



STOKE PARK
— SCHOOL —

NEWS

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STOKE PARK
FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE

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IMPORTANT DATES

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Dear parents and carers,

Year 11 and Year 13 students have continued to arrive on time, and well prepared for their exams. It is crucial that they use the upcoming half term break to rest, revise and refresh themselves, ready to resume their efforts on the 3rd June. During the half term, their teachers will be available to support them with additional revision sessions. You can view the revision timetable [here](#).



When we return for the final term, there will only be seven school weeks remaining before we break up for the summer. Our students in years 7 to 10 will be embarking on the next phase of their seven-year journey at Stoke Park School. Some students will also be attending external trips such as; author workshops, an arts festival and visiting universities. Our performing arts students will also be starting their rehearsals for Sister Act, you will be able to come and watch the show in July.

We are also proud to announce that Stoke Park School will be co-hosting a teaching research event at Eton College at the end of June. Our staff, along with colleagues at Eton College and Holyport College will be showcasing their areas of expertise and sharing best practice.

Please note the following important dates:

- Teacher Training Day: Friday 28th June 2024 – School is closed to all students
- Year 11 into Post 16 Select Transition Days Monday 1st July – Wednesday 3rd July
- Transition Day: Wednesday 3rd July – We welcome our Year 7 students to The Bridge
- A Level Results Day: Thursday 15 August 2024
- GCSE Results Day: Thursday 22 August 2024

School will reopen to all students on Monday 3rd June 2024.

Have a lovely break.

Miss Rock
Headteacher

YEAR 7: THE ORATOR

In The Bridge this week, students have been completing PSHE sessions around Keeping Safe outside, especially with half term approaching. Students have also been delving into Warwick Castle and what's on offer during their trip here as part of the Stoke Park Experience. Students seem really keen to climb the towers, sword fight and venture into The Dungeons!

Please can I ask that letters are returned for Warwick Castle, if they haven't already. Payment for the trip needs to be paid via ParentPay as soon as possible please. If you need anything further around this trip, please contact your child's tutor who will be happy to support.

YEAR 8: THE PHILOSOPHER

As students look towards their final half term in Year 8, they have been busy fundraising for their charity appeal, in aid of Cancer Research. Student's developed their ideas earlier in the term, deciding on both a Basketball Sports event and a Cultural Food Sale.

Students have been visiting forms across the school all week, gaining support from all year groups and staff. They have shown great determination in how they have taken on this task, delivering their speeches to forms with great PRIDE. Students created a Basketball shoot out with all shots being charged just 20p! In addition, students have been busy bringing in food from around the world to share with the rest of the school for their Cultural Food Sale. They have truly demonstrated just how much they have grown and developed this year.

It was great to see so many in attendance and we look forward to share the total amount raised in our next newsletter.

The year team would like to share our thanks to all our Year 8 families for your continued support and we wish you all a happy and restful half term break. We look forward to welcoming students back after the week off, with their Stoke Park 5, perfect uniform and the willingness to learn at the ready.

YEAR 9: REVOLUTIONARY

We welcome our Year 9 Revolutionaries back to school after a week of rest on Monday 3rd June. Please support ensuring students are on time, fully uniformed and fully equipped with their Stoke Park 5 ready to learn. We will then enter our final term as Year 9 Revolutionaries, arguably our most important, as students are becoming GCSE ready. Halfway through this term, we will transition up to the Year 10 corridor and start to think about becoming Inventors. We have started to reflect on the year in form time in preparation for planning and writing our showcase speech in the next half term. These will be showcased at the end of the year during enrichment week when parents will be invited in to celebrate their Revolutionary children.

