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# The Stanway Times

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

A reminder that School Nurses should not send text messages as their first contact with parents.

If you receive a text message requesting information about your child from anyone purporting to be a School Nurse, please DO NOT engage.

To check authenticity of the text message received, please contact the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service Single Point of Access on:

Mid Essex 0300 247 0014 (option 2)  
North Essex 0300 247 0015  
South Essex 0300 247 0013  
West Essex 0300 247 0122

To see examples of suspicious text messages, click the link below:

<https://who-called.co.uk/Number/07562068525>

virgin care  Believe in children Barnardo's

### Essex Healthy Schools Foundation Status

*In recognition of the hard work and impressive outcomes your school has achieved in 2018 and 2019 to improve the health and wellbeing of your students through a whole-school approach.*

This is to certify that

## The Stanway School

Has continued to meet the criteria of the Essex Healthy Schools Programme

**Valid until Autumn 2021**

  
Katie Polhill  
Essex Healthy Schools and Public Health Manager  
Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service



## DIARY DATES

- **Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th January**  
Year 8 HPV 1 Immunisations
- **Thursday 16th & Friday 17th January**  
Year 7 History Around Us fieldtrip to Colchester Castle
- **Wednesday 22nd January**  
VEX IQ competition at Essex University
- **Friday 24th January**  
Year 10 English Trip - GCSE Poetry Live in London
- **Thursday 30th January**  
Year 11 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 8.00pm
- **Monday 3rd February - Friday 20th March**  
Year 11 SIGMA Examinations
- **Friday 7th February**  
Non Uniform Day
- **Saturday 8th February**  
VEX EDR competition at Brunel University

## YEAR 7 GAINSBOROUGH HOUSE DISCO



On Thursday 12th December 2019, nearly 200 Year 7 students returned to school in the evening to support Gainsborough House by attending the Christmas Disco, which was being held in the Atrium due to the current building works. Students had been asked which songs they wanted to dance to, so the dance floor was busy all night, especially as we also had the big screen displaying 'selfie wizard' (thank you Mr Douglas). Ms Balan & Mr Mendoza once again DJ'd the night away for us, whilst Mr Castro and Mr MacPhail had a very busy night leading a massive congo, Macarena & YMCA tribute.

Two of our prefects, Scarlett and Chloe, worked hard all night selling sweets, drinks and glow sticks to help increase the funds we were able to raise. This and the help of various members of staff, meant we were able to raise over £1000, which we know will be thoroughly appreciated by Action for Family Carers, our nominated House Charity, who do vital work supporting young carers and their families across Colchester all year round.

Without the goodwill of our prefects and staff giving up a precious evening at this busy time of year it would not be possible to host this evening and make it the success it is. Our biggest thanks goes to all the students who attended and their parents and carers who came out on a very cold and wet evening to make it such an enjoyable event.

Mr Victory & Mrs Cosham



16 December 2019

Consultation on Sigma Trust Admission Arrangements

Dear Interested Party,

I am writing to notify you of the upcoming consultation on the admissions policies for all schools within The Sigma Trust which includes the following schools:

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| Clacton County High School           | Alton Park Junior School         |
| The Colne Community School & College | Holland Park Primary School      |
| Harwich & Dovercourt High School     | Monkwick Infant & Nursery School |
| Monkwick Junior School               | The Stanway School               |
| Paxman Academy                       | Philip Morant School & College   |
| St Helena School                     | Thomas Lord Audley School        |

The consultation period will run from Monday, 16 December 2019 until Tuesday, 28 January 2020; during this time, parents/ interested parties are invited to express their views and any concerns about the proposed changes to the admission arrangements at any of the schools within The Sigma Trust.

