



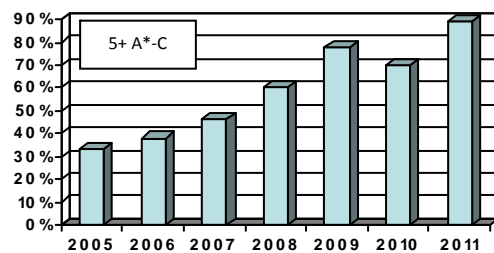
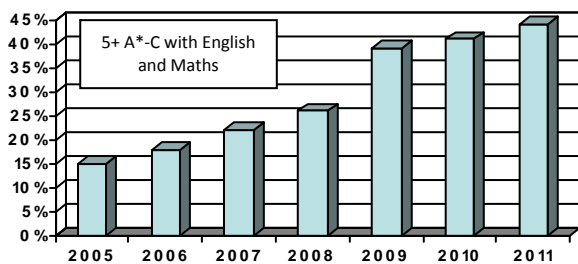
# Achiever

## October 2011

### Fantastic Results and New School Draws the Crowds to Open Evening

A couple of weeks ago we had our most successful Open Evening ever. Over 2000 people came through our gates to see what Stanley Park High could offer. We were absolutely delighted by the many positive comments that have been received both on the night and afterwards. What is clear is that parents and their children see the value of our approach. It is one that of course emphasises the importance of positive relationships as a prerequisite to effective learning. This is demonstrated throughout all our practice but particularly our core structures: Small Schools (Horizon, Performance, Trade and World), the Excellent Futures Curriculum (Years 7/8) and Vertical Tutoring (Years 9-13). All of these are not to be found in any other Sutton School. Indeed, we are unique in this country, which is why we recently hosted 15 teachers and other representatives from a Local Education Authority in Copenhagen. We will be further in the spotlight when we host a Whole Education Conference on our site on the 16<sup>th</sup> November. This event will invite schools from across SW London and Surrey to see what we do so well.

Our guests at Open Evening were as impressed, as we were delighted, with our best ever examination results. The graphs show the students performance in 5+ A\*-C with English and Maths and 5+ A\*-C. Many congratulations to our students, many of whom are now studying in our Post 16 centre.



Prospective students and their parents also had the opportunity to see a small part of the new school. It really is looking fantastic and it is all on schedule. I hope you are as excited by the images below as we are. We will be having two official opening events. The first for parents and the local community will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012. The other for Education Professionals will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012. Further details will be available in the December edition of the Achiever.



#### Next Half Term

The second half of the Autumn Term is going to be very busy. Please remember that we will shut to students on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas Holidays. We have three Inset Days scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012. We have also just received confirmation from the Department for Education that we have been granted permission for a partial closure for the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January. Students in Years 10-13 will have a special timetable on our current site but students in Years 7-9 will be required to learn at home via our MLE (Managed Learning Environment). However, we will make a room available, staffed by a teacher, throughout that week for students in Years 7-9 whose parents may find childcare arrangements difficult. Again we would wish to state our sincerest apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause.

We wish you all a good half term break.

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Mr Taylor Executive Headteacher  
Ms Symons Associate Headteacher

# Trade

## Horticulture Trip to Wisley

The Year 9 & 11 Horticulture groups visited the Royal Horticulture Society Gardens at Wisley. There was an opportunity to see the beautiful herbaceous borders and tend to some of the plants. Some students picked and ate their own fruit as the photos show.

The staff were very positive about the students, they conducted themselves superbly!

We will be making a more formal link with Wisley on our move to the new school. Watch this space for further details.

Mr Walker  
Horticulture Teacher

*"I enjoyed looking at the massive greenhouse, ponds and flowers"*  
Antana Day

*"I enjoyed picking the lovely bright, sweet tasting apples"*  
Georgia Ball

*"The beautiful flowers stood out. The apples tasted really sweet. Thank you Mr Walker and the Wisley staff"*  
Madelyne Bennett



This term has been an interesting one for Media IT and SPTV.

Riyadh Mamdeen and Daniel Cox in Year 11 demonstrated live compositing of video using the Sony Anycast cameras, and green screen at the Open Evening in October. Needless to say the prospective parents and students were as impressed with Riyadh's dancing as they were with the technology.



The Year 9 taster course and Year 11 Media have used the school TV equipment to start making a factual media production in the style of the BBC's One Show.

