

# NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very exciting first term with lots of progress in all year groups. As we move into our second half term I am reflecting on my first term as the headteacher at Stoke Park. As our students transition into a new year group, I myself have found myself transitioning into this new role and empathise with the adjustments, changes and developments we make in these periods. I am very proud to be observing the students settle in and adapt to their own roles within the school with vigour and enthusiasm.

We are ever changing as a school and this is signified by our Lead School for Music status award 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. Another amazing accolade for Stoke Park and one we look forward to developing and exploring.

On the return from our half term we see our Architects move into their Mock exams. This is a crucial time for Year 11 as they look towards their future and their GCSE exams. It is vital that our parents and carers are engaging with the intervention and revision sessions and ensuring they have a supportive and encouraging environment at home to achieve their best results! We also see year 9 engaging with their future decisions in their choices for GCSE. This is a gateway to seeing the possibilities education at Stoke Park can open for their lives after they leave us.

We have also kicked off our year with some brilliant matches in Netball, Rugby and football. We saw our brilliant Year 8 and 11 netball teams achieve their victories and our Year 11 football team with a win too! It's looking an exciting year for our sports teams with these early wins under their belt.



**Ann-Marie Smith**  
**Headteacher**



# YEAR 7 THE ORATOR

## CELEBRATING A STRONG START

It has been an excellent first half term for our new set of Orators. Students have been building discussion skills in their lessons and learning the building blocks of high level oracy in tutor time. From learning about energy in science, to Ancient Civilisations in History and Map Skills in Geography, to starting to learn the languages of Latin and French, our new Year 7 Orators have been outstanding in their lessons, with multiple students already having received over 200 achievement points. In particular **special commendation to George in 7MPE** who has already reached 300 achievement points! Furthermore, we would like to recognise Seth, for being selected to meet the Headteacher due to his outstanding start to the year, including incredible contributions in assembly and showing kindness to others in the year group.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Multiple students have also been exploring the different Extra-Curricular activities we have as well. Year 7's have been learning Mandarin, signing up to Cello lessons, acting in our drama club, and representing the school for our sports teams. We are exceptionally proud of our rugby team who took part in a tournament, as did our netball team, and our boys and girls football teams for their first games of the year. In particular, Tino has been incredible, being awarded Player of the Match in Netball, and scoring a standout goal in a football tournament playing up a year for the Year 8 girls. We are looking forward to seeing what other exciting parts of our school culture and competitions our Year 7 Orators will take part in over the coming weeks, and who will be looking to join the student council as a leader of the year group. We will also be launching a Shoebox Charity collection next half term, and will be sharing further information to see how giving and supportive our Bridge students can be.

## A GENTLE REMINDER

We would just like to remind all parents that students should be receiving and completing homework each day, which will be recorded in their planners. The coming weeks will be a chance for our students to expand their knowledge even further and start to show off their skills across their subjects.

## ATTENDANCE AWARD CELEBRATIONS

Finally, we have issued our first attendance awards of the year; Charlie and Frankie will receive £20 vouchers from the first prize draw, and have continued to maintain 100% attendance. Hattie and Christy have also won £10 Amazon vouchers as well. Our attendance has been excellent so far, and many students deserve to be acknowledged for their effort and focus so far this year. We will also be running further competitions on the run-in to Christmas, and appreciate your continued support in ensuring our students have exceptional attendance to school.



**w.b. 24th November** - Second set of Reading Tests for Year 7 begin to measure reading progress

**w.b. 8th December** - Year 7 Tutor evening, to give feedback to parents on student progress in all subjects so far.



# YEAR 8 THE PHILOSOPHER



## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR YEAR 8 FAMILIES

We are delighted to welcome all parents and carers to a new academic year that sees your child enter the year 8 area of the Gateway.

