

Friday 6th September 2024







STOKE PARK FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE

Our Family Support Centre is OPEN. You can find more information and useful resources on the school website: CLICK HERE

#### IMPORTANT DATES

You can view the school calendar on the school website: <u>Click Here</u> Dear parents and carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome back all of our students and to see them adapting to their new areas and learning about the next steps in their seven-year journey. Our new orators of the school have had an insightful week, familiarising themselves with The Bridge, and the school's ethos PRIDE. A reminder year 7 individual photos will take place on Wednesday 11th September.



We were also delighted to welcome back our year 13 scholars and year 11 architects during the summer to celebrate their outstanding A Level and GCSE results. The exam results were the best results we ever had. Our students worked exceptionally hard, and their dedication has truly paid off. Congratulations to you all and I wish you the very best for your future.

Additionally, on Wednesday 11th September, Year 11 will be sitting their first set of mock exams. It is crucial that they dedicate time to revise over the weekend and prepare thoroughly for these assessments.

We'd like to gently remind all parents and carers about the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Arriving on time helps students start their day calmly and sets them up for a successful day of learning.

We will be hosting our Open Evening for the Bridge cohort for September 2025 on Thursday 19th September. You will find more information within this newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Rock Headteacher.

# CONGRATULATIONS

#### Year 11 on Outstanding GCSE Results

We are absolutely delighted to announce that this year's Year 11 students have achieved the best set of GCSE results the school has ever seen! These incredible results are a testament to the hard work, determination, and resilience shown by our students throughout their time with us.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and carers for your ongoing support. Your encouragement and dedication have played a vital role in helping the students reach their full potential.

Congratulations once again to Year 11—you have done yourselves and the school proud! We wish you all the best in your next steps and look forward to hearing about your continued success in the future.

#### Fantastic Results for our Amazing Year 13 Scholars

We are thrilled to extend our heartfelt congratulations to our exceptional Year 13 Scholars for their outstanding achievements in this year's exams. Your hard work, dedication, and resilience have truly paid off, and we could not be prouder of each and every one of you!

This year has been particularly challenging with the bar raising ever higher, yet they rose to the occasion with grace and determination. Many of our achieved personal bests and surpassed your own expectations. Whether you're off to university, an apprenticeship, or taking the first steps in your chosen career path, we are confident you will continue to thrive and succeed.

A special mention goes to those who achieved top marks, securing places at prestigious universities and on competitive courses. One in three of our students have been accepted to top courses and universities in national and international rankings and have also undertaken competitive apprenticeships for companies such as Amazon.

To all our Year 13 students, we are incredibly proud of your accomplishments. Best of luck in your future endeavors—you've made us all proud, and we know you will go on to achieve even greater things!

### YEAR 7: THE ORATOR

It has been wonderful welcoming our new Orators to The Bridge at Stoke Park School. They have arrived looking smart, and ready for the exciting journey ahead. Over the last few days they have been learning about the ethos and values that make our school a special place. They have also spent time getting to know their tutors, teachers and peers while exploring the school grounds.

I am incredibly excited for the year ahead and look forward to watching them grow, thrive and truly become the orators of the school.



# YEAR 7: PARENTPAY

Activation letters for all new Year7 students have already been posted out to home address containing your one off codes to enable you to set up your ParentPay account to pay for dinner money; trips etc.

If you have mislaid or lost your codes, please contact parentpay@stokepark.coventry.sch.uk

#### **YEAR 8: THE PHILOSOPHER**

It is with pleasure that I welcome all of our new parents and carers to the Year 8 Team. This week, you will have received a letter from Mr Owen, Director of Year 8, formally welcoming you and providing you contact details for the entire team. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us, while tutors along with myself and Mr Owen, will be reaching out through phone calls to formally introduce ourselves. We look forward to working with you this year.

Having successfully negotiated their way through the 'Orator' stage of the Stoke Park 'Seven Year Journey' in Year 7, Year 8 students find themselves at the beginning of another stage of exciting academic and social learning experiences via the 'Philosopher'. To be a good philosopher, students are encouraged and challenged to do the following:

- Be interested in the world & ask questions about it
- Examine ideas carefully and consider different viewpoints
- Be willing to change your mind when you encounter new evidence
- Use reason and evidence to support your ideas
- Think about your own thoughts and beliefs
- Consider what is right and wrong, and why

I'm sure you will agree, that these learning experiences and opportunities are paramount to both upskilling and supporting our students with achieving success and happiness both at school and in the outside world. Our new Philosophers have settled in to Year 8 life fantastically, bringing with them a wonderful learning atmosphere. The Gateway is truly alive with learning!