SPTV currently meets in room 27 each Thursday lunch time. If you would like to get involved with creating video using industry standard equipment Please feel free to come along at 12.45pm. All year groups are welcome.

Mr Brooks  
ICT Department

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Alfie Brown who has been selected as a squad member of the England 'Talent Development Water Polo Programme' for boys. We are delighted when any of our students achieve representative honours at Borough, County or National standard. We look forward to hearing more from Alfie and how he gets on in the coming months. A fantastic achievement.

Miss Irving  
Head of Trade School

## Design & Technology Club

DT club open to Years 8 & 9 is now running on Tuesdays after school. This is a great opportunity to improve your practical skills and knowledge. The first project is making medieval siege machines and a catapult. One completed, to test them!

Miss Newell  
DT Department



## World School welcomes Miss Weeks... and... 'Religious Studies'



Our new 'RS' course in Years 9-11 is now being led by Miss Weeks who is very excited about working with the students at SPH. Until now, Miss Weeks has been teaching at a school in the Midlands. When she is not working Miss Weeks enjoys listening to live music, swimming and running, learning her guitar and cooking (but not washing up!).

The course has a focus on modern life. Students will be encouraged to think about all kinds of issues. Examples include war, prisons, justice, euthanasia, poverty and equality. Notable people such as Martin Luther King, Thomas Aquinas, Nicky Cruz and Malcolm X are studied. RS skills also include investigation, presenting an argument, critical thinking, evaluation, communication and problem solving.

Miss Weeks is certain that RS should be taught like every other subject and with the same high expectations; believing that open discussion in the classroom is essential along with other activities such as drama, art, group work and independent research.

We welcome Miss Weeks and look forward to the new insights that she will bring to Religious Studies over the coming months.

Miss Thomas  
Head of World School

## Year 9 Taster Options, What Do We Think?

*"Geography covers a lot of the environment such as rivers, landforms and climate. Geography is ideal for a number of careers. I am really enjoying my lessons and look forward to the field trips"*

Mehshan Khan

*"I chose History as I was keen to learn what it is about. I was overjoyed when I discovered we were studying Jack the Ripper. We have studied eye witness accounts and historical evidence to try and discover the mystery of Jack the Ripper. I love History as it is a very interesting subject"*

Amaney Ehtash

*"Psychology is really fun! We have already learnt a lot of interesting topics"*

Marina Tatool

*"I chose Spanish as I wanted to take up a language. I really enjoy Spanish, and would recommend it as an option."*

Sophie Webb



## Racing to School – Sandown Park Racecourse

The inaugural Year 9 "Maths in Action" field trip took place in July. Twenty five lucky students were accompanied by four members of the Maths team to Sandown Park Racecourse for an action packed day of discovery into the links between the horseracing industry and the mathematics that we cover in lessons. Within minutes of being dressed in jockey's silks both students and staff were confident of an interesting day ahead. We were not disappointed. With former championship jockeys leading the day, combined with an "access all areas pass" and the chance to question a current top jockey the day was thoroughly enjoyed and judged a success by all who attended.

Mrs Gorringe  
Maths Department



## Congratulations!

The Geography Department will like to extend a BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Claire Dunican who passed A\* in her Year 10 GCSE Geography by obtaining 100% marks..

Mr Chapman  
Head of Social Sciences

Mathematicians of the Month

Year	Name
7	Francesca Merchant
8	Kieren Sage
9	Jade Biles
10	Jonathan Mollah
11	Rhys Willcox

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# Performance



## Carshalton Athletic Academy

Carshalton Athletic have teamed up with Stanley Park High to run an Academy . We have taken seventeen Year 12 boys who combine football training with their education throughout the week. We currently play in the Conference Youth Alliance League, which is of a very high standard. The objective is to give the boys an education but with the full time football training they require to develop and progress their skills. We hope that many will go on to make it in the first team or even become full time professional footballers.

Matches so far include a 1-1 draw with Wingate & Finchley and a 2-0 win over Hampton & Richmond. This is a great effort by the boys as the squad were only put together in August.

Mr Hazel  
Sports Academy Co-ordinator

## Girls Football Update

The girls have had an outstanding start to the season. We are competing in two age categories this year, under 13's (yrs 7-8) and under 14's (yrs 8-9) in the Surrey Cup, Sutton Cup, Leagues and other small sided tournaments. We have had two games so far against tough schools. Both games were in the Surrey Cup and we emerged comfortable 4-0 winners in both.

