

# NEWSLETTER

**JUNE 2025**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The last few weeks have seen things begin to come to a close at Stoke Park. The final GCSE and A Level exams are fast approaching and with it the nearing of the academic year. We said goodbye to our Year 11 Architects this week with a leavers assembly and celebration reflecting on their time over the last 5 years. We will be celebrating our Year 13 Scholars next week and looking forward to their next chapters. We will be seeing them all again for a final time at their prom and on results day.

Enrichment week activities have all been announced and we are thrilled to offer such a range of experiences. We encourage everyone to get in touch and confirm their places as soon as possible as this is a brilliant opportunity to decompress and reflect on the year.

We have been busy in rehearsals preparing for the premiere of Oliver! Tickets are available now and we would love as many people to support as possible! The students and teachers have been working exceptionally hard to make this a fabulously entertaining production and we can tell you, you won't be disappointed.

Our Girls' cricket team have faced a range of opponents recently and showed their PRIDE and vibrant tenacity in playing their best and valiantly representing the school. Congratulations Team!

A reminder to all parents and carers to ensure your child is equipped with the Stoke Park 5 Essentials. This makes sure your child is fully equipped and prepared for every lesson and we end the year on a high.

Thanks again for your ongoing support



**Natalie Rock**  
**Headteacher**



## OUR DEDICATED ORATORS

As we approach a busy end of term I am pleased to report the continued dedication of our Year 7 Orators to their studies. It is particularly rewarding to note the high level of oracy our students have developed, with students confidently articulating their ideas and engaging in thoughtful discussions across their subjects.

## SUCCESS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Beyond the curriculum, our students have achieved notable successes. We are delighted to report on an outstanding performance at the recent Girls' Athletics Competition, where a number of our athletes successfully qualified for the Coventry finals. Furthermore, the recent favorable weather has significantly enhanced participation in our ongoing sports clubs, with cricket proving particularly popular.

## OPERATION SMILE

In the realm of community engagement, I am pleased to announce that all students have now received their sponsorship forms for our Operation Smile fundraising initiative. Our collective objective is for each student to raise £15, contributing to this distinguished charity that provides vital surgeries for children affected by cleft lip and palate. We are confident that our students will embrace this challenge with enthusiasm and make a tangible difference.

***"GREAT IS OUR  
ADMIRATION OF  
THE ORATOR WHO  
SPEAKS WITH  
FLUENCY AND  
DISCRETION."***

***MARCUS TULLIUS CICERO***

## LOOKING AHEAD

Looking ahead, the end of the academic year brings with it several significant events. We anticipate the upcoming Showcase Speeches, an excellent opportunity for students to articulate their accomplishments and reflect upon their personal and academic development throughout the year. Additionally, we are greatly looking forward to our trip to the Black Country Living Museum. This excursion will provide a valuable immersive experience into historical contexts.

I must remind you that all permission slips and payments for this trip are due by June 30th. Thank you for your continued support.



### **KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- 30<sup>th</sup> June - Payment Due for Enrichment Trip



# YEAR 8 THE PHILOSOPHER



## 7 YEAR JOURNEY

During the course of Year 8, it has been wonderful to see how our students have grown from the Orator to the Philosopher. Whilst walking through lessons, the traits of the Orator can be seen embedded in the oracy that students deliver. However, now we can truly see the curiosity and wonder of being a Philosopher shining through as students truly seek to explore and question the world around them. As students prepare for their Showcase Speeches and reflect over their year, it is exciting to hear their conversations about what they are proud of and how they aspire to be Revolutionaries in their year to come. A reminder that we will be sending out information regarding Showcase Speech day very soon. Watch this space!

## ENRICHMENT WEEK

As we find ourselves looking ahead to the end of the term, there are plenty of exciting plans lined up for Year 8! Please ensure that you look out for any communication from the team so that your child is prepared for all of the activities across the final week of term.

## DATA COLLECTION

A reminder that Data Collection forms have been sent home to be returned with your child to the Year 8 team no later than **20<sup>th</sup> June**. Thank you.

