

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your continued support. Our students have shown dedication, enthusiasm, and a wonderful commitment to school life, and it has been a pleasure to celebrate so many achievements across the curriculum.

I am incredibly proud of the outstanding successes within our sports teams this term. **Our Year 9 Basketball Team** have secured a series of impressive wins, demonstrating excellent teamwork and determination. **Our KS4 and KS5 Basketball Teams** have also continued to excel, showing strong leadership, resilience, and sportsmanship in every match.

In addition, our **Year 7 students** represented the school brilliantly in the Trust Trampolining Competition. For many, it was their first competitive event, and they approached it with confidence and enthusiasm. Their achievements highlight the talent and potential within our younger year groups.

Our year 7 students also took part in an oracy competition this month. Standing in front of a large crowd of people to deliver a speech was a first for all of the students involved, but the standard of the competition was remarkable. Thank you to the parents who also came in to support, it was a joy to share this experience with you.

We are also thrilled to celebrate a remarkable academic accomplishment: **Heston in Year 12** achieved a Silver Award in the Senior Kangaroo mathematics challenge. This is an exceptional result in a highly competitive national mathematics competition, and it reflects his hard work, perseverance, and impressive problem-solving skills.

This term also included a fantastic creative highlight. **Our Post 16 Drama students** delivered an engaging and thought-provoking performance to Year 8. Their professionalism, creativity, and stagecraft shone through, and our younger students greatly enjoyed and benefited from the experience. Opportunities like this help to inspire future performers and strengthen our vibrant arts provision.

Stoke Park School Student Leadership Group has also been launched this term. For the first time we have the Stoke Park Global and Local Community Challenge groups joining the existing Environment, Sustainability and School Action groups. These students will be a driving force for change in our school, community and around the world. They will be joined by our new Head Students **Rhea and Toby in year 13**.

As always, the successes of our students are a testament to their commitment, the dedication of our staff, and the unwavering support of our families. Thank you for all you do to help our school community thrive.

I wish you and your families a restful break, and I look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for the new term.

Warm regards



Ann-Marie Smith
Headteacher



YEAR 7 - THE ORATOR

As we round off the first term and reach the end of 2025, it is a pleasure to be able to reflect on how incredible a start to Secondary School our Year 7 Orator's have had. Moving on from Primary School can be a really big step in life, and our students have handled it with maturity, determination, and kindness. We are focussing as a year group on building students who are Engaged, Independent, and Kind, and it has been a delight to see so many of our Year 7 community embody these values on a daily basis.



SHINING STUDENTS

Across the learning this half term, we have seen multiple students standing out and shining in their wide range of subjects. Particular mention has to be given to the students who took part in the Year 7 Geography Orator competition, and how exceptionally they spoke in front of an audience. Further to this, some of the Homework we have seen so far this term has been astonishing, with the work of Flo and Heba standing out for the time, commitment and care spent making work on the Ancient Goddesses of Diana and Venus. We have also had students pushing themselves in Science, including today when the whole year group carried out experiments to understand the speed with which snowflakes fall to the ground. Term 2 promises to further widen the learning of our students, and we look forward to seeing what they can achieve.

OUT & ABOUT

Outside of the classroom, it has also been amazing to see students engaging with our many extra-curricular activities on offer. There are so many students involved in these that it is a challenge to mention them all, but as an overview we have had 80 students visit a University this term, 25 students attend the Etihad to watch Manchester City play, 10 students attend the theatre with our Hearing Resource Team, and over 40 students taking part in our Winter concert and musical opportunities through their involvement in the Bridge Choir. As well as this, we have had students competing in a range of different sports for the school, from football to rugby, athletics to trampolining. We have had victories and defeats along the way,

but one thing that has shone through is the determination and spirit of all of our Year 7s no matter what the outcome; this is an exceptional quality to have, and something we are excited to see students continue to grow as they move forward over the next term.

