Sturminster Newton High School

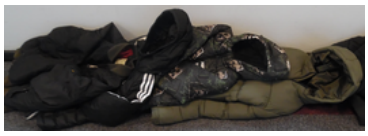
Student Bulletin - 23rd November 2026 - Week A



Lost Property to be claimed

We have lots of lost property in the corridor by the reception office. Most of the items are winter coats and jackets, they must belong to somebody?? If you have misplaced a coat or jacket, please come to reception to have a look. Items not claimed by the end of term will be donated to charity. Thank you







Food Tech Practical Lessons



We have NO practical lessons for Years 7,8,9 & 10 week beginning 23rd November as we have the Year 11 NEA Practical GCSE exams Monday 23rd Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th.

A reminder to Year 11's taking their practical GCSE - remember your ingredients and equipment needed for the exam. We wish you all Good Luck from Mrs Williams and Mrs Tucker.

Poem of the Week
Warning by Jenny Joseph



When I am an old woman I shall wear purple
With a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me.
And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves
And satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter.
I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired
And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells
And run my stick along the public railings
And make up for the sobriety of my youth.
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain
And pick the flowers in other people's gardens
And learn to spit.
You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat
And eat three pounds of sausages at a go
Or only bread and pickle for a week
And hoard pens and pencils and beermats and things in boxes.
But now we must have clothes that keep us dry
And pay our rent and not swear in the street
And set a good example for the children.
We must have friends to dinner and read the papers.
But maybe I ought to practise a little now?
So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised
When suddenly I am old and start to wear purple.

Anti-Bullying Week

Week beginning 16th November students have been focusing on Anti Bullying with assemblies and tutor time work to raise the issue and increase student knowledge around diversity and kindness to all

Please stop bullying me, I'm begging you

After five long years of torment the bullying finally stopped. It wasn't until then that my mood seriously dropped. The memories haunted me, the words ringing in my ears and I became more and more afraid of my peers.

The pain consumed me, as I drowned in despair,
The feelings overwhelmed me; it seemed nobody cared.
But somewhere inside me, I found the strength to cope,
and slowly, through the darkness, I began to find hope.

I found the courage to speak and let my feelings show,
To share the pain I'd hidden that nobody could know.
My parents, teachers and trusted adults listened and cared and helped me face the struggles I had been too scared to share.

I learned that speaking out can help to ease the pain,
And even after darkest days, the sun can shine again.

Book of the Week
Timmy Failure
Mistakes Were Made by Stephan Pastis



Take eleven-year-old Timmy Failure — the clueless, comically self-confident CEO of the best detective agency in town, perhaps even the nation. Add his impressively lazy business partner, a very large polar bear named Total. Throw in the Failuremobile — Timmy's mom's Segway — and what you have is Total Failure, Inc., a global enterprise destined to make Timmy so rich his mother won't have to stress out about the bills anymore. Of course, Timmy's plan does not include the four-foot-tall female whose name shall not be uttered. And it doesn't include Rollo Tookus, who is so obsessed with getting into "Stanfurd" that he can't carry out a no-brainer spy mission. Timmy is an endearingly bumbling hero in a caper whose peerless hilarity is accompanied by a whodunit twist.



Eucatastrophe: a sudden, unexpected turn of events for the better in a story or real-life situation, transforming impending doom or deep despair into a joyful victory.



Year 7 Annual Christmas Story Competition

The English Department are excited to read the Year 7s Christmas Stories. You have this weekend for the finishing touches to your 'books'.
Please hand in your stories to your teacher: Mrs Hewitt or Mrs Cammidge, on or before next week's lesson deadline (varying for each class but in the week commencing 23rd November) Good luck year 7s! Mrs Weedon

News from MFL

Year 11 - After school revision

This will continue to take place Mondays and Friday after school with a focus on preparing for the speaking exam

Year 11 - French Speaking PPEs

These are taking place on Wednesday 2nd December to Friday 4th December inclusive. Students will be given their time in their lesson as well as time to prep for the exam, ensuring that they have time to learn their prepared part of the exam.

Latin Club

This is still well attended and students are really delving into the grammar of the language.



Mondays
Rugby Club (Boys&Girls) 3pm-4pm
Pokemon Club in D2 1pm-1:30pm
Thursdays
Netball Club 3pm-4:30pm
Textiles Club (D2) 1pm-1:30pm



More below



Gardening Club

Please meet Mr West by the garden at 3pm-4pm every **Monday**. There's lots of prep to do for next year's floral and vegetable displays, so all help is welcome! Bring your wellies!



Astronomy Club

Takes place the first Thursday of the month from 3pm-4pm in S4. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Fennell, Senior Lab Technician