

### Lacrosse Workshops for Year 7 students

Miss Simpson, a lacrosse specialist and SSCO from another school, and Miss Baker SPHS SSCO delivered a lacrosse workshop together for two groups of Year 7 boys at the beginning of March. For most, it was an introduction to the sport and they therefore spent the first half of their lesson learning the basic skills of throwing, catching, picking up the ball from the ground and running with the ball. Tackling was then taught to enable the students to have the knowledge of the game situation.

The students played competitively when put into teams against each other and showed some boys to be able to apply the skills immediately, highlighting natural ability considering they have had little experience of the game. It is true to say that lacrosse requires spacial awareness and speed, two components which can be attributed to the boys playing other games to a good standard.

Both classes enjoyed their sessions very much and it is hoped to repeat these for other classes in the summer term.

Sue Baker (SSCO)

### Explore New York with the Post 16 Geography Students in March 2011

SIX DAYS AND FOUR NIGHTS

TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011 to SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> March 2011



THIS CREDIT CRUNCHING PRICE of £599 includes:

Return journey by BA or Virgin	Accommodation in Manhattan with breakfast
Airport transfers in New York	Travel Insurance
One free social/dinner evening in Brooklyn	Tour of New York's Financial District including Wall Street and Federal Reserve Bank
Visit to Empire State Building	One free pizza evening at the hotel
Visit to Madison Square Garden and Macy's	

Extra money will be needed for other optional activities such as visits to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty

Spaces are limited and a deposit of £100 will be required by 7th June 2010 to secure your space.

Sorry! Yr 13: Only current Yr12 students who are continuing next year

and potential Yr11 students will be accepted on this trip.

For more information see Mr. Chapman



### Year 11 Visit to the V&A

When the Year 11 GCSE Art group went to London to see the Decode Exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum, they didn't expect to be making the Artwork or starring in the exhibition. Decode was interactive and unlike most of the work in the galleries around it, visitors were encouraged to touch or even change the Art.

Our students really entered into the 'interactive spirit' and were filmed so that they became part of some very thought provoking images and made mini videos that formed part of an ever changing image on a huge screen.

A day in London is always fun, especially when you can sit in the sun by a beautiful water feature to eat your lunch, but most importantly it was an opportunity to experience, study and make some Art in preparation for the GCSE Exam. The very best of luck to all the students who took the exam last week.

Mrs White and Mrs Johnson Art Department

#### Dates for your diary

Year 10 Mock Examinations  
Monday 10th May to Friday 14th May

Year 10 Parents' Evening  
Thursday 27th May

Key Stage 3 Sports Day at Sutton Arena  
Friday 28th May

May Half Term  
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Inset Day - School Closed to Students  
Friday 11th June

Details of upcoming school events can be found on the school website, at [www.stanleyparkhigh.co.uk](http://www.stanleyparkhigh.co.uk)

# Stanley Park Achiever



April 2010

## Air Disruption

The disruption to travel caused by the volcanic eruption on Iceland resulted in over a fifth of our teaching staff being stranded in various locations around the world at the start of the summer term. This problem was exacerbated by the existing commitments of the school that required staff being off timetable because of the need to support public examinations and a Post 16 residential Geography field trip. With this number of staff unavailable to teach, and with supply agencies unable to provide sufficient high quality cover, I took the difficult decision to partially close the school and ask selected year groups of students to work from home on certain days.

On Monday and Tuesday I decided to keep year 8/9 at home in order to protect GCSE and A Level year groups, whilst realising that parents of year 7 students, being the youngest, would appreciate the additional time to prepare for any possible closure. It became apparent that none of the absent staff would be able to make it into school by Wednesday and therefore I decided to rotate those students at home. By Thursday lunchtime only 2 members of staff have made it back to the UK, so the decision was made to return year 7 at school and keep year 10 at home.

The decision to close the school either fully or partially is never taken lightly. I would like to reassure you that it is only made in the best interests of student's health and safety, and after all other possible alternatives are explored. I realise that this will have inconvenienced some and I can only apologise if this has been the case. However, I hope that you felt our lines of communication were appropriate.

I would like to thank parents for their overwhelming support.

David Taylor, Headteacher

## Post 16 New York Trip

The time I spent along with my class mates visiting New York in March was one of the best experiences of my life. I got to travel to a different continent and experience a change in culture and lifestyle alongside my friends.

