessons, they often like to catch the teachers out by using it when not expected.

Paroxysm – noun – a sudden outbreak or outburst

Maths and English Form time Challenge

Each fortnight we hold a new challenge, all challenges and answers can be found at the link below, students should see Mr Hooton for any further details. <https://stanleyhigh.co.uk/fortnightly-challenges/>

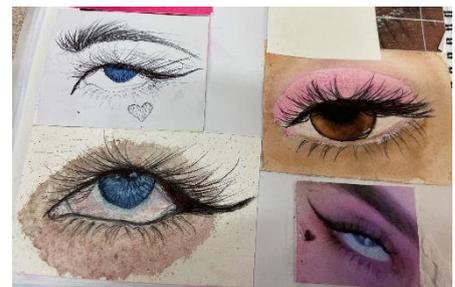
Parent/Carer contact details

Can I please remind you to update the school office should you move house, change your phone number or email address.

We send the majority of our communication home via email, which relies on an up to date email, and we need up to date telephone details for communication should your child be unwell etc. Please telephone the office or email enquiries@stanleyhigh.co.uk with any updated details.

Art

Victoria Conway in Year 9 has developed her own personal drawings based on human eyes using water colour and ink techniques that we have been using in class. These beautiful drawings are to go in Victoria's GCSE coursework. Well done Victoria.



Mrs McAlisters Year 7 Technology group have started an anime project in technology, they have learnt how to draw an eye, and the work was impressive.



PE

Year 9 Football

Our Year 9 football teams had fixtures in the National Cup this week. With both teams progressing to the last 16 in the country before Christmas, the players were hoping to secure home fixtures in the next round. The draw regrettably was not kind and both teams played in tough away fixtures in demanding weather conditions. Neither teams were successful in reaching the quarter final as both teams played schools whose players were far more physically dominant. Despite both teams losing, all the players who have been involved this year should be extremely proud of the successful season that they have had so far. I have no doubt that in the upcoming 6-aside tournaments that are due to be played at Stanley and Thornton, that the teams will return to winning ways.



Year 8 football

It was the turn of some of our local schools to bring Year 8 football teams to our 3G pitch for the next week of 6-aside tournaments. Last week our Year 7 team would lose in the final to Christ the King, but this week our Year 8 team were comprehensive winners winning all the fixtures that were played. There were some outstanding individual and team performances, with Stanley finishing first and third with an exceptional performance against Meols Cop in the final game. Well done to all the students who participated; these tournaments will be repeated before the half term while we still have the poor weather and dark nights.



Cross Country

Next week sees race 2 of 3 in the Sefton Schools Cross Country Championships at Merchant Taylor playing fields. The first race in November saw some outstanding individual and team results, most notably from the Year 8/9 boys team who are currently top of the rankings and Thomas Walsh in Year 8 who won his age group. I am sure that we will not only consolidate but build on the impressive results of the last race and we wish all our competitors the best of luck. If you did not take part in the first race and wish to represent the school then please see Mr Walsh before Wednesday.

Sports Leaders

Next week our school will be hosting Futsal tournaments for 20 primary schools on four consecutive nights in our Sports Hall. Our students will be helping Miss Alyson with the organisation and officiating games during the week with the group winners on each day progressing to the final next week. A big thank you in advance to our Year 10 Sports Leaders who will be helping next week.

Upcoming fixtures

Monday 20th January – Year 11 Dance GCSE moderation

Monday 20th January – Year 5/6 Futsal Tournament at Stanley High

Tuesday 21st January – Year 9 Football 6-aside tournament

Tuesday 21st January – Year 5/6 Futsal Tournament at Stanley High

Wednesday 22nd January – Sefton Cross Country Championship at Merchant Taylors School

Wednesday 22nd January – Year 5/6 Futsal Tournament at Stanley High

Thursday 23rd January – Year 5/6 Futsal Tournament at Stanley High



Attendance

We have a target of 95% attendance and work hard every day to beat this. The whole school attendance for week ending 10th January 2020 was 94.9%.

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11	
7JK	99%	8JN	91.2%	9KVE	98.8%	10EWA	92.4%	11GN	99%
7EC	95%	8JB	95.8%	9LW	97%	10MMC	94.4%	11PB	95.3%
7RP	98.3%	8TC	97.4%	9LR	98.1%	10JWA	93.1	11MG	92.4%
7CS	98.7%	8HA	97.2%	9EM	95%	10KF	97%	11JR	94.7%
7LWR	89.7%	8AT	94.3%					11VW	97%

Congratulations to 7JK and 11GN for achieving 99% attendance.

Parent/Carer Parent Evening dates

The yearly parent/carers evenings will be taking place on the following dates between 4-7pm. The booking system will open 2 weeks prior to each date and will close the day before. You will be notified nearer the time via email with details of how you can book your appointments.

6th February 2020 - Year 8

12th March 2020 - Year 9

6th May 2020 - Year 10

Should you need any assistance with booking your appointments or about how to use the system, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Online Information and Apps

If you have changed your email address or any other contact details please let the office know by emailing. You can also follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stanleyhighsouthport/> and Twitter <https://twitter.com/shs1952> to keep up to date with events and activities in school.

School Term Dates

Please follow the link to see all available term dates. <https://stanleyhigh.co.uk/term-dates/>

Extra-curricular

Please follow the link to see the extra-curricular programme. <https://stanleyhigh.co.uk/extra-curricular/>



SEND update

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year from the support team and draw your attention to the sessions/coffee mornings on offer by the Sefton Autism and social communications team.

Parents/carers can discuss with each other, or with professionals, their concerns and strategies they use. After some sessions, there will be professionals from different teams available to give advice 1-2-1. For example, professionals from Educational Psychologists to Speech and Language Therapists.

If you would like any further information, you can contact them directly, or feel free to contact Miss Davenport at the school.

Sefton Parents/Carers

- Are you the parent/carer of a child with a diagnosis of Autism or social communication difficulties attending a mainstream school?
- Would you like FREE specialist training and professional advice?
- Would you like to meet other parents of children with parent/carer of a child with a similar needs?

Then Sefton Inclusion Service Social Communication Team would like to invite you to:

<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee Mornings</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 6th February 2020 Topics – Sleep Taster</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 23rd April 2020 Topics – Managing Transitions From Home to School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.45am-12.30pm</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">Ainsdale Corporate Learning Centre Sandringham Road Ainsdale PR8 2PJ</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Training Sessions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 23rd January 2020 Sleep and ASD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 19th March 2020 Understanding Behaviour 10am – 2pm</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">Formby PDC Park Road Liverpool L37 6EW</p>
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Limited places available

For further information and to book a place please contact:

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