

# STAMFORD WELAND ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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## HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

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Vicky Lloyd

Well, we've certainly packed a lot into this first half term! We kicked off with our biggest cohort of year 7 EVER joining us in September. They have settled in brilliantly and have already impressed us as a year group.

Even though this year's yr 7 had only just started with us, we welcomed lots of families for our Open Evening the second week of the term. We were overwhelmed with the amount of people who attended and the feedback from families was absolutely superb. We're looking forward to receiving all the applications for 2026 places by October 31st 2025.

Year 11 have started the year with determination and commitment. We have never had such large numbers of year 11s attend intervention so early on the year. If they continue with this approach, we can expect fantastic results from them in the summer exams.

Headteacher Excellence Awards have been in abundance and it's always the best part of Mrs Lloyd's job when students come and share their achievements with her. In addition to Headteacher Excellence Awards, Characters Awards have come in thick and fast. This term's foci have been Kindness and Responsibility with students demonstrating both character traits in all sorts of ways. It is so important to our school ethos that we develop the character of young people alongside their academic ability.

We had a new addition to the staff in the form of Daisy our new therapy dog. Daisy lives with Mr Weller, but she has been coming into school this half term ready to take over from Buddy when Miss Robinson goes on maternity leave. It's safe to say she has been a HUGE hit with students and staff alike!

Our house competition this term has been chess. Houses have been taking it in turns to do battle during tutor time. This will culminate in the best players from each house doing battle to win the house challenge cup for this half term.

We've had European Languages Day earlier in the term and the MFL department organised lots of exciting activities. The highlight has to be the 'European Bake Off' with lots of students (and staff) taking part. Have a look in the MFL section of the newsletter for the winners.

The Food department organised for the 'Commando Chef' to come into school and work with our yr 10 Food students. This involved 60 students all coking at once in the sportshall on portable stoves! It was extremely impressive and the students got lots out of it.

Hello Yellow was another highlight of the half term. This is day organised by Young Minds to focus on young people's mental health. Students were invited to wear an item of yellow to show their support. We think our favourite effort were the the numerous banana outfits that made their way into school!

So, an action packed 8 weeks has kick started our 25/26 academic year. There will be lots more to come over the rest of the year, but for now, enjoy the half term break. A reminder that students are not back in school until Tuesday 4th November (I'm sure they will be very disappointed about an extra day at home!).

As ever, thank you all for your support in helping make SWA the amazing community that it is.

Mrs Lloyd

# F1 WILLIAMS TRIP

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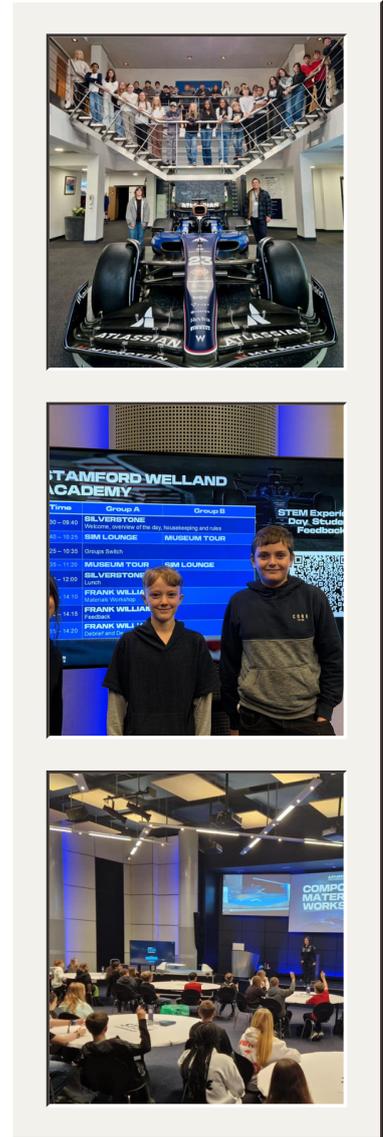
Our Year 8 mathematics students from Stamford Welland Academy recently immersed themselves in the world of Formula 1 engineering at the Williams Racing STEM Experience Centre in Grove, Oxfordshire. This unforgettable day offered hands-on activities aligned with the national curriculum and showed the importance of STEM subjects in Engineering.

