

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to all Stoke Park students to a new term full of exciting developments and plans for our students and communities.

We are seeing Year 11 Architects diving into their GCSE exams and heading into crash timetable to ensure the best revision and preparation for sitting their exams. Our Year 13 Scholars are also embarking on their exams ready to make their next steps and leave Stoke Park, building their brighter futures.

This is an exciting time for all students paving a way to their futures, but it is also a high pressure period. We encourage all students to take care of themselves and make time for relaxation and decompression, and for parents and carers to support in any way they can. We are very proud of you all and know that you will do the best you can!

In other parts of the school, some of our students in Year 9 and 10 have taken part in an empowerment workshop. We are thrilled that they will be part of the Girls Network and can't wait to see them representing Stoke Park at future events.

Congratulations to the Year 7 boys Cricket team for reaching the final! The Final match will be played at Edgbaston the home of West Midlands Cricket!

We would like to take this moment to thank you for your support and cooperation so far this school year and remind all parents and carers how important this term is for students. We need your continued efforts in this period to ensure every child's success.

Natalie Rock
Headteacher





YEAR 7 THE ORATOR

EASTER REFLECTIONS

With the Easter celebration tea now completed, it's a great time to reflect on the achievements of our students this term.

This term has been filled with enriching experiences, both inside and outside the classroom. Our students have been working incredibly hard, demonstrating our school's PRIDE values of Pride, Respect, Independence, Determination, and Excellence. The PRIDE cards are filling up, and students are receiving their prizes.

Year 7 students have settled in well, developing their skills as Orators. Their enthusiasm and good manners are evident both in and out of the classroom, and it's a pleasure to see them engaging in thoughtful discussions each morning during their Personal Development sessions.

**"WE REALIZE THE
IMPORTANCE OF
OUR VOICES ONLY
WHEN WE ARE
SILENCED."**

—

MALALA YOUSAFZAI

MASTERS OF RECALL

Academically, our students have been working hard, with Year 7 recently completing their second round of Masters of Recall. The data from these assessments will be used to shape their learning going forward. We've also seen students expand their horizons with a fantastic literacy workshop at Barr's Hill, where they honed their writing skills. This term has also seen a Maths trip to Warwick University, where pupils demonstrated their problem-solving skills. Many Year 7 pupils also enjoyed an educational outing to the Coventry Symphony Hall.

Our students' engagement in extracurricular activities has been outstanding. We enjoyed a wonderful afternoon in the hall, experiencing a live orchestra. The encounter with Ed Sheeran for some of our pupils in the School Orchestra was a memorable event.

Sport has also been a huge part of our term. From Badminton to Netball, our students have demonstrated incredible teamwork, whilst representing our school. The girls' basketball team have represented Stoke Park well, with some excellent wins. Both Boys and Girls Football and Rugby have been well attended and I look forward to the Boys cricket final next term. A large number of Year 7 Orators have also been involved in our school production of 'Oliver,' which we look forward to seeing in the Summer term.

MATHS ENRICHMENT TRIP

Last term, a group of Year 7 pupils went to Warwick University for an engaging and interactive maths enrichment event. The day inspired and encouraged the pupils in their study of maths by helping them to think ahead about how the subject develops and opportunities it provides in the real world. The children took part in workshops and problem-solving activities. These included hands-on challenges, origami and discovering how the game 'Dobble' is designed. The hands-on problem-solving challenges shone a light on how resilient and determined our pupils are. They did not give up and had so much fun working through them. The students also had the opportunity to have a talk in one of the lecture theatres, meet Warwick University students studying maths and have a tour of the maths department. This experience of what a real university is like allowed them to see what they can aspire to in the future. A fun and inspiring opportunity was enjoyed by all.



YEAR 7 TEAM:

Director of KS2-3: C Hughes AHT | Director of The Bridge: L Meyrick | Pastoral Manager: A Hansford



YEAR 8 THE PHILOSOPHER



CELEBRATIONS!