# YEAR 10: THE INVENTOR

The Year 10 team is so pleased to welcome back our new GCSE students as Inventors. The students have settled in extremely well, and we thank parents for their continued support in ensuring students are fully equipped and in full uniform. Students are being encouraged to come up with 'solutions, not problems' in their school lives in order to allow us to fully support them in their GCSEs. Developing this new ethos ties in with our PRIDE values and furthers a student's character and education. If parents/carers need anything, your direct contact is still your students' tutors. Their emails are:

10PMA- STAFFPMA@stokepark.coventry.sch.uk 10JPM- STAFFJPM@stokepark.coventry.sch.uk 10DJU- STAFFDJU@stokepark.coventry.sch.uk 10RPO- STAFFRPO@stokepark.coventry.sch.uk 10LR- STAFFLR@stokepark.coventry.sch.uk

If you need anything, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

# YEAR 11: THE ARCHITECT

It has been fantastic welcoming back our Year 11 students as they embark on their final year with us at Stoke Park School. As architects, they have made a purposeful start and have hit the ground running in their crucial last year. I am proud of the PRIDE they have displayed throughout the week and have settled into lessons and met our high expectations.

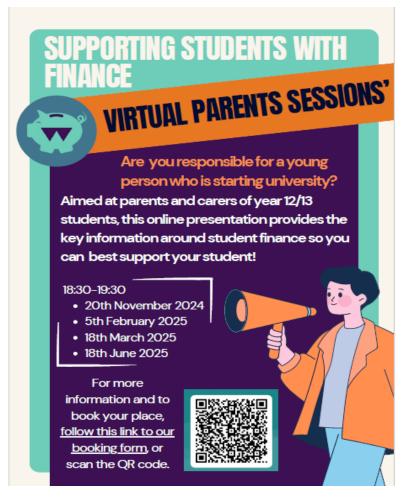
It was excellent to be joined by so many parents, carers and students for our information evening on Wednesday where key dates of mock exams, parent evenings and Post 16 open days were shared alongside revision ideas and strategies to help support your child in their upcoming GCSE exams. If you were not able to attend on Wednesday, then please view the <u>link</u> which has access to the presentation that includes these key dates and the mock exam timetable that starts on Wednesday 11th September.

Attendance continues to be a key focus 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.

# **POST 16: THE SCHOLAR**

A warm welcome to our returning year 12 into 13. Continuing a very successful year 12 and hitting the required challenges in these early days to be successful over the course of the year. Early entry requirements, personal statements and a strong presence in all A level subjects are important in these coming months. A welcome to our new intake of year 12, you were extremely successful in your GCSE results and now we look for this in your first A level year. This week has been a huge indication of just how successful both years are going to be, with attendance, punctuality, lesson involvement and private learning prep study. Well done Post 16

# PARENTS OF YEAR 12 AND YEAR 13



#### MUSIC



One of the special opportunities of a place at Stoke Park School is the opportunity to receive heavily subsidised instrumental tuition.

The lessons that we currently offer include:· Keyboard/piano · Guitar/bass guitar · Saxophone · Trumpet · Violin· Cello. Flute · Clarinet · Trombone · Singing · Drums

A 20-minute individual lesson will be £6.50 per lesson, to be paid termly in advance. A shared 20-minute lesson (2- 4 students) will be £3.50 per lesson to be paid termly in advance. Please note that lessons take place during the school day, with a specialist visiting teacher.

For all lessons, fees are not refundable should your son/daughter choose not to

continue within a term, as teachers are booked and paid for a term in advance. These lessons are only valuable if students attend and practise their chosen instrument. The music department is open every break-time, lunchtime and after school for students to practise.

Tuition cannot begin until the first payment has been received. If you would like your child to receive music lessons this academic year, please complete this form, and make prompt payment on ParentPay.

Students of orchestral instruments are provided with their own instrument, free of charge, for which they are personally responsible. In between lessons, students are expected to undertake regular practice to develop their skills, as part of their homework routine.

Through learning an instrument, students will experience a much wider range of benefits than simply becoming a musician. Research has shown that students who learn an instrument have increased self-confidence, higher levels of resilience, greater concentration, and improved academic attainment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Head of Music, Mrs Vincent on svincent@ stokepark.coventry.sch.uk

If you would like your child to be considered for instrumental tuition, please answer the following questions, places will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Y7-Y13- individual/shared lessons- https://forms.office.com/e/egXCXSeRFy

Y7 beginner orchestral instruments- (free of charge) https://forms.office.com/e/5p77DAbXiY



#### WELL DONE JESSIE

We are thrilled to share that our beloved school therapy dog, Jessie, has made us all proud by winning several rosettes in recent Kennel Club competitions! Jessie's hard work, dedication, and agility skills were on full display as she navigated challenging courses with ease, bringing home multiple awards.

Jessie's success is a testament not only to her incredible abilities but also to the strong bond she shares with her trainers. As a therapy dog, Jessie continues to bring joy and comfort to our students, and now she's adding agility champion to her long list of talents.

Congratulations to jessie for her well-deserved achievements! Keep an eye out for her during upcoming visits- our very own superstar!