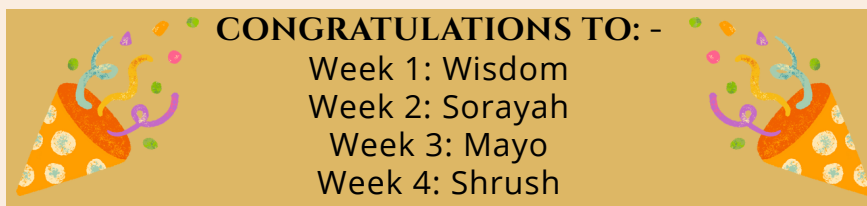
We encourage you to reach out with any questions or concerns — we are here to support both you and your child throughout the year. Over the coming days, tutors, will also be making introductory phone calls to connect with you directly if they have not already.

After successfully completing the Orator stage of the Stoke Park Seven Year Journey in Year 7, our students are now embarking on their next exciting chapter: the Philosopher. This phase is designed to develop deeper thinking, independence, and curiosity — essential skills for both academic success and personal growth. What a fantastic start to the year it's been for our new group of Philosophers! The term has already been filled with success, teamwork, and exciting developments, and it's a pleasure to share these highlights with our families and friends.

## THE GATEWAY PHILOSOPHERS

As part of The Gateway, we have tasked the tutor groups with selecting a philosopher that they feel best suits their tutor group identity and we cannot wait to introduce these to you over the coming weeks. Our first half term has focussed on Mrs Banks chosen Philosophers as she has shared their stories with the students through our weekly assemblies. Students have currently learnt about Harriet Tubman, Mahatma Gandhi and Albert Einstein.

As part of our Gateway culture and ethos we select one student each week, who have demonstrated the qualities of a philosopher in our year 8 community, these students embody our definition of a philosopher who seeks wisdom, ask thoughtful questions, thinks deeply about ideas and shows curiosity about the wider world.



They have been awarded their Philosopher of the week pen, they have had a positive impact on the team and we are proud of everything they have achieved so far. While the students demonstrate excellence in order to be crowned Philosopher of the week our tutor team also vie for the prestigious title of Mrs Banks Favourite. Which highlights the tutor who has gone above and beyond for their tutor group that week.

## THE RETURN OF THE TUTOR CUP

We're thrilled to announce the return of the long-awaited Tutor Cup this Friday. This weekly event gives students a chance to celebrate achievements and set goals for continued improvement. **Congratulations to Miss Poxon's class**, who continue to lead the competition! Keep up the fantastic effort, everyone.

As we return after the half-term break, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our students for their hard work and positivity. We also look forward to introducing everyone to our Tutor Group Philosophers —

**8AMJ**

**8RPX**

**8CWA**

**8CMW**

**8JAB**

**8CB**

**8IN**

We hope all our students and families had a restful and enjoyable half-term break!



# YEAR 9 - THE REVOLUTIONARY

## STARTING STRONG!

Year 9 have had a fantastic start as they embark on their next stage of the 7 year journey as the revolutionaries. This year marks a crucial stage in their journey and we are delighted with the way they have embraced the challenge. The focus for Year 9 is very clear: building strong habits now so that every student is GCSE ready.

I wanted to take a moment to share some of the great things happening across the year group. Year 9 are showing what it means to be revolutionary- taking ownership of their learning, stepping up to new challenges, and setting the standard for what it means to be part of our community. With GCSE courses just around the corner, students are beginning to focus on skills, habits, and knowledge that will help them thrive in Key Stage 4. Teachers are supporting Year 9 in making the transition from early secondary learning to GCSE style expectations- developing resilience, independence and the ability to think critically in every lesson. Parents can help by encouraging regular review of planners to check for learning prep and supporting good study habit at home.

## REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT

What has been particularly impressive is the revolutionary spirit Year 9 have shown motivated, curious, and ready to step up. To celebrate and encourage this, we have introduced the **tutor group cup** competition within the year group, rewarding effort, resilience, attendance, punctuality and progress. This will give students extra motivation to push themselves and recognise those who are going above and beyond. Alongside this we have also had some extremely worthy winners for our stars of the week in which weekly subject teachers nominate students who have been particularly impressive that week. In addition, each week our tutors nominate one student each for our thankful Thursday award. This award can go to students who have displayed the Stoke Park values including being respectful, safe and ready to learn. The winners of these come to Mrs Tunilla's office each Thursday morning to receive their postcard and a prize! Well done to all of our recent Stars of the Week- we are proud of you! Parents/carers please look out for any certificates given to your child!



## ATTENDANCE FOCUSED

Attendance continues to be a key focus and we would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support. Every lesson missed is a learning opportunity lost- and consistent attendance is one of the strongest predictors of future success. We are proud of those who maintain strong attendance and punctuality, and we encourage all students to keep striving for 100%. We launched an attendance competition over the last two weeks of term with students who have been in school 100% of the time since October 7th have been put into a prize draw. Our first voucher for attendance went to **Kimy E**. Our second voucher will be given on the last day of term for those who have managed 100% since our launch date!




Stoke Park Performing Arts is proud to present "A Musical Spin!", an evening of spectacular performances that will take you on a journey through some of the most iconic musicals ever written. This exciting showcase will feature our talented students performing show-stopping numbers from Rent, Little Shop of Horrors, and Matilda, along with other surprises that will leave you wanting more!


## When:

 Tuesday 25th November  7:00 PM

**Where:** Stoke Park School – Main Hall

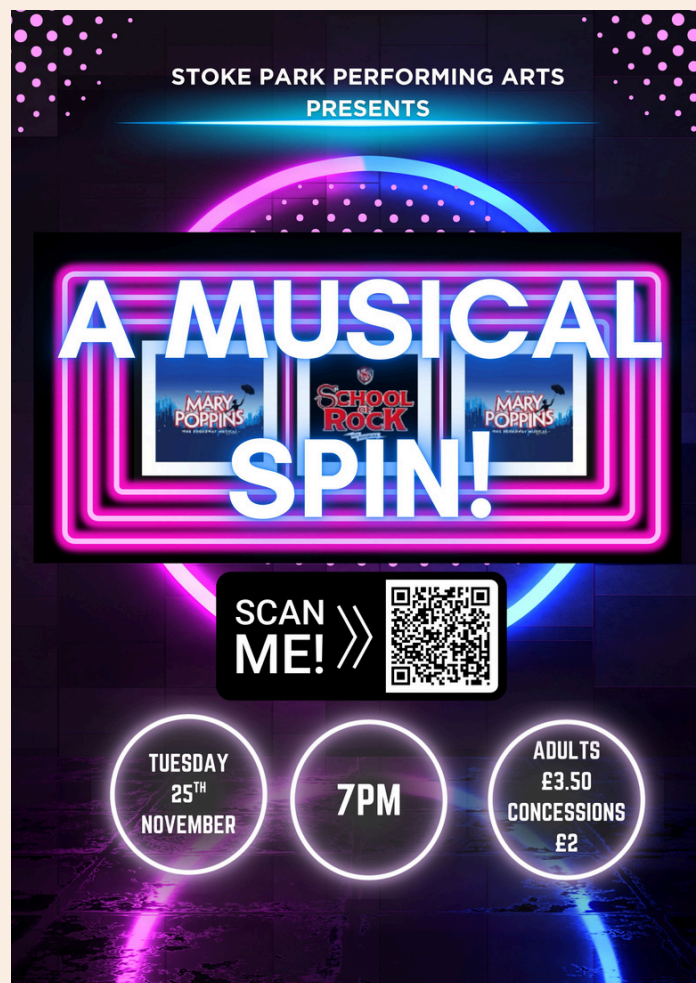
Tickets:

 Adults: £3.50

 Concessions: £2

Book your tickets now [CLICK HERE](#)

This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the creativity and hard work of our students and enjoy an evening of live entertainment with family and friends. Seats are limited, so don't miss out – book today and join us for a night of unforgettable performances!



