



Stormont House School Matters

Our vision

Achievement for all in a unique world-class school

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Reminder:

**Year 7 Parent/Carer Meeting
Thursday 11 October
3.45-5.30pm**

The Year 7 Tutors, Ms Chenard and Ms Whitbread, are looking forward to meeting all the new Year 7 parents/carers for appointments on Thursday 11 October. Appointment slips will be sent out shortly. Please look out for this in your child's school bag!

Extended School Information (After School Clubs)

The following clubs are running each week. If pupils want to join one of these clubs they should speak to Mrs Napier to find out if spaces are still available. Parents/carers **must** complete and return a permission form before the pupil can start to attend any of the clubs:

Monday:	Cricket Club	3.30 – 4.30pm
	GCSE KS4 Art Club	3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday:	Indoor Rowing Club	3.30 – 4.30pm
Thursday:	Animation Club	3.30 – 4.30pm
	Football Club	3.30 – 4.30pm
	Homework Club	3.30 – 4.30pm Year 10 & 11

Reminder on School Rules:

Some parent/carers have asked for a reminder of these rules so they can go through them with their child:

Food and drink

Pupils are allowed to bring in bottles of water which can be refilled in school. They should be labelled with their name. No other food or drink is permitted in school. All pupils eat lunches provided by the school kitchen and are also provided with fresh fruit at break time. Breakfast is also provided at no additional cost. We strongly discourage children buying sweets for the journey to school, and ask all parents/carers to support us in this. Any sweets, food or drink brought into the school may be confiscated and disposed of. Chewing gum is completely unacceptable and usually incurs a detention after school.

Money and items of value

There is generally no need for pupils to bring money into school unless they are bringing it in to the school office. In some circumstances we may allow pupils to bring in some spending money for a school trip or event, but we will let you know this in advance. The school will not be responsible for the loss of any money or item of value brought into school, however this may occur.

Jewellery/ make-up

Only a maximum of one small plain stud or small hoop earring in each ear is allowed. Anything else will be removed and kept in the office. For 'repeat offenders', the items will be kept until the parent or carer collects them, even if this is after the weekend. Watches are allowed (at your own risk), but any chains, bracelets, rings, large or decorative earrings are not.

Mobile phones/ mp3 players/ games consoles etc.

Any communication or entertainment device must be handed in to the office on arrival, where it will be stored in a wallet with the pupil's name on. The items are returned at the end of the school day. Any items not handed in, but kept in pockets or bags may be confiscated. For 'repeat offenders', the items will be kept until the parent or carer collects them even if this is after the weekend.

Personal school equipment

We expect all pupils, especially from Year 9 on, to take increasing responsibility for having the correct equipment in class. Please make sure that any pencil case etc is clearly labelled with your child's name, also please make sure that any 'extra special' pens etc are kept for homework rather than brought into school, in case they are mislaid and upset is caused.

Thank You!

E-Safety Awareness Stay Safe On-Line

Children's privacy can be invaded online in several ways. For example, it can happen when they:

- fill out forms and enter contests on commercial Websites
- provide information when registering for Internet services or software (i.e. file-sharing, instant messaging, e-mail)
- complete a personal profile for an e-mail or instant messaging account
- give personal information to strangers in chat rooms or through instant messaging
- Social networking sites – who are they friends with? If you know your child uses Facebook, please help them to check their privacy settings. The video link below shows you how to change privacy settings on Facebook.

<http://kidsmart.org.uk/skills-school/>



Lost Property



Every year we end up with a vast amount of lost property, including coats, hats and trainers. We make an effort to identify the owners, but often without success. Can you please remind your child to look at the lost property, currently on display in the foyer, as any items that remain unclaimed by the end of term will be taken to a charity shop. If there is a specific item your child has lost please ring Monica (receptionist) who will ask the appropriate teaching assistant to help your child look through the lost property to see if it can be found. It is helpful if the name of the pupil could be written on the label of any items as this enables lost clothing to be returned straight to the pupil.

Dates for your Diary 2012/13

Thursday 11 October	Year 7 Parent/carers Evening 3.45 – 5.30pm
Mon 29 October–Fri 2 November	Half term
Thursday 8 November	Parent Carer Consultation Evening (scheduled appointments 4-8pm)
Friday 9 November	Parent Carer Consultation Day (scheduled appointments for parents/carers with pupils)
Mon 12–Fri 23 November	Work Experience (Year 11)
Monday 17 December	Christmas Performances
Wednesday 19 December	Pupils Christmas Dinner
Thursday 20 December	School Closes for Christmas Holidays at 1.15pm
Monday 7 January 2013	Spring term begins pupils return to school
Tuesday 15 January	Careers Evening Years 10 & 11 (6 – 8pm)
Friday 15 February	Staff Training Day School CLOSED to pupils
Mon 18 February–Fri 22 Feb	Half term
Tuesday 5 March	Year 7 Parent/carer evening 3.45-6.00pm
Tuesday 12 March	Years 8 & 9 Parent/carers evening 3.45-6.30pm
Friday 22 March	School closes at 1.15pm for staff training
Thursday 28 March	School closes for Easter Holidays at 1.15pm
Monday 15 April	Summer term begins pupils return to school
Friday 3 May	Staff training day school CLOSED to pupils
Mon 27 May–Fri 31 May	Half term
Friday 5 July	Staff training day school CLOSED to pupils
Tuesday 16 July	Parent/carer report evening 3.45-6.30pm
Wednesday 24 July	School Closes for Summer Holidays at 1.15pm