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Dear parents and carers,

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day. The day was filled with literary joy and creativity. Our year 7 and Year 8 students had the opportunity to listen to an author, immersing themselves in the magic of storytelling and gaining insights into the world of writing. Meanwhile, years 9 and 10 showcased their artistic talents by creating inspirational graffiti art. During period 5 all students participated in an engaging quiz to test their knowledge of books and films. Winners will be announced next week! Staff members played their part by dressing up as beloved characters from their favourite books; we saw Daisy from the Great Gatsby, Jane Austin, The Mad Hatter and many characters from J.K Rowling's Harry Potter books. They fully embraced the spirit of the day.



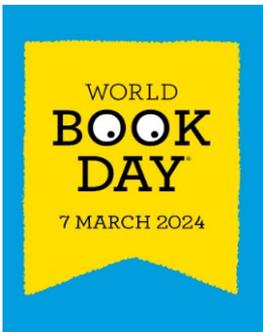
Our year 11 students have approached their mock exams with determination and focus. They will receive feedback next week from their teachers, and it is crucial they listen, ask questions, to enable them to prepare their revision before they sit their GCSE exams in May.

It's wonderful to hear the sporting successes from our students. Our dedicated athletes have been shining in netball and football. They are demonstrating exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship in various fixtures.

This week and throughout March, some of our students have and will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of external trips. We want our students to embrace these opportunities with enthusiasm and curiosity. These trips not only provide valuable educational insights, but also give them experiences they may not have had the chance to explore before.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Rock
Headteacher



On Thursday 7th March, we celebrated World Book Day at Stoke Park in spectacular fashion!

Years 7-10 were off their regular timetable to take part in projects throughout the day. Meanwhile, many of our teachers dressed up as their favourite literary characters, from Bellatrix Lestrange to the Mad Hatter to Miss Trunchbull!

Pat Ryan – Stoke Park's special guest author and storyteller – performed quite a range of engaging stories for our Year 7 and 8 students, stories originating from all across the world; stories which captivated so many of our students. Alongside this, some students from Years 7 and 8 also took part in a workshop with Pat in the afternoon, developing their creative writing skills through a series of enjoyable activities. Each of Years 7-10 took part in activities focusing on books from our Seven-Year Reading Journey, from creative projects to improving their reading out loud.

Another activity taking place throughout the day was 'Reading Pets!', where students were tasked with guessing- based on clues and provided- which teachers owned several pets which were pictured.

Finally, eight of our Year 7 students took part in the city-wide Hooked on Books quiz. This was a competition based on the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards, with eight books specially selected for our two quiz teams to read and answer challenging questions on.

Congratulations to both of our teams who took part, and we thank them for their hard work leading up to the event. Team A (Evelyn L, Hasif H, Elektra R and Steven W) alongside Team B (Jenson T, Evie L, George N and Bailey S) represented Stoke Park wonderfully, with Team B finishing second place overall. For their efforts, both teams will receive amazing prizes, including Team B receiving some certificates and signed books!

World Book Day tokens have also been given out to all of our students, to either get a book for free or receive a £1 book discount at many large retailers, including supermarkets. Make sure you use them by Sunday 31st March!

Students have really enjoyed the storytelling sessions. Stories were shared from over 3000 years ago, from all parts of the world. Students engaged with the morals of the stories. They especially enjoyed the ghost story!



Students across the school have been taking part in the Music departments competition for World Book Day 2024. To enter the competition students have been asked to choose their favourite children's book and rap a section of the book along to a backing track.

Winners will be announced in next weeks newsletter.

YEAR 7: THE ORATOR

In The Bridge this week, students have had a wonderful opportunity to experience a live 'Mars event' on Tuesday as part of 'National Mars Day' in their Science lessons. Students were able to hear from real Scientists and Astrologists around Mars and the research happening in the world today. Students were also able to ask questions to broaden their knowledge around space and Mars. Students asked insightful questions around Universities / Further Education routes to get into astronomy and Sciences. Students thrived from having this unique experience.

Students also had a fantastic day on Thursday celebrating World Book Day! Students were studying and dramatizing an extract from the novel, 'Windrush Child' by Benjamin Zephaniah where they were able to explore worldly topics and put their oracy skills to use through discussions and debates. Students created a piece of drama around an extract that they read which was a fantastic creative opportunity. What was really lovely to see were students designing what their 'Dream Library' would look like and it was lovely to witness the different perspectives our students have around the perfect reading environment. Students also, were very lucky and had a session in the hall with author, Pat Ryan who shared with students her experiences around being a writer and excerpts from her work. Students were able to ask questions and develop an insight to reading and writing. This session was fantastic for everyone. Some of our students had an exciting personalised workshop with the author in the Library too which was phenomenal for all involved.

This week in tutor time, students have continued to reflect on their time at Stoke Park around their teamwork, leadership, communication skills that they've developed since September. It is lovely to see what students have achieved so far this year and what their targets are going forward.

YEAR 8: THE PHILOSOPHER

The year 8 students have started their charity work this term with a sponsored skip in aid of cancer Research. The aim is to complete 100 skips a day in March. As we will be on half term for part of this, we are upping our daily total to 210 to meet our target before the end of the month!

