

NEWSLETTER

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WINTER 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This month has been an exciting one, full of triumphs and new beginnings at our school. In the sporting arena, our teams have been showcasing incredible talent and determination. The netball, football and dodgeball teams delivered outstanding performances, with dominant displays of teamwork skill and competitive spirit.

As we embrace the winter season, our school community is looking forward to celebrating with a variety of festive events. Students and staff alike coming together to reflect and enjoy all we have accomplished this half term with our annual formal Winter Dinners. We look forward to the delicious seasonal meals and the concert hall brimming with the sound of festive music.

These winter celebrations have fostered a wonderful sense of unity and joy, bringing warmth and cheer to the school.



Natalie Rock
Headteacher

Additionally, the opening of Post-16 applications marks a key moment for our students, providing them with opportunities for them to continue their Seven Year Journey and become our Stoke Park Scholars. As we look ahead, we are also introducing new attendance-focused competitions for our Year 10 Inventors and Year 11 Architects, encouraging them to stay engaged and committed to their studies while offering some fun and friendly competition along the way.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

YEAR 7 VALUES DODGEBALL

Earlier this month a select group of Year 7s represented Stoke Park at the annual Values Tournament hosted at AT7. All students were brilliant throughout and worked well as team, developing their communication and leadership skills. Each team has to score the other school on the 3 values they showed throughout their game, Stoke Park was scored very highly by all other schools. As for results, Year 7 did themselves proud coming third in their group, only narrowly missing out on progression to the Level 3 County finals. Well done to everyone involved!



"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style"

Maya Angelou

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10th December- Online Tutor Evening



MONDAY

Netball
Rugby (Boys)
Multi - Gym
Badminton

TUESDAY

British Sign Language
Club - Room 20

WEDNESDAY

Football (Boys)
Basketball

THURSDAY

Mandarin Club -
Room 20
Rugby (Girls)

FRIDAY

Football (Girls)

After School Clubs



HOMEWORK CLUB

Every Day
Lunchtime
Room 14

Every Morning
8am
Canteen

BREAKFAST CLUB



YEAR 7 TEAM:

Director of KS2-3: C Hughes AHT | Director of The Bridge: L Meyrick | Pastoral Manager: A Hansford

YEAR 8 THE PHILOSOPHER

Since returning to school, our students have continued to flourish into Philosophers of the future. It truly is a pleasure to walk through their lessons and see them developing their knowledge and nurturing their curious minds. There have been many highlights this term, seeing many students take part in numerous extra-curricular activities, with a large portion of the year group actively involved in either creative groups such as drama club or the Gateway Choir, as well as those who chose to compete on the sports field. It is fantastic to see our students developing their cornerstones of culture and competition outside of the classroom.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Students hard work regarding their tutor group assemblies have finally come to fruition, with the first assemblies having now taken place. Before half term, students were working hard, developing their understanding of their chosen Philosopher (who would represent their tutor group), using their research skills to create information to educate with their peers and practising their public speaking skills, ready to share with the rest of their cohort. All students took part, developing presentations for screen, writing short speeches and speaking. These are skills that will hugely benefit the children and we are so proud of how well they carried out this task. We are extremely eager to see the rest of the cohorts assemblies!

It does not matter how slow you go, as long as you do not stop.

-Confucius-

THE PHILOSOPHERS

As we move into the end of our first term together, we are encouraging Year 8 to refocus on what they have learnt so far about what it means to be a Philosopher and how they are meeting this milestone on the Seven Year Journey. A great way of exploring the Stoke Park Seven Year Journey with your child, is to discuss what it means to be a Philosopher with them too. Below is a list of agreed characteristics that Year 8 have developed. We hope that you can see your child becoming more curious about the world around them and developing the key question of, why?

- 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

STOKE PARK GO TOP OF THE LEAGUE!

Stoke Park played Sidney Stringer in their second league match of the year against a tough opponent at their home ground. Stoke started slowly and conceded from a corner within the first few minutes. It was a great show of character and they responded well with sustained pressure on the Sidney goal. This was rewarded with Jenson being taken down in the box by their keeper, with



Hisham excellently slotting it home to make it 1-1. A mistake at the back led to Stoke going 2-1 down into half time, however this was not reflective of the performance. Stoke Park started ferociously and continued all the way through the second half scoring 5 goals in 30 minutes. Some fantastic build up play combined with great skill and determination led to a well earned 3 points taking Stoke Park top of the league. A big well done to everyone involved and we look forward to the next game!

