

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2025

WHAT'S INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- Farewells & Moving up
- Reflections on the year

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just like that we have reached the end of the year. One that has been full of experiences, hard-work, dedication and triumphs. We have been witness to a great number of students thriving and striving for the best through their academic, sporting and creative outlets and it has been a true joy to guide them through the year.

It is with great pleasure that we have looked back through some of these highlights and shared them in this newsletter. While it is important to move on and up it is also important to take time to reflect with PRIDE on the past year and all it has had to offer at Stoke Park.

We have also had some amazing things happening in this last week with all our enrichment activities. We have had trips for every year group, residencies, archery and activities and an in-house sports day for the students to unwind, experience and enrich their mental and physical selves. Students have really employed the schools values while out on these experiences and it is great to see how these are reflected into public life.

We would like to remind all parents and carers that there is always help and support available on the Stoke Park website, especially through the [Family Support Centre Page](#). Although the school is closed, you will always find help, links and advice here and any Safeguarding support through the summer break.

Rest well, enjoy your time with loved ones and we will see you refreshed and ready in September

Have a wonderful summer!



Natalie Rock
Headteacher



YEAR 8

THE PHILOSOPHER



SAY GOODBYE & WAVE HELLO

Over the course of the final week of term the Year 8 cohort and team have been abuzz with excitement and activity as we celebrate Enrichment Week 2025!

Over the course of the week, students have excelled in showing their cornerstones and demonstrated what it truly means to be a Stoke Park student.

We have had many successes over the course of the year and we have enjoyed being able to spend time with the year group this week, acknowledging and celebrating this; they have truly grown into the role of the Philosopher and we have no doubt that as we say goodbye to them on Friday as they sail off into Year 9, that they will flourish and rise to the challenge of being the Revolutionary, ready to make change!

GO APE

On Monday, we had a thrilling treetop adventure day at Go Ape, seeing not only students but staff swinging from trees and high ropes! It truly was a fantastic day and an exciting start to the week of activities. All students demonstrated Pride throughout the day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves! Well done all!

SPORTS DAY

On Tuesday, students competed against each other to win the coveted Sports Day cup and we are proud to announce that after a very close result, Miss Penzer's class won the day! Well done all! A special congratulations also goes to Jenson who was awarded the prestigious KS3 Sportsman of the Year Cup for his outstanding commitment and achievement in sport this year. Well done!

Miss Smith, Miss Palmer and Mr Owen would like to say thank you for all of your support this academic year and good luck in your years to come at Stoke Park.

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

Aristotle

CELEBRATION DAY!

We came together to celebrate all of our achievements with our final meal of the year on Tuesday; the Summer Picnic. Despite the rain, it did not dampen our spirits and we celebrated all those who have achieved this year. A special well done to those who won awards:

8MPE – Nadia
8SJA – Hamdi
8AER – Elektra
8MWI – Thomas
8JBE – Avneet
8KDJ – Evie
8MEB – Zuzana
Head of Year – Bhavneet



YEAR 8 TEAM:

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



CELEBRATING THE YEAR

SEPTEMBER 2024



We saw the **best GCSE and A-Level results ever** at Stoke park last year. Truly seeing dedication and hard work paying off.



The Music department was proud to announce that they became a school **member of Music Mark** for the academic year. This was in recognition of our commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all of our students

OCTOBER 2024



We introduced the new cohorts to **UniFrog** a helpful online platform to help young people through the world of different career paths



Year 9 held a **Rowathon** as part of their campaign to get students exercising more to improve their physical and mental health, whilst raising money for their chosen charity



Mr Weston launched a **sustainability drive** in school. Helping to make our school a less wasteful place from running our uniform bank, to meeting with farmers to discuss local produce, to entering in competitions to send flags to Antarctica.



Year 8 had the chance to take part in a **St John's Ambulance Young Responder session**. This was a fantastic opportunity to engage in essential lifesaving skills



We saw the first winners of our **attendance challenge**, encouraging and promoting the importance of coming to school regularly

NOVEMBER 2024



A select group of Year 7s represented Stoke Park at the **annual Dodgeball Values Tournament** hosted at AT7



Year 10 have been busy launching charity ideas to donate money to MIND, the Mental Health charity. This featured a charity walk to Kenilworth and back and Movember efforts, the total ended up being **£495.64** for the year!!



