



# Stockland Green School

October 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers

## Super September!

We are delighted to be back and look forward to the exciting year ahead! I would like to extend a special welcome to the parents and carers of our **new Year 7** cohort. The students have made a positive start in the first few weeks of term, I have enjoyed hearing about their experiences of secondary school and how much they are enjoying lessons and learning.

In the same way, **Year 11** have impressed with their mature attitude and focus as they begin the final chapter of their GCSE journey with us. We look forward to welcoming parents this week for our English, Maths and Science information event. The GCSE Geography students have visited Carding Mill Valley, gaining valuable hands-on experience, investigating river depth, river velocity and bedload size and shape!

## Student Leadership

At Stockland Green we believe our students should always have a voice and be able to shape and raise standards across their school. This week assemblies have launched our annual applications for our student leadership groups. These include Wellbeing Leaders, Teaching and Learning Leaders, Digital Leaders, Sports Leaders, Librarians, House Ambassadors, Equality Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Leaders, Grove Ambassadors, and our Press Gang! Please encourage your children to get involved and make a difference.

## Brilliant Books

Selected students this month have received the 'Brilliant Book' reward! This is an opportunity to celebrate students' work and progress within their books. Identified students receive a record in their class book, 5 House Points, a phone call home from myself and a Friday afternoon treat! I look forward to celebrating more 'Brilliant Books' this month.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

What a wonderful morning eating cake and building relationships with our families. It was a pleasure to see so many familiar and new faces who took the time to support this event. As we raise money for this important charity, we also add an element of House competition. The Houses battle to raise the most money from their cake stall and for the overall best cake design! I am thrilled to reveal we raised over £600, with Rea House raising the most money, a massive thank you to you all! Follow us on twitter to find out the winners of the cake design competition.

## Uniform

We have been impressed with how students have presented themselves for school this academic year. I thank you for the support in ensuring that high standards in terms of dress are maintained. Please can we remind you that hoodies are not a suitable coat and should not be worn to school. Should any parents or carers be experiencing any difficulties in purchasing uniform or school equipment please contact the relevant House Pastoral Team on the emails provided, we may be able to help or signpost support.

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## **Sporting Update**

We are proud to work alongside the Youth Sport Trust, this month Year 10 Sports Leaders have participated in a social integration project. This has allowed students to experience new sports, create new friendships and visit other schools. Our Year 8 leaders have been supporting transition work for our new Year 7 students, this has been supported by the Kingsbury School Sports Partnership. The PE team are exciting about future opportunities and for school fixtures to start this month. Our ambition is that every child attends at least one extracurricular club each week, please encourage your child to get involved!

## **Hoodie Design Day**

This month we welcomed Free 2 Dream who led a workshop with Year 8 students. The organisation run workshops based on entrepreneurship to help build confidence, resilience, and self-belief within young people. The qualified designers have vast experience within the fashion industry, they bring this expertise into the classroom, supporting students to design their own hoodies. We can't wait to see our students designs become a reality, as some of the team's creations are made and gifted to them!

## **Attendance**

When students are absent, they can miss vital learning and fall far behind their peers. Authorised and unauthorised absences mean missing classroom learning time. We strongly recommend students come in when suffering from only minor ailments as they are likely to learn more effectively than when at home. To help support with attendance could you please avoid scheduling medical appointments when school is in session. If this is not possible, please bring them in before and after appointments so no unnecessary lessons are missed. Your child's form tutor is a key point of contact, if your child feels anxious about school or you have any other concerns, please do make contact.

## **Inset Day and Half Term**

A reminder that school will be closed on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 for an INSET Day and from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 for half term. We will reopen at the normal time of 8.50am on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

We look forward to an Outstanding October and will update you on all the fantastic things happening in school over the next few weeks when we break for half term.

Kind regards

Mrs Goode

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**Head of School**