

# Stormont House School Matters



## Our vision

Achievement for all in a unique world-class school

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## Careers Week at Stormont House School

Last week, the whole school experienced the world of work by enthusiastically participating in the Stormont House Careers Week! The week began with a Careers assembly presented by Ms Napier and one of our Alumni - Jamie. They took the whole school on a journey through their career history so far. Jamie is currently at an exciting juncture where he is applying for University, as well as an Apprenticeship in Sports Journalism. We know whichever path Jamie chooses he has a bright future, that the school will continue to support and we wish him the best of luck.

Monday also saw the whole of Year 10 become budding Entrepreneurs in a Dragon's Den style Enterprise day. The students were tasked with creating the next must-have Christmas toy. They learnt how to work in teams to research the toy market in the UK, and how to create a new toy. It helped them to explore marketing options in terms of price, product, promotion, and place so that their toy met a specific customer need or demand. They developed their presentation skills as they had to present their toy idea to a panel of three Dragons. Our Dragons were Mr McDonnell, Ms Hylton our Business Manager and Ms Napier. All three dragons were very impressed with Year 10's teamwork, presentation skills and innovative toy designs.

On Tuesday, Year 12 were able to learn about the benefits of volunteering by participating in a workshop run by 'Here East'. They run a Volunteering Matters programme which the school have been involved with for a couple of years. Students were able to see that volunteering is a fantastic way to gain work experience as well as give back to the local community.

Wednesday was a jam packed day, Year 11 visited BSix College to experience a college environment and find out more about the types of courses the college offers. As one of our Sixth Form partners, BSix organised for 3 of our Alumni, who are still studying at the college, to talk to the Year 11's about their own experiences at college. The Alumni who presented were Jack, Jamie and Shaquille who are currently studying Level 3 Sport. In the afternoon 9G were able to experience the world of professional catering. The session was delivered by 'Food for Life' and a trainee from the Blue Marble training programme, which are both a part of Shoreditch trust. Our students said they particularly enjoyed this session as they got to work with a trainee chef from the Waterhouse Restaurant.

To continue our work with Shoreditch trust on Thursday 6 students from Year 11 and 12 took part in a workshop at the Waterhouse restaurant. Students cooked brunch in a professional kitchen with the head chef. They learnt about the rules of the kitchen, hygiene, how to plate and serve food. The chef's at the restaurant were very impressed with all of the student's cookery skills and enthusiasm for working in a professional kitchen environment.

To round the week off, on Friday every year group worked with 'My Hospitality Life' and learnt about the hospitality sector. Students worked in groups to save a financially struggling hotel. They were asked to make decisions on advertising, restaurant menu, utilities, banking, staff morale etc. they could even hire and fire staff!

Thank you to all our visitors who gave our students an inspiring insight into the plethora of career possibilities that are available to them. Remember there is a job out there for everyone!



## Wembley Here We Come!!!!

Our students took part in the Panathlon Football Cup on Tuesday 27 November at the Wembley Powerleague. The competition involved 8 of the best teams from across London who had previously qualified from their regional finals. Ninety-six footballers competed in 48 games and 156 goals were scored.

After two sessions of games our teams achieved fourth place, just one point away from being on the podium in third place. The team from Haringey were the winners on the day.

Our footballers played great football and showed excellent team spirit. Mr Hajdrych was very proud of their achievement. The games were all very close and right up until the very end no-one could be sure about the final outcome. Well done Hackney and Stormont House!



## Shakespeare in Schools - Appraisal by Iain Jones

Iain Jones is a freelance artist who works with the 'Shakespeare in Schools', he has completed an appraisal of the Stormont House School performance of 'Romeo and Juliet' which took place at Stratford Circus Theatre on Tuesday 6 November 2018.

Mr Jones made the following comments: 'Well done for a beautiful, heart breaking and musical production of 'Romeo and Juliet'. Performing Shakespeare's words on a professional stage takes courage, resilience, and imagination. You and your teachers should all be incredibly proud of what you have achieved.'

To see the full assessment please go on the SHS website, the full appraisal is in the December news area of the website.

## Term Dates for your Diary

Reward Outing Day Years 7-12

Christmas Jumper Day

End of Autumn Term

Spring Term Start

Spring Half Term

Staff Training Day

End of Spring Term

Staff Training Day

Summer Term Start

Summer Half Term

End of Summer Term

Friday 14 December

Monday 17 December 2018

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 2019 - School closed to students

Wednesday 24 April 2019

Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2019

Friday 19 July 2019