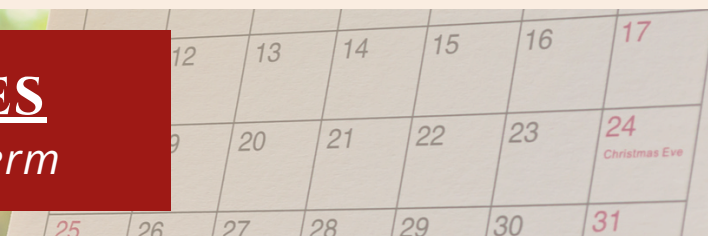
Mental health Support visit from **Kooth**. To allow the students to understand more about mental health, with a focus on Personal Development sessions on understanding our feelings and how to communicate issues.



The Governing Body of Stoke Park School held a **consultation on its Admissions Policy** for September 2026. This allowed our parents and students to comment on the proposed admissions arrangements

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 18th July - End of Term





CELEBRATING THE YEAR

DECEMBER 2024

We were especially proud to announce that our school had won two **FFT National Attendance Awards**, which are a testament to the dedication and commitment of both students and staff in fostering a culture of regular attendance.



The **Winter Concert** saw stoke park students show off their talents in a magically Festive evening!



We held our annual **winter celebration meals** before breaking up for the festive period. This is a time for the year cohorts to come together and experience a 3 course dinner and celebrate the achievements of the year so far.



We launched our **social media platforms** to keep parents up to date on news and events

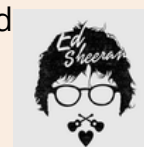


Students and staff collected hundreds of products to donate towards our **annual homeless charity appeal**.



JANUARY 2025

We were super excited for our students to meet **ED SHEERAN** through his foundation and SoundLab-Coventry. It was such an enriching and unique experience, showing the value and importance of music and creative subjects. Our students continue to work with SoundLab and we are excited to see the development of these future artists.



Year 9 had their **WW1 live lesson**. This is where guest speakers come in and give them a hands on experience with some of the uniforms and equipment as well as learning about the impact of the war.



FEBRUARY 2025

Sixth Form Showcase! Some of our year 12 music students worked incredibly hard to provide an amazing showcase. Each performer will had a unique setlist that kept us thoroughly entertained



We also enjoyed an informative trip to Keble college, part of the collegiate at **Oxford University**. Soke of our students 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.



Stoke Park students experienced watching the **British Basketball League** Finals event in Birmingham



Year 10 Inventors took part in the **Maths challenge**. Over 60 students in Year 10 accepted the challenge to compete with students across the country, showing off their resilience and determination to overcome complex maths questions. We had 11 students achieve a bronze award and Rishi M was the only student in the whole school who competed and received the Silver Award!



Stoke Park Library gave students the chance to **win an Amazon Kindle**, they just had to read & review as many books from the 7 Year Reading Journey as they could!





CELEBRATING THE YEAR

MARCH 2025



Wolverhampton Art Gallery led a **flag making workshop** with year 7 to support the Kabaddi World Cup hosted in the West Midlands.



Year 9 Revolutionaries visited JLR recently for a careers trip to look at girls' pathways into engineering industries. Students found this really insightful and eye-opening to the possibilities and opportunities with a career in engineering.



30 of our Year 9 artists had their 'Street Art' pieces submitted to a nationwide virtual gallery. **Art Bytes** is a national art programme for year 5 and year 9 students and combines an inter-school art competition with a bespoke virtual gallery and in-person Celebration Events in cultural venues across England.



World Book Day saw a host of events including, a visit from the author William Hussey (Witchfinder: Dawn of the Demontide), who led some fantastic sessions for our KS3 students, staff dressing their best in their favourite characters, reading-themed lessons, book quizzes, scavenger hunts and design tasks and a book themed Rap battle!



A number of our aspirational students also visited **Clare college, Cambridge**. This visit gave them essential information on how to apply to top class universities, how to complete the personal statement and how best to prepare for the university interview.



Year 12 music students were treated to an insightful and engaging careers talk with the **renowned conductor, Joe Davies**



Through **Careers Week** we offered a range of experiences, including a careers fair enabling students in years 9, 10, 11 and Post 16 to converse with a number of different establishments.



