

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and feeling refreshed after the half-term break. As we move into this next part of the spring term, I am incredibly proud to reflect on the achievements, character and spirit shown across our school community. This newsletter captures just a snapshot of the culture of aspiration, recognition and success that defines Stoke Park. Our students continue to demonstrate not only academic commitment, but the values, character and leadership that make our school such a special place.

We are delighted to welcome our two newest Parent Governors, Mrs E Atkins and Mrs N Gaffney, who join us in continuing to strengthen our partnership with families and the wider community.

Across the school, students have embodied our ethos through exceptional participation and contribution.

Our Year 7, 8 and 9 students have embraced opportunities to explore philosophy, develop leadership, and engage creatively with important cultural and historical themes—from Holocaust Memorial Day flames to kindness calendars—showcasing deep reflection and a commitment to making a positive difference.

The Year 8 team has continued to celebrate strong attendance and impressive academic focus, with students demonstrating philosopher traits in and beyond the classroom. Their engagement in Performing Arts, sports, and student leadership has truly brought our values to life.

Our Year 9 Architects have shown initiative and innovation through their revolutionary campaigns, their thriving enrichment involvement, and their thoughtful approach to options preparation. Their creativity and growing sense of responsibility shine through everything they do.

In Year 10, we have been inspired by students' mature and resilient approach to their first set of GCSE mocks. The determination shown during their intensive Study Skills Programme reflects a growing independence that will serve them well as they develop their Post-16 plans.

Our Year 11 students continue to impress with their focus, attendance and commitment as they prepare for their final examinations. Their readiness for morning interventions, strong routines, and positive mindset make us immensely proud as they move into the final stages of their GCSE journey.

Meanwhile, our Post 16 Scholars have approached a demanding term with enthusiasm—embracing mock exams, preparing for university applications, and pursuing super-curricular opportunities. Visits from alumni studying at world-leading universities have inspired students to pursue ambitious futures, supported by their hard work and character.

Beyond the classroom, our sporting community has excelled. From cricket victories and a 100% winning record in KS3 basketball, to the exceptional resilience and teamwork demonstrated by our Year 11 football team, our students continue to represent Stoke Park with pride and determination.

What stands out above all is the unity and energy across the school.

Whether through academic excellence, creative expression, sporting success, community projects or leadership opportunities, our students are consistently modelling what it means to work hard, dream big and make a difference.

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring students arrive on time, ready to learn, and equipped to embrace the opportunities ahead. It is a privilege to lead such an inspiring school community, and I hope you enjoy celebrating these achievements in this issue.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful weekend.



Ann-Marie Smith
Head of School



YEAR 8 - THE PHILOSOPHER

EXCELLENT IMPRESSIONS



This has been an exciting half term as year 8 have settled into their role of the Philosopher. We encourage year 8 to challenge assumption, ask questions and not to settle for what is expected. Our students have impressed us with regards to their positive attitude in and out of lessons. By now you have received your child's report, please reach out to your child's tutor if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further before our year 8 tutor evening. I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate members of the year group who have represented the year group outside the classroom taking advantage of the super curricular and the Stoke Park experience.

FOCUSING ON ASPIRATIONS

On Friday 23rd January a futures trust alumni returned to run a workshop designed on aspirations for post 18 education. **Zak Adams**, currently a 2nd year student at Harvard spoke to the year group in assembly and ran a workshop for 10 of our rising stars. Speaking about different Universities and how to apply for them and what they offer with regards to employment opportunities. Feedback from the session was incredibly positive and students were excited to talk about potential career pathways available to them. Well Done **Sean, Ted, Pius, Kai, Milosz, Delia, Renee, Heather Eboney and Sienna** for representing year 8 so well, we have some budding Lawyers in the year group.

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."



ANNE FRANK

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

We would also like to take to opportunity to celebrate the year 8 girls netball team, who have represented the school so well over the last few weeks under the guidance of Ms Napier one of our wonderful year 8 tutees. To celebrate their determination and excellence on the court Mrs Smith arranged a Head of School celebratory lunch for them – well Done **Godiva, Marley, Joella, Joanie, Sofia B, Oriana and Temi**.

