

# NEWSLETTER



## FEBRUARY 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

During our first half term of 2025 and we have seen some amazing resilience and progress in our student cohorts. We have seen our Year 10 Students complete their mock exams and supported Year 11 and 13 students to prepare for their mocks on their return after the break.

We are happy to announce that the first invitations for the Year 11 prom have been sent to students and look forward to seeing many more join the celebration. I would like to take this time to remind our parents and carers that the prom invitations are sent based upon behaviour, engagement, punctuality and attendance.

In other news we have a very exciting announcement that the date has been released for our School production "Oliver!". Note the 9th and 10th of July in your calendars, ready to see our very talented students tread the boards in this classic musical. We have no doubt we will be singing along.

We look forward to seeing all our students refreshed and ready to learn after the half-term .



**Natalie Rock**  
**Headteacher**



# YEAR 7 THE ORATOR



## REFLECTING ON PROGRESS

As we approach the midpoint of their time in Year 7, I am delighted to reflect on the many achievements the Year 7 pupils have made this academic year. They have settled well into their new surroundings, making the Bridge a lovely and welcoming environment.

Each pupil has developed their skills as the Orator and every day we are able to see the excellent results of their hard work. Walking around The Bridge in the mornings I am delighted to see the Pupils thoughtfully discussing the talking points presented to them. More than halfway through their first year with us, their enthusiasm continues, along with good manners, both in and out of the classroom.

As we look forward, I encourage them to maintain this momentum. Take part in every opportunity that is presented to them through The Stoke Park Experience and continue to make The Bridge a positive welcoming environment where Oracy is at the forefront.

We hope you and your families had a restful Half-Term Break



## EXTRA CURRICULUM ENGAGEMENT

Their engagement in extracurricular activities has been outstanding. The girls' basketball team have represented Stoke Park well, with some excellent wins.. The encounter with Ed Sheeran for some of our pupils in the School Orchestra this half term was a memorable event, I'm still jealous that I wasn't invited! Their engagement in both Boys and Girls Football and Rugby has very positive with Cup Games still to be played next Half-Term. Also, a large number of Year 7 Orators have been in our school production of 'Oliver,' which I'm looking forward to seeing in the Summer term, and many pupils enjoyed an educational outing to the Coventry Symphony Hall where they represented their school perfectly.

**"SPEECH IS POWER:  
SPEECH IS TO PERSUADE,  
TO CONVERT, TO  
COMPEL"**

**RALPH WALDO EMERSON**

### **YEAR 7 TEAM:**

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



# YEAR 8 THE PHILOSOPHER



## CREATIVITY & WONDER

As the Philosopher, Year 8 are continuously asked to think outside of themselves and explore the world around them, choosing to be creative whenever possible. Across the art and performing arts lessons, students have impressed with their ability to do just that. In art lessons, our young minds have been discovering Mexican art and designing their own Day of the Dead masks whilst in drama students have been treading the boards, studying Naturalism and tackling a play exploring the dangers of bullying.

## CURIOSITY

In Personal Development lessons this half term, our philosophers have continued to learn about Healthy Relationships, both in their day to day lives and Online. Internet use is a key part in our young people's lives and we always ensure that through these vital lessons in the morning, that students are able to explore crucial life lessons. Students have impressed with their ability to orate how they manage and maintain relationships and have shown maturity whilst discussing sensitive topics.

*"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit"*

—  
*Aristotle*

## REFLECTION

Over the last three weeks, students have continued to explore Unifrog – the online careers platform. This is an important part of shaping their pathways and gives them a greater insight into who they are and what they would like to succeed in. Students have been very reflective in their discussions about their interests and how they could shape this into a reality as a young adult.

***We thank you for your continued support and hope you all had a happy half term.***

## REMINDER

The Year 8 Team would like to remind all students and families that Personal Development lessons begin at 8.40am and all students should be in school by 8.35am.



YEAR 8 TEAM:

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



## YEAR 9

# THE REVOLUTIONARY

## CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

It has been a productive half term for year 9, with lots to celebrate. Firstly, our Sports teams. The football team have progressed through to the next round of the Coventry schools cup, beating Grace Academy. The Rugby team have also demonstrated sporting excellence by beating President Kennedy in the Coventry schools cup, seeing them through to the next round. Alongside this we are seeing a winning streak from the netball team as well. It is not just sport, where year 9 excel, we have a number of students who are involved in this year's school production of Oliver! Rehearsals are now well underway and we have already sold out a matinee performance for our feeder primary schools, despite the show not opening until July.