## BASICS

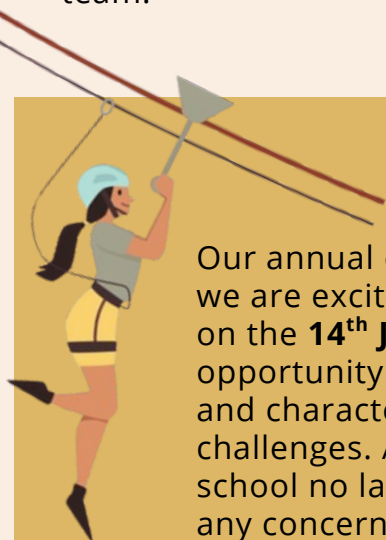
A reminder that all students are required to have their Stoke Park 5 with them every day and dressed in correct uniform. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the team.

***"We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak"***

—  
***Epictetus***

## GO APE!

Our annual enrichment trip letters have gone home with students this month and we are excited to share that this year we will be going to Go Ape at Coombe Abbey on the **14<sup>th</sup> July**. The day planned for our students, offers them a fantastic opportunity to get outdoors and really develop their cornerstones of community and character as they challenge themselves to work together and tackle new challenges. A reminder that the trip letters need to be returned with your child to school no later than **26<sup>th</sup> June** and payment made through ParentPay. If there are any concerns regarding the trip, please reach out to a member of the year team.



**YEAR 8 TEAM:**

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



# YEAR 9

## THE REVOLUTIONARY

### GETTING GCSE READY

Year 9 have been getting themselves GCSE Ready over the last term and will make the next step to this as they move up to the Year 10 area next week. This is so that our Year group hit the ground running in September when they start their GCSE courses. In the final weeks of the year we ask all parents to help support us in getting students GCSE Ready by ensuring that all students have perfect uniform in line with school policy, are fully equipped, on time and in school every day and are ready to learn for every lesson.

### UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH

Year 9 have been discussing and looking at how they can look after, improve and build understanding around their mental health this week in personal development sessions. It was great to see so many of our students being proactive and responsible for their own mental health and sharing strategies they use in order to practice mindfulness.

Students are now moving on to writing their Showcase speeches which are a celebration of their achievements as the Revolutionary this year as part of their Seven year journey at Stoke Park School. Information will be sent out very soon for how parents can book their time slot to come in for their child's speech.

*"I believe that if  
you have  
revolutionary  
potential, you  
must make the  
world a better  
place and use it"*

—  
*Lady Gaga*

### ENRICHMENT TRIP

A reminder to all Year 9 students to hand in their trip letters and make payment for the Cotswold Wildlife Park as soon as possible ahead of our enrichment week trip. We look forward to this trip which will give our students opportunities to learn about animals they may have never seen or heard of, understand more about the countryside and conservation as well as enjoying a day out with friends and as a year group.

A reminder for parents to please complete the data information sheet and for students to hand these back in to their tutors so that we have the most up to date contact information for all alternate and carers.



**YEAR 9 TEAM:**

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



## EXCITING DAY FOR 45 MEMBERS OF OUR Y7 & Y8 STOKE PARK CHOIRS!

Our talented singers went to Warwick Arts Centre for a special vocal workshop, hosted by the fantastic Heart of England Music! We can't wait to see what they learn and how their voices grow!



## GLOBAL SCHOOLS CONNECT GLOBAL ELOQUENCE CHALLENGE

Today Matt L and Jude W took part in the Global Schools Connect Global Eloquence Challenge. I am delighted to say that the boys won their debate against Myrtle Vine School from Nigeria. Judges then deliberated on which of the many schools taking part provided the best level of debate. Matt and Jude were praised for the uniqueness of their arguments, for their exceptional delivery, for their passionate rebuttals and thought provoking technique. As a result of this we were judged to have finished in second place which is a superb achievement! As a school community we should be really proud of what Matt and Jude achieved today and the global recognition they have secured our school



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June** - Teacher Training Day  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July** - End of Term



## **WHAT IS HAF?**

HAF is a national Department for Education funded programme that enables eligible children and young people to attend free activities and experiences with free nutritional food provided. HAF activities and experiences take place in the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays.

## **HAF OBJECTIVES**

There are many benefits for children who attend the HAF programme. We encourage all HAF providers to ensure a high-quality experience that will result in children:

- Receiving healthy and nutritious meals
- Maintaining a healthy level of physical activity
- Being happy, having fun and meeting new friends
- Developing a greater understanding of food, nutrition and other health related issues
- Taking part in fun and engaging activities that support their development and well-being
- Feeling safe and secure
- Getting access to the right support services
- Returning to school feeling engaged and ready to learn.