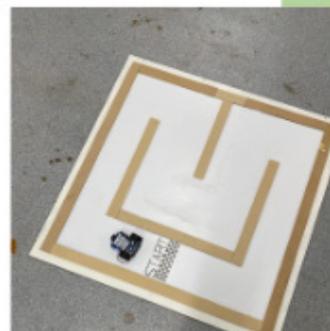
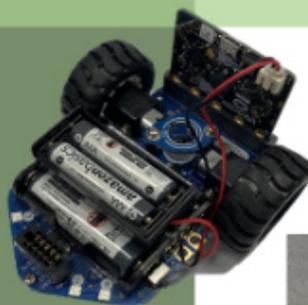
Students have risen to the challenge with excellence this week with two students leading the way to complete over 300 skips between them on the first day! Our year 8 students really are showing their community and character cornerstones by committing to this challenge.

Students will be taking part on the gateway by the heart-space during social times with Miss Smith. Please show your support and help us raise our target of £100!

Design and Technology

Today year 8 were programming vehicles to navigate a track. Students had to use trial and error and calculations to work out the speed and distance the vehicle had to go in order to move around the track.

The aim of the past few lessons has been to gain an understanding of how intelligence is added to products and how these can benefit our lives



YEAR 9: THE REVOLUTIONARY

Year 9 have had a fantastic week fostering their love of reading by participating in the school-wide drop down day, to spend the day with their tutors exploring a book with a Revolutionary theme. Students dived into 'The Hate U Give' by Angie Thomas which explores police brutality in America. Students also discussed graffiti art and spent some time drawing their own graffiti about influential and important topics, the best of which we aim to hang up in the Year 9 area. All Year 9 students must have a reading book as part of their equipment for school and we encourage these to regularly be changed so students get to experience and read new books.

We are still ongoing the options process- students have until the 20th March to have submitted their options choices on the form via the school website (or on the students teams). Please see the link here if you need more information and are yet to submit: [Stoke Park School- Year 9](#). Please feel free to get in touch with any of the Year 9 team should you need support.

YEAR 10: THE INVENTOR

Year 10 have been working hard this week focusing on our charity sponsor week which will take place after Easter. Year 10 are raising money for Cancer Research UK and are currently discussing in their tutors what sponsored activity they would like to partake in to get sponsored for. We really do appreciate all support with this and a text message will be sent out to parents/carers next week with more information to follow!

Our inventors really impressed us this week during world book day with their innovative story telling as they recreated Alladin with a modern-day twist! Students then presented their stories to the rest of the tutor showing excellent communication skills.

We will also be holding an online Year 10 tutor evening on Tuesday 19th March. This is an excellent opportunity to speak to your son/daughters form tutor to discuss their progress following their recent mock exams and any other concerns you may have; letters will be sent home shortly with further information regarding this.

YEAR 11: THE ARCHITECT

Year 11 have been fantastic this week in their preparation, completion and conduct of their final mock exams ahead of the real exams that take place in less than 8 school weeks time. They have been revising at home and are understanding the importance of their preparation in order to help them do as well as possible. We would like to thank you for your support as well for what can be a very challenging week for our students but we have been so impressed at how they have rose to the challenge again and beat all expectations.

It is crucial all students ensure their attendance remains as high as it has been this last week as teachers will be reviewing their mock exams and giving feedback on what areas they need to improve on and where they dropped marks in order to close the gaps ahead of the real exams.

Please can we ask for your support in ensuring that your child is in every day and on time for intervention in the morning beginning at 8.40am. Myself and Mr Jamal will be holding a Year 11 Parents Information Evening in the coming weeks before Easter for parents to join in order to find out more information on how you can best support your child in their GCSE exams and their revision towards these. More information regarding this event will be posted out in due course.

POST 16: THE SCHOLAR

Our Year 13 students have been getting the results of their mock exams this week, another landmark moment as we look ahead to the summer external exams. The feedback they receive now is invaluable and will inform teaching, learning and revision for these final number of weeks. A report and a parents' evening will be generated and will come out to you in due course. Please look out for this in your texts and in this newsletter. If you are not able to make the evening alternative arrangements can be made, but in the first instance contact us here in the Post 16 building and we can give other dates and times to suit your availability.

Year 12 are also busy with academic, super curricular and wider community work. They continue to support the school with reading sessions with lower years, assistance in classes and generating charity programmes. The Zero Gravity programme is now up and running and we look forward to the 'matching' up of our students with undergraduate students at universities who can support our Post 16 to be aspirational and strive for the best. Warwick Scholars has also now opened and there is a link through the year 12 Teams channel. This is a great opportunity to those thinking of applying to Warwick to receive lectures, scholarly invites, financial support and reduced offers. The full list of criteria and benefits are available through the link. Warwick are also offering lecture sessions in various subject streams, such as Humanities and STEM. Again, this is all available through the Teams channel with hyperlinks there to click through. All these opportunities serve as a great introduction to University education and also material to populate the personal statement or covering letter; essential for all degree, apprenticeship or job opportunities. This all allows our students to not only stand out but stand above the crowd.