As we welcome in the new term, there has been plenty to celebrate. Our Year 8 Philosophers have really grown in all areas of their education journey and are making huge improvements in their learning and understanding. A huge thank you to everyone who joined our Online Tutor Evening to discuss the progress our students are making. In addition, it has been wonderful to see how they have engaged with their summative assessments across all subjects. We look forward to seeing how this progresses into the Summer Term.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

In recent weeks, Personal Development lessons have focused on both social interactions and relationships as well as life skills for the future. It has been very reassuring to hear students talk about serious subjects such as Understanding Stable Relationships and show that they can identify issues and give ways to negotiate them. Whilst studying Living in the Wider World, students showed that they are making huge progress in maturing through their education journey and beyond as they discussed the importance of body language and first impressions.

*"We lose ourselves
in what we read,
only to return to
ourselves,
transformed and
part of a more
expansive world"*

Judith Butler

HIGH TEA AFTERNOON

Year 8 were able to join together to celebrate their achievements in our annual Spring High Tea Celebration Afternoon. This is always a fantastic opportunity to reflect and see just how much our Philosophers have grown. It was a wonderful afternoon, with students enjoying a cream tea whilst listening to musical performances from both Zeke and Layla. Well done both!

The Year 8 Team would like to celebrate the wonderful achievements of everyone in the year group and a special well done to our students who received a special nomination this term.

TUTOR AWARDS

8MPE – DYLAN

8SJA – EVELYN

8AER – ANJA

8MWI – SUVAR

8JBE – AMY

8KDJ – ARITH

8MEB – ARVIN

**TUTOR GROUP ATTENDANCE
AWARD** - 8MPE

HEAD OF YEAR AWARD -
BRADLEY



YEAR 8 TEAM:

Director of Year: H Owen AHT | Curriculum Progress Leader: H Smith | Pastoral Manager: M Parmar



YEAR 9

THE REVOLUTIONARY

A WARM WELCOME BACK

It was lovely to welcome all year nine students back after hopefully a restful and peaceful Easter holiday. Students finished the year impeccably with their conduct in the Spring Easter teas. Students shared an afternoon tea followed by a celebration assembly that recognised all of the fantastic achievements of the year group over the last term. Each tutor nominated one student per tutor group who has shown fantastic hard work and dedication across the spring term in lessons, personal development, around school and collaborating within their revolutionary campaigns.

*"Nothing in life is
to be feared, it is
only to be
understood. Now is
the time to
understand more,
so that we may
fear less"*

—
Marie Curie

GETTING GCSE READY

This time we look forward to consolidating Year 9's move towards being fully GCSE ready as they move towards becoming the new year 10 in less than three school months time. As part of their revolutionary campaign, they have been creating and practicing their tutor group Assemblies which will be being delivered this term. Their assemblies will be based on their revolutionary campaigns to raise awareness and also celebrating recognise what they've done to make an impact in their chosen field in our school community.

OPTIONS ARE NOT CLOSED YET!

The options process has now drawn to a close. We do ask all students to be patient in finding out their option choices which will be later on in the towards the end of this term.



YEAR 9 TEAM:

Director of Year: L Hall AHT | Head of Year 9: T Hall | Pastoral Manager: S Clayton

WHO RUN THE WORLD

A group of Yr 9 and 10 girls were invited to take part a series of workshops aimed at female empowerment and giving them the tools to boost their confidence, emotional resilience and equipping them with skills to navigate their future career pathways. In the final workshop of the series, we welcomed mentor who are local business women who took the time to workshop with the students and answer questions about their career paths and chosen professions.

Following the workshops, the students will become Ambassadors for the Girls Network, which is recognized internationally and organizes events, conferences and meet ups to promote women in business.

The mentors were very impressed with our students and said that they were a credit to the school"

CLICK HERE for more information on the Girls Network!



IMPORTANT REQUEST

Please can all Parents/Carers activate their student ParentPay accounts in order to pay for dinner money & forthcoming summer trips; Prom etc



If you have mislaid or lost your one off activation codes, please contact parentpay@stokepark.coventry.sch.uk

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday

May 26th - 30th - Half term



PARENT AND CARER CAREERS ROADSHOW FOR YEAR 10, 11 AND 12 STUDENTS

Coventry Careers Hub is incredibly excited to announce the return of their Parent and Carer Careers Roadshow this summer!

Hosted at Coventry Transport Museum on Wednesday 18th June, the evening promises an array of informative and impartial talks about Post-16 and Post-18 pathways, which includes information on apprenticeships and T-Levels, plus, a new addition for this year, a student and apprentice Q&A panel for students, parents, and carers to ask their burning questions to.

