

The Stanway Standard

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE STANWAY SCHOOL

Inter House Autumn Update

Wow what a term it has been! Mass participation has been key and it has been great to see so many pupils and staff getting involved in the events. There have been five events over the term with a sixth being completed next week.

Aside from the X-country, math challenge and black history events the Art department held the Christmas and thank you card competition. There were some amazing entries with the winning designs being made into cards. The winners will be receiving a pack of their own designs before the end of term from Mr Bland.



The latest event was the eagerly awaited end of term quiz which this year took the theme of the popular TV quiz show the "The 1% Club". With over 600 staff and pupils entering the quiz the results were a challenge to analyze however 85 entries scored top marks which if you watch the show you will know is a brilliant feat! Nightingale won the event overall coming 1st in both Years 10 and 11, 2nd in Year 9 and 4th in Years 7 and 8 - well done to them.

How did that impact the overall house score? Well we now have new leaders - Shakespeare taking over the lead from Rutherford by 6 points. I know Mr Evans is very pleased and proud of his house.

Next term we will get the results of the Year 7 Business Enterprise event plus we have the Inter House football, MFL, Science and Humanities competitions so plenty to get involved in and add points to the totals.

Mrs K Henderson

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French Christmas Markets Trip

Last weekend 44 Year 8 students went to the French Christmas markets in Arras and Amiens.

First of all we arrived at the bakery, where we learnt to make croissants and even got a bit of time to spend our money on the other delicious pastries.

Next we visited the snail farm. The farmer told us about the snails and how he cultivated them and if you were brave enough you could give them a try, in my opinion they were quite nice but very garlicky! Afterwards we went to the first French market in Amiens. We were given an hour to explore and try different French traditions. There were waffles, crêpes and churros as well as lots of lovely presents to buy. Then we had an hour trip to the hotel in Péronne. When we arrived we were amazed by the quality of the rooms and food. On the first night we had fish and chips with a dessert of lovely ice cream.



The next morning we woke up to a fantastic breakfast of pain au chocolat, croissants and cereal. Not long after we set off to the next Christmas market. When we arrived we went ice skating, it was hard but very fun! After we went to watch a hilarious film about a singing crocodile! Just after that we went on the Ferris wheel it was amazing because of the beautiful lights.

Finally we arrived home and watched the football. We won't mention the result. On Sunday morning we packed our things and said our goodbyes as we took our seats on the coach. We soon arrived at the Cité Europe which is a huge shopping centre with lots of nice shops to explore, lots of fancy places to eat and there was even an arcade.

After we had finished there we got comfy on the coach and after a surprisingly short 3 hours we were home! Overall it was a great trip! Thank you to all the teachers that took us!

By Tom, Year 8

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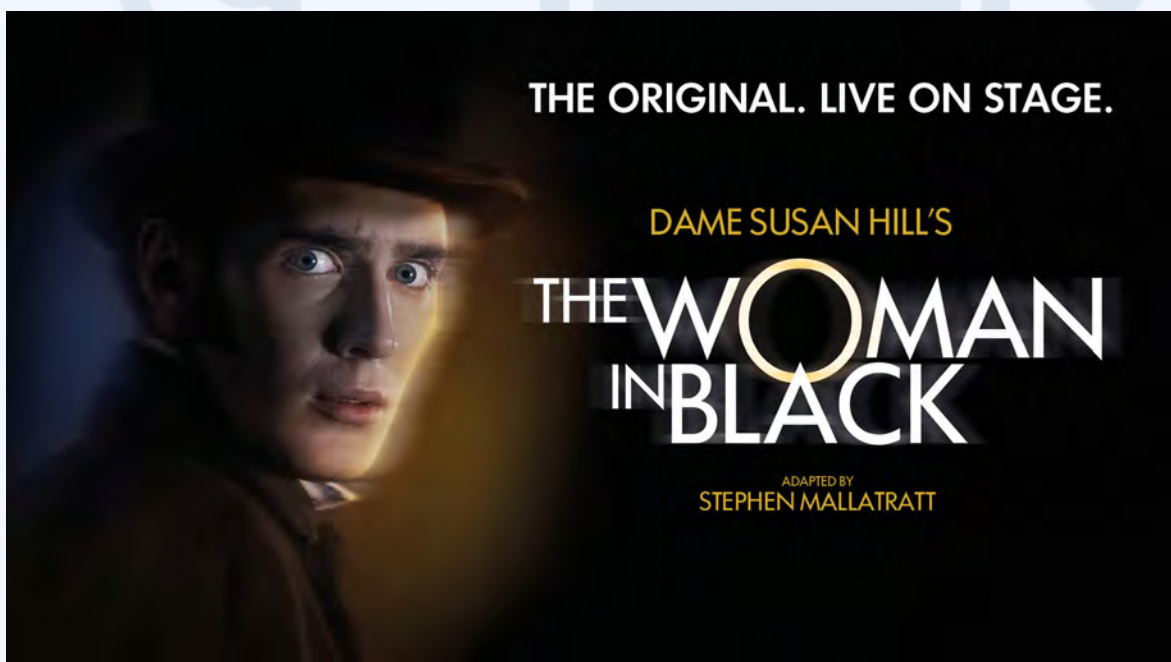
English Theatre Trips

