



# STEWARTON ACADEMY

SCHOOL VALUES: DETERMINATION, FAIRNESS, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT

STEWARTON ACADEMY EAST Ayrshire Council  
HEAD TEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## Welcome Back

**I**t has been a busy start to the new session here, in Stewarton Academy. I have been delighted by the overall standard of conduct, school uniform and enthusiasm shown by our young people.

The new S1 pupils have made a very positive impression and are settling in well. Ms MacBain, who has taken on responsibility of Depute Head Teacher for S1 and S2, has been very complementary about S1 as a year group. Thanks go to the staff and senior pupil buddies who have been supporting our S1 cohort all week by guiding pupils around the school between classes, sorting out time tables and generally making the newest members of the Stewarton Academy school community feel welcome.

It has been great to welcome back our S2 to S6 pupils as well. I see many young people returning to school with greater maturity and a strong sense of purpose. As I visit classes I have been impressed by the focus, behavior and effort I see. Initial results analysis from our 2023 examination diet indicates good progress. S5 results, in particular, were the best Stewarton Academy pupils have produced in many years. We are a great position as a school to build on last session's successes and we look forward to seeing our pupils live our school values of Responsibility and Determination as they apply themselves to the courses they are undertaking this year.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be sharing our finalised school calendar with you all and introducing you to the new members of staff who have joined Stewarton Academy over the summer. In the meantime, I encourage parents and carers to get in touch with the school office if you have any questions, comments or suggestions relating to your child or how we might further improve the service Stewarton Academy provides.

Kind regards,

John Stuart, Head Teacher

## Special Notice To All Students: USE OF MOBILE PHONES

**Please remember that the use of mobile phones is NOT permitted DURING CLASS TIME.**

All phones should remain in bags or jacket/ blazer pockets during class time (*unless your teacher has specifically advised individual pupils that devices should be used as part of a task / or for support in learning*).

Thank you to all pupils for your cooperation in this matter.



### NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcome Back
- Students Sports Achievements
- PE Clubs News
- Review of final week from last session

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## Taekwondo International World Championships

We are delighted to share Taekwondo competition news of our S3 pupil, **Gregor C.** Gregor, who has been in training for over 8 years, attended the Taekwondo International World Championships held in Coventry, during the month of July. He competed against 2000-plus competitors from countries across the world - and fought 5 tough rounds, facing opponents from Germany, Ireland, England and Holland, to successfully become the Individual Sparring Black Belt Middleweight World Champion.



IMAGES [ABOVE & RIGHT]: GREGOR C INDIVIDUAL SPARRING  
BLACK BELT MIDDLEWEIGHT WORLD CHAMPION

Furthermore, Gregor is currently delighted to add to his 2023 Gold Medal success at the English, Scottish, Northern Ireland and Welsh Open Championships. Just last week, Gregor received an invitation to attend the phase 1 selection of the GB Olympic Development Pathway program. He is currently waiting to see if he will be invited back for phase 2. This was a fantastic opportunity to train at the Olympic training facilities and to be watched by Olympians and their coaches.

**Congratulations to Gregor on behalf our all students and staff at Stewarton Academy - and as Gregor works towards his 2nd Dan grading in October we wish him every future success!**

## Commonwealth Youth Games Trinidad & Tobago



At the beginning of August S6 year student Millie McC-B competed in the Commonwealth Youth Games in Trinidad and Tobago.

We are delighted to report that Millie successfully took a sixth place finish!

**A massive well done to Millie from all students and staff at Stewarton Academy.**

## PE Department Activity Club Information


Our PE Department's extra-curricular club details have just been released for this term. Please see Lunchtime and After School timetables for all details and we look forward to seeing you there!.....

Please note that an overview of all extra-curricular activities, beyond those available through the PE department will be advertised next week.



### EXTRA - CURRICULAR TIMETABLE 2023 - 2024

**AFTER SCHOOL**



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>GYM</b>			GYMNASTICS		STAFF FITNESS
<b>GAMES HALL</b>	S2 & S3 VOLLEYBALL	S1 - S3 NETBALL	S4 - S6 VOLLEYBALL	SENIOR BASKETBALL	
<b>ASTRO</b>	S1 - S3 HOCKEY (BOYS & GIRLS)				







### EXTRA - CURRICULAR TIMETABLE 2023 - 2024

**LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES**



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>GYM</b>	S2 DANCE	S1 VOLLEYBALL	S2 BASKETBALL	S1 DANCE	S1 BASKETBALL
<b>GAMES HALL</b>	S2 BASKETBALL	BADMINTON (ALL YEARS)	S2/S3 NETBALL	S1 BASKETBALL	VOLLEYBALL (ALL YEARS)
<b>ASTRO</b>					







## A Peek Inside: Future Textiles at Dumfries House



programme overseeing their work. The pupils had a great day and developed lots of new skills.

**T**he end of last term signified a number of exciting ventures and successes for our pupils across our year groups.

### Dumfries House 'Sewing Bee' challenge—S3

The S3 Fashion and Textile v Technology class were part of a **Sewing Bee Inter-school Competition** which took place in June, at Dumfries House in conjunction with Future Textiles. The three pupils selected to represent the class: Libby J, Maia R and Olivia H were challenged to create a kimono style jacket using recycled fabrics as part of a sustainability project. The pupils stepped up to the challenge with Head Judge, Patrick Grant from the BBC Sewing Bee



### Future 30 programme

Throughout the year, several National 5 and Higher Fashion and Textile pupils engaged with Future Textiles within Dumfries House to be part of the Future 30 programme. The programme was developed to allow young people to gain additional practical sewing skills and further develop their knowledge of the fashion industry. The pupils who were part of the programme created a complex textile item using innovative constructive techniques.

They all successfully completed the programme and gained a City & Guilds Level 1 Introductory Award in Employability Skills.

**All fantastic achievements for pupils involved in both projects.**

## HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT NEWS

### School Uniform Notice: Borrowed School Ties



#### Update: new borrowed school ties protocol:

A payment option will be set up via Parent Pay and a text will be sent home for any **non-returned** borrowed school ties that have not been returned to the school office within 7 days of issue.

Please also return borrowed ties from last session to the school office—no questions asked! Donations of ties from school leavers are also welcomed.

Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.



## Summer Activity Day Highlights

We could not of course mark the start of the new term without taking the time to thank all volunteering staff, parents, and participating pupils across all of our year groups, for taking part in our Activity Day on Thursday 29th June '23. As per our pupils' feedback everyone had a fun packed day—as judging by the snapshots below, I am sure that you will agree!

Thank you to all for your support and a special thank you to Mr Dodds our Faculty Head of Art, Design & Technology for ensuring the smooth organisation of these events for another year.



Build A bear Activity



Gaming Day: FIFA Tournament



TopGolf Day



Technical Depart. Workshops



TopGolf Activity



Glasgow Climbing Centre