

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The lead up to the end of term sees Stoke Park with some very exciting opportunities for students. We are thrilled to be able to offer these opportunities and see our students thrive in situations away from the classroom. It is an important part of the development of the students and we are so pleased that the feedback we have received is glowing with praise for those involved.

These experiences range from creative and empowering workshops where students created their own expressive banner to share their message, Competitions in Maths and art seeing our students achieve higher and higher goals and see national recognition and engaging with international schools.

In the sporting world, some of our students stood on the prestigious grounds of Wimbledon, watching world class tennis and getting inspired by the competitive spirit of the amazing players.

Year 7 and 8 also represented the school in the Coventry Schools Athletics finals, with a phenomenal 16 students qualifying for field events, we are incredibly proud of all who took part.

We said farewell to our Year 13 Scholars and celebrated their time here with ice cream and reminiscing. We also see the prom for Year 11 Architects this week, marking the end of their key stage 4 journey.

We would like to remind everyone this is an important time for transiting to new year groups and appreciate full cooperation in engaging with these sessions and school attendance, even as the year draws to a close.

Have a wonderfully sunny week and stay hydrated!



Natalie Rock
Headteacher



YEAR 7 THE ORATOR

TIME TO REFLECT

As we enter the penultimate week of Year 7 it is important to pause and reflect on what has been a busy but excellent year for our Orators. The Year 7 cohort continue to impress me each day with their manner, respect and dedication to their learning.

They continue to show PRIDE in everything that they do in school. It has been a pleasure to watch them grow from their first day to the Stoke Park Orators that they are now.

ENRICHMENT WEEK ANTICIPATION

Looking ahead, we still have lots of activities to do in Enrichment week. Our trip to the Black Country Museum takes place on **Thursday 17th July**.

If you have yet to return your child's medical form, please do this as soon as possible.

We have Sports Day and our showcase speeches and our charity walk. I know that during this week students will continue to show PRIDE in everything they do.



**"SPEECH
WITHOUT
HEART IS
NOTHING BUT
NOISE."**

ABHIJIT NASKAR



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 17th July - Enrichment Trip

YEAR 7 TEAM:

Director of KS2-3: C Hughes AHT | Director of The Bridge: L Meyrick | Pastoral Manager: A Hansford



YEAR 8 THE PHILOSOPHER

CHARITY APPEAL

What a fantastic show of charity and care our Philosophers have shown this week! Recently, we shared with you the amazing ideas our students had to raise money for Coventry Cyrenians homeless charity, and they did not disappoint!

Across the week, students were out promoting their cause around the school which created a real buzz within the school. At social times, students flocked to visit the different stalls selling cultural food and offering a blind date with a book! Alongside this, a huge number of students turned out for the mini interform football tournament showing great competition and comradery.

Overall, so far, the students have raised over £100, and we look forward to sharing the final figure with you in our final newsletter of the year. Thank you to all of your support.

SHOWTIME!

It is that time of year again where the Performing Arts department are in full swing for the school show and this year's production of Oliver is set to be one of our biggest yet! We have lots of year 8 students taking part developing their cornerstone of character and we would love for as many of you as possible to join us for the evenings of the 8th and 9th July! Please contact reception or head to the last page of the newsletter for tickets. Break a leg!


ENRICHMENT WEEK REMINDER

A reminder that the final week of term is enrichment week for the whole school meaning that students will not be in their usual lessons across the timetable. Can we ask you to check for updates daily as we send instructions across the week. Thank you all.

***"We are what we
repeatedly do.
Excellence, then,
is not an act, but
a habit"***

—
Aristotle

GO APE!



A reminder that our year 8 enrichment trip is scheduled for **Monday 14th July** and the students are set to have a fantastic day together! We would like to remind you that consent letters must be returned for your child to attend and if there are any outstanding payments, these can be made through ParentPay. As always, if there are any concerns regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Miss Smith or a member of the team.

YEAR 8 TEAM:

Director of Year: H Owen AHT | Curriculum Progress Leader: H Smith | Pastoral Manager: M Parmar



YEAR 9

THE REVOLUTIONARY

STEPPING UP TO THE CHALLENGE

Year 9 have made a fantastic start to becoming Year 10 in the last few weeks of this term. Students are showing they are GCSE Ready and putting themselves in the best possible position to hit the ground running in September when they start their new courses. Students have enjoyed stepping up to the challenge and are relishing the challenge awaiting them after this summer.

SHOWCASE SPEECHES

Students have been preparing their showcase speeches in registration ready to present theirs on Showcase day. It has been an opportunity for all students to look back and reflect on their achievements this year as the Revolutionary and give themselves targets for the next year.

COTSWOLD WILDLIFE PARK REMINDER

A reminder to get your trip letters in for the Cotswold Wildlife Park and payment to be made on ParentPay as soon as possible to ensure your child's place on the trip. If there are any issues or you require any support please do not hesitate to get in touch with the year team.

