

# NEWSLETTER



## JANUARY 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of January we are looking forward to lighter days and all that Spring has to offer.

We are keen to remind parents and carers of the importance of attendance as we move further into the term and wish to highlight the vital importance that time in school and studying has for your child's welfare and progress. It is integral in ensuring that all of our students have bright and successful futures.

It is wonderful to seeing the sporting prowess continue through the school with Year 7 and Year 8 showing their grit in local matches. We are also proud to see our students taking inspiration from their recent Basketball trip, seeing skill and nerve at the British Basketball League! It is a joy for us to see our students in the sporting world and gaining experience from these events both by observing and participating.

Next week also sees our some of our Year 11 Architects visit Eton College as part of our collaboration them. Our students will be treated to a day of unique experiences as they prepare for their final exams and Post - 16 pathways. To that end, it's been wonderful to hear the aspirations of our Stoke Park Post 16 applicants as they complete their interviews.

Finally we are very excited also to see the casting and rehearsals begin for our school production of Oliver! We can't wait to see it and are sure we will be wanting more!

Have a wonderful weekend.



**Natalie Rock**  
**Headteacher**



# YEAR 7 THE ORATOR



The Orator's continue to grow in their new school. Every week I am blown away by the range of activities the Year 7 cohort are participating in and the difference they are making to the school environment.

## FOOTBALL GRIT FOR THE BOYS TEAM

Our Year 7 boys football team has shown true grit and determination on the pitch. In their recent match, they were down 3-0 at half-time but staged an incredible comeback, ending the game at 3-2. With a bit more time, I'm confident they would have won. The girls are playing their rearranged Coventry cup fixture next week, let's hope they can go out and win it.

## OLIVER!

We have an enormous Year 7 contingent in our school's production of "Oliver" this year. The rehearsals are going brilliantly, with lots of enthusiasm from our budding Thespians. We're all eagerly anticipating the summer term when we can watch all of your hard work on stage.

## CHARITY INITIATIVE

Our charity initiative is kicking off, with a goal for each pupil to raise £10. The Year 7 school council have come up with ideas on how we can reach our target. I hope that we can work together to help change the lives of those less fortunate than up



## EMPHASIS ON ATTENDANCE

Lastly, I want to emphasise the importance of attendance. Aiming for 100% attendance is not just about showing up; it's about ensuring you don't miss out on learning opportunities, social interactions, and the chance to participate in all the fantastic activities our school offers. Every day counts, and your presence makes a difference. We expect all pupils in Year 7 to have 97% attendance by the end of the year.

**"SPEECH IS POWER:  
SPEECH IS TO PERSUADE,  
TO CONVERT, TO  
COMPEL"**

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**RALPH WALDO EMERSON**



# YEAR 8

## THE PHILOSOPHER



### COURTS AND CORRIDOR CARE

Over the week, our Philosophers have been developing their traits of care and community. Mr Owen and Miss Smith, met with student leaders to begin the year groups new initiative 'Courts and Corridor Care'. As part of this, students will take turns in monitoring the shared year 8 spaces to ensure that they are tidy and clean throughout the day. Taking care of our environment and giving back to our community are fundamental aspects of the Stoke Park Cornerstones and we are very proud of the maturity that our young philosophers have shown towards their environment.

### ETHICAL THINKING

In Personal Development lessons, students have been exploring how to develop their ethical thinking; an important element of philosophical thinking. Students have discussed the importance of acknowledging and accepting difference and on Holocaust Memorial day, were reminded of the dangers of ignorance. Students have demonstrated maturity beyond their years when discussing sensitive topics.

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

—  
*Aristotle*

### THINKING AHEAD

Students accessed their latest Unifrog session during tutor time this week, exploring what their futures might hold for them. Students demonstrated their ability to be the curious philosopher when discussing choosing their options in year 9 and what pathways they can access to gain their favoured future career path. We would like to remind all students, parents and carers, that the Unifrog platform is accessible through the students Stoke Park homepage.

### UNIFORM

A gentle reminder of our uniform policy at Stoke Park. We hold very high expectations for our Philosophers and this begins with making sure that they are equipped and dress accordingly for the day. Please refer to our uniform policy or contact the year team for any questions or queries. Thank you for your continued support.

#### YEAR 8 TEAM:

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



# YEAR 9

# THE REVOLUTIONARY

## RECOGNISING REVOLUTIONARIES

Year 9 recognised the Revolutionary **Michael Bond** in assembly this week. His help and support in providing trains to save as many Jewish people from the horrors of Auschwitz showed the Revolutionary spirit at a time of extreme hatred. His help saved hundreds of Jewish people and his story was unrecognised until a note was found by his wife.