YEAR 8 TEAM:

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



YEAR 9

THE REVOLUTIONARY

Year 9 have been continuing to embody the Revolutionary spirit in their Revolutionary campaigns as tutor groups these term. Each tutor group was tasked with coming up with a topic for which they want to raise awareness for, enact change and revolutionize our views and actions on this matter in our school community and beyond. Students have been putting their plans together and have been putting their ideas into action.

9LG - Improving physical health and sports' participation - Running numerous sports competitions to increase sports participation and improve health with their Basketball tournament and Rowathon raising money for charity and competing for Tutor Cup points along the way.

9DWE - Poverty and Equity - Opened their Uniform Bank to recycle and reuse uniform to prevent waste and support families and students in need. They have also been working with British Farmers in supporting sustainability in the food production industry as well as some students working to make our school more wildlife friendly by working towards an installation of a wild hedgerow in the school grounds

9BDJ - Mindfulness and Mental well-being - Running Mindfulness colouring sessions for students to learn and practice mindfulness techniques to support their mental well-being.

9RMI - Equality Act & Protected Characteristics - Running a student suggestion box in order to gauge student opinion on how we can improve on supporting equality and diversity in our community with actions to follow.

9MRA - Healthy Lifestyles & Nutrition - speaking to staff to get their healthy eating tips and researching healthy quick meals and snacks to share with students to create a Stoke Park Cook Book.

9THO - Building a Safer Community - collaborating with the 'No More Red' campaign to support awareness around the dangers of violence and keeping our young people safe in their communities.

"Don't find fault with each other; rather clasp hands and fight the battle together"

—
Mary Harris Jones

OPTIONS AND CAREERS

Year 9 have been looking at Careers and Option choices through discussions in Personal Development and Unifrog on Thursday mornings. Students will be picking their GCSE options in the first half term of the new year.

More information will be sent out in due course regarding our **Year 9 Options Information Evening that will be held in late January/early February.**

NETBALL SUCCESS!

The Year 9 Netball team have also had a strong start to their season with impressive wins in the league. The girls are showing a great togetherness and spirit that will serve them well for the rest of the year.



YEAR 9 TEAM:

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



YEAR 9 CONT.

STOKE PARK 1-1 PRESIDENT KENNEDY (STOKE PARK WON 2-1 ON PENALTIES)

The year 9 boys football team played their round 2 West Midlands Schools Cup match against President Kennedy on Friday 15th November. PK started the game really sharply and scored 10 seconds after kick off to go 1-0 up. Stoke Park students had to show excellent levels of determination and resilience to resist this early pressure and remain in the game. Mid-way through the first half Stoke students were able to start playing some great attacking football and a swift counter attack was expertly finish off by Joel. Q to level the game at 1-1.

In the second half PK continued to #dominate possession but Stoke students showed tenacity in their defensive work all over the pitch. In particular the backline of Keshawn, Lennon, Ben, Blake and Sam (GK) were resolute in defending, making numerous last ditch blocks and tackles.

The game finished a draw therefore had to be decided on penalties which is a horrible way for either team to lose. Blake and Darius remained composed in scoring their spot kicks to send Stoke Park through to round 3! Well done to all involved!

Mr. Glover



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Late Jan/Early February- Options Evening



YEAR 9 TEAM:

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

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](#)

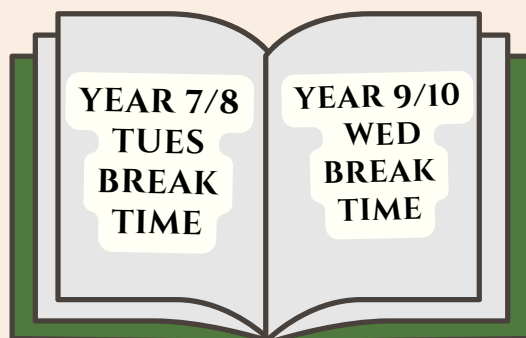


Library Clubs

FILM CLUB



BOOK CLUB



GAMES CLUB



PE ENRICHMENT CLUBS

3:15-4:15pm



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- Year 7&8 Netball (LRE)
- All Years Boys Rugby (LC)
- All Years Badminton (TH)
- All Years Multi-gym (LG)