Whilst there we got the opportunity to explore "The Big Apple", places such as the Statue of Liberty, Madison Square Garden, Wall Street and Ground Zero. One of my highlights was ending up in Times Square and getting to see the Black Eyed Peas perform live for a TV Commercial. We also visited Woodbury Common Outlets where we spent the day shopping designer name brands at discounted prices. We literally shopped till we dropped!

In the evenings we would sit up on the rooftop where we had a very nice view of the city and socialise with other schools that were visiting too. Another memorable evening was going to Brooklyn to visit Mr Chapman's family where they cooked us a wonderful meal and made us feel very welcome.

Throughout the time spent there it felt more and more like home. New York City was home in the end to us and I can honestly say it was one of the best experiences of my life and I will definitely go back when the opportunity arrives. We would all like to thank Mr Chapman and Miss Patel for making our adventure as enjoyable as it was.

Antonelli Abdallah Singers 13PK



## The Global Canvas Art Competition



The Art Department have supported The David Shepherd DSWF for the past few years.

David Shepherd is an international wildlife artist and conservationist. He is involved with protecting endangered creatures around the world.

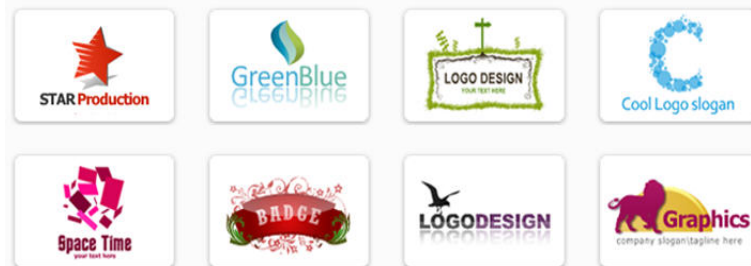
This year our Year 8 students took part in "The Global Canvas Art competition" with its theme of "Global Warning". 25 students work was entered and Chloe Hebben won overall 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. Tessa Smith, Lorraine Fruin and Emily Wallace's work was selected for display in an exhibition at the Natural History Museum.

Congratulations! All students received signed certificates by the artist.

Well done Year 8.

Mrs Johnson Area Leader of Expressive & Performing Arts

## Year 7 & 8 Design a logo for the EFC Competition!



We are looking for a dynamic image, which summarises the lively and animated nature of the Excellent Futures Curriculum and we want the current Year 7 and 8s to come up with a design.

We are interested in seeing an image which reminds us of Stanley Park but also makes us recognise the new learning skills involved in the EFC. The logo needs to be bright and inviting, perhaps focusing on just two or three colours, such as the logo designs above.

The competition closing date is on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May** and all entries need to be clearly labelled with student names on the back and handed to **Miss Thornton** by this date. On returning to school after half term the winner will be announced and a voucher prize of **£50.00** will be awarded.

Best of luck! Get your creative juices flowing!

Miss Thornton Learning Leader

## Excellent Futures Religious Studies Visit



It was a fun but educational trip to a Buddhist Temple and then to a Mosque.

The two men from each religion stood up in front of us of everyone and told us about their religion. It was great fun.

Shaun Cooke 8PJ



## Trip to St Omer, France



On the 19th March students from Years 7, 8 & 9 made the journey to St Omer in France. Our trip began at 6am and ended at 9.30pm. We travelled by coach to Dover where we boarded a ferry to Calais. We were allowed to explore the ferry during the journey.

Once in France we headed to the sweet factory in Boulogne where we were shown how to make hard and soft sweets. We were lucky to receive some free sweets from the sweet maker.



We then made our way to St Omer where we were given an hour to complete a quiz around the town. On our return to Calais we stopped at Cite Europe to do some shopping. We then boarded the ferry to complete the final part of our journey back to school with great memories of our fantastic day.

Rebekah Kruger 7CP

## Looking forward to Summer

Year 9 Horticulture students have been busy in the polytunnel, potting on individual summer bedding plants including Busy Lizzies, Geraniums and Begonias. Our bedding plants and hanging baskets are now available for you to purchase.

The Polytunnel is open on Monday afternoons and after school until 4pm for you to place your orders.

Please see Mr Kay in the Polytunnel to purchase your summer bedding plants and hanging baskets.



## Mathematicians of the Month

Year	Name
7	Sophie Webb
8	Christina King
9	Alice Ells
10	Susannah Maxwell
11	Megan Burrage

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