We would also like to acknowledge our basketball superstar **Tommy**, who played with the year 9 basketball team helping to maintain their 100% winning record in the Coventry Schools League by comprehensively beating Barrs Hill 30-6. We look forward to the semi-final! We are proud to announce that 27 of our students have been cast in the whole school musical of 'Shrek'. With some of these students securing main roles such as **Dakouri** who will be playing Donkey, as well as **Temi and Miley** who have been cast as Princess Fiona. We can not wait to keep you updated as rehearsals progress.

AMBASSADORS

One of our very own year 8 tutors Mr McDonald Webb has been busy organising a trip alongside running Mandarin club and current affairs club. Ted represented year 8 when Mr McDonald Webb took a group of students to the Confucius Institute's Chinese New Year celebration. Students were able to watch traditional dance performances, listen to music, and enjoy Chinese food.

Year 8 student ambassadors have fully immersed themselves into their role this half term by supporting with preparations for mental health week (w/c09/02/26). Students have been part of creating a student survey and creating a space for students to come at breaks and lunches who want someone to talk to. We are very proud of all the work that has been done to bring this important week to the forefront of the school community.

As you can see it has been a very busy half term inside and outside the classroom in year 8. We are extremely proud of all of our students and of everything they have achieved in the last 6 weeks and we can not wait to share more achievements with you next half term.

YEAR 8 TEAM:

Director of Gateway - L Hall | Curriculum Progress Leader: L Bailey | Pastoral Manager: S Kinsella



YEAR 9 THE REVOLUTIONARY

A SHOW OF CHARACTER

The Architects in Year 9 have continued to shape the culture of the school with their creativity and growing sense of responsibility. This term has seen each form group launch its own revolutionary campaign, with students tackling issues that matter to them and driving change through thoughtful projects and teamwork. Their ideas have sparked conversations across the year and demonstrated just how committed they are to building a better community.

REVOLUTIONARY PARTICIPATION

This term, enrichment has seen a huge surge in participation, with students throwing themselves into new opportunities. The film club in particular has enjoyed a wave of success welcoming numbers of enthusiastic members each week. Sporting commitment has been equally impressive, with the Year 9 boys basketball team showing determination and skill in every fixture, while the girls netball teams continue to represent the values of the Architect.

Many students are also preparing to take to the stage in the upcoming production of Shrek the Musical, showcasing their dramatic talents with plenty of rehearsals still to take place

"To be yourself is truly a revolutionary act, and I think more and more people should try it, because it's gotten me a pretty cool life."



LENA WAITHE

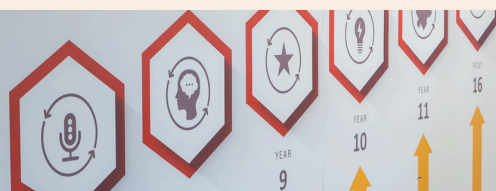
GETTING OPTIONS READY

As we look ahead, thoughts naturally turn to Year 9 options. The school is currently awaiting the outcome of the curriculum review before releasing final guidance, but families should keep an eye out for further information in the coming weeks as we support students in making thoughtful and informed choices about their next steps.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Throughout January each Year 9 RE students spent a lesson learning about Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD), through 2 poems by those who lived through the Holocaust and a story about a Muslim family who helped to hide two Jewish families from the invading Nazi German Army. They used this as inspiration to create their own flame. The flame is a symbol of HMD and their commitment to

remembering victims of the Holocaust and genocides that have followed. Year 9 pupils have shown their commitment to this by helping to create this beautiful display in time for HMD on 27th January.



YEAR 9 TEAM:

Director of Year: C Hughes | Head of Year 9: T Tunilla | Pastoral Manager: S Clayton

COMMUNITY LEARNING!