*"The true
revolutionary is
guided by a great
feeling of love. It
is impossible to
think of a
genuine
revolutionary
lacking this
quality"*

—
Che Guevara



YEAR 9 TEAM:

Director of Year: L Hall AHT | Head of Year 9: T Hall | Pastoral Manager: S Clayton

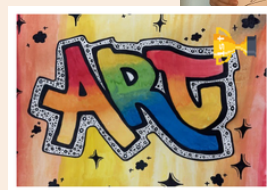
JUNIOR KANGAROO AWARD - CONGRATULATIONS SEAN!

Following on from his impressive performance in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge in April, Sean was invited to participate in the prestigious Junior Kangaroo 2025. The UKMT is the UK member of the Association Kangourou sans Frontières, a collaborative association whose purpose is to promote mathematics among young people worldwide. Around six million young people take Kangaroo competitions each year. The name Kangaroo acknowledges the contribution made by Australia to establishing large-scale mathematics contests. Sean faced a 60 minute, 25 multiple choice challenge and scored an impressive 117, only failing to score on 3 of the questions and resulting in a very admirable Gold Kangaroo award. Well done, Sean!



ARTS BYTES CELEBRATION EVENT

Congratulations to Daisy H in Year 9, whose artwork featured in the Art Bytes Celebration Event 2025 at the The New Art Gallery Walsall on Thursday 12th June. Daisy's artwork was shortlisted for a regional award and she was invited to attend the prize giving celebration as well as experience a tour of the gallery and current exhibitions. Daisy is a promising artist and we look forward to seeing the work she produces in the future!



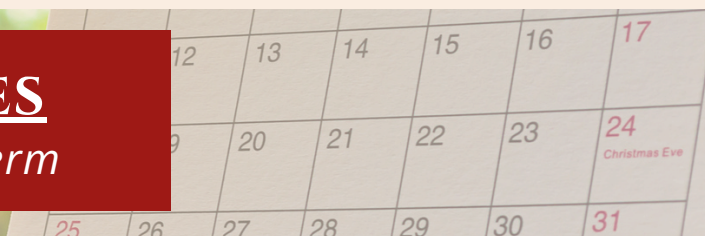
GIRLS SELF ESTEEM ART AND TEXTILES WORKSHOP

On Friday 27th June, 16 female students in years 9, 10 and 11 participated in an Art and Textiles workshop led by Textiles Artist, Karina Thompson.

Students spent several sessions discussing ideas back and forth and agreed in the end, on the message 'You were born an original, don't die a copy'. The students felt this message could be perceived in a variety of ways including referring to comparisons people make between themselves and others on social media but also copycat behaviour in society. The banner, which was designed to incorporate the school colours, will be hung in a prominent position in the Art and Design Department shortly, in order to raise awareness amongst students.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 18th July - End of Term





WHAT IS HAF?

HAF is a national Department for Education funded programme that enables eligible children and young people to attend free activities and experiences with free nutritional food provided. HAF activities and experiences take place in the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays.

HAF OBJECTIVES

There are many benefits for children who attend the HAF programme. We encourage all HAF providers to ensure a high-quality experience that will result in children:

- Receiving healthy and nutritious meals
- Maintaining a healthy level of physical activity
- Being happy, having fun and meeting new friends
- Developing a greater understanding of food, nutrition and other health related issues
- Taking part in fun and engaging activities that support their development and well-being
- Feeling safe and secure
- Getting access to the right support services
- Returning to school feeling engaged and ready to learn.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children and young people need to be school-aged children (reception to year 11 inclusive) and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- In receipt of benefits-related free school meals. The Council's website has more information on this: [Coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](https://coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)
- Assessed (through a Children and Families assessment, undertaken by Children's Services) as a "child in need"
- On a child protection plan
- A child in care
- A young carer
- Assessed (through an early help assessment) to be in financial hardship
- Part of the Ukrainian Family Scheme or the Home for Ukraine programme
- Receiving Free School Meals through having No Recourse to Public Funds.

Children and young people in years 12-13 are eligible if they are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals and either have an EHCP or are receiving SEN support at their place of education.

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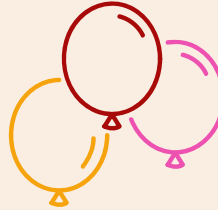
YEAR 10 THE INVENTOR

STRIVING FOR SUCCESS

Year 10 have had many successes since transitioning into our Year 11 Architects. Students are still striving for high attendance and experiencing crucial lessons of feedback to improve their work. Many subjects are doing in class assessments to prepare students for their first round of Year 11 mocks in the Autumn term of next year. Students should be commended on how well they have adapted to their recent school changes.

CELEBRATING EXCEPTIONAL

We have many students who are currently standing out for being exceptional.



5 students took part in the Global Schools Connect, led by Mr Weston, and have supported a partner school from Nigeria to experience what life is like at Stoke Park. Matt L, Smriti K, Khadeejah J, Akeem C, and Jude W, have all received awards commending their participation and just how well they have done.