We look forward to a strong year with the dependable Year eights being joined by some talented new Year sevens and returning stars from Year nine.

Mr Sanson  
PE Department



## The Rugby Club

Wow! What a first season we had last year! The Year 7's in their first ever rugby league season finished second in a very competitive schools league. Great wins and performances over Carshalton Boys School and Norwood were specific highlights. We hope for more success from this year.

This year both Year 7 and year 8 will be competing in rugby league competitions, plus both teams have been entered into the National Champions School competition, with the final being held at Wembley!!

If you wish to give Rugby a go at Stanley Park, get yourself to training on a Wednesday after school, 3:30-4:30. Bring boots and a gum shield. See you there!

Mr Rodgers

## Film Music

As part of our Year 8's music lessons, students had been learning about film music and more specifically how to compose music to a video clip taken from 'Star Wars'. Each student was able to use our specialist music software program Cubase.

As part of the student's assessment, every student had to demonstrate their musical skills and understanding of various musical devices and record and edit various instrumental tracks as well as being able to synchronise the music to fit to the action and mood as on screen.

This has been a successful topic. Students have enjoyed the freedom of this compositional task and we look forward to developing and incorporating further skills such as mixing and importing live recordings ,once we have our new music suite in January 2012!

Miss Green  
Music Department



# Horizon

## EAL

The EAL department holds a homework club every Monday and Thursday lunchtime. The EAL teachers Ms Zerhaoua and Mrs Brough help students with their homework and school work. There is also the opportunity to play Scrabble, Connect Four and chat with other students.

It is a good way of getting to know other people.

EAL stands for English as an Additional Language. We are here to help students whose first language is not English at Stanley Park High.

Withya Jeyakanthan Year 11



## Welcome to Aqua Students

Starting a new school is never easy but we hope that with a friendly and positive approach the students will gain confidence and settle into the school routine. There are always many questions but with support from both home and school these can be resolved.

*"Mrs Jackson is one of my favourite teachers. She is lovely. Mrs Robinson is really nice although she sometimes tricks me. Drama is lots of fun and enjoyable. I enjoy the games we play in PE. I have made many new friends"*

Jake West, Year 7

*"EFC is really good. Mrs Morelli is nice. I am looking forward to our play. My dad is arranging my costume and the sideburns I need"*

Ciaran Scott, Year 7

I think the students have got off to a good start

Mr Wardle  
Head of the DFA

## Ignis

This September saw the opening of our new Ignis moderate ASD Base, which is located at Green Wrythe Primary School for this academic year. It will be moving to our new site next September. The first intake of eight students in Year 7 were initially all a little nervous and apprehensive but have settled well into their new surroundings and learning routines. As with the rest of the school, they all look very smart in their new school uniform, which identifies them as SPH students although they are not currently sharing our site.

The students recently came to visit SPH as shown in the photos.

Mr Humphreys  
Head of Horizon School

*"We get golden time if our behaviour is good throughout the day"*

Daniel

*"We get to make lots of things"*

Brent

*"The teachers are happy and my friends make it good"*

Jay-Jaye

*"It is a good happy place"*

Sam



## What We Have Been Doing In EFC by 7KA



*"In EFC we have been studying a unit called 'The Sky's the Limit'. We have had to write our own script and then we have to perform it to all the parents. We have all worked together and planned it well as a class. I have enjoyed rehearsing my part and working with the class to make the play really interesting. EFC means that we all have to work together and be a Team Member no matter what"*

Lillymay Shelley 7KA

*"In EFC we have learnt how to write our own scripts to perform in front of our parents and other students. We have all taken an equal part in writing the script. It was hard but we worked together as a team. Team work is one of our ten EFC skills. I have enjoyed rehearsing my part of the mother in the play. When we are rehearsing we all have fun but we also learn a lot of important skills"*

Hattie Ozzard 7KA

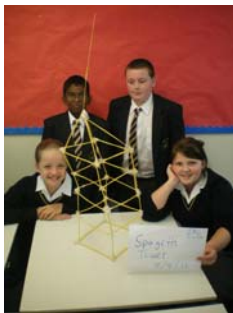
*"In EFC we started the unit by looking at the ten skills. We created a spaghetti tower. In groups we had to see who could get the most people to stand on the smallest piece of paper. This showed our team work skills. Now we are doing a play and everyone is enjoying it"*

Simran Panesar 7KA



*"EFC to me is so fun, although sometimes it can be hard. At the moment we are preparing for our production. I would tell you what it's about but it's a secret! During the time I have been doing EFC we have done so many exciting things like: spaghetti towers, a newspaper fit and creating our own country. We have also been focusing on the ten skills, they are, being creative, managing time, empathising, being a team member gathering resources, using I.C.T (which I am using now), writing skills, presenting information and showing your initiative"*

Phoebe Alvarado-Rivero 7KA



## 7SY

I confess to being an EFC enthusiast. In fact it was a deciding factor in joining SPH.

