



STOKE PARK
— SCHOOL —

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Dear parents and carers,

Year 11 students have made a tremendous start to their first week of formal GCSE examinations. They have arrived prepared and have shown determination and resilience during the extra revision sessions following their exams.

Next week year 13 students will begin their A-Level exams. It is important they remain focused, continue to revise, and take time to rest over the weekend. To support them, the school will continue to open earlier for both year 11 and 13 students, providing breakfast and quiet spaces for revision.

We are excited to offer enrichment opportunities to all of our students. This summer, all students will participate in Stoke Park's enrichment week, which includes a variety of external trips such as visits to Warwick Castle and theatre shows. Your child should have received a letter detailing the trip for their year group. If you have not received this letter or need more information, please contact your child's year team.

Good luck to the year 10 boys' football team, who will compete in the Coventry Cup final on Monday 20th May.

Students will break up at 3pm on Friday 24th May. The school will be closed for the half-term break and will reopen to all students on Monday 3rd June 2024.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Rock
Headteacher



We are thrilled to announce that we have been rewarded the Bronze Rights Committed UNICEF award which is internationally recognised and a symbol of how hard our staff and students work together to form a cohesive and vibrant community.

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YEAR 7: THE ORATOR

In The Bridge this week, students have been completing PSHE sessions around Protected Characteristics and the Equality Act and delving into how we should treat everyone equal and being kind to others. Students have also been doing lots of work around Peer Pressure and understanding the positive and negative sides of peer pressure. Students have explored a variety of examples of peer pressure and completed discussions around these situations and what the right thing to do would be.

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

This week the Year 8 students have been given their trip letters for the end of year enrichment trip. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to attend a day at to a theatre production of William Shakespeare's, 'Merry Wives of Windsor' at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford-Upon-Avon. This is part of our Stoke Park Experience programme during our whole school enrichment week. This cultural and insightful opportunity will be on Thursday 18th July 2024.

During the visit to the theatre, students will experience both live theatre and to deepen their knowledge and understanding of a key Shakespeare play. This will support them on their next step on the journey ready for Year 9 and their study of Shakespeare.

This trip will allow students to delve into the culture and history of Shakespearean England, whilst also developing their philosophical skills through questioning ideas and themes within the production. In addition, it will allow students to think about the play's deeper meaning and most importantly, the excitement that William Shakespeare has brought to theatres. This trip will allow students to fulfil their journey on the four cornerstones particularly, culture and character. This is also a brilliant opportunity to showcase PRIDE whilst on the visit and really show these values they uphold as a Stoke Park Student.

Students will need to arrive at school for the normal start time of 8.40am. We aim to leave school at 11.00am and leave Stratford-Upon-Avon at 4.30pm. We hope to arrive back in school around 5.30pm-5.45pm. Students should bring a packed lunch with them and plenty of water for the day. If your child has Free School Meals, these will be provided for the trip.

We have managed to secure this incredibly popular trip for the cost of £23.00 per student. Within this price, this covers travel to and from Stratford-Upon-Avon. This trip is for all of Year 8 to attend on this day. Students must attend this trip as part of the Year 8 Stoke Park Experience.

Stoke Park School is a cashless school and cannot accept any payments in cash. This money is non-refundable & the schools preferred method of payment is ParentPay, please log on to www.parentpay.com. Please complete the attached consent forms in full and return to your tutor as soon as possible. Thank you.

YEAR 9: REVOLUTIONARY

Our Year 9 Revolutionaries continue to impress as we are nearly at the end of half-term. Students are well settled into lessons. We want to thank parents for their support in ensuring students come fully uniformed and equipped for their day. As a reminder to parents, students should attend every day with their Stoke Park 5- their planner, dictionary, calculator, a pen and a pencil. In school, we provide green and purple pens that help students with metacognition and understanding their learning process.

YEAR 9: REVOLUTIONARY

Attendance continues to be a key focus, and we would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring that students are attending school each day and are arriving promptly for their 8:40 start. This is when their vital PSHE session starts and is key for checking their uniform and equipment. Year 9 tutors ensure the morning is smooth so students are set up for a day of learning where they already have everything they need.

YEAR 10: THE INVENTOR

This week our inventors continue to be forward-thinking and have been discussing their plans post 16 and beyond their seven-year journey at Stoke Park School. During PSHE, students have been discussing talking points around university and have been learning about the different courses that they can take at university, entry requirements and the process of applying for universities.

In addition, in assembly this week we continued to focus on using our time effectively with just over 1,000 lessons left until they take their GCSE's next year. We particularly looked at screen time and digital detox as, on average, teenagers in the UK have a screen time of seven hours. We looked at the negative effects of this on performance, sleep and health and have set targets to reduce screen time. We are really proud of Year 10 this week as they have made big improvements to their attendance as this has been a key priority over the last term. Students who have above 95% attendance achieve on average half a grade more than their peers. Therefore, we would like to thank parents and carers for ensuring that students are in school and arriving promptly each day.

Finally, we would like to wish our Year 10 football boys the best of luck in their cup final taking place at Warwick University on Monday 20th May. We are so proud of all that they have achieved so far and are all cheering them on!