WINTER MEALS

On Tuesday 16th December, we also hosted and celebrated our end of term Winter Meal and Celebration Assembly. We prepared students for this, working with them around the expectations for attending a formal meal. It is an honour to be able to say that, as a year group, they were incredible in the Hall, showing off the culture of the Bridge and how we behave as Orator's within society. Tutors delivered beautiful speeches regarding the successes of their tutees, and we had 9 winners for Orator of the Term. Isabelle won the award from Miss Gummery for standing out amongst the whole year group, and the following were each nominated by their tutor; **Chanan (7ASY), Talhah (7CFO), Manseerat (7COL), Alfie (7JGO), Elodie (7KBH), Jude (7LHO), Hattie (7MPE), and Lilly (7RHS)**.

"No matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow."



MAYA ANGELOU



YEAR 8 - THE PHILOSOPHER

We have been very busy this half term exploring the qualities of a good philosopher and sharing the stories of Philosophers that we admire. Building on the orator skills from year 7, students have taken their ability to communicate formally and articulately and are using these skills to develop critical thinking that they can channel positively to make a difference to our school community.

We encourage our philosophers to: -

- Questions everything.
- Challenges assumption.
- Seeks deeper understanding
- Shows resilience in the face of criticism.

We are so proud that our students are already demonstrating these qualities throughout their school day.

ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all of our families for your support with student attendance this term. In year 8 our focus is on academic success for all students, to achieve this we need all students in school learning. One day missed of school is five hours of learning, and we are determined to ensure that all of our students maximise their learning potential so they can access any career pathway they are passionate about when they complete their 7 – year journey at Stoke Park. Work Hard, Dream big year 8.



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



ANNE FRANK

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Year 8 have truly embodied their philosopher qualities with a large sign up for the student leadership group. Congratulations to the following students who were appointed Leighton, Eboney, Ekomobong, Renee, Joanie and Harman, we look forward to seeing the positive impact you have on the wider school community.

In year 8 we have a strong Performing Arts cohort, who have demonstrated their skills and passion for performing in two different showcases this term. A 'Musical Spin' and the 'Winter concert'. Both shows were a complete sell out and I know these students are waiting with anticipation for the announcement of our next whole school musical.

Alongside the Performing Arts we have a lot of sports men and women in the year group, we have a highly competitive Netball, football and Rugby Teams, as well as students the team of 16 year 8's that represented the school at the indoor athletics event.

WINTER CELEBRATION MEALS

Year 8 all came together on Monday 15th December to share a meal together before we break for the Christmas Holidays. These events are important and they help students develop the necessary social skills to be able to conduct themselves appropriately in formal settings, skills that they will need throughout life at university and business dinners in the future. This was a special event as we were able to celebrate student successes throughout the term and tutors selected students who they felt had embodied the Philosopher traits throughout the first term. Students were impeccably behaved; they looked and acted the part as they entered the hall and celebrated an incredibly successful first term of year 8.

Well done to the following students who were awarded Philosophers of the Autumn Term.

8CB – Temi, 8RPX – Rhia, AMJ – Ayaat, CWA – Harman , JAB – Jiya, IN – Ahmad, CMW – Emir

We want to take this opportunity as a year team to wish all our year 8's and their families a very Merry Christmas, stay safe over the holidays and we look forward to welcoming all students back on Monday the 5th January.

YEAR 8 TEAM:

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



YEAR 9 - THE REVOLUTIONARY

A SUCCESSFUL TERM!

As we reach the culmination of a busy and successful Autumn term, I wanted to share a few things that we have focused on this term.

This term, Year 9 students have demonstrated many of the Characteristics of the Revolutionary. We have seen resilience in the way students have approached more challenging learning, curiosity through thoughtful questioning in lessons, and responsibility in how they have supported one another and represented the year group. Many students have stepped out of their comfort zones, whether through leadership opportunities, enrichment activities or simply by pushing themselves to improve day by day. These are exactly the qualities that will support them as they move forward in their education. I would like to take the time to congratulate our pupils who have fully embraced this challenge. Your effort and positive contributions in lessons have been fantastic, and you are already demonstrating the maturity needed to excel at Key Stage 4 and beyond.