The day included the following:

- \* The Williams Composites Challenge - building and crash-testing nose cones with a strict budget (yes, even a Pritt Stick costs £5,000!)
- \* Aerodynamics and CFD demos - exploring how drag reduction and downforce shape F1 performance
- \* Esports race simulators - racing on iconic F1 tracks from around the world
- \* A tour of the Williams museum - featuring 50+ heritage cars and cutting-edge innovations

The experience sparked curiosity, teamwork, and ambition—showing students how STEM can drive real-world innovation and careers in motorsport. A huge thank you to Williams racing for inspiring the engineers of tomorrow!

Also a BIG thank you to Mr Edwards to organising the trip.



# ICELAND TRIP 2025

Located on the remote Arctic edge of Europe, this land of extremes is one of the most unique and stimulating environments out there – it's a geographer's paradise and won't fail to impress you!

Truly unmatched in its natural splendour, Iceland is a haven of unspoiled landscapes, extraordinary scenery and geographical gems – think boiling mud pools, erupting geysers, cascading waterfalls, ash deserts and impressive lava flows. This trip has been designed to bring your GCSE alive, in front of your very eyes!

What did they do?

FlyOver Iceland Experience  
Þingvellir (Thingvellir) National Park  
Secret Lagoon  
Geysir  
Gullfoss Waterfall  
Kerið  
Eyjafjallajökull flood plain  
Seljalandsfoss Waterfall  
Gljúfrabúi Waterfall  
Skógafoss Waterfall  
Glacier Walk at Sólheimajökull  
Reynishverfi Beach  
Dyrhólaey  
Vík  
Aurora Borealis Walk  
Hveragerði Hot Spring Walk  
Hellisheidi Geothermal Power Station  
Perlan Water Tower Museum, Ice Cave and 360° Observation Deck  
Tour of Reykjavik  
Gunnhver  
Blue Lagoon Geothermal Swim

Check out our social media pages for more photos.....



## CURRICULAR LINKS

- ✓ Changing Places
- ✓ Climate Change
- ✓ Coastal Systems & Landscapes
- ✓ Cold Environments
- ✓ Ecosystems & Biodiversity
- ✓ Geographical Skills
- ✓ Glacial Systems & Landscapes
- ✓ Globalisation & Global Systems
- ✓ Natural Hazards
- ✓ Plate Tectonics
- ✓ Population
- ✓ Resources & Their Management
- ✓ River Systems & Landscapes
- ✓ Rocks, Weathering & Soil
- ✓ Rural Environments
- ✓ Tourism
- ✓ Urban Environments
- ✓ Water & Carbon Cycles
- ✓ Weather & Climate



# SWA CCF - RECRUITS WEEKEND

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Last week 25 of our cadets (Year 8-10) took part in the Recruits Weekend and Cadet Force Instructional Techniques at Waterbeach CTC, Cambs.

The feedback from the cadets and parents was amazing. We are very lucky to be able to run these events with the support of our school staff.

If your child is in year 8 and interested in joining the Cadets here at SWA (Training is every Thursday after school until 5pm please pick up a form from reception.



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Congratulations to the following cadets on completing their Senior Cadet Instructors course

Sgt N Wara  
Cpl B Frake  
Cpl T Jackson  
Cpl B McIntyre  
Cpl H Merrison

A fantastic achievement from all the 5 cadets.



# YEAR 11 - WHAT'S COMING UP?

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The first round of mock exams will start on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November (Sport/DT & Art exams start from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November). The mock exams will run until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

It is the students' responsibility to check the date and time of their exams from their individual exam timetable. Students need to be in school by 8:30am each day. However, to support them, please ensure you are aware of these dates and times too. All examinations details, including seating, can be seen on the Examinations tab in Bromcom.

More information including the Mock Examination timetable can be found here:

<https://www.stamfordwellandacademy.org/exam-timetable/>

Revision Guides:

The recommended revision guides for students can be found here:

<https://www.stamfordwellandacademy.org/revision-guides/>

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Year 11 - English poetry trip - February 2026

- Those year 11 students who are interested, in February 2026 a poetry trip will be taking place
- If you are interested, please let the English department know as places are going fast



30.06.2026  
*Save the Date*

**SWA PROM**

THE BARNSDALE, EXTON AVENUE, OAKHAM.

