

School News Exam Results Special



Dates for the Diary

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Wed 14	Stafford and District Cross Country Relays 4.30pm Weston Road High School
Thur 15	Combined Schools' Mass 6.30pm (St. Gregory's Church) U12 Stafford and District Netball Festival (Sir Graham Balfour High School) RAF in school, Y8 and Y9
Fri 16	Year 7 Interim Reports RAF in school, Y11 and VI Form
19-22 inc	French Trip
Tue 20	Yr7 Progress Review Meeting 4-6pm U14 Stafford and District Netball Festival (Stafford Sports College)
Wed 21	Senior Harvest Mass 11.30am Prep Harvest Service 2.30pm Priory Hall Stafford and District Cross Country Championships
Thur 22	U13 Stafford and District Netball Festival (Penkridge Middle School)
Fri 23	Interim Reports Years 8-13inc School Breaks up
26-2 inc	HALF TERM
NOV	
Mon 2	Staff Inset Day
Thur 5	UKMT Senior Maths Challenge
Mon 9	Head's Surgery 6pm
Tue 10	Inter House Public Speaking Competition Prospective VI Form Evening 7pm Priory Hall
Wed 11	Year 10 visit to ABB
Thur 12	Nursery-P5 Parents' Evening 4-6pm Priory Hall
Sat 14	PFA Winter Ball - Crewe Hall
Wed 18	Year 11 Mock exams begin
Thur 19	KS3 (Yr7-9) Dance Day—Priory Hall
Wed 25	PFA 'Bags 2 School' Collection
Fri 27	Yrs 7,8 & 9 to New Vic Theatre
Sat 28	Christmas Fayre 10-12.30pm

'Welcome back'

As usual in September it did not take long for us to get back into work mode and the academic year 2009-2010 has begun with plenty of good news. We congratulate last year's Year 11 and Year 13 on their wonderful exam results and are pleased to welcome former Year 11 students back as Sixth Formers. Particular congratulations to those who have achieved a Sixth Form Scholarship: Hannah Stubbs (Academic), Rosanna Jones (Academic), Victoria Burton (Academic), Alice Costello (Art), Madeleine Curtis (Music), and Rosina Bloor (Music). We also welcome to St. Dominic's, Beth Secker and Ellie Collins (Lower VI), Adreece Bachra, Sophie Riley and Priya Sharma (Year 9), Lucy Berrisford and Jessica Downes (Year 7), Bethan Gould, Lauren McGeown and Isobel Powell (P5), Natasha Sharma (P4), Sophie Brogan (P3), Cheidza Muchauraya and Amy McGeown (P2), Caitlyn Brown (Reception), Daniel Arthur, Charlie Goodall, Matthew Clewes, Alyssa Love, Rohan Sheldon, Lucia Cyples, Madeleine Hughes, Sean Tavernor, Gabriella Phagurey, Amaya Morris, Shannon Roberts, Thomas Scattergood, Yuvraj Toor and Toby Webster (Nursery).

Pat Adamson



Mrs Coombs and Miss Davies, are running in the Cancer Research 'Run 10k' challenge on the 18th October at Weston Park, Shropshire. Run 10k started in 2003 with just three events and has since grown enormously. Now, in its seventh year, it is hoped to bring together 60,000 men and women to raise £6 million towards Cancer Research UK's life-saving work. Please speak to Mrs Coombs and Miss Davies individually if you would like to sponsor them.

Miss Davies and Mrs Coombs
in their running kit

Sailing for Staffordshire

Eleanor Davies, (Y11), recently competed in the Southport 24 hour sailing race as part of the South Staffs 'Lark' Team. She and her helm sailed 9 out of the 24 hours, with half of those in darkness. The team came 2nd overall out of seventy-seven entries, losing narrowly to South Staffs GP Team.

A Level Results 2009

Name	Subject, University Destination and Course						
A Ellam	A	Tex	GS*	Soc*		London	Beauty
C Hill	G	MU	H	GS*		University Of Keele	Music
M Jenkinson	EL	H	Ps	RS		Deferred entry University of Keele	Law with English
V Shirley	A	EL	Tex	G*	GS*	Newcastle College	Art Foundation Year
N Storer	A	EL	Tex	Mu*	GS*	Newcastle College	Art Foundation Year
A Terallis	EL	I	Tex			University of Central England	Children and Integrated Professional Care
E Webster	A	BS	EL	GS		University of Keele	English

Key: GS—General Studies, Ps—Psychology, So—Sociology, BS—Business Studies, RS—Religious Studies, A—Art, Tex—Textiles, EL—English Language, I—Italian, H—History, M—Maths, B—Biology, C—Chemistry, F—French, Mu—Music, G—Geography

* - Denotes an AS award



*Last year's
UVI Form on*

Congratulations!