We were delighted to announce that we have been awarded a **Silver Award from Unicef** in recognition of our work collectively as a school community around children's rights

APRIL 2025



Hosting a **High tea** for each year cohort to celebrate with tutor awards and student recognition, before the easter break. Truly embracing the tradition of afternoon Tea



A group of Yr 9 and 10 girls were invited to take part a series of workshops aimed at **female empowerment** and giving them the tools to boost their confidence, emotional resilience and equipping them with skills to navigate their future career pathways.



Warwick University visited presenting the benefits of the **Warwick Scholar programme** and assisted with the super curriculum. Year 7 pupils also went to Warwick University for an engaging and interactive **maths enrichment event**. The day inspired and encouraged the pupils to think ahead about how the subject develops and opportunities it provides in the real world.



The English department took 60 students to De Montford University where students received a **taster day on careers** with journalism, trialing out their own radio and TV shows.

JUNE 2025

Our RSE **programme** covered puberty, dealing with physical and emotional changes and personal care in years 7 and 8 and learning about safe physical relationships and reproductive health in years 9 and 10.



Year 11 and 13 **Leaving Celebration assemblies** gave us the opportunity to wish our students all the very best for their future and lookback with PRIDE over their time at Stoke Park



30 girls who have represented the school in Netball competitions this academic year had the opportunity to attend a **Superleague netball match** at the NEC Birmingham



Our talented singers in the **Stoke Park Choir** went to Warwick Arts Centre for a special vocal workshop, hosted by the fantastic Heart of England Music!



Matt L and Jude W took part in the **Global Schools Connect Global Eloquence Challenge**. We are delighted to say that the boys won their debate against Myrtle Vine School from Nigeria. We were judged to have finished in second place overall which is a superb achievement!



Our fantastic food tech cohort got stuck in with on preparing fish. They had a **highly skilled lesson filleting** sea bass and sea bream, followed by shellfish and octopus tasting the following day with more practice on preparing foods.



JULY 2025

Enrichment Trips galore this month with trips to the Black Country Living Museum, Sealife Centre, Snowdome, Go Ape, Cotswolds Wildlife Park and Oxford. We also held **Careers day with Interview practice** and prep, **Sports day** for all years and an **Ethics Conference** at President Kennedy as part of our enrichment week activities



4 Year 10 students completed a week long residential at **Eton School**. This was an incredible experience and we are exceptionally proud as our students were highlighted as stand outs as some of the strongest of all who attended.



Our Drama department pulled out all the stops with this years production of **Oliver!** It truly was a show to remember with such talented casts!



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**.



16 female students in years 9, 10 and 11 participated in an **Art and Textiles workshop** led by Textiles Artist, Karina Thompson



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. All received awards commending their participation and just how well they have done



8 Students were very excited to experience **Wimbledon Championships** after winning tickets through the LTA School's ballot to sit on the prestigious Number 2 Court



Year 11 and 13 got to dress their best and celebrate with their **Proms** held at Coombe Abbey and The Village hotel





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.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIALS





YEAR 10 THE INVENTOR

BRINGING THE SKILL

We have had an exceptional end to the year for Year 10, as they complete their time as the Inventor and now move on to being the Architect, bringing together all of their skills gained from the Seven Year Journey so far.

WELCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

On Monday 14th, we were delighted to welcome multiple employers and careers specialists to the school, so that all of our students could partake in a formal practice interview. This provided a chance for all of Year 10 to practice their interview skills, reflect on their abilities and experiences so far, and consider their potential future pathways. Feedback from all involved was that our year group were extraordinary, and presented themselves professionally across the board.

We also had two brilliant trips take place on Wednesday 16th, with 90 students going to the Snow Dome in Tamworth, and another 50 students heading to the Sealife Centre in Birmingham. With the support of staff and instructors, our Inventor's overcame the challenges of skiing for the first time ever, whilst those at the Sealife Centre were able to touch a starfish, and witness some of the wonders of the ocean.

ENDING WITH A BANG!

It was a lovely end to a fantastic half term with Year 10. This half term alone has seen students engage in a global debate competition, meet and interact with students visiting from Nigeria,

perform in the school performance of Oliver!, go on a residential visit to Eton School, and organise and take part in work experience for engineering at Warwick University. All of these experiences and opportunities are testament to the year group, and their focus and desire to be involved in multiple different experiences. For over the summer, Year 10 have received a work pack, with some essential learning for them to do to ensure they are ready for the start of Year 11, along with key information around the **mock exams which take place from 8th September.**

*"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

- 24th August - Results Day

WIDENING EDUCATION

It has been a fantastic, academic and action-packed last week of term for Year 12. Enrichment week has promised and delivered exactly what it says on the tin, an immeasurable quality of wider 'educational' involvement. We have welcomed guest speakers from Warwick and Coventry University to support our Year 12 with their pathways, career, university choices and UCAS applications.



