



de Stafford School

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PARENT NEWSLETTER

w/e Friday 24 October 2008

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Dear Parents,

Over the half term holiday a new fence and school gate is being installed across the front of the school. Our objective in doing this is to make the school a safer environment for all students. To do this will mean changing the entrance and exit to the car park. Please be aware that the current exit will no longer be in use and the current entrance will now be both the way in and way out. Please be aware of the changes and drive with extreme care.

Can I remind you that any parent coming into school must report to the main Reception.

Mark Phillips



This year's School Production is going to be "Grease". Auditions have begun and will continue after half-term. The cast list will be displayed on Friday 7 November in the Drama and Music departments. We want to say a HUGE thank you and well done to the 250 students who attended the initial information meeting - and to all the students who are taking part in the audition process.

Students who are interested in being part of the backstage crew, technical crew and front of house team will be invited to attend a meeting in early December. Information will be given in assemblies - or speak to Mrs O'Halloran for further information.

Looking forward to working with you all....and hoping to see you all at the show in March 2009!

Any Parents/Carers who are willing to help out with costumes, props, etc - please give the Drama dept a call on ext 261 and speak to one of us - we'll be very glad to hear from you!

Drama & Music staff

Year 11 Macmillan Coffee Morning

Year 11 students raised £90 for Macmillan on Friday 26 September and would like to thank all of those who brought in cakes to sell. They would especially like to thank the PSA for all their support in the activity.

Year 11 Boys - "Swimathon"

Jack Patman, Alex Doone, Carl Champion, Sam Reynolds, Sam Biley, Harry Hambleton, and Geilmer Gaa have just completed their Citizenship Project - a 'swimathon' for charity. They swam 500 lengths of the pool, covering 7.8 miles between them. Well done to all the lads - a very impressive swim.

Year 10 Music GCSE - The Year 10 Music GCSE class are giving a concert on Thursday 6 November at 6.00pm in the Main School Hall. This will be a concert of solos and ensemble performances and is an important part of their ongoing performance assessment and development as musicians. The concert is open to all and entry is free of charge, but if you should like to attend, I should be grateful if you would let me know via the school office as soon as possible. Thank You.

Mr James Bryant, Music Department.

Computer Club for Girls - from Thursday 6 November

The CC4G (Computer Club for Girls) will run every Thursday from 3.15 - 4.00pm in Room G10 for girls in Year 7&8. See the board in the maths corridor (between Bo4 and B01) for more information.

Year 7 Film Club This club will be starting next half term for Year 7 students. It's free to become a member and information will be available next half term.

Dancing Pencils Writers Club - for young aspiring "want to be" authors - every Wednesday during lunch break in the School Library with Mr Gous.

Year 11 Revision Sessions Oct/Nov 2008 - all sessions run from 3.15pm-

<u>Module</u>	<u>Foundation</u>	<u>Higher</u>
P1a - Fri 7th November	Mrs Letts in G09	Mr Collings in G03
C1b - Thurs 13 th November	Miss Brown in G01	Mrs Winderbank in G02
P1b - Mon 17 th November	Miss Letts in G09	Mr Collings in G03
B1b - Tues 18 th November	Miss Nightingale in G04	Mr Evans in G05

Maths GCSE Study Workshops - Room G10/G16 - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 3.15 - 4.00pm

You are invited to attend a study workshop on one, two or all of the above sessions to focus on the January Module and preparation for the terminal paper, both of which will be tested on in your Mock Examinations in December. Regular attendance is encouraged - at least one session per week. All sessions will be taken by Maths teachers with individual/small group guidance as necessary. Please sign in for each session. Thank you.

Hockey Club - After School on Mondays and Thursdays with Mr Gous and Ms Nightingale. All ages welcome on both days.

Key Stage 3 Art Club - Miss Wragg is running a Key Stage 3 Art Club after School every Thursday in Room D08.

Extra-Curricular Activities - on website under Parent Information and displayed in each Tutor Group area

PSA Meeting - Tuesday 18 November at 7.00pm in Library. New members very welcome.

Boot Sales (Saturdays):

- 1st November
- 6th December

Boot Sales 2009

- 7th March
- 4th April
- 9th May
- 6th June
- 4th July

Quiz Nights (Fridays):

- 28th November
- 23rd January 09
- 27th February 09
- 27th March 09
- 24th April 09
- 22nd May 09
- 17th July 09

Memorial Garden

Help needed today - Friday 24 October from 3.30 to 5.30 and on Saturday 25 October from 9.00am till 4.00pm.

Bric-a-brac

Boot sale bric-a-brac needed please for the Kenya Stall selling at the Boot Sale on Saturday 1 November.

Vacancies:

In partnership with Chequers, the School's cleaning company, please note the following vacancies:

WANTED

School Cleaning Operatives
Part time Evenings
Excellent rate of pay (no cash in hand)

For more information please call:
0208 665 6746 or 07779 723455
Quote Ref: DeStaf