In English this term we have also had two school trips:

In November, a small group of students from Year 10 and Year 11 visited the Wimbledon Theatre to watch a performance of their GCSE Literature text, JB Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls'. Despite it being a long day, students were very engaged throughout and made the most of this invaluable experience! If there is another performance announced, we would love to repeat the opportunity for students.



Last week, a group of Year 9 students visited the Fortune Theatre in Covent Garden to see the world-renowned 'The Woman in Black' stage play adapted from the Susan Hill book of the same name that has been studied this term. Screams and shrieks could be heard in the auditorium, and the students behaved impeccably! It is a shame that after 33 years, the play is ending its run in April but I am thrilled that we could take our students to see it before it ended.



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Year 7 Enterprise Day - Brilliant Ideas

This term our Year 7 students took part in the Aspirations in Business challenge as part of the school careers programme.

The challenge:

“Since the global Coronavirus pandemic, sales of board games and family games have dramatically increased. Consumer data estimates the worldwide tabletop games sector will be worth \$12billion by 2023, up almost 85% from \$7.2billion in 2017. Your challenge is to invent a new tabletop game.”

The purpose of our Aspirations in Business Challenge is to:

- get you thinking outside of the box (determination)
- inspire those of you motivated by more practical tasks (responsible)
- engage in group work and collaborate with others (considerate)
- build social skills and confidence in delivery of ideas in a project environment (respectful)
- present projects professionally (proud)

As a team they had to come up with a product design, consider who their customers would be. Come up with a marketing strategy, carry out financial planning, and then pitch their idea to the judges.

The day was really engaging for the students who set up their teams and competed against each of the teams in their form on the day. The year group final being held on the held on the 20th Dec - results to be released in the new year.



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Royal Navy Engagement Team

On Monday 14 November recruits from the Royal Navy came to school and worked with a group of Year 9 students followed by a group of Year 10 students giving them an insight into public services and also the responsibilities of the Royal Navy. We learnt that 90% of their work is humanitarian aid, going to places where there have been natural disasters and helping the people there to rebuild the infrastructure and their homes. From this knowledge they then set us the challenge to build a communications tower out of the bag of equipment provided. They gave us the parameters, we selected a team leader and we built our towers. This enabled us to demonstrate skills of independence, teamwork, thinking, construction, adaptation, leadership and other essential skills needed in the public service sector.



They answered loads of questions which we were excited to ask and ultimately they told us that they felt 'Proud to serve our country', and that if we did sign up to any public service we too would get that rewarding feeling in fulfilling our duty too.

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Lottie. Year 10

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Stanway Careers Fair 2022

As part of us as a school meeting the statutory requirements for Careers here at Stanway but ultimately to enable us to ensure that all students are able to gain access to training providers from all settings as well as employers and professional organisations we hosted in our school hall our own Careers Fair.