Following on from the success of our Christmas Card Campaign, where Year 7 and 8 pupils made Christmas cards that we delivered to a local care home and HMD, during February Year 7 will learn about the significance of Eid-ul-Fitr and create a kindness calendar. Year 8 pupils will learn about the Hindu festival Holi and create a display of colour, while Year 9 will learn about LGBTQ+ History through Key Figures.


WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARENT GOVERNORS

We would like to congratulate our other new parent governor that we elected recently **Mrs Nikki Gaffney & Ms. Ella Atkins**

We look forward to welcoming you to the Stoke Park Family!

HOMEWORK CLUB

EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY
3PM - 3.45PM



ROOM 14

EXTRA CURRICULUM AND CLUBS

Club / Ensemble	Day	Time	Room	Target Group / Staff
Drama Club	Monday	3:00 - 4:00 pm	OLC	Miss Poxon
Keyboard Club	Monday	Break Time		33 Independent Practice
Senior Choir	Tuesday	Tutor Time		32 Y9 Choir
Brass Ensemble	Tuesday	Tutor Time		32 Music Staff
Keyboard Club	Tuesday	Lunch Time		33 Independent Practice
Musical Spin Rehearsal	Wednesday	3:00 - 4:15 pm	Main Hall	Y8-Y13
Gateway Choir	Wednesday	Tutor Time		32 Y8 Choir
String Ensemble	Wednesday	Tutor Time		30 Mrs Scott-Burt
Music Technology	Wednesday	Break Time		33 All Year Groups
Bridge Choir	Thursday	Tutor Time		32 Y7 Choir
Guitar Ensemble	Thursday	Break Time		30 All Guitarists / Mr Prior
Musical Spin Rehearsal	Thursday	3:00 - 4:15 pm	Main Hall	Y8-Y13
Stoke Park Orchestra	Friday	3:00 - 4:00 pm		32 Instrumentalists
Music Technology	Friday	Lunch Time		33 All Year Groups



IMPORTANT DATES

23rd February 2026 - Term Begins





YEAR 10 THE INVENTOR

YEAR GROUP IMPRESS WITH THEIR MOCK EXAM APPROACH

Year 10 completed their first set of GCSE mocks this term. We were very proud and impressed with how they tackled mock week with such resilience and maturity. In the run up to this students learnt how to independently revise by learning lots of different ways to revise in their intensive Study Skills Programme and it was brilliant to see so many of our Year 10s taking ownership of their learning and working hard for their exams. Students then learnt from their mistakes as they went through their mock exam feedback in lessons which is a vital part of the learning process towards their exams. As well as this students have completed their NGRT test that assesses students latest Reading Ages which is extremely powerful to understand and support our students when accessing their curriculum.

LOOKING TO NEXT TERM

This next term, students will continue to show the spirit of the Inventor as they look at creating plans for their futures as they research and learn about different options available to them when inventing their Post-16 Plan. Students also have access to **Unifrog** which is an online careers programme that can support them in learning about different career options that may be suitable to them based on their preferences and interests. Students will also have the chance to go to the Apprenticeship fair later next term, any students who wish to go need to speak to Mr Hall.

“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: T Hall | Head of Year 10: L Glover | Pastoral Manager: M Parmar



YEAR 11 - THE ARCHITECT

As we come to the end of this half term, we would like to take the opportunity to say how immensely proud we are of our Year 11 students, The Architects. Throughout the term, they have shown maturity, focus, and resilience, particularly in their approach to assessments and day-to-day learning. Their attitude has been exemplary and gives us great confidence as we move into the final stages of their GCSE journey.

FINAL MOCK RESULTS & PREDICTED GRADES

After half term, you will receive your child's final mock examination data and predicted grades. This information will provide a clear overview of current attainment and will help students and families understand priorities for the final phase of preparation.

GCSE COUNTDOWN

After half term, there will be approximately 50 school days remaining until the start of the GCSE examinations, beginning in the week commencing 4th May 2026. This marks a critical period where consistent effort, attendance, and focus are essential.