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Children and young people need to be school-aged children (reception to year 11 inclusive) and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- In receipt of benefits-related free school meals. The Council's website has more information on this: [Coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](https://coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)
- Assessed (through a Children and Families assessment, undertaken by Children's Services) as a "child in need"
- On a child protection plan
- A child in care
- A young carer
- Assessed (through an early help assessment) to be in financial hardship
- Part of the Ukrainian Family Scheme or the Home for Ukraine programme
- Receiving Free School Meals through having No Recourse to Public Funds.

Children and young people in years 12-13 are eligible if they are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals and either have an EHCP or are receiving SEN support at their place of education.

**FOLLOW US ON SOCIALS**







# YEAR 10 THE INVENTOR

## HELLO ARCHITECTS!

Our Year 10 Inventors are quickly preparing to transition into Year 11 to become the Architect. Students have received an assembly this week all about the expectations of Year 11, and that, from **Monday 23rd June, they will be in Year 11**. From the year team our Personal development sessions have focused on students mental and physical health during this period to best support them for the new stage of their journey, as they now have less than a year until they will be finished. Students will also begin to discuss revision over the summer as they prepare to have their second ever set of mocks early on in September in Year 11.

## PLENTY MORE FISH

Our fantastic food tech cohort have been getting stuck in recently with work on preparing fish. They had a highly skilled lesson filleting sea bass and sea bream, followed by shellfish and octopus tasting the following day with more practice on preparing foods. Students were all elated afterwards talking about their experience in lesson and feedback from both staff and students was exceptionally positive.

## CONGRATULATIONS MATT & JUDE

We would also like to highly commend Matt and Jude for their outstanding participation in the Global Schools Connect Global Eloquence Challenge. We are delighted to say that the boys won their debate against Myrtle Vine School from Nigeria. Judges then deliberated on which of the many schools taking part provided the best level of debate. Matt and Jude were praised for the uniqueness of their arguments, for their exceptional delivery, for their passionate rebuttals and thought-provoking technique. As a result of this they were judged to have finished in second place which is a superb achievement! As a school community we should be really proud of what Matt and Jude achieved today and the global recognition they have secured our school.

*"An essential  
aspect of  
creativity is not  
being afraid to  
fail"*

—  
*Edwin Land*

## ENRICHMENT TRIP BOOKING

Finally, a general reminder about the end of year trips. A huge thank you for support so far in getting trip letters back to us, the snowdome trip is nearly completely full and the sealife centre trip is also beginning to fill up. Payments need to also be completed as well as completed trip letters, please get in touch if there is any issues paying for the trips so the team can support



YEAR 10 TEAM:

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



# YEAR 11 THE ARCHITECT

## COMING TO A CLOSE

We are so proud of our year 11 Architects as they come to the end of their exams with the final exam taking place on **Tuesday 17th June**. Our Architects have shown so much resilience and determination during this challenging time. We enjoyed celebrating their time at Stoke Park in the celebration assembly on Wednesday 18th June.

*"There are 360 degrees, so why stick to one?"*

—  
*Zaha Hadid*

## OUR CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It was fantastic to celebrate the end of a chapter during our Year 11 celebration assembly this week. Students received farewell messages from their teachers, tutors and year team and we had some very worthy winners of the Architects of the term awards.

### **BIG CONGRATULATIONS GOES TO THE FOLLOWING WINNERS:**

11BB- Lacy M  
11LBO- Zak A  
11AH- Jenisha S  
11NK- Ronnie S  
11CBR- Leon A  
11JCH- Sabah T  
11CH- Heston F  
Head of Year Award- Olivia S  
Director of Year Award- Aaliyah K

## READY FOR PROM!

in addition, the deadline for payment for the prom is **Friday 20TH June**. The prom takes place on Friday 4th July at Coombe Abbey. Payment is to be done through parent pay and if there are any issues with payment, please contact the Year 11 team.

## RESULTS DAY

Results day is on **Thursday 21st August 2025**, if your son/daughter is not available to collect their results and therefore would like them to be emailed to yourselves please can you contact the Year 11 team.