Next week 3 students are also experiencing the University of Warwick for a week in an engineering work experience session. Student's put themselves out there in competition with students all over the city to get place on the taster week, so achieving this is a massive achievement.

ETON SUMMER SCHOOL

This week, four of our year 10 students have been attending a residential Summer School at Eton College, Windsor. The purpose of the course was for students to understand themselves better, to discover their personal strengths and values, and to develop resilience to help them to keep going through any challenging times in their lives they may encounter. At the start of the course, students were asked to identify their future goals and throughout the course they have been required to practise skills such as growth mindset, creativity, assertiveness, active listening, and critical thinking and learn how to apply these skills to their everyday lives.



Students were selected due to the significant contributions they have made towards student leadership within Stoke Park, a rapidly growing area of development within our school. We are looking forward to hearing all about the visit on their return! Well done, Maggie, Roddick, Michael and Emmanuella!

"An inventor fails 999 times, and if he succeeds once, he's in. He treats his failures simply as practice"

Charles Kettering



YEAR 10 TEAM:

Director of Year: J Grimwood AHT | Head of Year 10: E Muldoon | Pastoral Manager: S Harris



POST 16 - THE SCHOLAR



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 11th July - Prom
- 24th August - Results Day

LANDMARK MOMENTS FOR YEAR 12

Year 12 are currently receiving feedback from their Summer mock exams. This is an essential landmark moment in their journey and will go some way to building their way into year 13. The feedback will be translated into reports and will be with you before the summer. We are also looking forward to the educational week away from subjects where we enjoy our Enrichment week. This looks to be an excellent opportunity for our Year 12 Scholars to partake in both extra and super curricular activities. We have many visitors lined up to share the week with us including Warwick University, Apprenticeship providers, past alumni students of Post 16, as well as Health and Wellbeing practitioners. We will also be visiting Oxford, President Kennedy Ethics Conference and enjoying our own Sports tournament. Further details will be given to our Year 12 over the next week so we can prepare for this enjoyable and enriching week.



YEAR 13 CELEBRATIONS

We celebrated our Year 13 leavers in a well-wishing assembly last Monday 23rd June. It was a wonderful opportunity to wish them all well, and to thank them for their excellent commitment to Stoke Park, for some seven years, and for all, the two years of A level. We truly hope the results mirror the hard work and scholar attitude they have shown over their time with us. It was great to see a huge turnout for this event, by students and staff who have taught them over their time with us.

The celebrations are not over yet of course, as we enjoy the opportunity to celebrate in style at the Year 3 prom next Friday, the 11th July. Our final day of celebration and well-wishing for the future will be results day on Thursday August 14th from 9am. We have attached some images of our Year 13 leavers enjoying their goodbye ice creams.



POST 16 TEAM:

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



YEAR 7&8 COVENTRY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS FINALS

On Wednesday 25th June the athletics season for year 7 and 8 students concluded with the Coventry Schools Athletics Finals which took place at University of Warwick Athletics Track. Stoke Park had a remarkable 16 students qualify for the finals across the full range of track and field events. All students were a credit to the school with the exceptional sportsmanship and effort levels they displayed.

A special mention must go to three students who achieved Coventry Schools champion status by winning their event! The students were:

Jenson. T (year 8)- winner of Long Jump
Joel. Q (year 8) winner of Triple Jump
Temi. F (year 7) winner of the 75m hurdles



WIMBLEDON TRIP 2025

On Tuesday 1st July 2025 eight students alongside Mr. Glover and Mr. Roberts attended The Wimbledon Championships after winning tickets through the LTA School's ballot to sit on the prestigious Number 2 Court. With it being day 2 of the championship's students were treated to watching some of the world's best players in action. Firstly, we watched World Number 7 Lorenzo Musetti suffer a shock defeat to qualifier Nikoloz Basilashvili in a thrilling four set match. Next up we watched the hugely talented former World Number One Iga Swiatek comprehensively beat Polina Kudermetova in straight sets. And finally, we watched the energetic top seeded American player Ben Shelton beat Alex Bolt. In between the matches we observed some of the many traditions of Wimbledon including eating strawberries and cream, visiting Henman Hill and being up close and personal to the players as they walked from the dressing room to the courts. Hear below students giving their perspective on a wonderful day:

"I really enjoyed my day from watching the players to touring around Wimbledon. The highlight of my day was getting a picture with Iga Swiatek. Due to the seats being so close I was able to fully appreciate the athleticism of the players- Pawel. K

We observed and took part in the culture of Wimbledon which was understanding the etiquette of tennis as well as indulging in the delicious strawberries and cream. My favourite part of the day was watching the first game which was unbelievable. Thanks to Mr. Glover and Mr. Roberts- Ghulam."

Wimbledon - No.2 Court: Swiatek, Shelton and Pegula - BBC iPlayer
6:58:08 on the video to spot us!



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- 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](#)



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