# PE & SPORT AT SWA

Well done to all the students who represented SWA in our recent Netball matches vs Catmose. Our years 7-10 demonstrated some fantastic netball and brilliant teamwork.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> September our year 7 football team played their first game against West Grantham in the national cup. A fantastic team performance throughout leads us to a comfortable victory and now into the 2nd round of the cup.



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Congratulations to this group of students who have turned up to lessons with the right attitude each week and attending many after school clubs and events.



# HELLO YELLOW

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Every year on World Mental Health Day (10 October), thousands across the UK wear yellow to show young people they're not alone with their mental health. The Hello Yellow campaign, led by the charity YoungMinds, is a vibrant, hopeful movement that brings schools, workplaces, and communities together to raise awareness and vital funds for youth mental health support. Well done to all the staff and students who took part in raising awareness for this great cause.



# OTHER NEWS

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At the end of this term we would like to wish Ms Mezenguel all the best in her maternity leave. We are very lucky to have Mrs Mitchell joining us until the end of the academic year as her replacement. Mrs Mitchell was at SWA last academic year supporting the English department so she is already familiar with our students, and them with her.

We wish Ms Mez all the best in her maternity leave and look forward to sharing when the baby arrives.



# PLEDGES

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This term our PLEDGES afternoon was focused on PARTICIPATION. We had a guest speaker Regis Chaperon who came and spoke to our students about Sculpting through origami. You may have seen some of Regis' pieces around Stamford.

Regis spoke to the students about his journey that led him to sculpting including spending time in Italy and then Valenica.

After the talk students went to work in their tutor groups to create their own origami pieces. Make sure to ask them about it when they are at home.



# CLUBS/NOTICES

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X Country will continue each Thursday after school. All year groups welcome.

History Club  
Room 18  
Tuesday lunch time

Film Factory  
Every Wednesday  
Art Room  
After school

Science Club  
Room 6  
After school on  
Monday  
Year 7-10

Art Club  
Every Monday  
Art Room  
After School

## SWA CHESS CLUB

EVERY THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL

**3:15-4:15**

**ANYONE WELCOME**

PLEASE SIGN UP WITH MISS BOYD



THIS WILL START  
THURSDAY 6TH  
NOVEMBER



### Rotary Young Chef Competition

THE ROTARY CLUB OF STAMFORD - DISTRICT 1070

**CAN YOU PLAN AND COOK A TWO COURSE MEAL?**

**ENTER  
"ROTARY YOUNG CHEF"  
NOW!**

**Cash Prizes!**

Competition at Stamford School  
High Street St Martin's  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 5.30pm  
Rules & Entry Form from your food and nutrition teacher



# DATES FOR THE DIARY

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Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Students return  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Campus Life in school videoing new online prospectus  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Mop up Flu vaccinations  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Rotary Young Chef competition  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Year 7 Maths Trust Challenge  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Year 9 & 10 Academic mentoring evening  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Year 11 parents evening  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Year 10 stay safe day  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Jolablokaflod  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Year 7 panto trip  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner & jumper day (End of term)

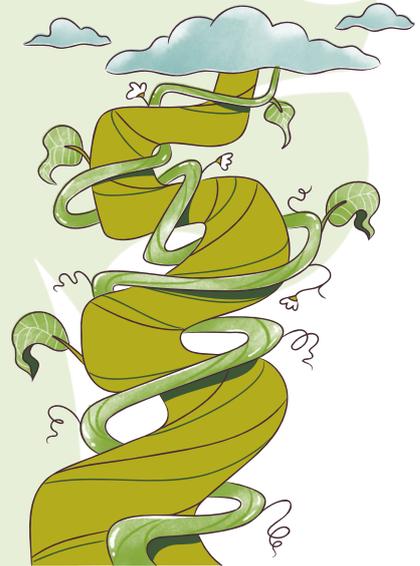
## YEAR 7 TRIP

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On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December we are taking all year 7 children to the pantomime (Jack & The Beanstalk) in Peterborough. This trip has been fully funded with the thanks to The Lady Dorothy Ceil (Burghley House) Trust.

The trip will take part during the school day.

More information about this trip will be shared next term.



## THANK YOU

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This week Mrs Dixon became unwell during a lesson this week and the Year 7 class she was teaching remained calm and raised the alarm to another member of staff. Mrs Dixon was so thankful to them and how they supported her. A round of donuts was in order !!