## EXTRA CURRICULUM AND CLUBS

Club / Ensemble	Day	Time	Room	Target Group / Staff
Drama Club	Monday	3:00 - 4:00 pm	OLC	Miss Poxon
Keyboard Club	Monday	Break Time		33 Independent Practice
Senior Choir	Tuesday	Tutor Time		32 Y9 Choir
Brass Ensemble	Tuesday	Tutor Time		32 Music Staff
Keyboard Club	Tuesday	Lunch Time		33 Independent Practice
Musical Spin Rehearsal	Wednesday	3:00 - 4:15 pm	Main Hall	Y8-Y13
Gateway Choir	Wednesday	Tutor Time		32 Y8 Choir
String Ensemble	Wednesday	Tutor Time		30 Mrs Scott-Burt
Music Technology	Wednesday	Break Time		33 All Year Groups
Bridge Choir	Thursday	Tutor Time		32 Y7 Choir
Guitar Ensemble	Thursday	Break Time		30 All Guitarists / Mr Prior
Musical Spin Rehearsal	Thursday	3:00 - 4:15 pm	Main Hall	Y8-Y13
Stoke Park Orchestra	Friday	3:00 - 4:00 pm		32 Instrumentalists
Music Technology	Friday	Lunch Time		33 All Year Groups



## IMPORTANT DATES

27<sup>th</sup> October - 31<sup>st</sup> October - Half Term



## CELEBRATING OUR PERFORMING ARTS STARS OF THE WEEK!

This half term, we have been shining a spotlight on the incredible talent, creativity, and dedication of our students through our **Performing Arts Stars of the Week awards**. These students have gone above and beyond in music, drama, and dance, showing outstanding commitment and enthusiasm in every lesson and rehearsal.

Each week, teachers have selected students who have demonstrated:

- ★ Exceptional effort and progress in their performing arts lessons.
- ★ Creativity and confidence in performance.
- ★ Teamwork and leadership in group activities and productions.

So far this half term, our Stars of the Week have impressed us with their passion for the arts and their willingness to take on new challenges. Whether mastering a tricky piece of music, delivering a powerful monologue, or choreographing an original dance routine, these students are true ambassadors for the performing arts at Stoke Park.



**HOMEWORK CLUB**

**EVERY THURSDAY UNTIL 4PM**

**YEAR 7, 8 & 9**





# YEAR 10 - THE INVENTOR

## STARTING STRONG

It has been a very promising start for our students returning to commence their GCSE studies this year. Our personal development sessions during the morning have focused on wellbeing, building positive relationships and setting targets. All of these are aimed at giving students a solid foundation to fulfil the role of the Inventor in year 10. Careers sessions have also looked at local market information to support students in making informed decisions regarding the job market that they will enter in the coming years. Students have started subjects which they selected as options during year 9. Some of these subjects are completely new to them, and it has been a great experience for them to challenge themselves in exciting options choices. A significant upcoming milestone for Year 10 students is mock exams in January 2026. It is paramount that all students are completing lesson work and learning preparation to the best of their ability in preparation for this.

## INVENTORS IN THE COMPETITION

### **Tutor Group Cup**

A key attribute of an inventor is to be competitive and to strive for excellence in all areas. Students have been fiercely competitive in the tutor group cup this term whereby points are earned based on attendance rates, punctuality and achievement points. The tutor group with the most weekly wins this term is 10AER! Well done to them!

### **Star of the Week initiative**

In line with the competition and culture cornerstones of the school a weekly 'Star of the Week' competition has run concurrently with the Tutor Group Cup. Within this competition class teachers identify students who have showcased the characteristics of an inventor within their lessons. Such characteristics include:

- Stepping out of your comfort zone
- Displaying the key values of discipline, accountability and creativity
- Displaying independence, leadership and teamwork

The 10 students with the most weekly recognitions for this term are:

**Callum P, Adonay Y, Andreea A, Laila W, Samuel O, Ayoub K, Izabel B, Oliwia K, Eric F, Noah M**

Well done to these students for maintaining such high standards on a weekly basis throughout this term!