GCSE & ATTENDANCE FOCUS

As we enter the new year, a major focus will be the GCSE options process. This is a pivotal moment in your child's academic career. Information evenings and assemblies will be scheduled early in the Spring term to guide pupils through making informed choices that align with their strengths, interests, and future aspirations. Please look out for specific dates and details in the new year.

Regular attendance has also been a major focus this term, as there is a clear and proven link between strong attendance and positive GCSE outcomes. Every lesson matters, and students who attend school consistently are better placed to build secure knowledge, keep up with learning and develop confidence in their subjects. By attending every day and arriving on time, students give themselves the best possible chance of success, both now and as they progress into their GCSE courses.

SHINING STUDENTS

As we look ahead to January, this focus becomes even more important as students begin the GCSE options process. Students will be supported to make informed, thoughtful decisions that reflect their strengths, interests and aspirations. The work done this term has put them in a strong position to approach this next stage with confidence and maturity.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our 'Revolutionaries' of the term who were awarded this week in our Christmas meals:

9KDJ- Mohammed A

9MWI- Prashna S

9LR- Aaron SS

9PMA- Hannah D

9GLO- Elektra R

9SJA- Hasif

9JPM- Neha S

Head of Year Award- Lola P

"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

May I take the time to wish all of you a very Merry and restful Christmas break. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



YEAR 9 TEAM:

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



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WEST END DEBUT!

On Sunday 23rd November Ted D in Year 8 made his West End Debut on the stage of His Magestys Theatre, London. He is a triple threat at Acting Singing and Dancing and is a meber of the Pauline Quirk Academy!

A WARM STOKE PARK WELCOME TO OUR NEW GOVERNORS

We are delighted to announce two new Governors to the team and look forward to working with them closely to improve our school.

Parent Governor: Mrs N Gaffney - who is the parent of 3 of our students

Staff Governor: Mrs J PArsons-Moore who is the Head of Languages and Lead of ITT and ECT at the school

HAVE YOU ACTIVATED PARENTPAY?

A polite reminder all parents must activate Parentpay accounts to pay for Dinner Money and any future trips

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



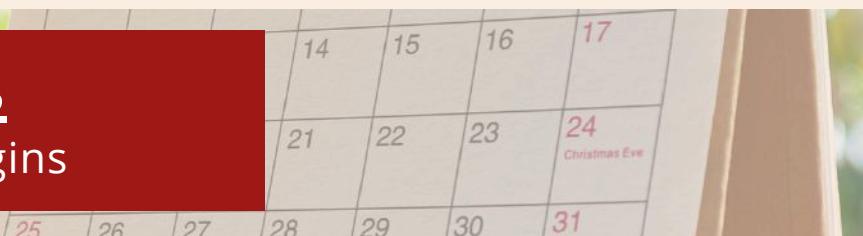
EXTRA CURRICULUM AND CLUBS

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

5th January 2026 - Term Begins



OVO SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

In KS3 we have taken part in the OVO sustainability award. Students were asked to create a design to make our school more sustainable. Farnaz and Dipshu in year 7 were our winners. Their idea was to use a compost bin to turn waste canteen food into compost and turn an area of school into a wildlife garden. Water butts would be used to collect rainwater to water the plants. Their entry has been sent to the national competition in the hope of winning the school £500 to spend on making their idea a reality!



🎵 GUESS WHO DROPPED INTO COVENTRY RECENTLY... 🎵

Ahead of his gig at the CBS Arena, Ed Sheeran visited the city to launch two new music and mentoring programmes with Coventry Music and the Ed Sheeran Foundation.

We were proud that our Head of School, Ms Smith, was invited to attend the launch event alongside other headteachers, celebrating the start of these exciting opportunities for young people.

The new programmes will create real routes into the music and creative industries, with industry professionals working directly with schools over the coming years. Through the Ed Sheeran Foundation, one young person from each participating secondary school will be funded to spend a dedicated day each week developing the skills needed to access the music industry 🎤

An inspiring moment for music education in Coventry and a fantastic step forward for our students.