### **KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- 25th June - Contingency Day
- 4th July - Prom
- 21st August - Results Day

### **YEAR 11 TEAM:**

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





## CONGRATULATIONS ON APPROACH TO EXAMS

This Half Term has begun how the last ended, with year 13 firmly involved in external A level exams. We trust that week away was enough to give them the final push they need to take them successfully through to the summer. As we write this newsletter, we have a very small number of exams left to take. Most of the year have now completed those Year 13 exams that seemed so very far away back in September 2023. The whole of the Year 13 cohort must be congratulated on their approach to revision, attendance and punctuality to the drop-down timetable and their exams. They have matured beyond words in the last month and have been more than ready for these final challenges. We take this opportunity now to wish them all the very best for their futures, both immediately and onwards into future. Never forgetting they are all true scholars; a credit to Stoke Park School and Post 16. We will see them again though one last time to wish them well, on the morning of the **23rd of June**, for a well-wishing assembly here at school and of course, we look forward to seeing everyone from **year 13 at the Prom on July 11th**.

**If tickets have not been reserved yet, please do so very soon.**

## YEAR 12 PREPARATION

Year 12 summer half term is a time of preparation. Immediately, in the form of the mock exams beginning 23rd June. These will set the tone for year 13 and beyond and will also form their choices in regard to their UCAS entries. We have been spending time between these two important landmarks; Mock exams and UCAS entries. The UCAS application will be a testimonial to the hard work demonstrated this year, in the form of pathways, super curricular and experience events (both face to face and online). These will form the lion share of that UCAS Personal Statement. We look forward to warwick University, who will join us on Monday to present a UCAS presentation, to assist students still further with a University approach to completing the document. In the not too far future we look forward to Enrichment week in the final week of the year. More to follow on this later. For now, we encourage all year 12 students to involve themselves fully in the UCAS application and revision for the Year 12 Mock exams. They can of course approach subject and pastoral staff for any help and support they may need with either of these areas over the coming weeks.

## CONGRATULATIONS SINEAD

We must share with you a celebration of one of our year 12 students. Sinead in her own words: "On Thursday June 5th, I took part in an English conference at President Kennedy - the conference was catered towards Year 10 & 11 interested in taking English A-Level, and consisted of keynote speaker Dr. Katie da Cunha Lewin, who gave a presentation on her upcoming book 'The Writer's Room', and four Year 12 students giving their own presentations (of which I was included).

I decided to do my presentation on 'how monsters in gothic literature represent the queer experience', as I think it is incredibly important for us to look at queer voices throughout literature and how views have changed over time. I decided to include the texts 'Frankenstein', 'Dracula', and 'Jekyll & Hyde', as I think the topic I chose is prevalent throughout all these texts and can be linked back to the authors' own experiences. After everyone had given their presentations, they were judged by a group of judges - ultimately, they decided that mine was the winning presentation as I had done incredible research on the topic and texts featured. For the prize, I won a gift hamper full of supplies & a Kindle Scribe - a type of Kindle that allows you to read texts, annotate them, and create your own notepads to take notes. I am incredibly pleased & proud of myself, seeing as I was initially very nervous in the run-up to the conference. I would also like to congratulate all the other presenters as they did an amazing job too."

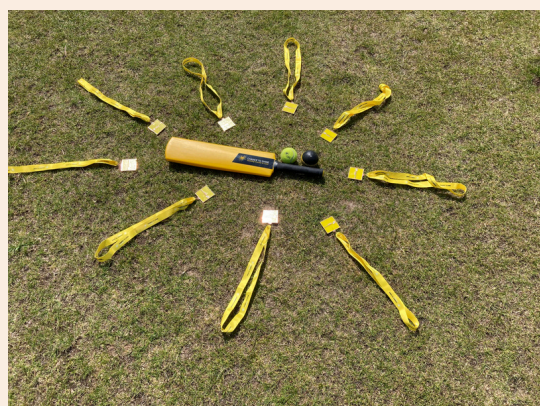
Everyone at Stoke Park and especially the Post 16 centre, is incredibly proud of Sinead also. Very well done.





## CHANCE TO COMPETE U13 GIRLS CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Our U13 girls cricket team performed superbly at this recent tournament. They played well as a team, showing excellent team spirit and determination in all matches that were played. We started off the day with two convincing wins to go through as winners of our section to the semi finals. Unfortunately we had a narrow loss of 7 runs in the semi finals which meant we didn't come back with the overall win. Congratulations to all students who attended today, they were an absolute credit to the school.



## U15 CHANCE TO COMPETE GIRLS CRICKET TOURNAMENT

This week, our U15 girls faced a range of teams from Coventry, Solihull and Birmingham in a cricket tournament. The girls tenacity and teamwork was really put to the test against some stiff opposition, coming second in our section and third overall, coming home with bronze medals. All girls played excellently and were a real credit to the school.

## 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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