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Dear parents and carers,

This week we will be holding our celebration assemblies. Students will be invited to a 'Spring High Tea', where they will be served finger sandwiches, and fresh cream scones. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to eat and celebrate together. Our students who are fasting for Ramadan will not be left out of the 'Spring High Teas' as it is important to us as a school they are included. Each student will receive a take away box to eat at sunset with their families and friends.



During the Easter Half term, the Bridge team will be holding an 'Activities Day' on Wednesday 27th March 2024, for our students who will join the Bridge in September 2024. This is a great opportunity for your son or daughter to come and meet Stoke Park staff, have fun with friends and make new friends, and familiarise themselves with the school. You can sign up by scanning the QR code on the [school website](#).

Year 13 and 11 students are continuing to work hard, and have started to receive individual feedback from their teachers in all subjects on their recent mock exams. During the Easter half term, it is important the students revise everyday for 3 to 4 hours as when they return they will only have 23 school days before their GCSE/A-Level exams start.

Friday 22nd March 2024 is the last day of term. School will reopen to all students on Monday 8th April 2024.

Have a lovely week

Miss Rock
Headteacher

YEAR 7: THE ORATOR

In The Bridge this week, students have been learning all about National Careers Week where they have been able to unpick a variety of options after Year 11 to lead into careers. This tied in very nicely with our recent Careers Fair we had where students are starting to become more aware of different pathways for their future.

On this note, students have also been accessing their Unifrog portal to look at and complete tasks around skills they have acquired and how different skills can support them in different career pathways. This work also, builds on the past fortnight of Stoke Park Experience reflection that students have been working on.

It has been lovely to see students realising what skills they already have to offer, where these can lead them in the future and also, finding new areas of skills they wish to develop.

We have also had students have a wonderful opportunity to participate in our Reading Therapy Dogs session where they have had a lovely time as a group reading to our therapy dogs and being able to relax and interact with them in a calm environment.

Additionally, students have attended National Pi Day event at Coventry Cathedral which was a fantastic opportunity for students to experience Maths outside of the classroom and an opportunity to delve into the culture of Coventry whilst at the Cathedral. All students thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity and showcased our values incredibly well.

YEAR 8: THE PHILOSOPHER

Year 8 have been demonstrating their philosophical values across the week, as they prepare and complete their end of term assessments across the curriculum. It is wonderful to see so many of our students approach their lessons with confidence developing their 'show' from the 'know, how, show' framework.

Students have demonstrated their grasp of powerful knowledge in all areas, and are confident in the application of their skills. In drama, students have prepared for a group assessment, demonstrating stage craft and the use of vocal skills to bring characters to life. It is wonderful to observe lessons where students are using subject specific vocabulary to help improve their work. Well done to all students who have completed their assessments so far.

In other news, students have continued to support our charity appeal by skipping for cancer research. We appreciate your support with this and will be sending sponsor forms home for anyone who wishes to contribute to this appeal.

YEAR 10: THE INVENTOR

It has been a purposeful first week back for our inventors who have been engaging in a range of activities that demonstrate the Stoke Park Experience. This half term our inventors have been particularly focused on community and charity with our Year 10 Sponsor weeks coming up after Easter. All students now have their sponsor form and a plastic wallet where they can collect their sponsors and keep their money in. Our students have come up with some fantastic ideas already and by the end of next week they must have decided on the activity that they will get sponsored for in order to raise money for our chosen charity; Cancer research UK. We really do appreciate all of your help in supporting our inventors to raise money.

Our students have also been excelling in their work with Warwick University. A group of our students have been chosen to work with the university on a weekly basis to support and excel their learning. It is a brilliant opportunity for our students to gain experience of working with university professionals and develop their knowledge.

We would like to thank all parents/carers for ensuring that our students arrive to school fully equipped with their Stoke Park 5 and in the correct uniform. Attendance has been another of our key focuses now and we would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring that students are attending school each day and are arriving promptly for their 8:40 start. Students who have above 95% attendance achieve on average half a grade more than their peers. In addition, it is absolutely vital that students are in everyday for the rest of the term.

YEAR 11: THE ARCHITECT

Year 11 have been working hard this week in lessons as they show the characteristics of The Architect in learning from their mistakes and reshaping their ideas in order to achieve the right result as they reviewed their mock exams in lessons. Some subjects completed their mock exams in lessons this week meaning it is imperative students are in all lessons next week to review those papers and close the gaps in knowledge where they have dropped marks. The Year 11 Food students had their practical assessments in the kitchen and have produced some truly amazing pieces of work as they have designed and created their own breakfast items from a range of different cuisines and cultures. Students realised the importance of preparation for this assessment by practising and trialling their dishes at home as well as coming into school at 8am to prepare their ingredients ready for the exam; a timely example of what students need to do and can achieve in their exams with the right preparation and dedication that we wish to see from all students ahead of this summer. Once again, Year 11 students showcasing their amazing talents and making us very proud!

