



Stratton Upper School

The Strattonian

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73 Years of Education in Biggleswade

Franklin House

Once again, I would like to congratulate the whole of Franklin house for their attendance, it is something that in a dark dreary January you should all be extremely proud of and something that I do hope continues throughout the academic year!

We have had a number of students we would like to mention in this round up. Firstly, each month in Franklin assembly we give out certificates. Well done to the following students who received them last time round, Martha F2, Kali F5, Lily F2, Lauren F1. We also have had some individual sporting successes in Franklin house, well done to Sidney H who has been cross country running for county and regionals and received a silver medal.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the members of Franklin house who helped take part or were apart of Legally Blonde, we as a house are extremely proud of you and your efforts put into the show.

We have had some fantastic turn out to clubs but a huge shout out to Keane F6 and Oliver in F1 for their hard work in tech club and 3D printing some of the things they have created are seen on the right.

As we move forward Year 9 over the next few weeks will start focussing on the options process, Year 10 have continued their focus on work experience and ensuring their placements are sorted and focusing on how to be ready for the workplace. Year 11 have had their Mocks results back and are now looking to their next steps and where they would like to apply to. I hope the rest of this half term is just as successful as the last. Keep up the good work team Franklin.

Miss Gitsham



Chaundler House

Happy New Year!

We'd like to warmly welcome Dr Tolley back from maternity leave and Ms Remfrey and Mr Jacobs to Chaundler house, as well as Ms Cash moving from King to Chaundler.

I am delighted to say that Chaundler students are leading the way with achievement points which is testament to the positive attitude and hard work of our students.

We are looking forwards this term to working as a house towards our environmental pledge and I look forward to hearing what plans Chaundler students have got for completing this.

We'd love to hear about student achievements outside school, so please do share those with us (lots can go towards student pledges too!)

Ms Hunstone (Senior Tutor)

Adlam House

January sees the return of Adlam students from Christmas celebrations. Our year 11's got their mock results and reports in the format of an actual results day. They are now busy preparing for their next mocks in Feb/March and starting to think about revision schedules and subject interventions. Year 10's will be going through the admin for their work experiences in July to make sure all of the paperwork is in order, and Year 9's will begin the process of choosing their options. We will welcome students and parents to the Humanities area on February 8th.

For assemblies, Adlam have the responsibility for Holocaust Memorial Day, which is on January 27th.

The move from 6 tutor groups to 5 appears to have gone without incident, so congratulations to those students who have seamlessly swapped forms.

Mr Crisford (Senior Tutor)

Turing House

It has been a busy period for Turing students. Year 11 have finished their mocks, received their results and are now in the process of applying for their post 16 education. Year 11 students have received information regarding apprenticeships, colleges and 6th form and what the difference is, and which might be best for them. Year 10 are well on their way to finalising work experience later this year in July and we have some truly remarkable placements this year, visiting lower/middle schools, golf clubs, working for BT, special effects on a movie set, Aerospace engineer, BioScience at Cambridge University, The London Underground and many more.

With the remaining few weeks of this half term quickly upon us, some students have the intermediate maths challenge to look forward to (parents will have received a letter informing them of this). There are in class assessments happening and year 11 are getting ready for their next round of mocks straight after the half term break. Assemblies for the remaining half term are as follows; Holocaust Memorial Day, International Day of Education, Safer Internet and Childrens mental health week.

Year 9 have options evening on 8th February and Year 11 have IAGS (Information and Guidance) on 15th February.

School finishes on Friday 16th February at 15:10 and starts back on Monday 26th February.

Mr York (Senior Tutor)

Matt King Sixth Form

Sixth Form students have been busy in their enrichment sessions over the past few weeks, before Christmas we visited local care homes delivering Christmas cards and playing games, cooking up Christmas treats and learning new skills. Congratulations to our Sixth Formers that performed and worked backstage at our production of Legally Blonde. Nearly 400 audience members enjoyed the show immensely and without their hard work it would not have been possible.

