

Stormont House School Matters



STORMONT HOUSE SCHOOL
achievement for all

Our vision

Achievement for all in a unique world-class school

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Welcome Year 7!!

Welcome to our new Year 7's! It has been a busy first couple of weeks for the students learning where all the new classrooms are and getting used to a secondary school timetable. All the Year 7 team are really excited to be working with such a great group of new young people, we are looking forward to meeting our new families joining Stormont House School at the 'Meet the Tutor' event on Thursday 20 September 2018.



Ofsted News 2018/19

As you know we had a full Ofsted inspection on the 17th and 18th July. Some of you may even have seen the lead Ofsted inspector on Wednesday 18th as she observed sports day! We now have the final report and it is coming to parents/carers today by 'student post'. If you do not receive a copy of it along with this newsletter, talk to your child first to see where they have put it! the report should go 'live' on the Ofsted website on Wednesday 19th September.

It is our first inspection since our Sixth Form opened in September 2014; I am delighted that Ofsted recognised the high quality of the provision and how well our students continue to do after they have left as a result of their time here. There is an excellent team of staff, students and parents/carers that have to work together over a long period of time to achieve such success. We don't always get it right, but the overwhelming majority of comments the inspectors received were extremely positive, and this speaks very highly of the strengths of relationships in our school community.

You may know that we became one of the very first outstanding schools in the country in 2005, and that this is our 4th outstanding inspection. The main thing for us to do, as always, is to keep improving; learn where things haven't gone so well, keep building on the very many strengths. Seeing your children grow and learn is what makes my job so fulfilling; that couldn't happen without an absolutely tremendous staff team. I think I have the best job in England. Thank you for choosing Stormont House School; here's to the future!

Kind regards

Kevin McDonnell

Headteacher

After School Clubs

We are interested to find out what after school clubs students, parents and carers would like the school to run, last week you received a letter asking for suggestions - please get back to us with any ideas and we will see what we can organise. Previously our clubs have included - Cricket / Art / Cycling / Multi-Sports / Football / ICT & Gaming. Clubs take place on Monday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's immediately after school at 3.30pm.

Interest letters for clubs will be going out on Wednesday 19 September - please return your child's choices to school as soon as possible. The clubs will be starting on Monday 1 October.

Please remember that for your child to attend an after school provision at Stormont House School your child will need to either be an independent traveller or a parent/carer will need to collect from school.



Solo Taxonomy

We will continue to use SOLO Taxonomy to plan and differentiate learning for students as it is having such a positive effect on student interaction and progress in lessons. Watch this space for the new Stormont Super SOLO Hero who will be helping us with our SOLO taxonomy learning. Super SOLO will be flying into a classroom and newsletter coming your way soon...

I have
no idea

I have 1 idea

I have lots of
ideas

I can apply my
ideas to a piece of
work

I can argue and
prove my ideas

Apply for a CEA Card

This is a National Card Scheme to enable students who receive DLA / PIP payments to receive a free cinema ticket for their parent / carer to accompany them on trips to the Cinema. Please visit: www.ceacard.co.uk to see if you are eligible to apply for this scheme. The website will inform you about all of the cinema chains that are involved in the scheme. Some of the chains who are involved include: Vue, Cineworld / Empire / Odeon. You can apply on line and there is a one off payment of £6 registration to join the scheme.

Term Dates for your Diary

Year 7 - Meet the Tutor

Year 12 - Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition

Flu Immunisation

Autumn Half Term

Year 9-10 Parents / Carers

End of Autumn Term

Spring Term Start

Spring Half Term

CPD Staff INSET Day

End of Spring Term

CPD Staff INSET Day

Summer Term Start

Summer Half Term

End of Summer Term

CPD Dates for the year have been set

Thursday 20 September 2018 - 3.45 to 6pm

Wednesday 26 / Thursday 27 September 2018

Tuesday 9 October 2018

Monday 22 to Friday 26 October 2018

Thursday 15 November 2018 - 4.30 to 7.30pm

Friday 21 December 2018 - School closes at 1.15pm

Monday 7 January 2019

Monday 18 to Friday 22 February 2019

Monday 18 March 2019 - School closed to students

Friday 5 April 2019

Tuesday 23 April - School closed to students

Tuesday 24 April 2019

Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2019

Friday 19 July 2019