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](https://www.safetotalk.org.uk/): 0800 111 4998
- [Childline](https://www.childline.org.uk/): 0800 1111 NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- NSPCC FGM Helpline: 0800 028 3550
- [Kooth](https://www.kooth.com/)
- 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](#)



YEAR 11 - THE ARCHITECT

As we come to the end of this 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 demonstrated maturity, focus, and resilience, particularly in their approach to assessments and daily learning. Their attitude has been exemplary and gives us great confidence as we move into the final stages of their GCSE journey.

MOCK RESULTS & PREDICTED DATA

On Friday 19th December, students will receive a copy of their next set of mock results and predicted data. This information will help them clearly understand their current performance and the areas they need to prioritise moving forward.

A copy will also be posted home for parents and carers.

We strongly encourage families to take time to review this information together and support students in acting on the feedback provided by subject teachers.

GCSE COUNTDOWN

From Monday 5th January, there are approximately 70 school days remaining until the first GCSE examination. This marks the beginning of the final preparation phase, where every lesson, every day, and every small improvement will make a significant difference.

SAVE THE
DATE!

Prom

3rd July 2026



*Further information
regarding the tickets, and
arrangements will be shared
in due course.*

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**

ATTENDANCE, PUNCTUALITY & MORNING INTERVENTION

As we move into this crucial period, attendance and punctuality are more important than ever. With a limited number of school days left before GCSEs, missing even a single lesson can have a significant impact.

Targeted intervention sessions take place each morning from 8:40am, offering 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 support in reinforcing the importance of arriving on time and maintaining excellent attendance during this vital stage of Year 11



FINAL MESSAGE

Year 11 is an intense and important time, and we are incredibly proud of how our students continue to rise to the challenge. With consistent effort, strong routines, and the continued support of 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.



POST 16 - THE SCHOLAR

It has been a busy and rewarding second half to the Autumn Term and while everyone is ready now for the Christmas break it is important to reflect on all the Scholarly outcomes over the past seven weeks.

AMBASSADORS VISIT

Year 12 have been involved in the Super curricular with a number of partner providers and met with University ambassadors from Leicester and Aston University and also the University of College London. These provided our Year 12 with plenty to consider regarding where and what to study and career pathways that will be open to them. Of course, University degrees are one such option, but with the growing trend towards Apprenticeships and Degree Apprenticeships it is always important to hear from our trusted providers JLR on the routes towards these particular pathways. Year 12 have a number of pathways to consider going forward. The next academic landmark moment is the Mock Exam week beginning first week back on our return, January 4th. This will provide an excellent understanding of where the students are at and will give the year 12 pastoral team, teachers and families some strong indicators. A report will be generated from this. So, the Christmas break will be a time of reflection, recharging and revision. Year 13 have had focus on their Post 18 destination choices; through mock exams, UCAS personal statements and final experiences to assist their submissions. Some, over this week have had medicine interviews and we wish them well. Others are looking ahead to their submission returns. All are optimistic and focused and we share that sentiment.

"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 GOODALE



CHRISTMAS FUN

The whole Post 16 enjoyed our Christmas jumper day last Thursday and the photos show what a colourful and celebratory day it was, with money collected for charities, everyone had a fun day. We now look forward to our Christmas buffet meal on Friday and celebration assembly where we will reward dedication, hard work and good attendance for both year groups. For now, we wish you all a restful break and **we look forward to seeing all our Post 16 Scholars on the 4th January.**



POST 16 TEAM:

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



HEARING RESOURCE BASE NEWS

We started our academic year with some fantastic news. Ten pupils received certificates for successfully completing the British Sign Language Level 1 award. Out of the ten pupils, eight of them are now continuing with the Level 2 qualification which is equivalent to a GCSE. We now have a new cohort of seven pupils that will undertake the Level 1 qualification for this academic. As the only secondary school in Coventry and surrounding areas with a Hearing Resource Base for profoundly deaf children, we are immensely proud of all the pupils for not only developing their skillset but also helping to make Stoke Park School a more inclusive school.