YEAR 10: THE INVENTOR

Our inventors have been focusing forward once again this week and during PSHE have been fostering their interview skills. As a tutor group, they have explored a range of interview questions and answers. This is something which will be further developed during enrichment week for our Year 10 students. We are excited to offer enrichment opportunities to our inventors. This summer, our inventors will participate in Stoke Park's enrichment week where a trip to Cliff Lakes will take place for Year 10 students on Tuesday 16th July. During the visit to Cliff Lakes, students will participate in a range of water activities on their 'Aqualand' obstacle course. The activities at Cliff Lakes are designed to foster leadership qualities, helping team members to step into their leadership potential. You will receive a letter this week with more information regarding the trip.

We are so proud of our footballers in Year 10 who played in the Coventry school cup final this week. The teamwork, character and competition shown by all of our players was fantastic, and they showed true sportsmanship both on and off the playing field. The experience of playing in a cup final has provided great confidence and self-belief for our students; we are immensely proud of all of their achievements.

Attendance continues to be a key focus, and we would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support. We look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 3rd June 2024.

YEAR 11: THE ARCHITECT

Year 11 have continued their superb start to the exam season with great courage, preparation and dedication. I am sure they will reap the rewards of this when it comes to results day. This will be held on Thursday 22nd August and more information regarding this will be sent out in due course. We hope this will be a day of great celebration for the students and their families as an accumulation of all their hard work over the last 5 years but especially the last 2 years during their GCSEs. It is important we ensure we keep our young people going throughout this challenging period in respect to their revision and commitment to ensuring they are as successful as they should be in order to reach their Post-16 destinations and beyond.

Students have half-term revision sessions available for them to attend in school delivered by their teachers that we strongly encourage all students to attend. Please find the timetable below of what sessions are on what days. It is imperative that students do not view the half-term as a week off from revision and school. They must be revising for at least 6+ hours a day every day, for their exams they will sit when they return. We have spoken to students about how they need to view this week as another week of intensive revision as they will gain this time back in their extended summer holidays when they finally leave Stoke Park after their final exams.

	Tuesday 28th May	Wednesday 29th May	Thursday 30th May	Friday 31st May
GCSE Sessions	GCSE English Language Paper 2 09:30- 11:30 12:00- 14:00 SF1/SF2	GCSE Combined Science 10:00- 12:00 12:30- 14:30 SL1 & SL2 GCSE History 10:00- 13:00 SF3	GCSE Combined Science 10:00- 12:00 12:30- 14:30 SL1 & SL2	GCSE Maths 09:00- 12:00 SF1/SF2

Our next wave of Prom invites have gone out to students with payment available on ParentPay. Students need to ensure they are attending all lessons and exams and conducting themselves to the highest standard in order to attend Prom 2024. Further details will be sent out regarding the Leavers Assembly 2024 next term.

We would like to thank you for your support of our young people during this extremely challenging period and if you require any support or have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch with the year team.

POST 16: THE SCHOLAR

Our Year 13 are now well immersed in their A level exams. All have begun positively and shown the Scholarly strength and self confidence we ask of all our Post 16 students. As a reminder all Year 13 should be well aware of their Exam Timetables for each subject, arrive in good time (8.30am) for the morning exams that begin at 9am and the afternoon exams, starting at 1pm (12.30pm). They all should be removing coats and bag and leaving them with the Post 16 staff in our building. Remove labels from clear water bottles and making sure they have all the correct equipment for each of their subjects. As I have said, they have been exemplary so far, but as all exams will continue after half term, good practice must continue. Of course they do have that half term break to refresh, recharge and revise for the remainder of their tests. Remember, some subjects are meeting over half term in this building to offer revision sessions, all subjects will be putting work up on Teams, so it is vitally important all students access Teams regularly throughout the week. Needless to say, well done so far and the best of luck for the remainder of your time here with us.

Our Year 12 rejoin us this week after a successful Work Experience week. We have received some excellent feedback and the year group are now reflecting on their experience while writing letters of thanks to employers. This successful week will begin the process of career development for them as we start our UCAAS applications, research courses and institutions and stride headlong into the next half term. A time of consolidation, reflection and consideration. We wish all our students and families a restful half term break, while still remaining attentive to our academic subjects and careers.