## READY & PREPARED

As we look to drive students' readiness for their GCSEs we expect them to be completing lesson preparation across all subjects every week. This could take a variety of forms such as pre-reading, revision or exam question practice. Please check in with your children to ask them questions about their learning and their lesson preparation, your support is greatly valued. As we come towards the end of the first half term, we are always looking to expand our students' attendance. There are a number of students with exceptional attendance, such as **Bryan** who has a 100% attendance record since arriving at Stoke Park in September 2022!

## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A major part of being a KS4 student is to develop your employability skills. Experiences which allow students to demonstrate leadership are highly valuable in developing these skills. The below students displayed exceptional leadership in volunteering to run the Bridge Football Cup which took place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Mr Glover was extremely proud of the below students as they embodied the qualities of being a leader and role model for younger students. Leaders: **Samuel O, Laila W, Zarifa Z, Rokia W, Jovin J, Melad G**

YEAR 10 TEAM:

Director of Year: T Hall | Head of Year 10: L Glover | Pastoral Manager: M Parmar





# YEAR 11 - THE ARCHITECT

## MOVING ON UP

As we move into this crucial stage of the academic year, our Year 11 students — The Architects — are preparing for their next phase of mock examinations, which begin Monday 17th November. Students have now received their mock exam timetables and should begin revising regularly to consolidate learning and close any remaining gaps.





Parents can support by helping their child stay organised, maintain consistent routines, and revisit weaker topics. Small, daily efforts — supported by attendance at after-school interventions — will make a significant difference as we build towards summer.

We continue to be impressed by the focus, resilience, and maturity shown by The Architects so far this year. Their positive attitude to learning and the example they set to younger students make us extremely proud.

At this stage, attendance and punctuality are essential — every day counts, and full participation in lessons gives every student the best chance to succeed.

## ASSEMBLY FOCUS – MARGINAL GAINS




In assemblies this half-term, we have been focusing on the idea of marginal gains. This is the principle that small, consistent improvements — as little as 1% — can add up to a massive overall impact. We are encouraging students to think carefully about the little changes that will make a big difference, these are small but powerful habits:

-  Arriving on time to every lesson
-  Staying organised with equipment and resources
-  Completing all learning preparation and homework on time
-  Actively engaging in lessons and asking questions

## POST-16 PATHWAYS

The Year 11 journey is about preparing for exams but also about planning for the future. Our Post-16 team is working closely with students this term to ensure they are fully supported as they begin to make decisions about next year. Careers meetings are taking place, giving every student the chance to explore their options and receive expert advice. We want all Year 11s to feel confident about the choices they are making and the exciting opportunities available to them.

## GOOD NEWS AND CELEBRATIONS

-  Netball Victory: On 15th October, our Year 11 netball team secured a 4–2 win against Eden Girls School. The players — Paige, Millie, Emmanuella, Margaret, Solange, Balpreet, and Hollie — showed outstanding teamwork, defensive skill, and accurate shooting.
-  Football Triumph: On 17th October, the Year 11 football team defeated Meadow Park in the Coventry Schools Cup. Warvin scored a superb hat trick, Pawel added a fine goal, and Loris earned Man of the Match for excellent defensive play. The squad now advances to the quarter-finals — well done, team!
-  GCSE Food Technology: Congratulations to our GCSE Food Technology students for completing their assessed coursework. Their understanding of the working characteristics, functional, and chemical properties of ingredients was highly commended by staff — an impressive effort all round.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER – EXAM CONTINGENCY DAY

Exam boards have set aside Wednesday 24th June 2026 as a national contingency date. This day is reserved in case exams need to be rescheduled due to unforeseen events such as severe weather or national disruption. It's essential that all students remain available up to and including this date, and we strongly advise families not to book holidays or make travel plans until after 24th June.