Students have been working hard on their revolutionary campaigns all year, this half term Miss Millers tutor ran a session on the equality act and Miss Djaba's tutor group have completed work with the year group on mental wellbeing. Stoke Park have partnered with a charity called Just Give, to support our revolutionaries in their campaigns. Just Give is a social action organisation that supports schools in creating social action and developing students fundraising, teamwork, communication and presentation skills. This partnership will support our students in taking their revolutionary campaigns to the next level, making them visibly beyond the school community. The showpiece event will be later in the year where each tutor group will present their Revolutionary Campaigns to the Mayor, the winning tutor group will receive £1000, which will be donated to a charity of their choice.

We look forward to seeing what more our students can achieve in their social action activities.

Alongside our own enrichment offer we have also been working with a lot of outside agencies. Mr Weston has been working with the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to engage a small group of our year 9 students in sustainability, this directly links to their revolutionary campaign. The students have completed work in the school grounds, making steps to ensure we are more sustainable as a school.

Jaguar Landover have also visited Stoke Park to work with 30 of our budding engineers. Students worked with the team, designing cars and moulding them out of clay, as well as looking at different interiors and paintwork options.

## SPORTS NEWS

- The Year 9 Rugby team also had success by beating President Kennedy in the Coventry Schools Cup and we wish them luck in the next round.
- A big well done to the Year 9 Netball team who also have won matches in the league this half term and once again proves how much talent we have in this year group.
- A big well done to the Year 9 Football team who progressed through to the next round of the Coventry Schools Cup beating Grace Academy. Unfortunately they were beaten this week by West Coventry Academy but a big well done to all those involved.



**YEAR 9 TEAM:**

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



# NEWS & UPDATES



**UniFest is our dynamic Year 10 summer school programme**, offering five thrilling options at our partner universities across the West Midlands. Whether students choose a residential or non-residential event, UniFest promises an unforgettable experience where they can dive into university life, gain new skills, explore their future paths, make lifelong friends, and most importantly, have a blast!

Applications are simple to complete, submitted online by the learner and their parent/carer. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us: [aimhigher@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:aimhigher@contacts.bham.ac.uk)

Help your child discover their potential and apply before the deadline on 21 March 2025. Let's make this summer unforgettable with UniFest!



## Family Hub & CIRV Youth Takeover Event

Dive into Coventry's Youth Scene with a **FREE** fun day of workshops and activities at The Moat Family Hub

**19.02.2025 11:00AM - 14:00PM**  
The Moat Family Hub, Coventry, CV2 1EQ

A **FREE** event for Coventry families with activities including

Music | Multi-Sports | Virtual Reality | Arts & Crafts | Food | Youth Partners | And Much More

In partnership with



## Apprenticeship Jobs and Careers Fair

**Wednesday 12th February, 4pm - 7pm**

@ 123 St Nicholas Street, Radford, CV1 4FD

Are you considering an apprenticeship? Come along to our open day to speak with our expert advisors about your next step on the career ladder in:

Business Administration	Hairdressing
Health & Social Care	Accountancy
Customer Service	Early Years Care

If you have any questions, you can call **024 7623 1122** or email us at: [enquiries@cw-chambertraining.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@cw-chambertraining.co.uk)



Scan to register your interest!



# CLAIM YOUR BLUE PETER BADGE

## WIN A KINDLE!

Stoke Park Library is giving students the chance to win an Amazon Kindle at the end of the school year! Simply read & review as many books from the 7 Year Reading Journey as you can, to be in with a chance of winning. All the books can be found in the school library, and you can submit your reviews on the Accessit Library Website. See Miss Moore in the library if you have any questions!



Any child aged 5-15 is able to apply for a Blue Peter Badge if they enjoy books and reading. They will need their parent or carer to help them with the application, they need to say a little bit about what they like in the book and draw or create a picture illustrating it. How to get a Blue Peter Book badge - CBBC

The link takes carers to the BBC website with more details.



## *Enrichment Offers*

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	Brass Ensemble			Brass Ensemble	Gateway Choir
<b>BREAK</b>	Y11 Computer Science		Music Tech Sessions	Keyboard Club	Interform Comps SPARX Support
<b>LUNCH</b>	Y11 Option 2	SPARX Support Y11 Option 1	Keyboard Club	Senior Choir Y11 Option 2	Interform Comps Music Tech Sessions Y11 Option 1
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b>	Football (Girls) Basketball Cricket (Girls) Multigym Orchestra Drama Club Y11 Maths Int Y13 English	BSL Club Meeting Nights Film Club Y11 Geography Y11 Sociology	P16 Debate Club Football (Boys/Girls) Cricket (Girls) Netball Y11 English Y13 Biology Y13 Chemistry	Badminton Rugby (Boys/Girls) Trampolining Games Club Mandarin Club Guitar & Ukulele Y11 Science Y13 Sociology Y13 History	Y11 History All Years Tennis
<b>HOMEWORK CLUB</b>	Every Day Lunchtime Room 14	<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b>	Every Morning 8am Canteen		

