

### Smart Car

As part of the London Borough of Sutton's safety initiatives for children, the Borough will be using a CCTV camera mounted on a Smart Car the week commencing 2nd November for two weeks. During this time owners of vehicles captured stopping on zig zag lines will have £100 Penalty Charge Notices posted to them.

### The Shakespeare Schools Festival



The annual Shakespeare Schools Festival is being held in October and 21 of our students are busy rehearsing their 30 minute abridged performance of 'A Midsummer's Night Dream'. They will be performing this at 7pm on Thursday 8th October at the 'Ashcroft Theatre' Fairfield Halls, Croydon.

Tickets for the performance on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009 are now on sale from the Fairfield Hall's website: [www.fairfieldhalls.co.uk](http://www.fairfieldhalls.co.uk). The booking office telephone number is 0208 688 9291.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mr Kermally Subject Leader for Drama

### Lateness to School

As we continue to promote high standards across the school, we believe that punctuality is one area for improvement.

The school day begins with registration at 8.30am, Students who arrive late will be detained after school for 30 minutes on the day of lateness.

We again thank you for your continued support of the school regarding punctuality and ensuring that your son or daughter develops to his or her full potential.

Mr Stapleton Assistant Headteacher

### Absence Line

Absence through illness must be reported to the School Office by telephoning the dedicated absence line on the **first** day. The absence line number is **0208 254 7804**. A written explanation is still required on return to school.

If your child has to be absent or late to school for any medical reason such as appointments, the school must be informed in writing.

### Holidays in Term Time

We are concerned at the increasing number of requests from parents for holidays in term time. Such holidays are strongly discouraged and each application is considered on an individual basis.

Please be aware that no applications for holiday leave will be approved for the remainder of this academic year for Year 11 students.

Research shows that there is a direct link between attendance and students meeting their personal potential. Holidays should be organised during the school holidays.

#### Calendar of Events

Opening Evening  
Tuesday 6th October 6-9pm

Inset Day School Closed  
Wednesday 7th October

Open Morning  
Thursday 15th October 9-10.30am

Half Term  
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

PFA AGM  
Monday 9th November 7-8pm

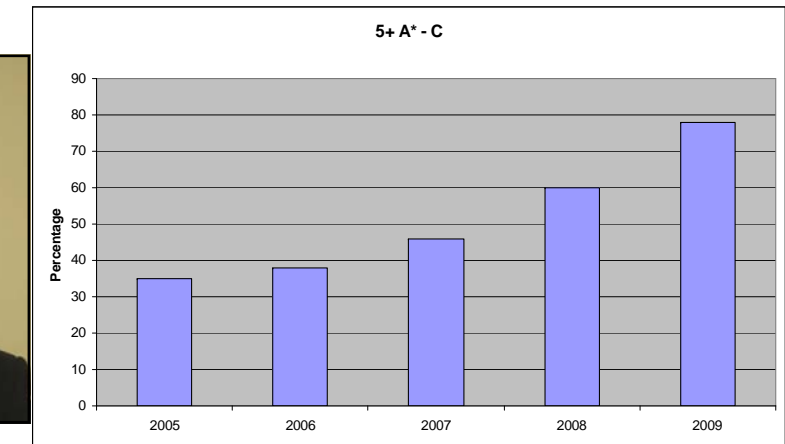


# Stanley Park Achiever

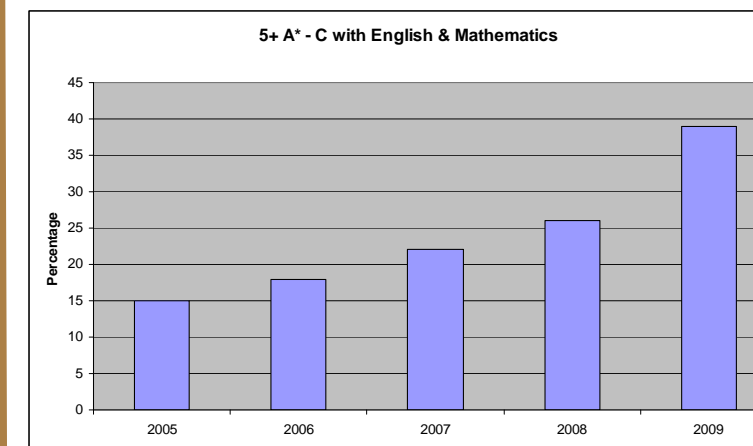


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## Head Boy leads our excellent exam results



Last year in the September edition of the Achiever I wrote 'The challenge for the school is to maintain this progress'. Our current crop of examination results are collectively the best ever and surpassed even our greatest expectations. At Key Stage 5, our Head Boy Oliver Sanders achieved 4 A grades in Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Biology and is now heading to Cambridge University where he will be studying Medicine. At Key Stage 4, 78% of our students achieved 5+ A\*-C grades, above our previous best of 60% in 2008. Including Maths and English 39% of our Year 11 students achieved 5+ A\*-C grades.