# POST 16 - THE SCHOLAR

## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW YEAR 12 AND RETURNING YEAR 13

A new intake of year 12 is always an exciting and promising time here in Post 16, you have all been extremely successful in your GCSE results and now we look forward to transitioning this into your first A level year. We look forward to meeting Springpod and Uptree who will provide year 12 with a plethora of Career and Work-related opportunities. Attendance, punctuality, lesson involvement and private learning prep study has been strong over these initial weeks, and we look forward to celebrating both year groups for demonstrating our ethos and our Scholar values.

It has been an impressive first half term in Post 16. The opportunities presented and the rigour demonstrated by both year 12 and 13 has been commendable. We celebrate the medicine, dentistry and Oxbridge students who have begun their early entry applications and wish them well on this particular journey. Others are working towards their UCAS applications by finalising their choices and putting the finishing touches to their personal statements. The Year 13 also began their mock exams, following on from the parents' evening. This is an excellent opportunity to snapshot progress, learning and targets. We welcomed The University College of London on Tuesday, who presented University life to both year groups.

## YEAR 13

Continuing a very successful year 12 and hitting the required challenges in these early days is essential to be successful over the course of the year. Year 13 have certainly begun well. Those involved in Early entry requirements have made plenty of ground. The Medicine applications began last year with an online support package provided by Medify, this received glowing feedback from the year 13 and now these students are involved in final requirements to their applications. All Year 13 are involved in completing their personal statements and a strong presence in all A level subjects are important in these coming months.

## OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

Year 12 have enjoyed a number of guest speakers this half term, with Warwick, Cambridge and Birmingham all presenting their pathway opportunities. We also welcomed Uptree and Springpod as Career research and experience providers. Kooth, who are an emotional well-being support organisation have also taken an assembly for both years to offer guidance, support and advice at this pertinent time for both years. Finally, we visited Edgbaston Cricket ground last Friday with year 12 for a University and Apprenticeship fair. There were many providers of both work and education there and the year 12 group fully took advantage with everything offered to them, the images really demonstrate this!



### POST 16 TEAM:

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



## YEAR 7 RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On Monday 29th September Finham Park School hosted their annual multi-school rugby tournament involving schools from Coventry and Warwickshire. Stoke Park were drawn to play Cardinal Newman and Southam College in the group stage. Both opponents proved too strong for Stoke Park but students displayed excellent resilience and determination particularly in their bravery when making last-ditch tackles. The final game was a close defeat to Coundon Court which involved captain Jude. L scoring an outstanding solo try. Mr Glover and Mr Beasley were very proud of the team as there was a lot of positives to build on for future games!

## STOKE PARK 4-2 MEADOW PARK

On Wednesday 15th October the year 7 football team achieved their first victory of the year defeating Meadow Park 4-2. Stoke Park students displayed excellent resilience in bouncing back from a defeat last week in the West Midlands Cup. George gave the team the lead mid-way through the first half with a powerful run from midfield finished off with a powerful strike into the top corner. Early in the second half Milad added a second goal with a cool, composed finish. Rhemal came off the bench to put Stoke Park into a commanding 3-0 lead. However, Meadow Park remained spirited, pulling back 2 late goals before Man of The Match (MoTM) Milad made sure of the victory with an excellent goal from outside the box. Although there were a lot of standout performances Milad was awarded MoTM due to his calmness, composure and quality on the ball which was topped off by two excellent goals. Stoke Park hope to carry this momentum into next term with several important games upcoming.



## YEAR 8 RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 30th September the year 8 rugby team took part in the annual Finham Park rugby tournament. The year 8 team enjoyed plenty of success last year, so expectations were high. However, the team encountered a tough start and suffered back-to-back defeats to Meadow Park and Kenilworth. With their backs against the wall the students responded in remarkable fashion and drew to a very strong Coundon Court side 10-10 and then comfortably beat Finham Park 15-5 with some outstanding tries being scored. The students really embodied rugby values of unity, teamwork and respect, well done to all!