In accordance with the DfE's 2014 statutory 'School Admissions Code' guidance, as a Trust we must consult on our admission arrangements when changes are proposed, and at least once every seven years. The Trust has adopted common admissions criteria for all 12 academies that centres around priority admission areas for all schools. To view the documentation for each of The Trust's schools, including their Admissions Policy; Published Admission Area address list and map of priority admission area, please visit The Sigma Trust website: [www.sigmatrust.org.uk](http://www.sigmatrust.org.uk) or tel: 01255 750900 to request hard copies.

Following discussions with Essex, we are proposing a reduction in the Published Admission Number (PAN) at Monkwick Infant and Nursery School from 90 to 60 pupils. We are also proposing an increase to the PAN at Clacton County High School, from 279 to 308 pupils. When the planned expansion works for Clacton County High School and The Colne Community School & College are completed, we intend to further increase their PANs appropriately.

In accordance with statutory DfE guidance, the consultation will run for at least six weeks and, as an interested party, we are keen to hear your views on the proposed changes; therefore, we invite you to participate in the consultation if you have any concerns regarding the matter. For further information regarding the consultation process, to access the proposed policies and admission areas, please refer to The Sigma Trust and individual school websites. If you wish to further discuss this matter, please contact The Sigma Trust on tel: 01255 750900 or [admin@sigmatrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@sigmatrust.org.uk).

All responses to the consultation should be made in writing and submitted before 5.00pm on Tuesday, 28 January 2020 to: Mrs K Hook, PA to The Sigma Trust, The Sigma Trust, Tendring Education Centre, Jaywick Lane, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO16 8BE, or alternatively via email to: [admin@sigmatrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@sigmatrust.org.uk). Please note that written responses should outline your personal details, including your name, address and relationship to the school.

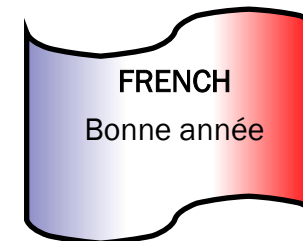
At the end of the consultation period, the Trust Board will meet to consider responses. The outcome of the consultation will be published on The Trust and individual school's websites as soon as possible following a decision being reached by the Board.

Yours sincerely,

Jeff Brindle  
CEO The Sigma Trust

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### SIGMA SPELLING BEE COMPETITION



On Wednesday 11th December 2019, three students - Joshua (yr 8), Maame and Hudson (yr 7) - took part in the Sigma Spelling Bee competition at The Thomas Lord Audley School against other Sigma schools. They tried extremely hard over the last two months and Joshua was rewarded as the winner!!! Well done and congratulations to all of them.

Miss Nikoloudi

### YEAR 8 HPV1 IMMUNISATIONS

The Year 8 HPV1 immunisations will be taking place on two days next week:  
Wednesday 15th January - Form Groups RHA / EBA / LHA / LMU / JHL  
Thursday 16th January - Form Groups MWR / JAR / DCA / LCO / SLA



- Do you have a young person aged 11-19 who has mild/moderate Autism and/or ADHD and/or Additional needs who is self-harming?
- Do you want more information on self harm and how to manage the concerns within your home?
- Do you feel alone and would like the opportunity to discuss the problem with people who will understand.

Then this **FLASH Triple A** course may be what you're looking for. **FLASH Triple A** is a new parenting course which has been fully sponsored so there is no cost to parents/carers. We are delivering the course as workshops to run over four Saturdays as this we hope will be more manageable for working parents to attend. Please note all workshops must be attended;

- 18th January 2020: Exploring What is Self-harm, what the risks are and what is the function of self-harm in relate to ASD, AHDH and additional educational needs
- 25th January 2020: Understanding How to Listen and Raise Self-Esteem
- 1st February 2020: Managing the Behaviour Within the Family Environment

Time: 10.00am–3.00pm. Venue: Community 360, Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester

To apply for a place on the course, please complete a parents referral form online [www.theministryofparenting.com/parents](http://www.theministryofparenting.com/parents) or email us at [administration@theministryofparenting.com](mailto:administration@theministryofparenting.com) or call us on 01206 562626