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SVS NEWSLETTER

The official newsletter of Sandwell Valley School



PICTURED ABOVE: LEE MILLS (SCHOOL COUNSELLOR), MARK WRIGHT (ASST HEAD) AND MIM HALL (PRINCIPAL) SPEAKING WITH POTENTIAL CANDIDATES

Staff Open Day

February

Organised by Lee Mills, School Counsellor, the school hosted a staff open day showcasing a wide range of opportunities including teaching, pastoral and administrative. The aim of this day was to engage with potential candidates in a relaxed way, discussing life at SVS, our expectations for staff and what they as potential employees expected from us. Both staff and our student volunteer helped keep the day running smoothly and our guests fully supported.

The day was a brilliant success with 36 prospective candidates visiting the school to discuss opportunities. Collectively, our guests went away with a positive impression of the school and a large number have enquired about vacancies at the school.

Special thanks goes to Lee who produced the original idea for the event, organised the day and liaised with external bodies. The open day will be used again in the future!



PICTURED ABOVE: ANDY MACKENZIE (DSL) SPEAKING WITH PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES



Tai Chi

Aimed to improve the wellbeing of staff, another biweekly addition to the staff timetable is optional Tai Chi sessions.

Staff Wellbeing

Staff Forums

As part of our approach to ensuring all staff have a say in the operations of the school, we have introduced a biweekly staff forum.

This time gives staff to share any suggestions for.....without the presence of SLT, providing a relaxed and welcoming environment for staff voices to be heard and uplifted.

Invitation to a Royal Garden Party

This year His Majesty The King is hosting a garden party at Buckingham Palace to celebrate and recognise those working in the fields of education and skills. At SVS we are grateful to have four members of staff who have been invited to go: Matilda Ros (Head of Operations & Compliance), Sandra Hemmings (Mental Health & Wellbeing Manager), Jennifer Hall (Administration / Family Liaison & DDSL) and Mim Hall (Principal).

Student Life

The students have been busy prepping for their mock exams this term. Extra revision sessions and revision tasks set on Google Classroom have been provided.

Whilst our cooking, art and gym provisions have provided a much-needed rest from any exam stress. The students have also enjoyed trips to the care home to...

New Fencing

The school has also had a new addition to its exterior. A brand-new fence has been installed adding additional security to the school.

