



STOKE PARK  
— SCHOOL —

# NEWS

2024

Friday 25th October 2024



Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of the first half term, I am thrilled with the progress and achievements our students have already made across all year groups.

For our year 11 and year 13 students, the half term break will be an important time to revise, rest and recharge as they prepare for their mock exams, which will take place shortly after we return. It's essential for them to balance their studies with relaxation so they're ready to tackle the upcoming assessments.



Additionally, our student council will be at Stoke Heath Primary School on Wednesday 30th October, running a preloved uniform bank. This initiative provides an affordable option for quality school uniform items. Details on the uniform bank including times and locations, are within this newsletter.

With the clocks going back on Sunday 27th October the evenings will become darker earlier. Please encourage your child to stay visible, travel in groups where possible and be aware of their route home for added safety.

### Important dates:

Wednesday 30th October – Stoke Park School Uniform Bank  
Monday 4th November – School reopens to all students  
Monday 11th November – Year 13 Mock Exams begin  
Tuesday 12th November – Post 16 Open Evening  
Monday 25th November – Year 11 Mock exams begin  
Monday 25th November – Year 7 to 11 Flu Vaccinations  
Friday 29th November – Teacher Training Day – School is closed to all students

Have a lovely half term break.

Miss Rock  
Headteacher.



STOKE PARK  
FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE

Our Family

Support Centre is  
OPEN.

You can find  
more information  
and  
useful resources  
on the school  
website:

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### IMPORTANT DATES

You can view the  
school calendar  
on the school  
website:

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## YEAR 7: THE ORATOR

We're thrilled to see the continued progress towards the goal of becoming the Orators. Becoming a great orator isn't just about speaking well; it's also about being a positive role model. That's why, this week, we've given all of Year 7 a values card. Each time they display the values of our school, they will get a signature.

Please remember, every lesson counts towards your child's learning and development. Missing even one lesson can impact their understanding and progress. For every fortnight they have 100% attendance with no lates, they'll get a signature on their values card. The more signatures they collect, the closer they will be to a small prize.

As the nights draw in, it's important to stay safe on the way to and from school. Please remind students to be vigilant on the roads, use designated crossings, and avoid distractions like being on the phone.

## YEAR 8: THE PHILOSOPHER

What a fantastic start to the year our new group of Philosophers have had. There have been so many successes and exciting developments to share and it is a pleasure sharing it with you, our families and friends. Over the passed fortnight, students have been engaging in their Masters of Recall. This is an important part of their academic journey with us as they hone their knowledge and understanding across their subjects. Well done to all students for completing this so maturely.

Other successes this week are focused on our football team with a 6-1 defeat against Finham! Fantastic competition shown by all!

Finally, this Friday sees the return of the long awaited Tutor Cup. This is a weekly opportunity to celebrate our students successes and make action towards improvement for the following week. Well done to Mrs Bala's class for winning highest attendance, Miss Penzer's for highest achievement points, Miss Williams' for lowest behaviour points and Miss Penzer for overall winners. Keep up the good work all. Finally, we would like to wish all of our students and families a restful, enjoyable half term break. We look forward to seeing you in November.

## YEAR 9: THE REVOLUTIONARY

Year 9 have been making great strides with their Revolutionary campaigns. Last Friday 9BDJ held their first Mindfulness colouring session at break and lunch time with students learning new techniques in order to improve their mental health and practice mindfulness. 9LG are now on their second event this Friday by hosting a Basketball tournament on the Year 9 playground over break and lunch. Their campaign is looking to raise sports participation to improve physical and mental health in young people. All events are raising money for our year group charity so any donations are welcome.

Year 9 are on their second session of Careers support as tutor groups have been logging in to Unifrog during registration to explore their career options. Unifrog is an online programme which all students have access to which allows students to enter their likes and dislikes, fill in profiles and then explore the range of careers that is tailored to their interests. This is vital in supporting students in their GCSE options which they will be starting to look at next half term.



Stoke Park School Uniform Bank

**Preloved items of uniform are available!**  
We have:  
Shoe, ties, blazers, shirts and trousers in all sizes  
Come down to see our great collection of clothes  
@ Stoke Heath primary school - 1pm till 3pm - 30th october

## **YEAR 10: THE INVENTOR**

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Year 10, in their final week of this half term, have been exploring post-16 options in their tutor time. We are encouraging students to have a goal in mind for the end of their GCSE's so they really see and feel the value of what they are doing in their lessons. Options for students include staying at Post-16 to study A-levels, looking at vocational college courses, T-levels, Apprenticeships and more. This will allow students to aim high in their GCSEs and shows the importance of getting all their work done in lessons, being on time, and also completing all their homework.

Year 10 have had a push on their organisation to ensure they are not late for lessons, so they are maximising their learning time. Alongside this, we continue to push the importance of attendance to the year group. We thank parents for their support in ensuring students are on time as often as they can be, to school and to lessons.

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## **YEAR 11: THE ARCHITECT**

There are only 4 more school weeks until the next set of mock exams and it is imperative that students continue with their revision routines outside of school. This coupled with the hard work going on inside of the classrooms and after school interventions will help to ensure that they make the expected progress in the upcoming set of mocks. Students have been focusing on 'marginal gains' in each subject and looking how they can be 1% better every day.