## YEAR 7 AND 8 GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM

Congratulations to those who represented the school brilliantly at the recent tournament against schools from across Coventry. The girls played exceptionally well, winning all of their matches except for one very close game. A special mention goes to Year 7 student Tino, who scored a stunning goal, and to Year 8 captain Godiva, whose leadership and determination were key to the team's success. All of the players demonstrated fantastic teamwork, effort, and sportsmanship throughout the competition. They should be extremely proud of their achievements — well done, girls! 🌟⚽





## YEAR 11 NETBALL: STOKE PARK 4 - 2 EDEN GIRLS SCHOOL

On Wednesday 15th October the year 11 netball team achieved their first victory of the year defeating Eden Girls 4-2. Stoke Park students displayed excellent teamwork in their first match of the season. They played with heart, demonstrating excellent defending skills to turnover the ball quickly and efficiently to counter attack. There was some excellent shooting demonstrated from different areas in the circle.

Well done to all the girls, Paige, Millie, Emmanuella, Margaret, Solange, Balpreet and Hollie, looking forward to our next match!

## YEAR 8 NETBALL VICTORY

On Wednesday 22nd October the year 8 netball team played and won their first match of the year - defeating Coundon Court 12-3. The students demonstrated excellent teamwork, putting all of the skills they have been working on in training into practice.

After an even first quarter (2-2), the team increased momentum to win the second quarter 3-0, giving them a strong 5-2 lead at half time. Sorayah and Marley demonstrated their strong attacking partnership in the second half, scoring a further 7 goals, whilst an equally strong defence restricted the opposition to only 1 further goal. Congratulations to Marley who was voted player of the match and to the rest of the team for a fantastic start to the netball season.



## STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE VERDI'S LA TRAVIATA AT THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

We are delighted to announce that a group of our Performing Arts students will be attending a live performance of Verdi's La traviata at the Royal Opera House in London this January.

This exciting opportunity was made possible through our successful entry into the Royal Opera

House Schools' Ballot Scheme, which offers schools the chance to access world-class performances at significantly reduced prices. We were fortunate to be selected and have secured student tickets at just £7.50 each, a remarkable saving compared to standard public prices. To be invited on this trip, students are expected to regularly attend at least one extra-curricular Performing Arts group, demonstrating their commitment to creative development and enrichment beyond the classroom. The performance, sung in Italian with English surtitles, will take place on the iconic Main Stage and promises to be a memorable cultural experience. We look forward to sharing highlights and reflections from the day in a future edition of the newsletter!

## 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](#)



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## **CELEBRATING ZEKE'S MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

We are thrilled to celebrate the success of Zeke in Year 9, who has recently passed his Grade 4 Flute exam with a Merit! Zeke's musical journey doesn't stop there. He has also earned a place in the prestigious Coventry Youth Orchestra, where he will perform alongside some of the most talented young musicians in the region. This is an incredible opportunity for Zeke to develop his skills further and experience performing in a professional setting.

In addition to his performance achievements, Zeke has taken on an exciting new role as a podcast host for Coventry Music. Through this platform, he will be sharing insights, interviews, and stories that celebrate music and inspire other young people to get involved.

Zeke's accomplishments are a shining example of what can be achieved through passion and perseverance. We are proud to have him as part of our Stoke Park music community and can't wait to see what he does next!

## **RBO QUARTET INSPIRES STUDENTS**

Stoke Park School was delighted to welcome the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire (RBO) Cello Quartet for a special live performance for our Year 7 students. This unique event gave students the chance to experience the rich, resonant sound of the cello and learn more about the world of classical music.