GCSE CONTINGENCY DAY – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that the official GCSE contingency day is **Wednesday 24th June 2026**. The designation of a contingency day within the common examination timetable is part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning and is used only in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the United Kingdom. We must therefore remind all Year 11 students that they must remain available until Wednesday 24th June 2026, should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan.

ATTENDANCE, PUNCTUALITY & MORNING INTERVENTION

As we enter this final phase, excellent attendance and punctuality remain more important than ever. Missing even a single lesson can have a significant impact. Targeted intervention sessions continue to take place each morning from 8:40am, providing focused support to address individual gaps and strengthen understanding. To ensure students can fully access this support, all students must arrive on site by 8:30am each day. We greatly appreciate your continued support in reinforcing strong routines during this crucial period.

Year 11 is an intense and important year, and we are incredibly proud of how our students continue to rise to the challenge. With consistent effort, strong routines, and the continued partnership between home and school, they are well placed for success. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish all our Year 11 students and their families a restful and well-deserved break.

LEAVERS' HOODIES


We are pleased to confirm that Leavers' Hoodies are now available to order, a fantastic way for students to preserve memories. Orders can be placed through our private online shop:



← [CLICK HERE](#) →
Login details:



Username: 9378
Password: 7vZTZd83

 Shop closing date: **9th April 2026**

PROM!

Prom invitations have now been issued. We are pleased to confirm that the Year 11 Prom will take place on Friday 3rd July 2026.

Further invitations will be distributed in due course. Additional information regarding tickets and arrangements will be shared shortly.

YEAR 11 TEAM:

Director of Year: I Jamal AHT | Pastoral Manager: S Harris



POST 16 - THE SCHOLAR

ACTION PACKED TERM!

Our Post 16 update on the first Spring half term. A full packed, intensive and very rewarding six weeks. Though the days have seemed wet and dark, the inspiration has come from inside the building and the energy that both year groups are generating has been infectious. The year 12 group have taken steps forward academically by diligently working through their first set of mock exams. The feedback and data has been generated from this and Parents' evening will be held remotely (letters for how to access will follow) on the 24th February, this will be an excellent opportunity for staff, students and those at home to connect and reflect on achievements and areas of consideration.

OPPORTUNITIES GALORE

Year 12 have also been very busy with Super curricular, career research and opportunities of summer school. All can be found on our Year 12 Teams Channel, where all information is stored and links can be followed. We also enjoyed a visit from Zak Adams, a Trust Alumni, who now is studying at Harvard University. He worked with our students to discuss studying abroad, how to apply and how to become University ready. Many students have been inspired by this visit and begun building towards their own aspirational and scholarly futures. Lastly, Thank You to all year 12 who have volunteered around school over the last 6 weeks; some put themselves forward for the Book Fair in the library, while others have worked with the year 10 on their 'Post 16 aspirational choices' PSHE sessions. Both groups have been excellent ambassadors for the building.

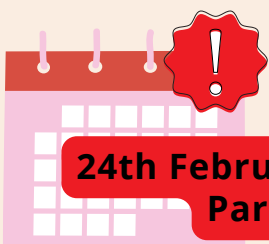
"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."



JANE GOODALL



The year 13 look forward to their last round of mocks beginning the 22nd Feb, this is straight from the return of half term, allowing our Year 13 a week of (some) rest, recharging and plenty of revision to make these mock exams as meaningful as possible. They will; be the final opportunity to gauge where students are at, as we begin the ascent towards the summer exams. Year 13 recently were involved in parents' evening, which allowed us all to reflect and look forwards. Year 13 have also been receiving offers and information from their UCAS University destinations of choice. We have successes in the medicine applications and look forward to moments of mini celebration as we move towards the second half of this term. The days should now become lighter, longer and hopefully dryer and both inspiration and aspiration will fill the building from within and from the outside. We look forward to sharing more success with you next half term, enjoy the mini break