It is completely free to attend, and parents and carers are welcome to join along with their young person in Year 10, 11, or 12. Upon arrival, attendees will also receive a free copy of Coventry Careers Hub's 'Future You Handbook'.

Parents and carers can sign up by following the link below.

[Coventry Careers Hub's Parent and Carers Careers Roadshow Tickets, Wed 18 Jun 2025 at 17:00 | Eventbrite](#)



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YEAR 10 THE INVENTOR

MAKING PLANS

Year 10 Inventors have finished a fantastic couple of weeks with their celebration assembly this week. All of our geography students went on a field trip to support their GCSE exams, student feedback has been really positive, and all of their hard work will support them in their geography GCSE. They then spent the day in the hall as a whole cohort with their geography teachers consolidating their knowledge and helping each other to get the best from the day. Shortly after the English department took 60 students to De Montford University where students received a taster day on careers with journalism, trialing out their own radio and TV shows. Students massively enjoyed their day and learned lots - many of them have come back contemplating both the university and a journalism career for their Post-18 plans!

CELEBRATING OUR INVENTORS

We welcomed in Easter with our celebration assembly. Students had a formal Afternoon tea with their peers before having Michael S, Orleen J, and Ciara M deliver a speech about their year and how they have contributed to their Seven Year Journey so far. Okiki O and Aria H were also brave enough to deliver musical performances for their year group supported by Miss Vincent. Our tutors then dedicated a speech for their groups and chose their Inventors of the year.

Students all received an Inventor plaque and an Easter Egg to enjoy. Students should be commended on how they held themselves this celebration assembly as behaviour, especially entry to the hall, has been praised. They embody our whole school values, and highlight how they are the Inventor, continually striving to improve and develop their own skills, whilst also considering their place within the wider school community.

Our Star Students

10CB - Okiki O
10RPO - Majka K
10JPM - Warvin M
10DJU - Farbod B
10LR - Matt L
10PMA - Michael S
Head of Year - Mahamat M

*"Anyone can become
an inventor as long as
they keep an open
and inquiring mind
and never overlook
the possible
significance of an
accident or apparent
failure."*

Patsy O'Connell Sherman



YEAR 10 TEAM:

Director of Year: J Grimwood AHT | Head of Year 10: E Muldoon | Pastoral Manager: S Harris



YEAR 11 THE ARCHITECT

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

We were so delighted with our Architects during our Spring Tea assembly. We began the end of term meals five years ago when our Year 11s had only just joined the school as Year 7s. It was lovely to see how they have grown into confident young adults, displaying all of the qualities expected of them within a formal dinner setting. This is testament to how they have grown with the Seven Year Journey, as they now get ready to take on their GCSE exams.

We celebrated the year group with multiple awards. Tutors struggled to select their Architects of the Term due to how many students have been exceptional this year in tackling their GCSEs and endeavouring to succeed and progress. One award to be particularly commended was for **Grace M, who won the Head of Year** award as an Architect due to her continual excellence, perseverance and resilience.

***"Be true to yourself,
work hard and
always try to stretch
yourself to the
highest achievable
pinnacle of
perfection, in this
most imperfect of
world."***

—
Sunita Kholi

REVISING ESSENTIALS

It is essential that students do not stop revising between now and their real exams and should be aiming to be reconsolidating and reciting the powerful knowledge they require for their exams. If revision is consistent, it will give each student the confidence within their ability to achieve the best they possibly can when it comes to sitting their GCSE exams in the summer. We ask for your continued support with encouraging your son/daughter to revise all subjects in a quiet study space at home.

LEAVERS HOODIES

A final reminder of the deadline to purchase a leavers hoodie is **19th May**. We have managed to secure a brilliant price for our class of 2025 leavers hoodies! Please follow the link below to place your order, using the details below to login. Each hoodie is £18.95 with an array of colours to choose from.

[Click Here to Order](#)

**Username: 6588
Password: 2UYBpMa4**



CRASH TIMETABLE

On Wednesday 7th May our students will begin their crash timetable where each day students will receive intervention style lessons and will be preparing for each exam as they come each day. Further information will be given regarding this in their assembly this week to reiterate expectations around this. Attendance is absolutely crucial as each minute counts. We also ask for your support in ensuring that students arrive on time and with the correct equipment and uniform to ensure that they are exam ready each day.

