## **Good Luck to Our Year 11 Students**

This week our Year 11's had their last full day in school. The occasion was marked with an assembly and presentation including pictures of the students from their time at the school. Students then enjoyed a brunch together in the dinner hall and had the opportunity to sign each others shirts.

We would like to congratulate the students on a very positive start to the exam season and wish them all the very best of luck.

As Mr Buckman quoted in the assembly, in the words of Terry Hall and Bananarama: "It ain't what you do, it's the way that you do it. That's what gets results!".











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## **Head Student Team Update**

Over this last term, the Head Student Team planned and led a series of assemblies to the school explaining their role and what actions they have taken within the year of their appointments. This included the training and monitoring of younger student leaders in the school as well as providing boxes around the school site in which students can leave their concerns, allowing student voice to flow through the school systems in a new way.

In addition to this, they also decided to plant a tree in memory of the late Queen Elizabeth II, as

Ellie explains:

"Queen Elizabeth II was the longest reigning monarch in British history and was a much loved and respected figure around the world. She had such devotion and loyalty and had been serving Britain since the 6th February 1952.

However, sadly the recent passing of our Queen occurred on the 8th September 2022 and as a school we wanted to honour her memory.

Because of this, I had an idea of planting a tree somewhere in the school grounds. I then raise this with the rest of the Head Student Team and with Mr Bland, which then led us to choose the Common Beech, as we had researched that this is a native tree to the UK.

After putting this plan into place the tree was planted in mid-spring by the team, so it would be able to flourish over many years and grow to be a core memory of all the faithfulness and passion that the Queen portrayed throughout her reign."





#### **Celebration Break Times**

Earlier this month we held some more celebrations for those students who had been nominated by the teaching staff for consistently demonstrating 'Stanway Standards' behaviour. This time the students got together for break time and enjoyed some Greggs' sausage rolls and sweet treats.

Year 7: Abigail, Iretomiwa, Alfie, Isabella, Katelyn, Luke, Mimi, Sophia, Alice, Ruby, George, Rocco, Fiona, Fern, Evie, Lucas, Freddy, Sophia, Anna, Sam, David, Cedric, Austin, Izzy, Mia, Molly, Stanley, Morgan, Akosua, Sofia, Hayden, Alex, Oscar, Casey, Leo, Fin, Adrienne, Ryan.

Year 8: Caiden, Archie, Samiya, Katy, Lucie, Darcy, Liam, Ellie, Anna, Oliver, Eloise, Jessica, Joe, Junior, Robbie, Jessica, Sam, Daisy-Mae, Poppy, Seraphina, Reuben, Efa, Hollie, Dylan, Charlie, Tai'jah, Joe, Olivia, Ethan, Aston, Edward, Amelia, Amelia, Tiffany, Hayden, Lewis, Matilda, Maddison, Charlie, Ollie, Harry, Ellie, Joscelyn, Edward, George, Molly, Benjamin, Harry, Imogen, Cerys, Alys, Thomas, Francesca, Izzy, Aja, Oscar, Emma, Amalie, Leah, Elliott.

Year 9: Katie-Lee, Maddy, Jake, Charlie, Ewan, Yeva, Jason, Henry, Charlie, Megan, Liv, Emelia, Benny, Finley, McKenzie, Lucia, Grace, Miruna, Isabelle, Marlee, Amelie, Tom, Emily, Ajai, Elena, Charlotte, Alexander, Ilyas, Samantha, Alex, Archie, Elodie, Evie, Jake, Ronnie, Molly, Lucy, Emma, Leah, Beckett.

Year 10: Joseph, Lisa, Declan, Maame, Poppie, Louisa, Sophie, Ollie, Grace, Imogen, Sophie, Lottie, Catherine, Charlotte, Amelia, Asher, Rhys, Sofiia, Zahra, Tommy, Tia, Monty, Louis, Sadie, Isabel, Reece, Toby, Charlie, Tushani, Eoin, Harriet, Addison, JJ, Daisy, Megan, Luke, Isabelle, Kai, Mia, Fleur, Hollie, Daisy, Ruby, Iris, Emily, Kyle, Emily, Chloe, Charlie, Isabella, Jan, Finlay, Nathaniel, Emilie, Carrie, Lewis, Jake, Lauryn, Lillie-Mae, Amy, Thomas, Adam, Sophie, Scarlett, Lydia, Connor, Benjamin, Grace, Castara, Tilly, Summer, Oscar, Hope, Nick, Amber, Emily, Daniel, Lilly, Lincoln, Molly.

Year 11: Thomas, Yasmin, Stanley, Leah, Amelia, Scarlett, Freddie, Leyton, Holly, Daniel, Chloe, Felicity, Gracie, Reece, James, Sophie, Tess, Harry, Edward, Tyler, Caiden, Henry, Jodie, Arda, Ellie, Ben, Noah, Georgia, Paige, Aaron, Blake, Annabel, Rose-Lily, Benjamin, Emily, Mia, Rachel, Joshua, Abigail, Adam, Billy, Thea, Daniel, Isabella, Chloe.



