

The Stanway Times

AUTUMN TERM NEWS

Another half term is over - the longest one we have this year - and with the year well underway it is a good opportunity to look back and notice the incredible achievement within our school.

In the summer we received very pleasing exam results from last year's Year 11 students, some of the highest we have seen at Stanway for a number of years. In fact, looking at the league tables, only 12 non-selective schools achieved better progress results in the whole of Essex, some 134 schools in total. Although we continue to strive for even more success in the future, this is a very pleasing set of results.

We also saw another successful Open Evening in September where hundreds of families came to explore the school.

William wrote the article below to summarise the evening:

At The Stanway School Open Evening, the atmosphere was very welcoming where everybody had a smile on their face and something positive to say. Mr Bland, our Headteacher, gave a very insightful talk about the criteria for admission and how we have changed this amazing school to become a creative and understanding community for children to learn and socialise.

A parent said "This school is amazing, I absolutely love it here and every corner I turn just gets better and better."

Another parent said "This school has improved so much since I came here as a child."

In other news, I was approached to write a 1000-word article in the Parliamentary Review, an annual document that informs Parliament about the issues being faced in different sectors. This is a real honour to be asked as only 10-15 schools will feature in this publication. While it is good for the school to be noticed for its accomplishments, I respectfully declined the offer to write the article; we will not feature in the publication, but I am proud that we were noticed!

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone - staff and students - a restful week and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, 4th November.

Mr J Bland
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

- **Monday 28th**
October - Friday 1st
November
Half term holiday.
Please note the office will be closed all week
- **Thursday 7th**
November
Years 10 & 11
Drama trip to Cambridge
4.00pm
- **Monday 11th**
November
Year 11 Pre Public examinations commence
(please see Page 3 for first week's timetable)
- **Tuesday 12th**
November
Year 9 Road Safety Play
Pd 1
- **Wednesday 13th**
November
VEX IQ competition at Thurstable School
- **Thursday 14th**
November
Presentation Evening
4.30 - 6.00pm
(Invitations to follow)

SHAKESPEARE BIKE-A-THON

On Friday, 18th October Shakespeare House held its first ever Bike-a-thon. Students were asked to volunteer to cycle during the day and we hoped to cycle close to 440 miles, which is the average an African child will walk to get to school in three months.

The students were pedalling hard all day and were boosted by a visit from Mark Pamment, Warehouse Manager at Re-Cycle, who rallied the troops! We ended up smashing our target and cycled over 600 miles!

Many thanks to everyone who took part and to all our sponsors. It was a fabulous day with loads of enthusiasm and a great atmosphere.

Mrs S Cant and Mr B Elbourne



Mark Pamment, Mrs Cant and a few of the Shakespeare volunteers

YEARS 7 - 10 PHOTOGRAPHS

Your child has been given their school photograph proof to bring home. If you would like to purchase the photograph please ensure that it is returned to school, with the payment, by:

WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2019

in order to avoid a late payment surcharge of £3.50.

PRE-PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE

Wk 2	Monday 11th November	Tuesday 12th November	Wednesday 13th November	Thursday 14th November	Friday 15th November
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1	Option Block A Child Development 1hr 15m Computer Science 1hr 30m Food Nutrition 1hr 30m Geography 1hr 30m Technology 2hrs	Maths Paper 1 1hr 30m	Option Block D Citizenship 1hr 45m History 1hr 45m Media 1hr 30m PE 1hr French Written German Written -Foundation 1hr -Higher 1hr 15m	Option Block C Citizenship 1hr 45m Computer Science 1hr 30m French Written German Written Spanish Written -Foundation 1hr -Higher 1hr 15m	English Language Paper 2 1hr 45m
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3	Option Block C Citizenship 1hr 45m Computer Science 1hr 30m Geography 1hr 30m History 1hr 45m	RE 1hr	Option Block B Electronics 1hr 30m Food Nutrition 1hr 30m Geography 1hr 30m History 1hr 45m	Option Block A Computer Science 1hr 30m	Science Biology -Foundation & Higher 1hr 15m Triple 1hr 45m
4	Media Studies 1hr 30m French Reading German Reading Spanish Reading -Foundation 1hr 25m -Higher 1hr 50m		Technology 2hrs Music BTEC 1hr Music GCSE (in the classroom) 1hr 30m		
5	Normal lessons				

PAYMENT REMINDERS

TRIP	PAYMENT No.	AMOUNT	DUE DATE
Music Tuition - Autumn term	Payment 3	£25	Now due
Christmas Markets 2019	Final	£100	25th October
Cambridge Arts Theatre	Full	£38	25th October
Poetry Live Event	Full	£34.70	25th October
Le Touquet 2020	Deposit	£30	4th November
Canoe & Coast 2020	Payment 4	£150	8th November
Ski 2020	Payment 5	£150	29th November
Madrid	Payment 2	£150	29th November

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Essex County
Fire & Rescue Service

FIREWORKS CODE, CARE, CELEBRATE

- You must be 18 years or over to buy and set off fireworks.
- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114.
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed non-flammable box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper.
- Stand well back and keep a bucket of water nearby.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Never give sparklers to a child under five.
- Keep pets indoors.
- Don't set off noisy fireworks late and never after 11pm

We always recommend attending an organised fireworks display.



Sat 9th November 2019

Gates Open at 17:00

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For further information and tickets visit:

www.heathlandfireworks.com

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FAREWELL TO STAFF

We are extremely sorry to be losing Ms G English at the end of this half term. She joined the school in September 2015 and worked in the Learning Support Department. She will now be working, mostly as a volunteer, with asylum seekers and refugees and next spring will be teaching English online to students all over the world.

Ms English has graduated for her Cert TESOL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language).

We would like to congratulate her on her success and wish her good luck in her future career.