In assembly we revealed the winner of our 10 day attendance challenge, we were immensely proud that over 140 students achieved 100% during these 10 days and put themselves in the running of a discounted prom ticket! Congratulations to Finley J who was the winner of our challenge! There will be plenty of opportunities to win more prizes going forward for students who show characteristics of the architect in terms of attitude, behaviour and attendance. The focus of these weeks' assembly is looking at options Post 16. Our architects have had an assembly from the Director of Post 16 to look at the different pathways after GCSE's. Stoke Park have our Post 16 open evening on Tuesday 12th November. More details will be provided regarding this after half term.

Our students are now receiving targeted intervention during tutor time as well as after school therefore attendance and punctuality is of vital importance in ensuring the progress of our students. As the next set of mocks are only 4 school weeks away, each student has been provided with a 30 day revision challenge where there is a daily revision task for Maths, English and Science to complete. Prizes will be given for successful completion of this.

We would like to wish our students a families a wonderful half term and we look forward to the next half term!

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## **POST 16: THE SCHOLAR**

AS we come to the end of our first half term, we reflect on our successes, achievements and our own personal accomplishments. Our year 12 group have had their first taste of Post 16 life, adjusted well and made themselves part of the Scholarly ethos; working hard daily with their A level subjects, delving deeper into the super curricular opportunities made available to them and supporting the wider school through efforts such as volunteering. We have applied for academic pathway opportunities with Cambridge and Warwick University and look forward to seeing if our applications are successful. We have also benefitted from assemblies from career and industry providers such as Uptree and Springpod. The next half term will see our year 12 acting on all these opportunities to shape their understandings of career choices and next steps. In this competitive world, these opportunities cannot be left to one side or go unnoticed.

Year 13 have enjoyed their return to academia, reports and parents' evening this last week was our first landmark moment and will be quickly followed by mock exams, second week back after half term. This will sure up predicted grading and offer more content to feedback and discuss as we look forward to those all-important exams in the summer. We wish you all a relaxing half term, with our mind also fixed firmly on revision. If there are any details or information families wish to go through, please contact us here in the Post 16 building.

# POST 16: THE SCHOLAR

## UKMT Senior Math's Challenge Success!

Recently, 23 of our Y12 and 11 of our Y13 A level Mathematicians were entered for the internationally recognized UKMT Senior Math's Challenge, where they were set a series of mathematical problems to solve. The results are in, and once again we have some amazing successes to share.

### **Gold Certificate**

**Alex 13JW** - Best in Year 13 and Best in School and automatically qualifies for the Andrew Jobbing's Senior Kangaroo but has elected to enter the illustrious British Mathematical Olympiad Round 1 on 20th November, in a bid to beat his already impressive performance from last year!

### **Silver Certificates**

Alex S-A 12AVI - Best in Year 12  
Patrik D 12AVI  
Pranav K S 12AVI  
Florin G 13JW  
Nikita M 13JW

### **Bronze Certificates**

Kiara L 12AVI  
Joshua P 12AVI  
Sara K 13JW  
Anuj K 13JW  
Kiran V 13JW

Well done to everybody who took part and Good luck to Alex for his next challenge!



## **YEAR 10 GIRLS NETBALL LEAGUE WINS**



The Y10 Netball team, led superbly by team captain, Ciara played 3 league matches this week. They played exceptionally well as a team, communicating well and supporting each other off and on the ball. Due to the excellent skills demonstrated we drew against West Coventry Academy and won against Ernesford Grange and Eden Girls school. We look forward to more matches and taking part in the tournament later this academic year.

## **YEAR 8 FOOTBALL VICTORY**



Year 8 played their first match of the season against Finham Park 2 in their first game at Wyken Croft as they move up to 11 a-side football following their success in the Coventry Schools' Cup last year reaching the final. Tuesday's game was the first round of the West Midlands Cup and Stoke Park started brightly, dominating possession and creating chance after chance giving Finham Park's defence a torrid time. By half time the team were 6-0 up with a range of goals from headers, to long range shots to tap ins with Jayden M scoring a hatrick. Stoke Park managed the game in the second half well with students

having an opportunity to play their first ever match for the school by utilising the depth in our squad to make some substitutions who came on played well. It was a well fought win and takes Stoke Park through to the next round of the cup where we face Wood Green School. Mr Hall

# BOOK OF THE WEEK



For our final week before the Halloween half-term, our book of the week is the spooky season classic, Neil Gaiman's Coraline.

When Coraline steps through a door to find another house strangely similar to her own (only better), things seem marvelous. But there's another mother there, and another father, and they want her to stay and be their little girl. They want to change her and never let her go. Coraline will have to fight with all her wits and courage if she is to save herself and return to her ordinary life.

Twinkling with gothic menace and dark subtext, Gaiman's deliciously creepy fantasy unravels the themes of childhood displacement in sinister new environments to create a startlingly original and unnerving novel. An incredible page-turner with an engaging, relatable hero and fantastically terrifying villain, Coraline is an enthralling read which features on our 7-year reading journey for our Year 7 Orators. However, as those who have seen the film adaptation will certainly agree, this chilling tale will set even the bravest spines tingling!