Well done to everyone who received a nomination

### **Year 10 Mock Interviews**

Last month our Year 10 students took part in mock interviews, whereby we invited people from different employment backgrounds into the school to be our interviewers. These are an opportunity for students to talk to someone they don't know about themselves and to start preparing them for their college interviews or even part time jobs.

The interviewers themselves came from companies across different employment sectors, including BT, Rose Builders, Penguin Random House, SS&C, Vermeer Partners and AIM Apprenticeships. We also had representatives from Colchester Sixth Form and Colchester Institute.

Understandably, students were a bit nervous upon entering the LRC but became more relaxed after their interviews.

The volunteer interviewers all expressed how impressed they were with the students they spoke to, stating that they were all polite, friendly, presentable and intelligent and they maintained good eye contact throughout their interviews.

Well done Year 10 and thank you to all of our volunteer interviewers.







"The students were all polite, friendly, presentable and intelligent. They are a credit to Stanway School."

## **Year 10 Parc Asterix Trip**

On Friday 21st April at 11.30pm, 116 excited students and 12 equally enthusiastic staff left school bound for France.

After a relaxing journey and a good sea crossing, we slept till we reached our breakfast stop just outside Paris. Fuelled by croissants, clothing changes and teeth cleaning, we continued on our way through torrential rain to the Parc.

Arriving at 10 am, we showed the students the meeting spot where staff would be based all day, then set them free. The rain had put off a lot of visitors so we were able to enjoy the rides without too much queuing.

Zeus's Thunder, Pegasus Express, chocolate crepes and the pizza restaurant proved very popular, but the best thing was what a great time everyone seemed to have. Behaviour was excellent and everyone met up where they were supposed to, when they were supposed to.

At 7pm we headed home in the sunshine after a brilliant day out. Needless to say a lot of sleeping was done on the return journey, particularly on the ferry and especially by Mr MacPhail. We returned to school at 5.30am on Sunday morning.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the students for being amazing, the parents for enabling them to participate and the staff, without whom it would not have been possible. We go again on 19 May with Year 9!











# **North Essex Maths Olympiad**

In the final instalment of the North Essex Maths Olympiad (NEMO's) our Year 7's travelled to St Helena School to represent Stanway for the first time. Despite a rushed start due to transport issues, the 12 students chosen to compete were incredibly focused upon arrival, completing missed rounds under great pressure whilst other teams took their break.

After three rounds of maths problem solving, the results were in and two of the three Stanway teams took podium spots. In second place was the team comprised of Molly, Benjamin, Matilda, and Melissa, and then taking top spot was Evie, Matilda, Alex and Dalton.

Our final team was just a few points away from a clean Stanway sweep, narrowly missing out on third place. Overall it was an impressive display of mathematical thinking and problem solving, and the students did the school proud. Well done Year 7!



Well done to all of those involved.

We are very proud of your achievements.



# **Jack Petchey Public Speaking Workshop**

On Monday 24 May we had the amazing opportunity to meet with a public speaking professional from the Jack Petchey Foundation, Theresa Duke. We had four opportunities to practice public speaking with our peers; where each time we were able to improve and adapt our skills. The first one being introducing ourselves using three key points. After this, she gave us encouragement on how to perfect our delivery technique. The second time we got to use the skill of improvisation to answer questions on the spot using a speaking structure called, "PEP," position, explain, position. Following on, we spoke again talking about a personal story where she gave us further advice on public speaking. We had a three step plan including the first sentence, the middle and a closing message. All of this input led to us being able to prepare a final speech to present period 5. In conclusion, this experience led us to have more confidence to take on opportunities within public speaking roles, including teaching us some key points around speaking with confidence and passion and being able to clearly express and present our ideas to those around us.





Nathan and Harriet, Year 10





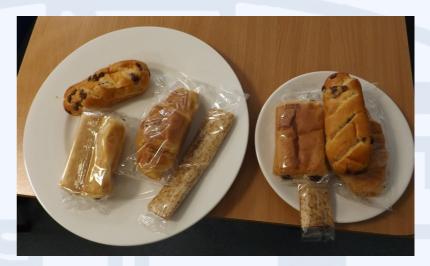


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## **Year 8 French Breakfast**

Year 8 are studying the topic of food. Always a popular one, and one close to the heart of the French as a nation. We started with breakfast items and FR8X1 & FR8A1 all paid £1 in order to have the pleasure of a feast of croissants avec de la confiture, pains au chocolat, brioche rolls and crêpes, along with jus d'orange et jus de pomme! As they consumed this they each did a speech in French! Magnifique!!







## **Partnership Athletics Event**

On 11 May, 46 students competed at the Partnership Athletics competition at The Garrison. This is the first athletics competition of the year and a great chance to showcase our skills and ability. It was also the first chance for our Year 7s to experience their first athletics competition.