On Tuesday 21st March, students from the schools 'Future Musicians Programme' took part in a 90 minute orchestral rehearsal with a visiting conductor from London.

We are proud that our school orchestra has been recognised by the National "Orchestras for All" body and that we are part of their 'Modulo' scheme.

Our orchestra met with other schools in March for a full day rehearsal at the Midland Arts Centre. This rehearsal was in preparation for our next visit in July, where we will play as a large orchestra with other schools. In July, we will perform at the very prestigious Royal Birmingham Conservatoire of Music.

For some students this was their first time playing in an ensemble and the general consensus from students was that it was 'great' and that they 'loved it!'

The progress made in 90 minutes was phenomenal, and the music is now concert ready. Our modulo orchestras are very committed and rehearse every Friday until 4pm.



On Monday 20th May the year 10 football team faced Westwood Academy, the defending champions of the Coventry Schools Cup, in the final. The game started relatively evenly with Stoke Park having the best of the early chances but failing to convert on several occasions. But mid-way through the half Carlos provided an excellent cross into the box that Theo converted with a composed first-time finish. Stoke Park managed to maintain their intensity and defensive discipline throughout the rest of the half to lead 1-0 at half time.



Westwood Academy proved at the start of the second half why they have won this competition before and turned the game on its head with 2 goals in the first 10 minutes. They then compounded a defensive mistake from Stoke Park to take a 3-1 lead. However, Stoke showed tremendous resilience to drag themselves back into the game on two occasions firstly with Carlos providing an excellent finish from the edge of the box to make it 3-2. And then Pavel scored with a header from a Kierron corner to make the game 4-3 with under 10 minutes remaining. Unfortunately, in search of an equaliser Westwood were able to score two late goals on the counterattack to give a final scoreline of 6-3 that ultimately does not reflect the closeness of the game. Congratulations to Westwood Academy on their victory.

For Stoke Park students there is a massive feeling of disappointment at the result having played so well throughout the match and in previous rounds of the competition. However, the experience of playing in a cup final provides great confidence and self-belief for the students who will be competing in three cup competitions during the next academic year. A massive thank you to the parents/family members who were able to come and show their support. Mr Glover/ Mr Hall



Personal Social Health and Economic Education (PSHE) and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

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All schools are currently expected to provide students with an age appropriate PSHE and RSE education.

We would like to thank parents and carers for the ongoing support we receive towards the delivery of both our PSHE and RSE curriculum. Our curriculum ensures students are equipped with the knowledge and information they need to navigate the world around them.

This academic year, students across key stages 3 and 4 have learnt how to keep themselves physically and mentally healthy, safe within friendships, relationships and within the community and to understand the dangers of alcohol, smoking, vaping and drugs including so called 'legal highs'. We have addressed body issues and all aspects of internet safety including bullying, grooming, consent and CSE. Students have also learnt about the Protected Characteristics, British Values, sexual harassment, county lines, criminal exploitation and knife crime.

This term, as part of our RSE curriculum, students in years 9 and 10 will be learning about safe relationships and reproductive/ sexual health. All resources have been adapted to ensure they are suitable for each age group and will be delivered in a sensitive and educational manner.

Years 7 and 8 will shortly be learning about puberty, dealing with physical and emotional changes and personal care.

We understand that a small number of parents may wish to withdraw their child from these sessions next half term. Should you wish your child not to attend these sessions please contact Miss Pinder on hpinder@stokepark.coventry.sch.uk stating your child's name and form group.

If you require any further information our RSE policy can be found in the 'policies' section of the school website, or you can email Miss Pinder directly on hpinder@stokepark.coventry.sch.uk. If you have a more specific query or any feedback you think could be helpful.

FREE PARK ACTIVITIES

Please see the [attached](#) for details of free activities that will be running in local parks until the end of December, with most providers running sessions for young people aged 8-18 years.

The session times haven't been included as they may change throughout the year. However, there are contact details for each provider, so you can obtain the information for your local park sessions to share with parents and carers if you wish.