

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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The Woodrow High House Experience

On Wednesday 6th March, Year 7 set off for their first Stormont House residential trip. They took a coach all the way to Amersham to stay for two nights at Woodrow High House and even though it was rather wet and windy for most of the stay, the students bravely made the effort to take part in all the activities, cheering each other on, competing, dancing and even rising to the challenge of room inspections!

The students learnt how to build shelters in the woods and helped each other carry sticks and branches, in spite of the horror of getting muddy hands, they put their hand-eye coordination to the test and braved the drizzle to compete at Archery. On the first evening everyone sang and tried to gain membership to the Moon Club (the secret code was 'Please!') they told terrible jokes, solved riddles and ate toasted marshmallows around the campfire. After a well-earned, night's sleep, day 2 was spent building rafts in teams and later testing them in the swimming pool. As a group Year 7 made a lot of noise and had a great time playing 'Cat & Mouse' and 'Fruit Salad' parachute games, using a huge, multi-coloured parachute silk. In the evening everyone had a disco and a group dance off, as well as a highly competitive game of musical chairs – Well done, Kervel for winning the disco crown, in spite of being squished by weaselling teachers!

For the final day the students all had the opportunity to brave the high ropes and hats off to Alisha for climbing higher than anyone else in the group – you inspired Mr Calvin and Ms Swaffield to have a go too! The instructors at Woodrow High House were super-patient and helpful and the Year 7s really rose to the occasion, working together, overcoming their homesickness and really encouraging each other. Well done to everyone for joining in and a huge THANK YOU to all the staff who helped make the trip possible!



More photographs / videos will be available on the school website

Easter Holiday Sports Club – Access to Sport

FREE!!! Easter Holiday Sports Activities - Access to Sports Project

Don't forget to sign your child up for the Easter Holiday Sports Activity Sessions which are run at Stormont House School by 'The Access to Sports Project' team of coaches. The project is completely FREE for our students to attend, they will be able to experience a wide variety of sports activities, which includes: Basketball, Football, Futsal, Handball, Athletics, Volleyball, Tennis, Cricket, Non-Contact Boxing, Badminton, Rugby, Fencing, Table Tennis

Monday 8 to Thursday 11 April 2019 - 1.30 to 3.30pm

Monday 15 to Thursday 18 April 2019 – 1.30 to 3.30pm

If you would like your child to attend please return the 'Access to Sports' forms to school or call the project on 020 7686 8812 or via email to info@accesstosports.org.uk. To find out more visit www.accesstosports.org.uk



Wellbeing and Mental Health in School (WAMHS) Initiative

Stormont House School, along with a number of other schools in City and Hackney district, are committed to developing and improving support for students' emotional and mental wellbeing and have joined the Wellbeing and Mental Health in School (WAMHS) initiative. This initiative has been set up by the CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) Alliance in City and Hackney district in partnership with schools to increase early help and access to high quality mental health support for children and young people across the full range of communities represented in City and Hackney. This is a great initiative and is fully supported and supervised by Stormont House School.

Many schools are reporting higher numbers of students having difficulties managing their emotions, making the most of their learning and life opportunities at school and coping with the stresses of life both in and out of school.

Research has shown that positive health and education outcomes are closely related. School staff may be one of the first to notice emerging mental health difficulties. In its recent Green Paper the Government stressed the importance of schools and mental health services working more closely together to make sure that children and young people who need help with their mental health are able to get it when they need it.

The WAMHS Project will support schools to be settings where children and young people can learn about all areas of life. WAMHS will focus on building academic, social and emotional resilience and coping skills in students and help them identify and access additional help if needed. The project will also up skill staff in schools so that they are more confident and feel more able to support students, and their families, who may be experiencing mental health difficulties.

If you are unsure about whether or not you would like your child to be included in any activities that form part of the WAMHS initiative please call school on 020 8985 4245 to speak to Ms Jessie who is leading on the project. You can also email the WAMHS leadership Team directly on WAMHS@nhs.net

Further information can be found on the 'Hackney Offer Website' - www.hackneylocaloffer.co.uk

Term Dates for your Diary

Yr. 8 Parent-Carer Meeting Kench Hill Residential

Monday 1 April @ 3.30pm

Reward Outing Year 12

Tuesday 2 April 2019

Reward Outing Day Year 7 - 11

Thursday 4 April 2019

End of Spring Term

Friday 5 April 2019 - School closes at 1.15pm

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 23 April 2019 - School closed to students

Summer Term Start

Wednesday 24 April 2019

Summer Half Term

Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2019

End of Summer Term

Friday 19 July 2019