There were some great individual performances with several people filling in with events they may not have done before. Going into the final relays it was neck and neck to achieve a top three finish, and after some brilliant baton changes we climbed the leader board.

After completing all of the events, Stanway finished 2nd behind St Benedict's but only 7 points difference which is a massive improvement from last year. Some particular mentions should go to Maddie, Lain and Tom who have been selected to represent North Essex at the Essex Championships in June. This is a great start to the athletics competitions with only a few weeks until District Athletics. They were an absolute credit to the school and did themselves proud.

Congratulations to everyone involved:

Year 7: Fred, Isaac, George, Josh, Spencer, Emre, Harry, Chris, Issy, Lottie, Carly-Devon, Matilda, Abigail.

Year 8: Ed, Fin, Harrison, Ben, Ethan, Madison, Freya, Holly, Ella, Maya, Molly.

Year 9: Jack, Fin, Hayden, Henry, Cameron, Amelie, Christelle, Molly, Maddy.

Year 10/11: Lain, Tom, Ronnie, Alfie, Miles, Ethan, Jacob, Bella, Rachel, Catherine, Hope, Izzy, Emily.

### **Year 10 Football - District Final Win**

On 9 May the Year 10 boys football team took part in the district finals at Stanway Rovers ground. Having missed out on the final last year, Stanway had a point to prove. The final was against St Benedict's School, who we had narrowly beaten in the league phase earlier in the year. Stanway were confident but cautious as often if you beat a team in the league phase it comes back to haunt you in the final. The game started at a frantic pace with Stanway pressing high and causing the St Benedict's goalie to make a number of good saves. A number of corners caused St Benedict's problems and it looked positive for Stanway to take the lead. After the initial pressure the game started to balance out and became a titanic midfield struggle with both teams striving to gain the advantage. With 10 minutes to go in the first half the breakthrough came. A long ball to the wing from St Benedict's kindly fell to their forward who drove through and slotted the ball into the net.

With a goal down Stanway had all to do in the second half. Again they started well and applied pressure on the St Benedict's defence. With a goal in hand St Benedict's sat back and tried to hit Stanway on the break, knowing that they had to go for it. Stanway had a couple of good chances but again the keeper was up to the task. Set pieces were Stanway's advantage and a number went close but it just would not go in. With time running out Stanway took it up a gear and pushed to gain the equalizer. Good chances from outside the box caused problems, but still no goal. A long ball from the defence caused confusion in the St Benedict's back four and allowed Charlie to bring the ball down and slide the ball into Jacob who calmly slotted the ball past the goalie taking the score to 1–1.



This is how it stayed going in to extra time. The game levelled out with both teams trying to get the winner, but neither were able to apply the finishing touch. With players getting tired and time running out it was destined to go to penalties.

Lewis in goal for Stanway needed to make his mark and he did, saving 2 of the penalties he faced. Stanway took a 3-2 lead and St Benedict's needed to score to stay in it. Penalty missed! Stanway win the game!

Well done to all the team who have played really well this year and deserved the victory.

# **U16 Football Champions**

Congratulations to the U16 Football team who were crowned partnership champions earlier this month!

Well done Sophie, Sophie, Emily, Tilly, Catherine, Phoebe, Abbie, Elliana, Ella, Daisy, and Isabel.



## **Grade 6 Piano Success for Efa**

We would like to congratulate Efa who passed her Grade 6 ABRSM piano exam recently.

She is now considered an 'advanced player' which is a huge achievement for someone in Year 8.

Over the last year, in order to gain her Grade 6 certification she has had to learn 3 different pieces of music, scales and arpeggios, and perform various sight-reading and aural tests.

Efa has been playing the piano since she was 4 years old and she has also recently begun learning the cello and has started playing with the school orchestra.

Well done Efa!



# Tilly Qualifies as a Life Guard

Congratulations to Tilly in Year 11 who has been training to become a life guard.

Tilly spent three days out in the very cold sea on a course learning how to save lives and has now qualified to be a life guard at Mersea boating lake.

Well done Tilly, what a wonderful achievement!

### **School Clubs**

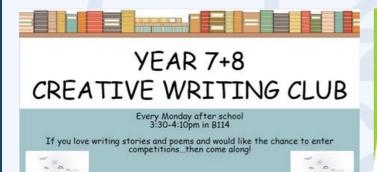
Friday Week A ONLY KS4 Lunch 13:40-14:10 Where? A001 Who? Mr Hanlon



Senior Stanway Strings







#### KS3 Eco Club

Week B Tuesday Lunchtime

We will be working towards achieving the Eco Schools Green Flag.

If you want to be involved in making Stanway more environmentally friendly, we would love to see you!



Wednesday KS3 Lunch 12:40-13:10 Where? A001 Who? MR MACKENZIE









3:15 - 4:15

Thursday KS3 Lunch 12:40-13:10 Where? LRC Who? Miss Jones

Brass Band





Book Club

Monday KS3 Lunch 12:40-13:10 Where? LRC Who? Year 7, MRS JARRATT Mindful colouring









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