Five of our deaf pupils competed in a HADO tournament. If like me you have no idea what HADO is, allow me to explain. HADO is the world's first Augmented Reality (AR) sport that combines physical movement with video game elements. It is like an AR version of dodgeball. Players wear an AR headset and a motion sensor on their wrist in order to target energy balls towards their opponents. The amazing thing about HADO is that it is very inclusive. Size, strength, and athletic ability are not as important as agility and being able to target and use shield elements. Our team did extremely well. The boys showed excellent determination, outstanding teamwork and support for each other and finished in second place overall out of nine teams! A huge congratulations to all them.

Oh yes we did! Our recent trip to the Belgrade Theatre to watch Sleeping Beauty the pantomime was a fantastic success, filled with laughter, colour, and plenty of 'behind you' moments. Eleven pupils, both deaf and hearing, took part in this trip. From the moment the curtain rose, everyone was fully engaged, joining in with the songs, cheering the heroes and booing the baddies. The performance had captions which allowed our deaf pupils to be fully included. Even though it's behind us now...we are still smiling from it!

And finally, it was time for our annual Christmas get together with the staff and pupils from the primary resource base. This was a lovely way to catch, to celebrate the end of term and to enjoy some festive fun. Pupils had a great time socialising, taking part in Christmas themed games and enjoying snacks together. This trip gave everyone the opportunity to enjoy a change of scenery, share laughs with friends and create special memories together. Our pupils were exceptional ambassadors for the school which helps with the transition from primary to secondary as it is likely that most of the deaf pupils from the primary resource base, will become Stoke Park pupils when they are in Year 7.



CHRISTMAS CARD CALLOUT

Year 7 and 8 this week have made Christmas cards to give out within the local community, such as the church and local residents care homes.

!! We would love to collect old Christmas cards so next year we can make some gifts from them !!

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SPORTS ROUNDUP



Y8 NETBALL WIN VS CALUDON CASTLE

Well done to our Y8 Netball team who played Caludon Castle in a league match this week and won 5-3. There was some very strong play in the centre third and some excellent defending and tactical awareness from the player of the match, Godiva. Our rebound skills in our defensive area was strong and managed to turnover the ball after some unsuccessful shots from the opposition.

Well done to all team members; Godiva O, Oriana, Joanie, Joella, Temi F, Sofia B, Marley M

Y9 NETBALL WINS

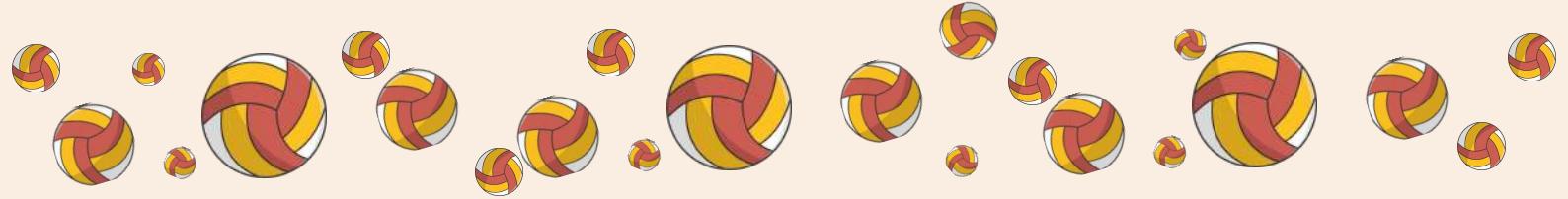
Out Y9 Netball team played a superb game of Netball this evening with confidence, well executed skills and excellent team work to secure a win in the Coventry schools Netball league. Communication and movement into space was exemplary throughout all four quarters.

Movement into and around the circle by our two shooters was well though out and there were some excellent feeds from the centre third found both GA and GS with pinpoint accuracy where they were converted to goals.

Well done to the whole squad, especially Irorun who was voted woman of the match by the opposition. The squad comprised of Irorun O, Cecilia A, Millie A, Suvar B, Tiana T, Amy D, Kimy E, Evelyn L, Lola P and Hannah D.