*"We must dare,  
and dare again,  
and keep on  
daring"*

—  
*Georges Danton*

## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 11th February**- Options Evening

## OPTIONS EVENING INFORMATION

We are also delighted to announce that we will be holding our online GCSE Options Information Evening on **Tuesday 11th February, at 17:00**. Invites will be sent out this week in order to pre-register for the Zoom session.



## GOOD LUCK TO OUR TEAMS!

We look forward to the Year 9 football team who take on Grace Academy in the next round of the Coventry Schools Cup on Monday and we wish the Year 9 Rugby team the best of luck in their semi-final in the Coventry Schools Cup on Thursday.



**YEAR 9 TEAM:**

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



# NEWS & UPDATES

## WIN A KINDLE!

Stoke Park Library is giving students the chance to win an Amazon Kindle at the end of the school year! Simply read & review as many books from the 7 Year Reading Journey as you can, to be in with a chance of winning. All the books can be found in the school library, and you can submit your reviews on the Accessit Library Website. See Miss Moore in the library if you have any questions!

**READ + REVIEW COMPETITION**

WIN AN ★★★★★  
**amazonkindle**  
with Stoke Park Library



**Prom Dress Event**

Find your perfect dress for £5, with lots of styles and designs available

*Where?* Canley Community Centre, Prior Deram Walk, Canley, CV4 8FT

*When?* Saturday 8th February 11am - 2pm

*Cost?* £5 Donation per Item

All proceeds from this event will go to help continue running Canley Prom Bank




## Family Hub & CIRV Youth Takeover Event

Dive into Coventry's Youth Scene with a FREE fun day of workshops and activities at The Moat Family Hub

**19.02.2025 11:00AM - 14:00PM**  
The Moat Family Hub, Coventry, CV2 1EQ

A FREE event for Coventry families with activities including

Music | Multi-Sports | Virtual Reality | Arts & Crafts | Food | Youth Partners | And Much More

In partnership with



## Apprenticeship Jobs and Careers Fair

Wednesday 12th February, 4pm - 7pm

@ 123 St Nicholas Street, Radford, CV1 4FD

Are you considering an apprenticeship? Come along to our open day to speak with our expert advisors about your next step on the career ladder in:

- Business Administration
- Health & Social Care
- Customer Service
- Hairdressing
- Accountancy
- Early Years Care

If you have any questions, you can call 024 7623 1122 or email us at [enquiries@cw-chambertraining.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@cw-chambertraining.co.uk)



Scan to register your interest!



## SHOWCASING THEIR TALENT!

Some of our year 12 music students have been working incredibly hard to provide an amazing showcase, tickets are now on sale! Each performer will have a unique setlist that will keep you intrigued. This showcase will be recorded as part of their 'Lead Performer' unit for their level 3 qualification. They will be marked on how they communicate with the audience and encourage audience participation, so we really need an audience that is prepared to have fun and join in. Here's what they said when we asked them why they decided to create this showcase:

The showcase is on **Thursday 13th February**, at 6pm with the doors opening at 5:45pm. Tickets are on sale now, so you can book your tickets using the QR code below or by clicking on the link. **The ticket prices are £2 for adults and £1 for concessions.**

Anyone is welcome, so if you feel like enjoying some good music and helping out with their exam, please feel free to come along!

"As a singer, I find that music allows me to express my innermost feelings and connect with others on a deeper level. The thrill of performing and sharing my voice brings a sense of joy and fulfilment that is hard to match. through singing, I can convey emotions that words alone sometimes can't capture."

- Eliza A

"I like music because it gives me so many different opportunities and ways to express my emotions, good or bad. it also gives me a creative way to let go and be in my own space."