Overall the average points score was 423, which means that on average each student achieved the equivalent of 7 C grades. From these results we are able to estimate that if you were to rank all schools from 1 (highest) to 100 (lowest) in terms of progress we would be ranked about 7<sup>th</sup>. This is far and away the best we have ever achieved. The graphs show the staggering progress since 2005.

My heartiest congratulations to all of the students and the staff and parents who worked tirelessly to support them.

### Open Evening

Our Open Evening will take place on Tuesday 6th October between 6pm and 9pm. In order for staff and students to prepare, the school will close at 12:10pm. Please note that the school is closed for Staff Inset on Wednesday 7th October. School will reopen at the normal time on Thursday 8th October.

Mr D Taylor Headteacher

## Specialist School Status

In the July Achiever I informed you that we successfully achieved Specialist School Status with a Combined Specialism in Applied Learning and Mathematics & Computing. We are one of only two schools in the country with such a combined specialism. This status was awarded to us because of the spectacular increase in examinations results since 2005 and the quality of our curriculum provision, particularly in Mathematics, Computing and our Vocational subjects.

The aims of the specialist schools programme are to:

- Raise standards of achievement for all pupils in all subjects.
- Strengthen and develop the teaching of specialist subjects and disseminate best practice;
- Extend the range of opportunities available to pupils through specialist subjects, links with sponsors, businesses and other educational organisations;
- Collaborate with our partner secondary schools (Carshalton Girls and St Philomena's) and primary schools (Beddington Park Primary, Stanley Park Infants and Stanley Park Juniors) to provide high quality learning opportunities in specialist subjects;
- Provide high quality learning opportunities for the schools' wider community including Adult Education

Mr D Taylor Headteacher



## Isle of Wight 2009

On the 10<sup>th</sup> July the Year 7 students packed their cases and set off for the Isle of Wight. As soon as we arrived we were allocated our chalets and once we had unpacked we had to participate in our first activity (which was 8 different mini games). Over the next 3 days it was non-stop activities including; archery, raft building, BMX skills, snorkeling, fencing and many more.

We also camped out overnight in our groups and then cooked our own breakfast the following morning. My favourite activity was definitely snorkeling, it was my first time experiencing it and I really enjoyed it.

A big thank you to all the teachers who made this trip possible; myself and all of the other pupils who participated in the trip are very grateful.

Thank you,  
Adam Leray 8JA



The Isle of Wight trip was great, I had the best time! Camping was uncomfortable but it was so funny and I couldn't imagine camping without chalets next to me. The next morning we were all tired but we got a cooked breakfast in the end mmmmm... lovely. I had the greatest time at the disco, everyone was getting on dancing and singing it was brill!

The instructors were funny and taught us a lot. And if there is one thing I have learnt on this trip it's that no one can do things all by themselves and you should work as a team as best as you can. I also mixed with people that I don't really talk to at school and that was nice.

Thanks to Miss Thomas for organising this trip and all the teachers who helped and came with us.

Megan Herriett 8JA

## Visit to Paris

Around 40 students from across the school enjoyed a very successful visit to Paris from the 14th to 16th July. Highlights of the trip included a scenic boat ride on the River Seine, a lift to the second stage of the Eiffel Tower and an amazing whole day at Disneyland Resort Paris!! We toured Paris by coach, taking in many of the sights, that included the world famous Sacre Coeur.

The journey from London to Paris took about seven hours, with not all of the students enjoying the ferry ride in the choppy water.



Once in Paris we stayed at the Novotel Hotel in the suburbs of city. The hotel had an outdoor swimming pool and provided excellent meals.

Not to be forgotten was the morning at Versailles (built by the former French King Louis XIV, in the 17th century.) The gardens were spectacular and the Palace was magnificent.

This was a fun and educational trip.

Merci beaucoup to the four teachers who supervised us during the trip.

Dominic Shaw 8TW

## PFA News

Another school year has started and the PFA would like to invite any parents who have yet to register with us, to contact us via our email address [pfasphs@suttonlea.org](mailto:pfasphs@suttonlea.org). This will enable us to keep you updated with any events that are happening, meetings, parent social occasions, or to pass on any offers that we have been made aware of.

## Quiz Night

Come and enjoy an evening of fun.....We have arranged our inaugural Quiz Night to be held in the sport's hall on Friday 16 October from 7:30pm to 9:30pm and the PFA hope that you will support us in this event. If you wish to enter either as a team or as individuals where we will endeavour to make up a team for you, please contact us on our email address so that we can send you a form or they can be collected from the school office. The tickets are £3 per person with a maximum of 8 persons per team. We will be providing teas and coffees in the interval however you are welcome to bring your own food and drinks for the evening.

## Jewellery Recycling

We have just heard from the Jewellery collection company that they will shortly be sending us a cheque for £215 for the unwanted jewellery that was brought into school for this event.

## AGM

We wish to invite parents and staff to our AGM which is to be held on Monday 9 November from 7pm to 8pm. This will be an ideal opportunity for you to meet with the committee members and discuss any ideas/issues that you may have. The AGM will be held in the Post 16 Centre.

We look forward to seeing you.

Stanley Park PFA