ANOTHER WIN FOR THE Y9 NETBALL TEAM!

We started the game with 6 players due to illness and fought hard for the first quarter with one person down to end the quarter 1-0 to us. Godiva from the Y8 team then kindly joined the team to finish the match. Communication was excellent throughout and team spirit and energy was high. There were some beautifully places long balls from the centre third into the circle and some fantastic work in the circle from our shooters to finish the match 8-0 in the last league game of 2025. Well done to all players, Millie A, Cecilia A, Irorun O, Evelyn L, Kimy E, Godiva O (Y8), Hannah D.



Y7 TRUST TRAMPOLINING COMPETITION



The Y7 Trampolining team had their first trust school competition hosted by President Kennedy. All competitors from Stoke Park held their nerve and bounced very well in front of an audience of students, teachers and parents. We had 3 students who medalled in the competition.

- Bella Rose 1st beginner section
- Ayesha J 3rd beginner section
- Declan medal for most dedicated at training

Other competitors who also bounced, supported the team and performed well are: Tinotenda, Caila, Ruby A, Eliza. We congratulate all performers on their excellent performance. We will be in training for the next one at Easter and hope to bring home more medals again.



SPORTS ROUNDUP

KS5 BASKETBALL: STOKE PARK 52- 34 LYNG HALL

On Friday 7th November the KS5 basketball team played their first game of the year against a strong Lyng Hall team. The Stoke Park team contains a mixture of Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 students with the younger members of the team really excelling in their performances (Melad, Omar and Sam). Melad, in particular, was dominant in offensively rebounding the ball and converting second chance opportunities. The leaders of the team (Dhian and Philwill) produced some outstanding moves in offence and ensured the team remained disciplined in their defensive shape. Stoke Park started the game remarkably going into a 17-3 lead after Q1. Lyng Hall, to their credit, battled well and reduced to arrears to a 5 point game by the end of Q3 (32-27). However, Stoke Park put on a clinical display in Q4 with Dhian igniting behind the 3-point line to secure the victory! A great result to build on for future matches.

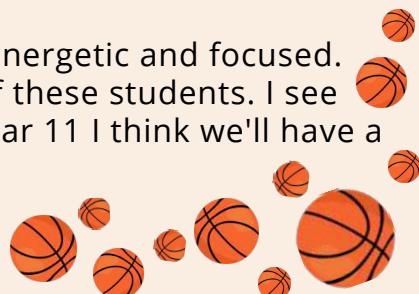


BASKETBALL SPARKS!

Year 9 team, these students were fantastic tonight. Really respectful, energetic and focused. Basketball seems to have really ignited a spark and passion in some of these students. I see them playing outside every break and lunch! By the time they reach year 11 I think we'll have a great team on our hands

Team:

Gabriel O, Ollie W, Joel Q, Noah H, Hasif H, Kishii O, Lovan M, Blake K



YEAR 9 BOYS TRUST CUP BASKETBALL

On Thursday 11th December the Year 9 boys basketball team represented Stoke Park at the Trust Cup Basketball event hosted by Barrs Hill. Students in Year 9 have been training routinely in the lead up to this event. As a result of this continuous practice many students have now learnt the fundamental skills of the game. The team was unlucky to be edged out in two close matches against President Kennedy and Barrs Hill but responded superbly by beating Coundon Court. With more match practice the students will learn to cope with the demands and pressures of a game situation. But what cannot be faulted was the student's energy and enthusiasm for the game, it was fantastic throughout!

HOMEWORK CLUB

**EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY
3PM - 3.45PM**



ROOM 14



MUSIC NEWS



MUSIC STUDENTS INSPIRED BY CHINEKE! ORCHESTRA AT WARWICK ARTS CENTRE

Music students, from Stoke Park School recently enjoyed an unforgettable cultural experience at Warwick Arts Centre, where they attended a live performance by the acclaimed Chineke! Orchestra. The trip was part of the school's wider enrichment programme, aimed at expanding students' cultural awareness and appreciation for the arts.