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Half Term** - 17th - 21st February

For other important dates you can check our website:  
[CLICK HERE](#)





# YEAR 10 THE INVENTOR

## RECENT EVENTS

Year 10 had Stoke Parks student leaders come into assembly to talk to them about Modern Slavery. Two year 13s and two of our own Year 10s spoke extremely confidently in a topic that helps students to understand human rights and the world around them. Specifically as a school we are working on our UNICEF Human Rights award, so it is especially fantastic to see students take such an interest. Watching our students consider their role in the wider world, and as Inventors, how they can change things moving forward, was exceptionally impressive, and a sign of the outstanding leadership skills a number of our students display.

## LOOKING TO NEXT TERM

After half term we are re-launching our students charity appeals to raise money for MIND the mental health charity. Students had huge levels of motivation and engagement with this before Christmas so we are hoping students are ready to take on this fund-raising challenge again for a good cause! Students will receive more information when they come back from half term.

***We thank you in advance for support in getting students into school, on time, and with all their equipment ready to learn.***

*"Education is the key to unlocking the golden door of freedom."*

*George Washington Carver*



## MATHS CHALLENGE CELEBRATION

This last week our Year 10 Inventors have impressed us all massively by taking part in the Maths challenge. Over 60 students in Year 10 accepted the challenge to compete with students across the country, showing off their resilience and determination to overcome complex maths questions. As a school we specifically want to praise the 11 students on the right who received the Bronze award

We would also like to highly commend **Rishi M**, as the only student in the whole school who competed and received the Silver Award! A massive well done to these students and all who took part! They embody the values of being an Inventor, overcoming challenges and using their innovation to consistently improve and develop their learning.

ALEX A  
FARBOD B  
MAGARET C  
ARMAN G  
ORLEEN J  
MATT L  
COLE L  
LACEY M  
TOM R  
HANNA R  
RIMA T



YEAR 10 TEAM:

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



# YEAR 11 THE ARCHITECT



## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Week commencing 24th February - Mock exams round 3
- Week commencing 24th March - Parents evening
- 5th May - GCSE Exam Start
- 25th June - Contingency Day
- 4th July - Prom

## FINAL PREPARATIONS

Our Year 11 Architects have been preparing for their final series of mock exams before the real exams in the summer. These set of mocks commence the week beginning 24th February. Students must be in school, on time and in full uniform bringing full equipment required for the exam. More details including the mock exam timetable and revision tips for each subject can be found below:

**[CLICK HERE](#)**

It is imperative students use this final mock series of exams to prepare for it in the same way that they would for the real exams. We ask for your support in ensuring that students get themselves into a healthy routine where they are preparing themselves to start each day in the right way to maximise chances of success. This includes being ready for school on time, ensuring that they have had breakfast and have revised thoroughly for the exam. It is important that after every exam that they have time to unwind and rest in the evenings before they begin their revision for the next exam the following day. Year 11 have been showing determination and resilience in their lessons and interventions as they work with their subject teachers to bridge any gaps in knowledge and practice applying their skills to exam questions. We want students to show the resilience and determination to overcome any barriers in their way and avoid excuses that represent the grit they need to show for the remaining five months of school that they have left before their exams begin.

Our first wave of Prom invites have been given out this week. Tickets are expected to cost around £35-40. We look forward to celebrating your child's time at Stoke Park, however, we must stress that students who fall short of our expectations throughout the school day in regards to attendance, punctuality, conduct and attainment and learning pep will not be allowed to attend. We are excited to give out invites to our first set of students who have met these expectations since September.

## STUDY SKILLS RETURNS

On Thursday we have resumed our Study Skills Programme during tutor time to help our student's independent revision. This week students have been modelled the best ways to revise for each subject and the idea of chunking their revision into manageable periods of time. Students should be spending a minimum of three hours per night and ensuring 20 minute 'bursts' of revision for each topic. Students have a range of revision resources available to them provided by their teachers, as well as various online programmes and websites.

## LEAVERS HOODIES

You will have also received a text message with instructions on regarding how to order a 2025 leavers hoodie for your son/daughter. 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**



**YEAR 11 TEAM:**

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





# POST 16 THE SCHOLAR

As we look back to last half term, we are able to reflect and consider the progress our Post 16 students have made; the choices they have taken so far, the contributions they have made to Stoke Park and the aspirational decisions that will ensure their success into Post 18.

We have both year 12 and 13 students who are part of the School Council, supporting charity work, wider Coventry initiatives and seeing themselves and the school in its role in the World.