Students were challenged to talk to at least one each of, employer, college, a university, an apprenticeship and a training provider. Students collected stars if they had a meaningful encounter but also leaflets, prospectuses and most valuable knowledge about some of the career opportunities and routes into a number of different areas of employment in the future. The sports hall was humming for 2 hours with all of Year 9 followed by all of Year 11 in attendance. The fair also remained open for the evening until 6pm for parents of any year group to attend with their students and have their questions answered also.



The event was a huge success and the exhibitors are already signing up for next year's event due to the students setting such a wonderful impression of us as a school and also for their fabulous engagement with the whole event. The students definitely lived up to our Stanway Standards and are to be commended.

Mrs Deighton - Careers Leader

Have you looked on the school website lately and seen our new Careers Hub?

<https://sites.google.com/stanway.school/careers-hub/home>

You will find careers information for all year groups along with useful information for the older students and helpful website links. This is constantly updated so you will always find the most up-to-date information we have.

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Pre-Loved Sale

Last month the Year 9 Team hosted a Pre-Loved Event in our school sports hall to raise money for our year group charity, Mid and North East Essex Mind. The sale was completely reliant on the kind donations from staff, students and Stanway families. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who donated items that could be 'loved' by someone else.

Not only did the single event raise just over £400, any items left over were donated to charity shops in the Stanway area so more individuals can purchase pre-loved items at a reduced price but also more charities can benefit from the profits made. Any donated uniform has remained in the school and will be available to those at The Stanway School who are in need.

A special thanks needs to be given to the students who helped prepare for, and run, the event. They made the school, and myself as Head of Year 9, incredibly proud. Their enthusiasm and commitment to the event was inspiring. I am also incredibly grateful to the Year 9 form tutors and other staff at the school who gave up their free time to support this event. We hope to run this event again in the future and that it will go from strength to strength

Miss J Dunne (Head of Year 9)



Student Christmas Lunch

On 7 and 14 December our students were able to enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch in our canteen.

Thanks to all the staff involved in planning and preparing the lunches.



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Annamarie's Jack Petchey Award

Congratulations to Annamarie who has been presented with a Jack Petchey Outstanding Achievement award via her Girl Guiding group in West Bergholt.

Annamarie has this year taken a great interest in Colchester Food Bank. She undertook a food bank challenge during one of the unit meetings and this led to Annamarie really wanting to help those in need.

Recently Annamarie had a birthday and she asked for some of her birthday money to be put aside for Colchester Food Bank. On 22 October she participated in the West Bergholt Autumn Sale Trail raising proceeds for the food bank. In addition Annamarie is going to collect Selection boxes for the children so that the food bank can spread some Christmas cheer.

As well as these fundraising efforts, Annamarie is an exemplary guide. We never have to ask her to help as she jumps straight in with a big smile. She is enthusiastic, kind and a great role model - an absolute pleasure to have in the unit.



"We are all really proud of her and the scheme is such a wonderful way to encourage young people to think of others and their community."

1st West Bergholt Guide Leader

Dotty the Nurture Dog

This half term we have been fortunate to have a weekly visit from our Nurture Dog, Dotty. Dotty spends time with some of our students and they have the chance to pet her, groom her, walk her and make a fact sheet about her. Nurture dogs can offer students a chance to destress and "Nurture Dogs aim to bring the pleasure and therapeutic value of the human animal bond to as many people as possible". We are really grateful to Essex Therapy Dogs who are a charity providing us with this opportunity and we know they would appreciate any fundraising that could be offered.



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District Cross Country

On Thursday 17 November students from Stanway School braved the wet and windy weather to compete in the district cross country event held at the Northern Gateway. Over 16 schools from across North Essex were represented in the annual event. In bracing winter conditions the competitors were pushed not only by each other but by the elements. In a competitive field Stanway held their own in the team competitions as well as having some individual successes.

A number of students placed in the top 20 runners:

Talia - 15
Lily - 17
Penelope - 14
Ella - 20
Millie - 14
Ben - 18
Jack - 13
Catherine - 17
Blake - 12

Well done to all those who took part, a really good effort by all and great performances in tricky conditions.