We welcomed back successful Alumni, past students who have excelled in their chosen choices and provided our Year 12 with excellent advice, support and in the know stories. And that was just Monday! We have attended an

Ethics conference at one of our Trust schools, President Kennedy. This day provided an excellent opportunity to engage with an array of professionals, from local politicians to an ex-member of the British Special Forces.



On Wednesday we visited the historic City of Oxford, with a tour around the Ashmolean Museum and lunch in the beauty of the gardens and buildings of this bustling scholarly city.

Thursday, we engaged with 'Well being' both physical and emotional, with strategies on how to survive year 13 and beyond.

Today is Friday where we round off the week with some sports, a lunch buffet and celebration assembly, to reflect on the year and look forward to a successful year 13.

All Year 12 students have now received feedback from all their mock exams and have a strong understanding of 'how' and 'what' they need to do over the summer, going forward into year 13 and how they need to apply all the learning from this year, to be successful next year.

We wish you all a wonderful summer.

FINAL FAREWELLS & RESULTS

On Friday 11th July, our Year 13 students said a final farewell at their Prom held at the Windmill Village Hotel.

Students arrived dressed to impress in an array of beautiful outfits that they photographed on the private terrace against the setting sun. They then moved inside enjoying a BBQ buffet, and spent the rest of the evening dancing, reminiscing and making new, lasting memories together.

We look forward to welcoming them all back into year 13 on September 3rd. Results day for our outgoing year 13 is 14th August and wish them all the best of luck for this day and going forward into their pathway choices. We will all be here at 9am to provide well wishes, support and celebration.

POST 16 TEAM:

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



OLIVER!



Stoke Park School concluded its sensational run of Oliver! last week, treating audiences to two captivating evening performances and two special matinees.

The classic Dickensian tale was brought to vivid life by the remarkable talent of students from across all year groups, supported by an incredible production team.

Beyond the public evening shows, Stoke Park was delighted to host special matinee performances for the wider community. On Wednesday afternoon, 180 Year 6 students from Stoke Heath Primary, Stoke Primary, and St. John Fisher were treated to the show, offering them an inspiring glimpse into secondary school performing arts. Thursday's matinee welcomed Stoke Park's own Year 7 students, giving them a unique opportunity to witness their peers shine on stage.

The dedication of the entire cast and crew was evident in every aspect of the production, from the powerful lead portrayals to the vibrant ensemble scenes. This ambitious show not only entertained but also provided invaluable experience for all involved, showcasing the school's thriving performing arts community.

The stage vibrated with energy, thanks in part to the amazing costumes that transported the audience straight into Victorian London.

The live music truly also elevated the production, with a live band providing a dynamic and professional accompaniment that underscored every emotional beat and rousing musical number.

Congratulations to everyone who contributed to this outstanding success!



STOKE PARK SCHOOL: A NEW CHAPTER AS A LEAD SCHOOL FOR MUSIC!

We're thrilled to announce that Stoke Park School has been appointed as a Lead School for Music by the Heart of England Music Hub! This is a significant achievement and a testament to our commitment to outstanding music education.

This appointment means Stoke Park will play a vital role in shaping the future of music education across Coventry, Warwickshire, and Solihull. We'll be championing excellence, inclusion, and innovation in music teaching and learning.

What does being a Lead School mean for us?

As an exemplary institution, we've been selected to model and promote high-quality music education. We're committed to delivering a rich, inclusive music curriculum, supported by strong leadership and a vibrant musical culture.

Specifically, Stoke Park School will:

Demonstrate best practice in music curriculum delivery and enrichment.

Support professional development for teachers across our locality.

Mentor and collaborate with schools where music is developing.

Build a resource bank and open our doors for peer observation and learning.

Coordinate CPD and networking opportunities to strengthen the regional music education community.

We're proud to be among the diverse and dynamic cross-section of educational settings chosen, including primary, secondary, and special schools, ensuring that the needs of all learners are reflected in the Hub's work.

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

If you have 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](#)**



FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Our family support centre is open!

[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE](#)