We have started our core Ethics and religion unit in study skills - these lessons encourage students to consider and debate topical issues to develop their communication skills for the workplace.

Our Norwich team have been raking up the points in the league table, they continue to train hard to with coach Ben to reach the top!

Soon we will be opening our new silent working room near the study centre, this is a smaller room designed for focused study and will be a valuable space.

We have many events coming up including celebrating diversity, student leadership opportunities and of course our giant Easter egg hunt!

Year 11 applications for our Sixth Form are coming to a close, we are looking forward to starting the interviews and getting to meet our potential new cohort!

We are on the lookout for anyone that would like to share information with our students about their career/job/professional journey as we help students to understand their options at post 18, if you would like to be involved please do get in touch with the office.

Mrs Amies



Creative Arts Update

In Music our Year 9 students are learning about Music in Film and Media. They will be using music technology to create music to accompany a short film scene. Our Beatboxers were pleased that Sonny from LUMA Sounds was back building confidence and creating beats. Our GCSE and A Level Music students are looking forward to seeing Mozart's The Magic Flute by the English National Opera and also the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra performing a variety of pieces at Cadogan Hall. These are related to key areas of study.

Year 11 Music students will be doing their ensemble performances for their GCSE w/c 12th February and their solos will be in March.

We have a Cabaret Night scheduled in for 21st March. Please save the date. Lots of our talented students will be performing and as per last time we would love to organise an Auction of Promises. If you have something that you might offer to help us raise funds for the school productions please contact Mrs Lawson on clawson@stratton.school. You can buy your tickets here [Stratton Cabaret Night at Main Hall - Stratton Upper School event tickets from TicketSource](#)

Year 9 Drama students have been busy exploring the History of Theatre, they have been making masks whilst studying Greek and Italian Theatre.



Year 10 students have begun working on devising skills, we are using the post office scandal as a stimulus, researching the topic and creating scenes using verbatim as their technique, it has definitely sparked a lot of debate.

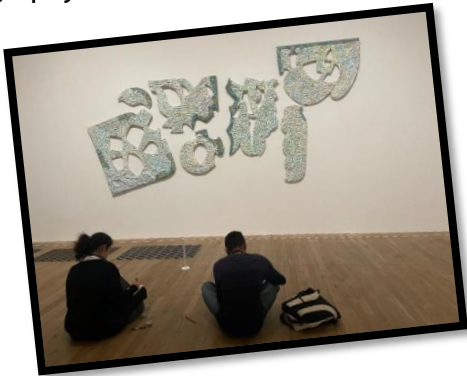
Year 11 students are focusing on their scripted exam pieces, developing performances from the comedy work of John Godber to a feminist play Top Girls by Caryl Churchill, students will perform in front of an examiner in April, and they are sure to be brilliant pieces!

Ms Lawson

Tate Modern Trip

Year 11 and Year 13 learners went on a trip into London to the Tate Modern as part of their research for their new component.

Learners saw a huge range of contemporary artwork from paintings, installation, and photography.



Some learners took the opportunity to purchase some cool stuff from the shop and even made the gallery wall with their own digital drawings!

Mrs Gregory and I are very proud and impressed with all the learners that attended. They represented the school impeccably and really enjoyed their experience.

A great Art Day out had by all!



*Regards,
Mr Price
Teacher of Art and Photography*

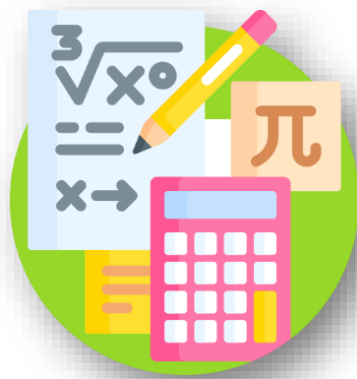
Maths Update

We've had a positive return in Maths after the Christmas break. Pupils have been working hard in lessons with Year 11s taking positive decisions by attending after-school intervention sessions.