Overall team results out of 16 schools:

Year 7 girls - 2nd
Year 7 boys - 3rd
Year 8/9 girls - 4th
Year 8/9 boys - 2nd
Year 10/11 girls - 4th
Year 10/11 boys - 7th

Teams of a maximum of 6 runners completed the course with the top 4 in each team scoring towards the teams overall results. On the day if students were placed in the top 10 runners they were invited to represent North East Essex at the regional competition held later in the year. All the students that took part were a credit to the school and showed great grit and determination to not only complete the course but also to be competitive. In Year 7 the runners completed a 2km course, for the Year 8/9 and 10/11 competition they ran 2.5km. We do not know the results of the team competition but the school's overall performance was really good. Particularly good individual performances in Year 7 boys saw Josh placed 3rd, George placed 7th and Ben 10th overall. For the team events the Year 7 girls and Year 8/9 boys did particularly well and were runners up in their events.

Mr Wade

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SPEAK UP!

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**AGE, RACE, GENDER, COLOUR, SEXUALITY,
RELIGION, ABILITY**

WE'RE ALL HUMANS!

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Firstsite Holiday Fun

Winter Holiday 2022
Wed 21 - Fri 23 Dec
Wed 28 - Fri 30 Dec

Colchester

Activities take place at: **Firstsite, Lewis Gardens, High St, Colchester, Essex CO1 1JH**

FREE

MAKE
Free creative art activities
10:00am - 2:30pm

MOVE
Free fun sports activities
10:45am - 11:45am & 12:00pm - 1:00pm

CANTEEN
Free freshly made hot meals for all the family
11:45am & 1:00pm

Our Holiday Fun activities are for families facing economic challenges or who require additional support during the school holidays, including those that qualify for benefits-based free school meals.

- * Advance booking is essential.
- * Activities most suitable for 4 - 11 years, but all ages welcome.
- * Caregivers are required to stay on site throughout the activities.
- * Menus and list of activities available at www.firstsite.uk

Delivered in partnership with:



How to book

Early bird tickets released from Monday 12 December - Tuesday 20 December

More tickets will be released three days in advance of each session.

Limited spaces available, offered on a first come, first served basis.

If you can no longer attend your booking, please let us know as soon as possible by calling 01206 713 700. If you contact us 24 hours before the event your space can be made available for another family.

Thank you!

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Premier League Kicks

FREE FOOTBALL 14-16 YEAR OLD'S

XMAS Premier League Kicks Session with Colchester United FITC

Who - Anyone aged between 14-16 years old. Girls and Boys welcome. There will be a girls only section.

What - Free football practice with your mates, in front of our development centre coaches (chance to get scouted).

Where - Shrub End Community Sports Centre, Boadicea Way, Colchester, CO2 9BG.

When - Friday 23rd December between 1pm-3pm.

To book follow the link below or scan the QR code.

<https://colchester-United-cf.class4kids.co.uk/camp/288>



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SEND Party Nights



Show Information

Shows from:	Fri 25 Nov 2022
Shows to:	Fri 27 Jan 2023
Duration:	2 hours
Price:	£5.00 (inc. £1.50 ticket levy)
Genre:	Taking Part
Venue:	Rehearsal Room
Age Guidance:	7-14s

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10-2pm

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- Sports / activity sessions
- Arts & crafts stalls
- Laser tag
- Tables
- Snow globe
- Lots more ...

All National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they need it. It is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- CONTACT WITH STRANGERS**
Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scamming, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as screen links or general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.
- ONLINE DATERS**
These are also called 'Olders' and are quite common in Roblox. An Older is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter others. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.
- PUBLIC SERVERS**
Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on 'public' servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of activities, including ones player interactions. Some games are 'server', therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.
- IN-APP PURCHASES**
Roblox is actually free to download and play, but there is more to it. There are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, while it is possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- SET PARENTAL CONTROLS**
Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.
- DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING**
Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.
- PRIVATE SERVERS**
If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.
- MONITOR SPENDING**
If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.
- DEALING WITH STRANGERS**
At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert
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