Year 11 GCSE Information Evening

In order to help you best support your child in the run up to their exams we will be hosting an online GCSE Information Evening for all Year 11 Parents and students. This will be taking place on Wednesday 20th March at 6pm via Zoom. You can register for the event via this [link](#).

We will be going through vital information regarding their exams, how to support their revision and preparation tips in the build up to and during the exam season which begins on the 9th May. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions via the chat function if you require. We look forward to this event so that we can work collaboratively and cohesively in order to best support our young people in what will be an extremely challenging period of time which will set out and define their future plans and aspirations.

Year 11 Photos

All parents should have received their proof copies of their child's individual photo as well as the whole year photo. Instructions on how to order these are attached with the copies and I am sure many of you will want to purchase these photos as they capture a momentous time in your child's life as they finish secondary school in the coming months. Any questions regarding ordering your photos please do not hesitate to get in touch with the year team.

POST 16: THE SCHOLAR

In general, our Post 16 are moving towards the summer term with much learnt and much cause for celebration. We will be offering all Post 16 our Easter buffet and celebration assembly next Friday, from lunch. Those students fasting at this time will be invited and offered food to take away and enjoy later, at their convenience.

Our Year 13 students have now received results of their mock exams and are looking ahead to the summer external exams. A report and a parents' evening will come out to you over the coming week and a letter explaining revision sessions that will be offered during the holidays and the Year 13 now need to be engaging with to make the most of the Easter holidays and beyond. For coursework subjects, intervention is happening to give them the best chances in their A levels.

Year 12 will be busy visiting our partner schools and universities over the next month. Students will be visiting Eton next week, Keble college Oxford next month. We also have Warwick University joining us next month to offer their Scholar programme and a 'Taster lecture programme' they are offering. All these events are wonderful super curricular initiatives, and aspirational moments in our calendar. The Zero Gravity programme is busy 'matching' up of our students with undergraduate students at universities who can support our year 12 to be aspirational and strive for the best. Our year 12 are now beginning to gather together their experiences, wider support and achievements so far to begin their UCAS applications to degree, apprenticeship and other applications to demonstrate their hard work, resilience and Scholar potential.



SPORTS NEWS

PE DURING RAMADAM

During Ramadam, could you please still send your child with their full PE kit as they will still be expected to get changed into this, the same as every PE lesson. PE lessons will be adapted to accommodate our students who are fasting to ensure their well-being. They may take on different roles, such as officials, coaches or take part at a lower level. This will be on an individual basis, depending on how your child feels that day. Miss Redpath HOD PE

Stoke Park go top in both divisions of the Coventry Schools'

Badminton League

Stoke Park played their final match against Westwood Academy in their final game of the season. They played some fantastic Badminton in some extremely close fought matches with Stoke Park showing true quality and skill to come through with the victory. The KS3 Team won their fixture 12-1 with comfortable ease showing how much progress they have made as a team in such a short space of time. The KS4 team faced some tough opposition in their division with some matches going right to the wire and down to match point but clawing it back just in time! They won their fixture 11-5 and were fantastic in both the singles and the doubles.



This means that Stoke Park sit top of the league in the Coventry School's Badminton League in both the KS3 division and the KS4 division. The team now awaits the remaining fixtures to be played in the league to see if they have done enough to win the league this season and improve on winning only 1 of the divisions last year to see if they can win both this year. A big well done to all of the team! Mr Hall

All England Badminton Championships Trip



15 Year 7 & 8 students, Miss Chrobot & Mr Hall went to watch the very best players of international Badminton at the All England Badminton Championships at the Utilita Arena in Birmingham on Thursday. Students were selected due to their commitment to extra-curricular Badminton Club on Thursdays afterschool as well as the whole of the KS3 School Badminton team. This was an opportunity to experience an international sporting event and watch the pinnacle of world Badminton. They watched some enthralling games in the men's and women's singles and doubles, as well as some mixed doubles, even having chance to watch the men's world number 1 Viktor Axelsen. Students were amazed at the sheer speed of play and movement of players, with some shots reaching speeds of above 400km/h. Students also had time to go round and have a go at the

interactive games in the concourse with Sam O coming third overall in the reaction time game! All students' passion for the sport was visibly heightened, so much so that they jumped straight off the bus and straight on to court at Badminton Club to put what they learnt to practice. It was a fantastic day had by all and every student was a credit to the school.

CAREERS OFFICE

The Stoke Park careers office is now open to all students for drop in sessions if they wish talk about there options or possible careers options they are thinking of.

Opening times will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday break time.