In our first topic the students have to write, produce and perform a play. Already I have encountered good examples of skills often lacking in adults in the workplace. I notice teams working to their strengths whilst trying not to expose the team's weaknesses. I see creative processes at work, ideas flying around at levels that can only be imagined in many business boardrooms and time being managed so tasks are completed promptly. We study many topics for the EFC and I am looking forward to seeing 7SY's progress. They have set high standards already and I have even higher hopes for the future.

Mr Seymour 7SY



## Local History Walk

Year 8 were back in action on the first day of the new school year, taking part in a local history walk around Carshalton and Wallington to launch their EFC scheme of work for this half term: 'Remembrance.'

Students seemed to enjoy learning about the area...

*"It was quite enjoyable being out and about on the first day back at school. We had to walk around Carshalton and Wallington, visiting places like The Hogpit, The War Memorial and The Grotto. We found out that the Grotto was a garden feature and The Hogpit was used to store water"*

*"I think that the history walk was really fun because I got to walk around with my mates and I also found out a lot about the local area that I didn't know before. I would recommend it to anyone"*

Students had to respond to questions as they walked around and prizes were awarded for question booklets that were presented well.



The Local History voucher prizes went to:

Stephanie Eddens 8PJ

Lauren Scott & Georgia Parker 8TN

Cameron Steel 8CP

Toby Cook 8MG

Jasmine Child 8MY

## Out and About' Backpacking Project

As part of the 'Out and About' theme in EFC, our now year 8's undertook a two week project at the end of last year.

The project brief they were given stated that they each had £1000 to go travelling around Europe with, for one whole month. During this time, students had to experience everything they possibly could in the countries they had chosen to explore.



Students had to research the countries and routes they would take and keep track of their expenses, as well as write a journal of their experiences. Originality in how students presented their project would also be an important part of the finished piece of work.

The standard of the projects handed in was very high, which made judging them very difficult!

Well done to all students across the year group for their effort and hard work.



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## Charity News

I would like to thank Stanley Park High for their fantastic support in the BAM, Barnardos fundraising event. The students that volunteered were superb and really got stuck in. They are outstanding ambassadors for the school, with many positive comments being made about SPH. The money raised from the school mufti-day has also made a huge impact, for which we are very grateful.

The total for the whole event is still being calculated, factoring in other donations and BAM match funding of donations. However, on the day the shop took £1079.69 which is a HUGE increase on its average takings and we anticipate that with all other donations included, the total will be significantly greater.

The event has been a remarkable success for such a worthy cause. BAM carefully chose Barnardo's as a charity partner for all the good work that they do and we are dedicated to helping them further. Thank you very much for all your support.

**Barry Jones** | Site Manager – New Stanley Park High School | BAM Construction Ltd

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## Academy Status

We politely remind you that we have been granted an Academy Order giving us permission to convert to Academy status. However, the Governors have decided not to become an academy whilst we are in the process of moving and settling into our new school building. Any change of status is unlikely to be before September 2012. We will keep you fully informed of the progress on this issue.

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## Business Links with the New School

Over the last few months we have been trying to forge links with business and industry in order for them to support us in making learning real for our students. Consequently, we are trying to get a company/organisation to link with each of our subject areas. To date we have had considerable success and we have been able to engage BAM (Our builders - Construction), JACE (Childcare), Sony (ICT/Media), Virgin Atlantic (Engineering), Holiday Inn (Hospitality and Catering), Headmasters (Hairdressing), Royal Horticulture Society Wisley (Horticulture) and Realistic (Photography). These companies have agreed to provide a variety of learning opportunities for our students. If you know of any others that may be interested for any other subjects please let us know.

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## Dates for Your Diary!

Half Term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Whole School Returns

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 8.30am

Year 9 Options Evening/Core Parent's Evening

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Celebration Evening

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Music Concert

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Last Day of Autumn Term for Students  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, finish at 11.40am

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