Chineke! Orchestra, Europe's first majority Black and ethnically diverse orchestra, delivered a stunning performance that blended classical brilliance with contemporary flair. A particular highlight of the evening was Beethoven's Triple Concerto, featuring three outstanding soloists: Tai Murray (violin), Sheku Kanneh-Mason (cello), and Isata Kanneh-Mason (piano). Their performance was both technically masterful and emotionally powerful, leaving a lasting impression on the audience. For many students, this was their first time experiencing a live orchestral performance.

One student shared, "I didn't know what to expect, but it was amazing. The soloists were incredible, and the whole orchestra played with so much passion. "The students' conduct on the evening also drew praise from members of the public. One audience member wrote, "All of the pupils at the concert, without exception, were very polite, well behaved and were a real testimony to themselves, their parents and the school... They conducted themselves impeccably." The same audience member also noted that Stoke Park was the only school present, commending the staff for making such an inspiring opportunity possible.



OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN MUSICAL THEATRE SINGING

On Monday, 24th November, Kaya D (Year 12) sat her LCM Grade 8 Musical Theatre Singing Exam and achieved an exceptional score of 94 out of 100, earning a Distinction. The London College of Music (LCM) Grade 8 assessment is the highest level in this discipline and is marked across four components: Vocal Exercises, Performance, Performance Delivery & Written Programme, Discussion. A score of 85+ marks is required for a Distinction, making Kaya's result a remarkable accomplishment. This achievement reflects her technical skill, interpretative ability, and deep understanding of musical theatre performance. Importantly, this Grade 8 qualification carries 30 UCAS points, which will significantly support Kaya's progression to higher education and specialist performing arts pathways.



STOKE PARK SCHOOL - REMEMBRANCE DAY TRIBUTE



On Monday, 11th November, Stoke Park School marked Remembrance Day with a respectful and moving tribute to honour those who served and sacrificed. The school community gathered for a moment of silence and reflection, reinforcing the importance of remembrance and peace. A highlight of the ceremony was Ruth Robertson our brass teacher from Coventry Music, performing the Last Post on the trumpet, creating a poignant and memorable atmosphere for all present. This live performance added a powerful sense of tradition and solemnity to the occasion. The event demonstrated the school's commitment to fostering respect, empathy, and historical awareness among students..

SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL SHOWCASES TALENT

On Monday, 24th November, our Year 12 and Year 13 Drama students, currently studying RSL Level 3 Creative and Performing Arts - Acting, delivered an inspiring Shakespeare Festival to an audience of Year 8 students. The event featured a series of extracts and monologues from some of Shakespeare's most celebrated works. Students demonstrated exceptional skill in interpreting complex language and themes, bringing characters to life with confidence and creativity. Their performances highlighted not only their technical ability but also their passion for theatre and storytelling. This festival served as an invaluable opportunity for younger students to experience live drama and engage with Shakespeare in an accessible and dynamic way. We are incredibly proud of the professionalism and talent displayed by our Year 12 and 13 students. Events like this reinforce our commitment to fostering creativity and cultural appreciation across the school community.



PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE

On Tuesday 25th November, Stoke Park School hosted its highly anticipated Performing Arts Showcase, "A Musical Spin!", in the main hall. The event was a resounding success, celebrating the creativity, talent, and dedication of our students across music, drama, and dance. The showcase featured an exciting programme of performances inspired by iconic musicals, including Rent, Little Shop of Horrors, and Matilda. Students demonstrated exceptional skill and confidence, delivering high-quality performances that reflected weeks of hard work and rehearsal. Attendance was strong, with families, staff, and members of the community joining us to support the performers in a sold out show. Feedback from the audience was overwhelmingly positive, praising both the professionalism of the event and the enthusiasm of the students. This showcase forms part of our wider commitment to enrichment and cultural education, providing students with opportunities to develop performance skills, teamwork, and resilience. It also highlights the strength of our Performing Arts provision and the dedication of our staff in nurturing talent. We are proud of the success of "A Musical Spin!" and look forward to building on this momentum with future events that continue to inspire and engage our school community.



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