Year 12 Music Performances

Last week, Y12 musicians took to the stage to perform their 15 minute solo sets. This was the culmination of months of practice. The unit of work entitled 'Lead Performer', assesses them on their overall stage craft. How well do they interact with the audience? How do they utilise the space on the stage? How well planned and executed is their stage presence?

Performances were well prepared and confident and enjoyed by the audience. Students now head into the evaluation component of the unit.



CAREERS OFFICE

The Stoke Park careers office is now open to all students for drop in sessions if they wish talk about there options or possible careers options they are thinking of.

Opening times will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday break time.

JLR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Year 9 students enjoyed a day out at the JLR international women's day STEM event. They got to listen to inspirational women who are apart of the STEM team at JLR, as well as listen to speakers they also got to network and ask questions after the event.



Some quotes from the day "I really enjoyed today as I was extremely inspired by the women in STEM subjects explaining how they got into the roles they are in and how they struggled to get there"

" The event was inspiring it showed me things about the career in STEM and also helped me think about the subjects I want to choose for GCSE"

MODULO TRIP



On Tuesday, 12 KS3 musicians, joined over 100 other musicians from various schools across the country, to take part in a one-day orchestral rehearsal, at the Midland Arts Centre in Birmingham. Stoke Park is one of 35 schools nationally to have been accepted onto the 'Modulo' programme, which is run by the Arts organisation 'Orchestras for All'.

Our 12 musicians, who all currently receive instrumental lessons in school, spent the morning in sectional rehearsals (with similar instruments), before combining as a full orchestra in the afternoon. The day culminated with a performance of the two pieces that students had prepared. The 'modulo' currently practice every Friday from 3-4pm, and are happy to welcome new members.



In Partnership with Coventry SENDIASS
Coventry Education Psychology Team will be running a FREE session for parents/carers on

Emotion Coaching

Emotion Coaching is an approach that parents/carers can use with children and young people to support their emotional development.
Research suggests that Emotion Coached children and young people:

- Are more emotionally stable
- Are more resilient
- Achieve more academically in school
- Have fewer behavioural problems

This session will introduce the steps of Emotion Coaching and it's scientific basis and will involve practical activities and resource sharing so that parents can begin to use this increasingly popular approach straight after the session.

'Live' Virtual Session

(This session will be delivered via Microsoft Teams)

Tuesday 12th March 2024

9.30am – 11.30am

To book a place (and get your link) please contact SENDIASS
Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: iass@coventry.gov.uk

*Please QUOTE: 'EPS' when booking



DOES YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON HAVE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS?

Get in touch with us if you would like to join our next SENDIASS Coffee Morning. Meet other parents in a similar situation. Share with others in a friendly, non-judgemental environment, together with a member of staff from SENDIASS.

COFFEE MORNING

TUESDAY 19TH MARCH 2024
(9.30AM-11.30AM)

NEW VENUE!

The Wave,
Coffee Tots Community Room
New Union St, Coventry CV1 2PS

To book your place contact:
SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)
Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: iass@coventry.gov.uk



SPORTS NEWS

Youth Sports Trust Leadership Conference



We were very fortunate to have been selected as one of only 6 schools from the area to take part in this prestigious conference at Langley School this week. Mel Clarke, a former Paralympic Archer told her inspirational story of success and students were lucky enough to be able to hold and wear the Silver medal she won at the London 2012 Olympic Games. Two inspirational young leaders from Langley School also spoke to told us of their amazing journeys in sport and how they overcame obstacles they faced along the way. During the conference our students took part in theory and practical sessions, leading and contributing to discussions and workshops around being a good role model and leader. They now have some excellent skills to be able to bring back to school to lead sessions to other students in Year 7.

They were all an absolute pleasure to take and a real credit to the school, demonstrating PRIDE in action!

Stoke Park progress to the Coventry Schools' Cup Semi-Finals



The Year 7 Football team beat Bishop Ullathorne 1-0 on Wednesday evening on their home pitch at Dane Rd to progress through to the Semi-Finals of the Coventry Schools' Cup. The team set up in their usual formation and line up and executed the game plan excellently by defending for long periods of the game and nullifying the Bishop Ullathorne team who had Academy players alongside a very strong and capable squad. The team battled on and took the game into half time at 0-0 with some excellent last-ditch tackles by Jensen T. In the second half the lads had to show great character again as they

were under considerable pressure from Ullathorne but Stoke Park got their rewards for the discipline and resilience they shown when a mix up at the back between their defender and goalkeeper meant that Zaheer could coolly slot the ball home. The lads had 7 minutes to defend the lead and win the game and they put their bodies on the line and defended resolutely. Their efforts were rewarded when the final whistle went and Stoke Park now enter the draw for the semi-finals of the Coventry Schools' Cup with a very good chance of making it to the final with this squad and their attitude. Mr Hall

Year 8 Netball Win

Year 8 played at Home against Ernesford Grange this week, winning their game 8-4. It started as a close game, however we pulled ahead in the last quarter, really getting in to our stride and gelling well as a unit. Well done to all Y8 girls who played very passionately and to Amy for stepping in at the last minute to play up.
Miss Redpath

