

Stanwell School`s Warhammer Club

Games Workshop School League 2014

Stanwell`s newest club has grown steadily in size since its founding just six months ago. Twice a week, our pupils bring their prized miniatures to do tabletop battle in the fantasy worlds of the Warhammer Universe. The battlefields are the Artroom tables but that doesn`t mean that it isn`t taken very seriously - you really do need to know your space orc from your Tau firecaste warrior. Competition is fierce but good natured and the club gives our pupils a chance to develop their imaginations, creativity and numeracy. Most importantly, the hobby requires the participants to read, and this they do avidly. To be a top competitor you need to have read, and remember details, from over thirty of the tightly written "codices" that give the game information for the competing races and factions.



Team Stanwell trounced the opposition in the regional Warhammer heats held in Cardiff in the Autumn. This allowed them to enter the School League Semi-finals held in Nottingham on the 20th March. The team comprised of Mark and Rory Andrews, Tristan Goodway-Sims and Robbie "the terminator" Bain. Entering the painting competition and fulfilling an advisory role were Sam Wiltshire and Leo Tucker. A few weeks of feverish preparation ensued as models were painted and based, and devious game-winning stratagems devised.



To the uninitiated, Warhammer World must rate as one of the most surprising venues that you could visit. From the outside the huge factory just looks like any other manufacturing unit on an industrial estate but inside you have the focus of Britain's model soldier industry. Within, you will find a vast hall laid out with over a hundred six-foot long tables, decorated and ready for competition. The whole of this vast space is decorated like a medieval castle, complete with shop, bar, restaurant and display areas. There are literally thousands of miniature figures on display, combined with lifesize extras from the Lord of the Rings Movie.



Unfortunately the Andrews brothers, renowned in the club for their ferocious games play, got off to a slow start in rounds one and two. Robbie and Tristan however forged ahead. As the afternoon's games went on, Team Stanwell were back on form. Not a single game was lost in rounds three and four. Unfortunately the team narrowly missed reaching the Summer finals but everyone agreed that a great time had been had by all.

Stanwell Warhammer club meets regularly on Monday and Friday afternoons in the Art rooms. All are welcome to attend.

All Welcome!