- Summer C

"The reason why I picked violin for the bulk of my performance is because I've been playing for nearly 10 years, I'm incredibly confident in playing songs I enjoy, and choosing this instrument can allow me to show that just because I play a classical instrument, that doesn't mean that I have to only play classical songs" - Drew W

"Singing gives me the opportunity to express myself without needing to talk about myself directly. It's a method of communication that is much less daunting to me. I decided to base my setlist around the wonderful women in my life as they are under appreciated." - Imogen S

# SIXTH FORM SHOWCASE

**THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2025**  
**MAIN HALL**  
**6PM**



**TICKET PRICES**  
**ADULT: £2**  
**CONCESSIONS: £1**

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FOR  
TICKETS



STOKE PARK  
SCHOOL

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Half Term** - 17th - 21st February

For other important dates you can check our website:  
[CLICK HERE](#)

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3
				4
	7	8	9	10
				11
	14	15	16	17



# YEAR 10 THE INVENTOR

## MOCK FEEDBACK AND NEXT STEPS

Now that our Year 10 Inventor's have finished their mocks, the next few weeks are key to understand how they need to improve. These feedback lessons are vital in ensuring they know what they need to do to maintain their grade or boost up to the next level. Being an Inventor instils in our students the understanding that they may not always succeed first time, but that, through showing resilience, determination and reflecting on how to improve, they can rapidly advance and develop. As Inventors the Year 10s are now learning from any mistakes made in their mocks so they can tailor their revision at home to how they are currently working. Attendance and being on time is therefore still a massive priority as students are having these valuable conversations.

Additionally, many of our students are now completing vital coursework for their subjects. This opportunity to independently develop their own work, making use of wider research and knowledge, is a key part of their development. Students will need to use all of their skills as the Inventor, in order to ensure they produce the highest standard of work. As with ensuring students are in school for feedback for their mocks, attendance is extremely important over the coming weeks for all students, to ensure they have the best opportunity and amount of time to work on their coursework.

*"Education is the  
key to unlocking  
the golden door of  
freedom."*

—  
*George Washington Carver*



## EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

Finally, in Personal Development we are discussing employability skills and how students can market themselves to show off their successes. Over the next half term, our Inventors will make use of Unifrog to create their first CVs, whilst also practicing how to interview. They will use these skills and their CV later in the year when they have local professionals and external interviewers come in to school in order to conduct practice interviews with them. These will be a fantastic opportunity for students to network and develop their careers skills, whilst also preparing them for potential interviews for Post-16 or other routes. During Careers week we will also invite many of these businesses in for our careers fair, which all of the students will experience.

**YEAR 10 TEAM:**

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



# YEAR 11 THE ARCHITECT



## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Week commencing 24th February - Mock exams round 3
- Week commencing 24th March - Parents evening
- 5th May - GCSE Exam Start
- 25th June - Contingency Day
- 4th July - Prom

## MOCK PREPARATION

Year 11 are now preparing for their final set of mock exams before the real exams in the summer. These set of mocks commence the week beginning 24th February. It has been fantastic to see our students' displaying characteristics of an Architect. During tutor time in personal development our architects have been busy exploring and applying for Post 16, apprenticeships and various colleges which has in turn has given them a focus as they carve their own paths to success. Year 11 have been showing determination and resilience in their lessons and interventions as they work with their subject teachers to bridge any gaps in knowledge and practice applying their skills to exam questions. We want students to show the resilience and determination to overcome any barriers in their way and avoid excuses that represent the grit they need to show for the remaining five months of school that they have left before their exams begin.



## PROM INFORMATION

It has been an exciting couple of weeks as we have announced that the Prom will take place Friday 4th of July 2025. Further details regarding the event and food options will follow. Tickets are expected to cost around £35-40. We look forward to celebrating your child's time at Stoke Park, however, we must stress that students who fall short of our expectations throughout the school day in regards to attendance, punctuality, conduct and attainment and learning pep will not be allowed to attend. We are excited to give out invites to our first set of students who have met these expectations since September.

## LEAVERS HOODIES

You will have also received a text message with instructions on regarding how to order a 2025 leavers hoodie for your son/daughter. We have managed to secure a brilliant price for our class of 2025 leavers hoodies! Please follow the link below to place your order, using the details below to login. Each hoodie is £18.95 with an array of colours to choose from.

[Click Here to Order](#)

**Username: 6588**  
**Password: 2UYBpMa4**



YEAR 11 TEAM:

Director of Year: | Jamal AHT | Head of Year 11: T Steane | Pastoral Manager: S Kinsella





# POST 16 THE SCHOLAR

## YEAR 13 JOURNEYS

We have enjoyed an eventful fortnight in Post 16. The year 13 group have submitted their UCAS applications and we look forward to the responses from their University choices. We also enjoyed a visit from Warwick University who led an assembly to demystify the finance applications the group will be making to secure their student education and maintenance loans. We have followed this up with research into bank accounts and budgeting, two essentials as the group embark onto their Post 18 journeys.