The quartet performed a varied programme, showcasing the versatility of the cello through both classical and contemporary pieces. Between performances, the musicians shared fascinating insights into their instruments and life as professional musicians. One of the performers was our very own new cello teacher, Mr Wood, who will now play a key role in developing young musical talent at Stoke Park.

The impact of this performance has been incredible: eight Year 7 students have now committed to learning the cello this year. They are joining Stoke Park's Future Musicians Programme, which offers free cello lessons for the year as part of a pilot project with Coventry Music to encourage more young people to take up the cello. These students are excited to take home their brand-new cellos next week and begin their musical journey.

This initiative reflects Stoke Park's commitment to providing exceptional opportunities for students to explore their creativity and develop new skills. We can't wait to hear the beautiful music these future cellists will create!



## **STOKE PARK AWARDED MUSIC MARK AND NAMED LEAD MUSIC SCHOOL**

We are proud to announce that Stoke Park School has been awarded the Music Mark of Recognition for 2025–2026, celebrating our ambition and commitment to high-quality music education. This prestigious accolade reflects our dedication to ensuring that music remains a vibrant and integral part of school life.

In addition to this achievement, we are delighted to share that Stoke Park has also been named a Lead Music School for the Heart of England Music Hub. This role positions us at the forefront of music education in the region, enabling us to collaborate with other schools and organisations to inspire and support young musicians across Coventry and beyond.

These recognitions highlight the incredible work of our staff, students, and partners in creating a thriving musical culture at Stoke Park. We look forward to continuing to expand opportunities for all students to experience the joy and benefits of music-making.



# WEEKLY MUSIC HOMEWORK – TEACHING GADGET

At Stoke Park, we believe that regular practice and consolidation are key to musical success. That's why all students are set a weekly music homework task using the online platform Teaching Gadget.

How it works:

**Go to [www.teachinggadget.com](http://www.teachinggadget.com)**

**Username: stokepark**

**Password: music123**



Click on 'My Assignments' and select your class.

All students have this information on a sticker in their planner. Each task takes around 5–10 minutes to complete and can be repeated as many times as needed to achieve the best possible score. This helps students consolidate their powerful knowledge in music.

A smartphone is ideal for completing the tasks, as some activities include audio clips. School PCs are not recommended for this reason. If a student needs access to a device, they can come to the Music Department during most breaks and lunches to use an iMac or iPad.

Once the quiz is complete, students simply type in their name, select their class, and press submit. Parents and carers: Please support your child by asking, "Have you done your Teaching Gadget homework this week?"

## ART COMPETITION

**Draw, make, paint, sculpt, carve or bake a MONSTER to have a chance of winning a prize**

Use your imagination to dream up a monster; scary, funny, or totally unexpected!

You can use any materials or medium you like.

Sculpt, paint or draw your design, or even build a model.

The only limit is your imagination!

What weird or wonderful idea will you come up with?

Prizes are awarded to stand-out entries - not just the most artistic - as ootiBOO! is an inclusive project for any ability. The main thing is to have fun!

The judge for this year's competition is the author of Colin's Grandma, Holly Swain.

The Prizes;

We offer a fantastic selection of prizes suitable for all ages for our competition winners!

All entries included in the gallery are automatically entered for judging and a chance to win!

**Deadline:**  
**5th November 2025**  
**Entries to be handed**  
**into**  
**Miss Branagh**  
**in room 56**

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## LEAVERS' HOODIES



We are pleased to confirm that Leavers' Hoodies are now available to order for **Year 11 Only**. These are a fantastic way for students to preserve memories.

Orders can be placed through our private online shop:

👉 [CLICK HERE](#) 👈

### Login details:

Username: 9378

Password: 7vZTZd83



Shop closing date: **9th April 2026**

Once the shop closes, all orders will be processed together, and hoodies will typically be delivered within 2–4 weeks. We strongly recommend checking the size guide on the website before placing an order to ensure the perfect fit

## FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Our family support centre is open!

[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE](#)

