



de Stafford School

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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Steel Pan Band & Percussion "Wakadacks" Group play at Garden Centre

The School Steel Pan Band has been invited to play at the Knights' Garden Centre in Godstone on Thursday 12 November. The Band will be playing between 7.20pm-8.15pm - anyone is welcome to come along and support our students.

Year Seven Book Donation and the "booked up" initiative

Year Seven book donation

The Managing Director of WH Smith has kindly donated over 200 books that are now in the Library for students to use. The books have a yellow sticker on the spine to indicate which the donated items are.

"Booked up"

Following the hard work of Mrs Zerouali at the start of term, all Year Seven students now have a free novel, book mark, sticker and gift bag. Booked Up is a national programme run by Booktrust and supported by the Department for Children, Schools and Families. Parents may visit the "booked up website" through the web link below:

www.bookedup.org.uk



Behind the Scenes.

Auditions have been running this week with very high attendance and standard. The cast list will be displayed from Friday 7 November in the Drama and Music departments.

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

GCSE Science Modules - Thursday 20 November

Many students in Years 10 and 11 will be taking GCSE Science modules on the morning of Thursday 20 November. Students will need a BLACK pen with them together with a calculator. Because it is a GCSE, no pencil cases other than transparent ones are allowed at the exam desk.

Pencil Cases for sale

The Exams Office has pencil cases for sale at £2 each. These are large transparent zipped pencil cases containing black pens, pencils, rubber, sharpener, highlighter and mathematical equipment (no calculator included). These will also be on sale at the Yr 11 Parents' Evening on 12 November. These will be particularly useful for the Year 11 students who will also be sitting mock GCSEs at the beginning of December.

Memorial Garden - Saturday 8 November (local Press on site to take pictures)

On Saturday 8th November, we need as many adults as possible to help in the Memorial Garden. *Due to the heavy equipment on site and the potential health & safety dangers, no young children will be permitted on site on this occasion.* The reasons are many:

1. 10 tonnes of top soil are being delivered to go into the wet area and sensory gardens
2. 36 sqm of paving blocks to be laid down for the path
3. 3 tonnes of hard core to be spread out
4. bulbs to be planted

5. Grass seed needs to be planted
6. Sensory beds need to be constructed (We also need shrubs and plants for the garden area)

If anyone can help - even for an hour at any time then just come along. Neil, our stalwart builder, will have to leave at midday.

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 B04 and B01) for more information.

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

<u>Module</u>	<u>Foundation</u>	<u>Higher</u>
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

PE News..

Hockey

We had our first Year 7 mixed Hockey match last night at Warlingham School. We lost 8-1 but our Year 7 team played exceptionally well for their first ever game, showing great promise. The goal was a true hockey goal resulting from excellent passing and movement off the ball. They all thoroughly enjoyed it and are looking forward to future fixtures.

The next fixture is for our mixed Year 9/10 Hockey team on Tuesday 18 November at Warlingham School.

Netball

Our Year 8 and 9 teams played at Oakwood last night. Two good games played with our teams just losing to the opposition.

Extra-Curricular PE Clubs

There is a wide range of extra-curricular PE available to students. It is important for students to attend the clubs on a regular basis - it's fun and it gives a chance to practice in team combinations for school fixtures.

Congratulations to the all the following students who have been awarded their Bronze and Silver Certificates for Outstanding Academic Effort this term:

YEAR 7 - BRONZE

Catherine Allen
Richard Barton
Elizabeth Clark
Heloise Cockell
Jack Gillam
Amy Priestley
Sophie Sheehan
Eleanor Stone
Emily Wingrave
Callum Wright-Snowdon
Constance Saunders
Sophie Gibbon
Leanne Cooper
George Azzopardi
Amy Clarkson
Lauren Floodgate
Ben Spalding-Hogsden
James Mitchell
Annabel Richardson

YEAR 8 - BRONZE

Melvin Cheriyan
Macaulay Creasey
Sangeetha Manivannan
Sam Righton
Terence Braker
Jake Wall
Ceyhun Bal
Elena McGrath
Connor Walsh
Ashiq Ajith
Constantino Christoforou
Ben Cruise
Victoria o'Hara

YEAR 9 - BRONZE

Ifeoluwa Ephraim Afolabi
Katy Acland
Emma Berry
Michael Burtenshaw
Shannon Gillespie
Thomas Roper
Josephine O'Hara
Chelsea Puccio
Bethany Harries

YEAR 7 - SILVER

Catherine Allen
Constance Saunders
Richard Barton
Jack Gillam

YEAR 8 - SILVER

Melvin Cheriyan
Macaulay Creasey

DSD Students - are working on the School's Anti Bullying Policy with Mr Phillips. Students at de Stafford want to play an active role in the development of a document which has an impact on everyone. The DSD have been put in charge of a 'pot' of funds from the Surrey Youth Service - the team will be advertising how that money can be accessed to improve the local community.

Tandridge Youth Council - de Stafford is very proud to be hosting the TYC for the next 2 years. Four members of the DSD, Mrs Harris & Mrs Turk went to Oxted Council Chambers to meet with the 33 other schools in the Youth Council. The TYC had a fantastic meeting with the focus for the group to come up with a RESPECT Policy which will include issues such as bullying. The Policy Logo and slogan will be displayed in all schools showing unity and consistency to the school children in Tandridge. An Art Competition to design the logo and win amazing prizes will be running shortly. The second focus is the development of the TYC magazine - 'What's hot what's new'. If you have a celebration, club or want to submit an article about Tandridge Community, please send your e-mails to: tandridgeconfederation@destafford.org.uk

Citizenship Community Day - for the third year running, 30 Year 10 & Year 11 students from de Stafford and Warlingham ran a Year 7 Community Day. The group worked well together, delivering messages of world poverty, globalisation, bullying and being a responsible, active member of their community.

Active Citizenship - 2 classes of Year 9 students are about to begin working with Surrey Youth Service on developing 'Human Rights' boards games to teach our younger students the important facts on Human Rights.

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.

January 2009 Ski Trip

Just a reminder to the January ski trippers that final payments are now due and student information forms that were sent out last term need to be completed and returned asap. 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

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.

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

Boot Sales (Saturdays):

- 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