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Meetings



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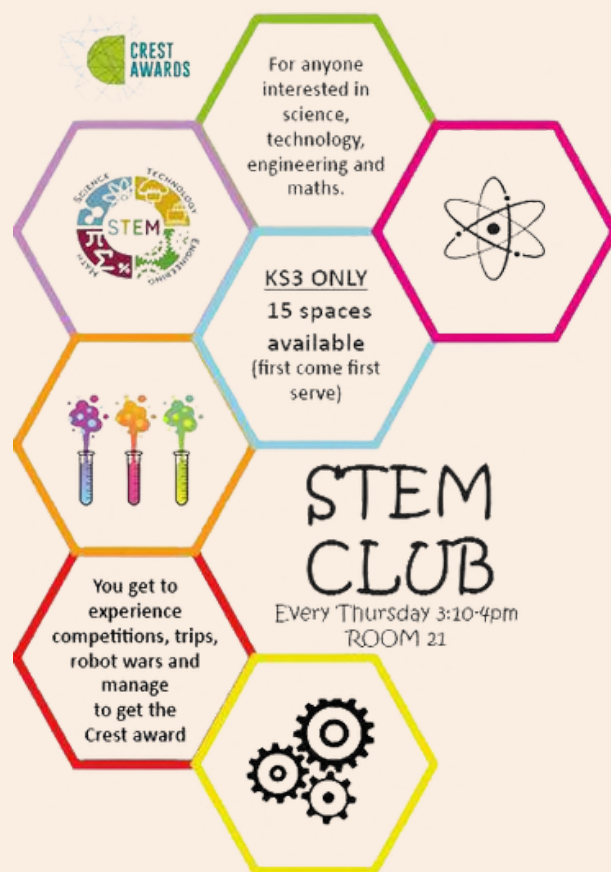
- Year 9,10&11 Netball (LRE)
- Year 7&8 Boys Football (TH)
- All Years Basketball (LG)

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- All Years Girls Rugby (LC)
- Year 9&10 Boys Football (LG)
- BTEC Sport intervention/masterclass

F

- All Years Girls Football (LC)





YEAR 10 THE INVENTOR

RAISING THE STAKES

Year 10 have been busy launching charity ideas to donate money to MIND, the Mental Health charity. We have set the challenge for all students to raise £10, they are using their skills as the Inventor to do this by coming up with an idea, pitching it to staff and students, and then actually carrying out their charity event. So far we have had two students do a sponsored walk from here, to Kenilworth, and back! Students have been fantastic and so engaged in building their ideas and raising money for a good cause.

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time"

Thomas A Edison



VOUCHING FOR ATTENDANCE

Attendance in Year 10 is currently a massive push. Students are aware of how much 5 hours of missed learning can impact their long term study for their GCSEs. They are currently being given the incentive of 100% attendance for £100 Amazon Voucher, and every week they are in school every day on time they are entered into a draw for a £25 Amazon Voucher.



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 10th December- apprenticeships assembly
- 20th January- Year 10 mocks start

A VISIT FROM KOOOTH



To allow the students to understand more about mental health we have had a focus in our Personal Development sessions on understanding our feelings and how to communicate issues. To aid this we had mental health charity Koooth deliver all students a talk about the fantastic work they do in supporting young people. Similar to MIND, Koooth showed the students how they can all access support with their mental health and shared an insight into careers in the charity sector.

YEAR 10 TEAM:

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



YEAR 11 THE ARCHITECT

PREPARING FOR SUCCESS

November has been both a challenging and exciting month for our Architects as they have been busy preparing for their second set of Year 11 mocks and exploring their Post 16 options. During personal development students have been learning about the most effective ways to revise and how to implement their revision routines outside of school. This coupled with the hard work going on inside of the classrooms and after school interventions will help to ensure that they make the expected progress in the upcoming set of mocks. Students have been focusing on 'marginal gains' in each subject and looking how they can be 1% better every day. We are really proud of the grit and resilience that our Architects have shown and looking forward to seeing the progress that they have made since their last set of mock exams in September.



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 3rd December - BTEC Sports Leadership workshops
- 6th December - Post 16 application deadline
- Week commencing 24th February 2025 - Mock exams round 3
- Week commencing 24th March 2025 - Parents evening

THINKING AHEAD

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our Post 16 open evening earlier on this month and students have been having some excellent conversations with their tutors and subject teachers regarding their next steps. **The deadline to apply for Stoke Park's Post 16 is Friday 6th December**, the application form is on our website and the next page of this newsletter, and students have received an assembly from the Director of Post 16 on how the application process works. If you have any queries about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the year team. In addition, heads of departments have also been delivering information regarding their subjects at KS5 and what life would be like as the Scholar at Post 16. All Year 11 students have now received their careers meeting with Mrs Dye, our careers advisor at Stoke Park, this has given our Architects an insight into potential careers and what they need to do next to ensure that they can progress onto their chosen pathway.