It is worth taking a moment to remember the number of aspirational trips for our year 12, both to Oxford and Cambridge and we look forward to more informative trips to aspirational establishments, while also welcoming a number of Universities into our assemblies to help our scholars make informed choices going forward.

All in all, an aspirational and scholarly half term.

## YEAR 12

The year 12 continue to focus on their academic subject choices, while continuing to take up aspirational super curricular opportunities. We are looking now towards summer schools and further University placements. These will give them further contextual offers and a great understanding of University and Apprenticeship courses and the experience of them is invaluable to our students and course providers alike. We have a parents' evening to look forward to for Year 12 on Tuesday 25th February, via School Cloud. This will be an excellent opportunity to speak with subject teachers and consider the progress of year 12 and best ways forward. We also congratulate the year 12 on their wider commitment to Stoke Park, such as the volunteers who read with our KS3 group, as well as the GCSE English tutors who work with Year 11 English Students each Thursday Registration.

## YEAR 13

The year 13 cohort have submitted their UCAS applications and have begun to receive responses and requirements from their University choices. Of course, as we look forward, it is important Year 13 consider the Mock exams w/c 3rd March which will be a strong landmark moment as they work towards their target grades and these UCAS applications. It is essential then that they take time to rest and recharge at half term but also make sure they have everything they need; through their teachers, Teams channels and the Subject Board websites, to continue to revise and work towards these mocks and beyond. They have worked hard over the last two years, and this feels like the final push towards success.

*"The mind is not  
a vessel to be  
filled but a fire to  
be kindled"*

—  
*Plutarch*



# SPORTS ROUNDUP



## COVENTRY SCHOOLS CUP QUARTER FINAL: GRACE ACADEMY 2-4 STOKE PARK

On Monday 3rd February the year 9 boys football team earned a hard-fought victory against Grace Academy in the quarter final stage of the Coventry Cup. Stoke students had to show resilience after falling behind 1-0 within the first 30 seconds of the match! However, they put that setback behind them and led 3-1 at half time thanks to goals from Omar (x2) and a stunning long-range strike from Darius.

The second half continued to be an even, physical affair with Stoke moving into a commanding 4-1 lead thanks to a poachers finish by Queaity from a corner. Stoke students had to resist some attacking pressure from Grace who scored to make it 4-2 with 10 minutes remaining. But, the team managed to stay resolute to hold out for the victory.

MOTM: Jovin- not for the first time this year he was everywhere in midfield, he covered so much ground and made many vital blocks, interceptions and tackles.

Exciting times for this team with the next game being on Tuesday 11th February in Round 3 of the West Midlands Cup.



## COVENTRY SCHOOLS CUP QUARTER FINAL- RUGBY UNION PRESIDENT KENNEDY 35-45 STOKE PARK

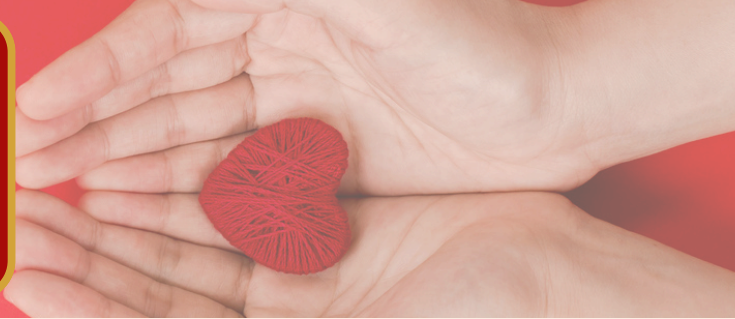
On Thursday 6th February the Year 9 boys rugby team reached the semi-final of the Coventry Schools Cup with a 35-45 win over President Kennedy. Stoke started excellently racing into an early lead after two early tries from Keshawn. However, lapses in concentration in defence allowed PK to score 5 unanswered tries and race into a 25-10 lead which was reduced to 25-15 thanks to a try from Reeko just before half-time. The second half saw Stoke Park have a much more coordinated effort in defence and a potency in attack that led to further tries from Reeko x2, Keshawn x2, Yannick and Logan.

MOTM: Reeko and Keshawn- both unstoppable with the ball in hand which led to them both scoring a hat-trick of tries. King Henry VIII or Coundon Court await in the semi-final which will be played during the next term.



## FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Our family support centre is open!  
You can find more information and useful  
resources on our school website  
[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE](#)



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social media pages, click the  
images to find our page



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STOKE PARK SCHOOL

# VISITING STOKE PARK SOON...

WORLD BOOK DAY  
6 MARCH 2025

## WILLIAM HUSSEY

FANCY A  
SIGNED BOOK?

Let Miss Moore (the Librarian) know  
which book you are interested in, and  
we'll ask William very nicely for you!

## SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

If you have 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](#)

