

# 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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## Year 7 Growing Project

This week Stormont House School tasted some of the produce from the Year 7 food growing project. The students had harvested two whole crates of rocket leaves from the roof garden. They were all very proud to take their produce to Mr Gabriel our Chef Educator in the kitchen so that he could use it for the school lunches. The students also provided herbs such as coriander, sage, chives and thyme.



This week Year 7 began planning for the next growing season in Spring and Summer 2020. They measured all the raised beds and calculated how much growing space they will need for the plants they choose. Based on the size of the beds the students debated what vegetables they should grow and then bought their selection of seeds. The next stage will be to start to grow some plants off in the warm solar dome and move them to the raised beds when spring comes. Year 7 can't wait to see how their plants grow – we will update everyone with more news as it comes in from the students.



CULINARY HERBS

## Alumni News

We have received some amazing news about one of our ex-students - Natalie who was recently interviewed for the online magazine: 'Enable' – [www.enable-magazine.co.uk](http://www.enable-magazine.co.uk). The interview followed Natalie's journey to employment. Through Mencap Natalie completed a supported internship at the Financial Times newspaper, following on from this very successful placement Natalie was employed by Mencap as a learning disability awareness coordinator. Natalie felt that by completing the supported internship she was provided with the right guidance that gave her the confidence to go for a full-time position at Mencap.

Natalie stated in the article "I am the person I am today because of the programme co-ordinators. I've learned it's ok to actually have a learning disability and it has made me realise how important it is to show people that you can work."

In Natalie's job with Mencap she visits different businesses to raise awareness about what a learning disability is, she would like to see more people with learning disabilities in everyday jobs and feels that by improving the understanding of employers they will support more people with learning disabilities into the work place.

In the picture below you can see Natalie just about to go into the Google Offices to meet with them about young adults with learning disabilities.



### Dates for your Diary

**Year 11 and 12 Parent Carer Evening**

**Yr. 12 External Work Experience (Week 1)**

**Spring Half Term**

**Year 12 External Work Experience (Week 2)**

**Year 7 Parent-Carer Meeting - Woodrow High House**

**Year 7 Residential to Woodrow High House**

**Year 7 and 8 Parent Carer Evening**

**Year 8 Parent Carer Meeting - Kench Hill**

**Last day of the Spring Term**

Thursday 30 January 2020 – 4.30 to 7pm

Monday 10 to Friday 14 February 2020

Monday 17 to Friday 21 February 2020

Monday 24 to Friday 28 February 2020

Monday 24 February 2020 – 3.30 to 4pm

Wednesday 4 to Friday 6 March 2020

Thursday 19 March 2020 – 4.30 to 7pm

Monday 30 March 2020 – 3.30 to 4pm

Friday 3 April 2020 – Students leave school at 1.15pm



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