

Stanground Academy Newsletter



Summer 2019

Celebrating student achievement

Ashleigh McHenry, sixth form student, is celebrating after winning first place in an international essay competition run by a leading university. Ashleigh won in the philosophy category of the New College of Humanities (NCH) London Essay Competition. Now in its third year, the international essay competition, which received more than 3,600 entries from across Europe, is designed to inspire pupils to have a passion for the humanities and social sciences. It is also an opportunity for entrants to pursue their interests in these subjects and further develop their writing skills. In her winning essay, Ashleigh responded to the philosophy question, 'What kinds of inequality, if any, are unjust?', a topic which challenged her critical thinking skills and notions of inequality. She received £1,000 for her essay and was also invited to the awards ceremony hosted by Professor AC Grayling, Master of the College and former Man Booker Prize Chair of Judges.



Year 10 Football Team

The Year 10 football team won the Peterborough Schools' football competition at the end of April. Goals from Alton Strachan, Loui Catt and Trafford Crane saw Stanground deservedly beat CoPA with a 3-1 win. Great integrity was shown from all and, as you can see from the photo, the lads were really chuffed about winning!

Athletics

There were some very good performances in the various athletics competitions this summer. In the Peterborough Schools' Competition, the Year 9 boys' and girls' teams both finished sixth out of fourteen schools. The stand out performers were the Year 9 boys - Ethan Mattick, Tyran Stewart and Morgan Fleming and Year 9 girl - Leah Grant.

A week later the Year 8 boys and girls finished third and both the Year 7 boys' and girls' teams finished second (out of 15 school's).

The stand out performers across these teams were the Year 8 boys - Norbert Zastawnik (winner and championship record in the shot putt), Tredon Bogle and Edward Judd. Year 8 girls - Tigan Moore (winner in the triple jump), Anisha Anandaraj and Chimwemwe Phiri. Year 7 boys - Alfie Baker (double winner and championship record in the discus), Kyle Clark (winner of the shot putt) and David Arcalianu. They were also winners in the relay. Year 7 girls - Emily Chambers, Sarah-Leigh Van Wyk, Enja Roderte, Emilia Bramwell and Cecile Deboisai-Bathia.

To finish off the season, the best from each year competed in the Academy Athletics Competition in Boston. There were some excellent performances which meant that the boys won by twenty points and the girls by twenty-two points (first = 1 point, second = 2 points, so the team with the lowest points score won).

This was the eighth year in a row that our boys and girls have won the event overall and we are still the only school to have our name on the trophies.

Insight Explore

Thirty-one Year 9 students are participating in the Cambridge Universities Insight Explore Programme. Students have visited Cambridge University and met current undergraduates at Newnham College. They have also looked at managing money at university and the students were divided into inter-school groups and developed a product to help students at university. They then presented their product to a panel of student judges. Students will continue on the programme until the end of Year 11 and we hope it will encourage our students to apply to Cambridge or another university.

Year 11 Celebration Day

On 28 June, 181 Year 11 students were invited to attend their Celebration Day. As the dress code was formal, it was lovely to see sharp suits and ball gowns and not a single untucked shirt. They certainly made an entrance with limos, the Party Bus and a Ferrari delighting the crowd of Year 7s and Year 9s who were there to cheer them into the school. The event started with music from the Y11 group, The Door Jams, who had the whole crowd on the stage singing to Wonder Wall within the first 10 minutes. During their time with us, the students received awards for attendance and attainment, saw photographs of themselves from Year 7 to Year 11, participated in quizzes and got the chance to say goodbye to their teachers. It was a lovely day and a great way to say goodbye to them.



Expressive Arts



The Expressive Arts department have had a very busy year! We would like to thank all of the students who have performed in our shows. Your commitment and passion have led to some amazing work being created. Our main productions were 'Musical Mash-up', dance show, and KS3 showcase evenings. We have led various trips, such as a Year 9 dance trip to Pineapple Studios, Year 12 to see a multi-media dance performance at Stamford Arts Centre to name a few. We welcomed many visiting artists and companies. Akeem Hyman, who is touring with Motown the Musical, came to work with dance students, Lost Dog Dance Theatre Company led a workshop with year 9 and year 12 students and we have strengthened our links with Eastern Angles Theatre company, working with both year 9 and 10 Performing Arts students. We pride ourselves in offering our students new opportunities to be enriched in the arts; with this in mind, we have offered violin, keyboard, piano, guitar, drums, saxophone and singing lessons. We look forward to what next year brings- look out for the auditions for our next musical!

History

Tudor hardtack biscuits

A group of Year 7 students had the opportunity to get hands-on in their history lessons, baking some Tudor hardtack biscuits - the staple food for mariners on Tudor voyages of discovery. After mixing flour, salt and water, the biscuits were baked slowly for forty minutes until hard. Braver students did try theirs and thought that they tasted a little like bread. A few biscuits were sealed in an airtight container and will be opened in four years' time, when students reach the end of Year 11, approximately the amount of time that they would have been kept for on long voyages. Often these biscuits were the sole food available to sailors for many weeks and it is believed that they relied on the maggots that would eventually hatch in them to soften them enough to be edible!



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