Yesterday we ran the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge in school, which allowed pupils the opportunity to challenge themselves mathematically whilst also competing in a National Competition.

We also have Year 10 and 11 Assessments coming up in February, which will give pupils the opportunity to see the progress they have been making in lessons.

Mr Keating



Hospitality & Catering Chefs

Our Year 10 Hospitality & Catering Chefs are back cooking up a storm in the Kitchen! This week they have been making Focaccia Breads.

Next up we have Lasagne with a homemade bechamel sauce, Curry of choice and Chocolate Profiteroles! We finish the term learning how to portion a chicken and use the cuts to make a range of dishes.

Lots of high skills being developed ahead of their examination in year 11.

Mr Skipper



**YOU SAID
... WE DID**



Student Survey Results

You said

'Return of Favourite Foods'

We Did

We have bought back a number of fan favourites this year, including: Tater Tot Pots, Fruit Cups and we are trialling our 'Pasta Bar Lunch' where students can build their own pasta dish.

You Said

'Cheaper Priced Items'

We Did

We have introduced a 'Price Buster' section where items will be priced at a lower tariff than main meals at £2.05. These can range from noodle pots, garlic bread, vegetarian bean chilli and more!

You Said

'A Different Variety of Healthy Options'

We Did

We have introduced new salad pots in our grab & go chiller and crudité pots, a vegetarian healthy option or fresh vegetables are always available every day. If you cannot see them- please ask a member of staff.

You Said

More Variety Of Baguettes in Grab & Go Chiller

We Did

Alongside our usual offer, we now feature special weekly baguettes, these may be meat or vegetarian based- and will only be here for a short while so once they're gone, they're gone!

Thank you to all students who gave feedback in our survey, your feedback is important to us and please speak to a member of staff if you would like to make more suggestions!

Checkout
Taylor Shaw's
Menu for
Pancake Day &
Valentines
Day!

Enjoy our
flippin' great
pancake
MENU



Buttermilk Pancake

Choice of 2 Toppings

- Lemon & Sugar
- Chocolate Sauce
- Cinnamon Sugar
- Syrup

£1.45

Join us this
pancake day



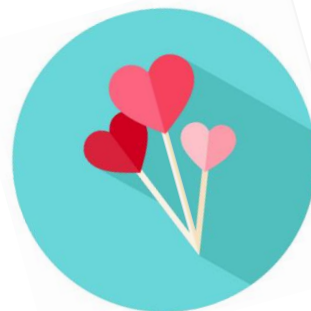
WE'RE FEELIN' THE
LOVE



Shortbread £0.90
Chocolate Shortbread £0.90
Jam Shortbread £0.95
Chocolate Brownie £0.90
Chocolate Muffin £0.90

14th February

VALENTINE'S DAY



Important Dates & Upcoming Events

Key Dates

10th February - 17th February 2024 - Ski Trip, Austria
20th February - 25th February 2024 - Snowdonia

Term Dates

Spring Term: 4th January to 28th March 2024
Half Term: 19th to 23rd February 2024
Summer Term: 15th April 2024 - 19th July 2024
Half term: 27th May to 31st May 2024



Save
the
Date

Year 11 Prom is on
5th July 2024!
6.30pm - 11.00pm

Lifeskills topics this Half Term

Y9 - The Equality Act 2010 / relationships + family types / children's rights

Y10 - all forms of prejudice / harassment, stalking and hate crimes

Y11 - consent and pregnancy

Y12 - Media literacy, substances and personal safety

Y13 - Media literacy and Radicalisation

Further details can be found here: [PSHE \(stratton.beds.sch.uk\)](https://stratton.beds.sch.uk)

Questions and queries should be addressed to the PSHE Coordinator, Mrs J Lawrence: jlawrence@stratton.school

Ms Lawrence