**24th February - Year 12
Parents Evening**

POST 16 TEAM:

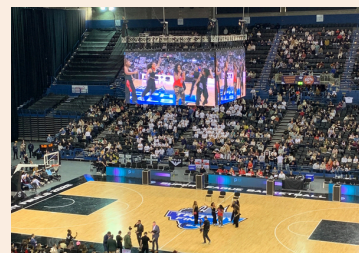
Director of Post 16: L Jakubecz | Head of Year 12 & 13: S Gaiser | Pastoral Manager: E Dye



PE TRIP: BRITISH BASKETBALL LEAGUE TROPHY FINALS

On Sunday 1st February 2026 fourteen students watched the British Basketball Trophy Finals event at Arena Birmingham. The event is the pinnacle of professional British basketball! Students selected for the trip were those who have displayed excellent commitment levels to the after-school basketball club since the start of this academic year.

The day started with the Women's final which saw the Sheffield Hatters defeat the Caledonia Gladiators 80-62. Students were then treated to the spectacle of supreme athleticism with the slam dunk contest. Some students were even able to go courtside and meet the players! The day ended with the men's final which saw a highly competitive game won by the London Lions over the Newcastle Eagles with a scoreline of 74-68. Students left the venue with a renewed passion and inspiration to continue playing basketball. Some even have aspirations to play at an elite level in the future!



KS3 CRICKET: STOKE PARK BEAT AYELSFORD SCHOOL BY 10 RUNS

On Wednesday 28th January the KS3 cricket team played their second group stage game of the Warwickshire Indoor Cricket League and defeated Ayelsford School by 10 runs. Stoke Park were tasked with batting first and managed to post a competitive total of 62 from 8 overs after Blake K batted through the whole innings and was supported by helpful runs from Liam, Adam and Harman. With the ball is where the team really excelled with Liam taking 4 wickets with an excellent display of swing bowling. The team managed to field superbly well and wrapped up the win when they ran out the final Ayelsford batsman when they needed just 10 runs to win. A fantastic win to build on for future matches.



YEAR 11 FOOTBALL: STOKE PARK 2-2 PRESIDENT KENNEDY

On Monday 26th January the year 11 football team played President Kennedy in the quarter finals of the Coventry Schools Cup. Stoke Park started the game brightly but fell behind mid-way through the first half and trailed 1-0 at half time. James. G scored from a powerful effort on the edge of the box to level the game at 1-1 in the second half. Stoke Park were guilty of missing numerous clear-cut chances and were made to pay

when PK scored to put themselves 2-1 up with 10 minutes to play. However, the team did not lose belief and their persistence paid off when Warvin equalised with just minutes remaining meaning the game would be settled on a penalty shoot-out. PK found themselves 3-1 up in the shoot out after Stoke Park missed 2 of their first 3 penalties. Facing defeat, goalkeeper Samuel. O remarkably made 2 consecutive saves to send the contest to sudden death. Samuel then made another outstanding save before composing himself to score the winning penalty! The team were elated at the result, but commiserations go to PK on an unfortunate way to lose. The team eagerly anticipate finding out their semi-final opponents.



KS3 BASKETBALL STOKE PARK 30-6 BARRS HILL

On Friday 23rd January the KS3 basketball team maintained their 100% winning record in the Coventry Schools League by comprehensively beating Barrs Hill 30-6. Stoke Park raced into a 15-0 lead in the first quarter and maintained total control throughout the game. Point guard Hasif H produced an outstanding individual performance which was characterised with accurate long-range passing, skilful footwork and potent finishing both at the rim and from mid and three-point range. The victory was again built on the foundations of teamwork, unity and togetherness.

Stoke Park eagerly anticipate their semi-final opponent for the league which will be confirmed towards the end of March.

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](#)

ONLINE SAFETY LINKS

- [Taking control of your online safety | Childline](#)
- [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)
- [Online safety | Police.uk](#)
- [Get Safe Online | The UK's leading Online Safety Advice Resource](#)



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