*"The mind is not  
a vessel to be  
filled but a fire to  
be kindled"*

—  
*Plutarch*



## YEAR 12 VISITS OXFORD

The year 12 group have been following up their mock exams with feedback and reflection. Considering strengths and areas for consideration and further revision. These exams will feed in to the report data that will support both students and staff going forward. We also enjoyed an informative trip to Keble college, part of the collegiate at Oxford University. Twenty of our aspirational students across our Trust schools were able to experience a day at the university: meeting lecturers, university students and enjoying a visit to the libraries, lecture rooms and student residences. It was an informative and exciting experience that will inspire our students to accept no barriers and aim high. The images above give an indicator of the historic buildings visited and the enthusiasm generated.



**POST 16 TEAM:**

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



# SPORTS ROUNDUP



## U13 BOYS WARWICKSHIRE INDOOR CRICKET LEAGUE WIN

On Thursday 29th January year 8 boys competed in two fixtures at President Kennedy School as part of the Warwickshire Indoor Cricket League. This is a tournament this year group finished runners-up in last year! Their first game against President Kennedy ended in a 4 wicket defeat. However, Stoke Park students showed tremendous resilience to produce an excellent batting performance against Sidney Stringer by making 45 runs (6 overs) after being put into bat in the first innings. Sidney Stinger seemed to be in control of the run chase until Liam. W turned the game on its head by taking 4 wickets! This included the final 2 wickets in the last over when the opponents needed just 8 runs to win. This was an excellent display of performing to a high level whilst under pressure. Stoke Park students look forward to their next game against Aylesford taking place on Wednesday 5th February.

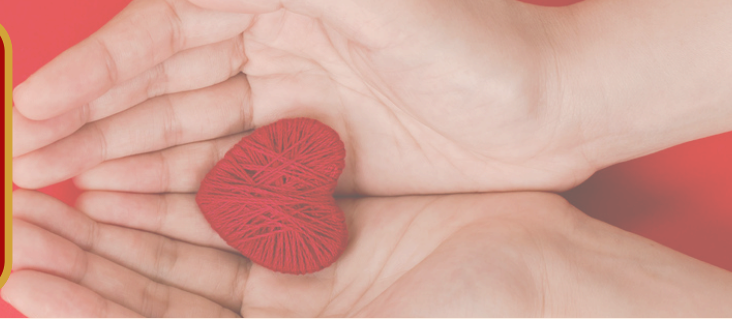
## PE TRIP: BRITISH BASKETBALL LEAGUE FINALS EVENT

On Sunday 26th January Stoke Park students experienced watching the British Basketball League Finals event in Birmingham, the pinnacle date in the British basketball calendar. Students were treated to two thrilling matches. Firstly, the women's final in which the Caledonia Gladiators survived a buzzer-beater shot attempt by the Oakland Wolves to win by 2 points! The men's final was a more one-sided affair with Newcastle Eagles dominating the Bristol Flyers from start to finish to win by 20 points. Students thoroughly enjoyed the day in which they were immersed within basketball culture. Being able to watch elite level basketball has given students an insight into the skill level and discipline needed to succeed at the highest level.



## FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Our family support centre is open!  
You can find more information and useful  
resources on our school website  
[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE](#)



## HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

A series of day camps are available for children and young people who are aged 9-13 years old at Coventry Outdoors Activity Camp.

Being outdoors fully-immersed in the natural environment helps children and young people explore different ways to boost self-awareness and confidence, cultivate greater happiness and find greater wellbeing.

Dates: 17th, 18th & 19th February

Time: 10am – 3pm

Limited spaces available, to book on to Half Term Activities

[CLICK HERE](#)

**February half term Activity Camp '25**  
17 - 19 February  
Coombe Abbey Park, Coventry CV3

10% off with go CV

Have a go at:  
✓ Combat Archery ✓ Laser Tag  
✓ Bushcraft ✓ Survival Skills

9-13 years > 10am - 3pm > £25pp per day

Book your place online:  
[www.coventry.gov.uk/coventryoutdoors](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/coventryoutdoors)

## 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:** 0800 111 4998
- **Childline:** 0800 1111 NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- NSPCC FGM Helpline: 0800 028 3550
- **Kooth**
- Stoke Park Support - [CLICK HERE](#)

## LET'S BE SOCIAL!

Get all the latest updates on our social media pages, click the images to find our page



@stoke\_parkschool

**Art Competition**

Create a piece of art based on the theme of:

**Animals**

All ages can enter // Prizes to be won  
Entries to Miss Branagh in Room 56  
Any media can be used  
Closing date: Wednesday 12th February