PROM INVITES

The next wave of prom invites have also been given out this week with payment available on ParentPay. Students need to ensure that they are attending all lessons and conducting themselves to the highest standard in order to attend Prom 2025. Further details will also be sent out regarding the Leavers Assembly 2025.



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 8th May - GCSE Exam Start
- 25th June - Contingency Day
- 4th July - Prom

YEAR 11 TEAM:

Director of Year: I Jamal AHT | Head of Year 11: T Steane | Pastoral Manager: S Kinsella



POST 16 - THE SCHOLAR

HIGH STANDARDS IN POST-16

It has been a very productive Spring Term for both our year groups. Year 12 Scholars have involved themselves with the cornerstones of our ethos. They have applied themselves to their curriculum subjects and through setting themselves high standards are looking positively towards the summer term and mock exams.

WARWICK UNIVERSITY VISIT

They have been very much involved with the super curriculum and we thank Warwick University once again for visiting us and presenting the benefits of the Warwick Scholar programme, a course designed by Sutton Trust to provide support to all students wishing to apply to Warwick, in the form of reduced offers, **financial assistance and learning benefits** before and during their degree years. There are a number of year 12 who have applied, but well worth reminding those who are still considering, that the **deadline date is 30th April**.

STOKE PARK PRIDE

We must say well done to all the year 12 who have been involved in the wider school initiatives going on throughout the year including the student school council, GCSE tutoring and reading clubs with younger years. As role models and learning mentors, they have been exemplary. Next term begins the exciting prospect of UCAS applications. An opportunity to translate all these efforts into an application outlining the skills, desires and aspirations for their future intentions.

*"You should never
let your fears
prevent you from
doing what you
know is right."*

—
Aung San Suu Kyin



TOP IT OFF WITH TEA

To round things off for last term, we enjoyed an afternoon tea lunch together to socialise, relax and consider all we achieved last term and this year so far. We will enjoy a celebration assembly also, before wishing you all a restful break before our busy summer term.

YR 13 UCAS APPLICATIONS

Year 13 have worked incredibly hard this term. They have balanced their UCAS applications; receiving firm offers from their Universities and finalised their curriculum content while revising for their final exams that begin soon after the return from easter holidays. This two-week break will be an opportunity to settle and apply themselves to this final push. It is hard but will be worth it in the Autumn.

Year 13 students please take note of the Easter sessions taking place in school. It is essential these are attended to place all year 13 in the best position for those summer final exams.

POST 16 TEAM:

Director of Post 16: L Jakubecz | Head of Year 12 & 13: S Gaiser | Pastoral Manager: E Dye



YEAR 7 CRICKET TEAM REACH THE WARWICKSHIRE FINAL AT EDGBASTON!

Year 7 played their semi-final in the Warwickshire Indoor Cricket Cup against Barrs Hill on Thursday. The lads won the toss and decided to bowl first with Adam captaining the side brilliantly. Aaron, Mohammad and Adam took some early wickets and the team worked brilliantly to get Barrs out for 72 runs. Stoke opened their innings with Harman hitting some superb 4s and 6s and the rest of the team added their runs to the scoresheet. Stoke left it late to clinch the win in the second last over as they chased down the score of 72 and won by 2 wickets. A big well done to the team who now wait for the draw for the final which will be played at Edgbaston.



PE Enrichment Offers



MONDAY

Cricket
(LR / LBAI / LG)

TUESDAY

Meetings

WEDNESDAY

Football
(LG / TH)
Athletics
(LR / LBAI)

THURSDAY

Tennis
(TH)
Rounders
(LR / LBAI)
Cricket
(NK)

FRIDAY

Tennis
(RDAI)

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

If you any concerns regarding a child, please find below a list of helpful agencies.

- Coventry's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub: 024 76788555. Out of hours Social Care: 024 76832222
- If there is a risk of harm or immediate danger Police: 101 or 999.
- **Safe To Talk:** 0800 111 4998
- **Childline:** 0800 1111 NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- NSPCC FGM Helpline: 0800 028 3550
- **Kooth**
- Stoke Park Support - [CLICK HERE](#)



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