YEAR 10 CHEFS

Our Year 10 Chefs have been busy again demonstrating High level-skills, filleting Sea bass and bream this week. Our chefs have shown resilience, maturity and our Stoke Park PRIDE core values in the kitchen. Confidence is growing lesson by lesson. Well done to our Yr 10 Chefs!



YEAR 11: THE ARCHITECT

Year 11 have made an excellent start to their GCSE exams and are now entering the thick of the exam season. It is crucial that they continue with their revision and preparation in this busy and challenging period. Students have been given all the tools, techniques and resources in order to effectively revise. In the run-up to the exams, the final assemblies were centered around how they cope with pressure and reading in challenging periods of time. As well as this, we remind students that they have access to Kooth, who also delivered an assembly around their online support for mental health and exam stress for young people.

Students need to ensure that they maintain their preparation routines in the morning to minimise lateness and added stress and are welcome to sit with teachers in the final hour before the exam from 8am onwards. Students need to continue with their excellent start to the exams and again continue to prove why they make us so proud as a year group.

YEAR 11: THE ARCHITECT

Preparations for end of year celebrations are underway and more students have had their Prom invite this week. Please ensure their ticket is paid for via ParentPay, all information can be found on the letter they received. The Leavers Assembly will be on the day of the final exam and if students wish to have their shirt signed, they must bring in a spare shirt and not sign the shirt they are wearing.

If you have any questions about any matters regarding exams, or end of year celebrations, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the year team.

POST 16: THE SCHOLAR

We have had an excellent year so far as our newsletter inserts testify. This week is no different. Our Year 12 have embarked on their Work Experience week with enthusiasm and deliberation which is to be expected. They have embraced this challenge with scholarly values, and we are receiving positive reports back from employers' day by day this week. We will expect to see them here in the Post 16 building next Monday with a mature outlook and stories to tell of their week out in the working world. This is always a beneficial week for all and one that will ignite the spark in all our year 12 as they look beyond post 16 into the Post 18 world of University, Apprenticeships and the Wider Working World. We will, of course, follow this up with an introduction to UCAS, research of destinations, a careers interview and a visit to a careers fair at the NEC on the 25th June, where they will engage with numerous Post 18 Providers to allow them to be career ready for the beginning of Year 13.

And Year 13. They are well and truly into exam season now. Using their time to revise and recap essential elements of their A level studies, ready for their final exams. They are involved in a 'crash' timetable, where they have significant and extended time with subject teachers until the last minute before those crucial exams. We wish each and every one the best of luck. Metacognition and proactive learning will be the success of all. At this time, I would like to remind all Year 13 students and parents that the subject Teams channels are an excellent resource to revisit to find that essential support to all the teaching and learning that has happened all year.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Former Arsenal and England footballer Alex Scott is now a nationally renowned voice of football, as a presenter and pundit. From humble beginnings, her journey has been highly inspirational as she clawed her way to the top of women's football. In her autobiography titled 'How (Not) To Be Strong', Scott writes about all aspects of her life, showcasing her inspirational story to the world. A Sunday Times Bestseller, it's a superb read for anyone who needs a motivational boost or a gripping underdog story.

From the football cages of East London to broadcasting to millions, the engine powering Alex Scott's remarkable journey has always been her resilience. But thanks to a 'push-through mentality' the world has only ever seen the 'strong' side of Alex Scott. Now the former Lioness is ready to lower the shield. In How (Not) to Be Strong, Alex shares the inspiring lessons that have shaped her, from finally confronting the legacy of a tumultuous childhood to the tarnished truth behind the gleaming football trophies.

With raw honesty, Alex shows how she's tackled life's challenges and that sometimes the strongest thing you can do is show your most vulnerable side to the world.





Y8 Girls Rounders results



Our Y8 Rounders team played in the Coventry School Tournament this week. Out of the five games, unfortunately we lost the first match against a tough team. We then went on to win 2 matches convincingly, getting the whole team out from the other school (which is amazing in Rounders) The other two were narrowly lost but only by ½ Rounder, they were excellently fought games, and could have gone either way!

All our girls were a real credit to the school. Staff from other schools commented on how good their fielding was and on their outstanding attitude.

We are very proud of them all.
Please congratulate Poppy, Andreea, Hollie, Zahra, Neha, Cecilia (Y7), Sienna, Oliwia and Olivia

Year 9 Cricket win



On Wednesday 15th May the year 9 cricket team defeated Westwood Academy by 8 wickets in the Coventry Schools Cup quarter finals.

After electing to bowl first Stoke Park produced a disciplined performance to restrict Westwood to 58-5 (12 overs). Wicket takers were Rishi x2, Ghulam x2 and Timotie x1. Mirwahid produced outstanding figures of conceding only 4 runs from his 3 overs.

Chasing 59 to win Stoke got off to a great start through Lennon and Rishi, but after the loss of their wickets Mirwahid produced a match-winning performance with the bat contributing 25 runs to ensure the team achieved the target score with 1 over to spare! The team now awaits to find out their semi-final opponent. Mr. Glover