GCSE Results 2009

Name	No of GCSE Achieved	No. of GCSE's A* - C
A Akhtar	9	6
G Anderson	10	10
J Atkinson	10	10
R Bloor	10	10
V Burton	11	11
A Costello	11	11
M Curtis	11	11
Z Groom	10	10
B Hodgkinson	10	10
C Horton	10	10
L Hoy	10	10
C Hughes	10	8
K Johnson	8	0
R Jones	9	9
J Mierau	11	11
A-R Perry	10	10
E Phillips	11	11
H Stubbs	11	11
S Walters	11	11



Some of last year's Y11 receiving their GCSE results

Speech and Drama goes from Strength to Strength Latest Results

Prep School

P6 (now Y7)

Acting Grade 1	
Leonie Grant	Acting Grade 1 Merit
Katie Hands	Acting Grade 1 Distinction
Lauren Brown	Acting Grade 1 Pass
Celine Heraty	Acting Grade 1 Distinction
Lucy Hodgson	Acting Grade 1 Distinction
Zara Istead	Acting Grade 1 Merit
Katie Lovewell	Acting Grade 1 Merit
Summer Higgs	Acting Grade 1 Pass
Fiona Sellers	Acting Grade 1 Merit

P2 (now P3)

Isabella Dobson	Preparatory Distinction
Meera Ram	Preparatory Distinction
Georgia Murphy	Preparatory Merit
Ella Hearing	Preparatory Distinction
Sophie Roberts	Preparatory Merit

Senior School UVI

Charlotte Hill	Acting Grade 8 (Gold)	Distinction
Emma Webster	Acting Grade 8 (Gold)	Distinction
Andrea Terallis	Acting Grade 8 (Gold)	Distinction

LVI (now UVI)

Lauren Tucker	Acting Grade 6 (Bronze)	Pass
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Yr11 (now LVI)

Charlotte Hughes	Acting Grade 5	Pass
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Yr10 (now Yr11)

Rachel Chambers	Acting Grade 5	Merit
Lauren Haynes	Acting Grade 5	Merit
Eleanor Davies	Verse and Prose Grade 5	Distinction

Yr9 (now Yr10)

Caroline Furey	Acting Grade 3	Distinction
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Yr8 (now Yr9)

Emma Davies	Acting Grade 2	Distinction
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Yr7 (now Yr8)

Pollyanna Stone	Acting Grade 1	Distinction
Eve Phillips	Verse and Prose Grade 2	Distinction
Harriet Mauger	Verse and Prose Grade 2	Merit
Hollie Stow	Verse and Prose Grade 3	Merit

New Psychological Society –J Deakin

The new school year saw the launch of the Psychological Society. Students from Years 10, 11 and the Sixth Form met to discuss 'Ethics in Psychology'. This involved the Sixth Form students acting out a famous experiment on 'obedience', which had previously raised many ethical concerns. The Society hopes to involve its members in future research which will be both interesting and enjoyable to those taking part.



Healthy Eating Week

Students from both the Prep and Senior Schools had the opportunity recently to experiment with 'new' foods as part of the school's Healthy Eating Week promoted by Olive Catering. Catering Manager, Pam Banks said, 'with such a wide variety of foods available to children today it is important to make sure that they learn what is good for them and what should be eaten in moderation as part of a balanced diet'. Year 11 and VI Form students were given a demonstration on eating healthily and economically while at University.



Alexandria Longley
and Lauren
McGeown from
Primary 5

The Long and Winding Road of a Duke of Edinburgh Expedition—J Kirkland

The assessment expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award took place in the Peak District on the final weekend of the summer term. Despite a few errors in navigation, which extended the distance well beyond the planned 30 miles necessitating pitching tents and cooking meals in failing light, the ten candidates from Yrs 11 & 12 finally made it to the finishing point to receive the good news that they had passed the assessment! Expedition reports are now being assessed and the other sections of the award should all be completed and submitted this term. Congratulations to all the candidates for standing up to the challenges which have confronted them in the course of completing this award – they can now look forward to official recognition of their achievements when they are presented with this prestigious award next year. Thank you also to all the staff who gave up their time to supervise the expedition.

On a different note, may I take this opportunity to inform you that, after coordinating Duke of Edinburgh at St Dominic's for over 12 years, I have now handed the role over to Mrs Phillips, who will be dealing with all subsequent enrolments for the award. May I thank all parents who have supported their daughters through the award and encourage those who will do so in the future.

New Sports Equipment donated by the U3A

Miss Capper, on behalf of the school, recently received a donation of new badminton equipment for the Sports Hall from the University of the 3rd Age (U3A). The U3A is a self-help organisation for people no longer in full time employment providing educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly environment. Local U3As are learning cooperatives which draw upon the knowledge, experience and skills of their own members to organise and provide interest groups. The teachers learn and the learners teach. Between them U3As offer the chance to study over 300 different subjects in such fields as art, languages, music, history, life sciences, philosophy, computing, crafts, photography and walking.

Ready, Steady, Cook!

As part of the Healthy Schools initiative Jessica Wallani, Niamh Murphy, Leah Stubbs and Josie Hulme all took part in the Rotary Young Chef Competition, part of Stone Food & Drink Festival 2009. Jessica produced a juicy beef based Bolognese sauce, Niamh two sumptuously healthy burgers with healthy option chipped potatoes, Leah a well thought out and tasty roasted vegetable pasta dish and Josie Hulme, the eventual winner, produced two excellent portions of Fajitas and avocado, chilli tomato and lime puree.

Josie then went on to represent the school on Saturday evening at the Stone Festival where live on stage she competed against students from three other schools. Josie performed very well indeed showing great confidence in producing a colourful and imaginative dish. The Mayor judged the competition and complimented all the cooks.

On a final note, congratulations to Mrs Adamson, who won the Headteachers' Cook Off competition on the Friday night of the Stone Food and Drink Festival.