"For the most part, things never get built the way they were drawn"

—
Maya Lin

ATTENDANCE COMPETITION

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. We have launched our 4 week attendance challenge which runs from Monday 25th November- 20th December, whereby weekly, students who have 100% that week will be placed into a prize draw and one person per week will win a £25 voucher and chocolate. On the 20th December all students who have 100% across the 4 weeks will be placed into a prize draw for a £100 voucher. Students who have above 95% attendance achieve on average half a grade more than their peers.

YEAR 11 TEAM:

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



POST 16 THE SCHOLAR

As we come to the end of our first term, we reflect on our successes, achievements and our own personal accomplishments in Post 16.



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Week Commencing 13th January - Year 12 Mocks Begin
- 14th January- Online Parents Evening

LIFE AFTER STOKE PARK

Our year 12 group have had their first taste of Post 16 life, adjusted well and made themselves part of the Scholarly ethos; working hard daily with their A level subjects, delving deeper into the super curricular opportunities made available to them and supporting the wider school through efforts such as reading clubs, volunteering with the school council and tutoring younger year groups. They have had visiting assemblies by Cambridge, Warwick and Leicester Universities. They have also benefitted from assemblies from career and industry providers such as Uptree and Springpod. The Spring term will see our year 12 acting on all these opportunities to shape their understandings of career choices and their next academic steps. In this competitive world, these opportunities are crucial to the success of the Stoke park Scholar. A reminder that our first round of mock exams will begin in January, which will be an important landmark moment along our Post 16 journey.

MOCKS IN FULL SWING

Year 13 have met the challenges of that final year of A levels. They have been involved in mock exams to fully prepare themselves for the summer, we have begun intervention and personal statements have been completed to complement their application to Post 18; whether that be University, Apprenticeships or anything in between. The next term is crucial to building on these developments, through interviews, understanding finance implications and making those choices. This will all be supported by the Post 16 staff and our external University partners.

We wish you all a relaxing Christmas holiday, with our mind also fixed firmly on our studies. If there are any questions, details or information families wish to go through, please contact us here in the Post 16 building.

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW
OPEN FOR OUR POST 16
PLACES, CLICK THE IMAGE
BELOW TO COMPLETE THE
FORM.**



POST 16 TEAM:

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



NEWS & UPDATES

CONSULTATION FOR THE STOKE PARK 2026 ADMISSION POLICY

The Governing Body of Stoke Park School is consulting on its Admissions Policy for September 2026. The consultation runs from *Monday 25th November* until *Monday 20th January 2025*

The documents for the consultation are on our website [here](#)

If you wish to comment on the proposed admissions arrangements, please send your response in writing for the attention of Ms S Allen-Moore, either by post or email to:

Consultation on Admissions 2026
Stoke Park School
Dane Road
Coventry
CV2 4JW

Sallen-moore@stokepark.coventry.sch.uk

**Comments should be received by no later than
Monday 20th January 2025.**

Stoke Park School

INSTRUMENT LESSONS

WE CURRENTLY HAVE LESSONS AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING:

DRUMS GUITAR PIANO FLUTE CLARINET
SAXOPHONE VOCALS VIOLIN TRUMPET TROMBONE

Individual or group lessons

If you would like lessons in another instrument please collect a letter from the music department

INSTRUMENT HIRE AVAILABLE

Contact: svincent@stokepark.coventry.sch.uk

THE NEW SIMS PARENT APP



Easy access to important school information for years 7-11. We now have a convenient new way to share information with you about your child's school life. The information that you receive through the app will help you to stay up-to-date with your child's school life as well as support your child's development and progress. You can access the system from a smartphone, tablet or PC – anytime, anywhere

What will you find in the SIMS Parent App:

- Important information such as attendance, behaviour and achievements.
- School term, inset dates and contact details available at the click of a button.

If you haven't received an email to set up an account please email

Simsparentapp@stokepark.coventry.sch.uk

IMPORTANT DATES

Teacher Training Day - Friday 31st January

For other important dates you can check our website:

[CLICK HERE](#)



The Stoke Park Winter Concert is quickly approaching and, as ever, it promises to be an excellent way to begin the festive season. Students from Year 7 to Year 13 will be performing in this year's event, which includes performances from three different choirs, string group, brass group, guitar ensemble and orchestra. The concert will be held in the Main School Hall. The concert starts at 7pm and doors will open for audience members at 6.40pm. We have a strict limit on ticket numbers, and they are provided on a first come first serve basis.

Tickets are priced at £3 adults/£1.50 children and seniors. Proceeds from the concert will go towards the work of the Music Department.

Tickets will only be available online, and can be purchased using the following link or by scanning the QR code on the poster.

OR CLICK HERE

On the evening, please present your digital ticket using your mobile phone.

WINTER CELEBRATIONS

Don't forget our Celebration meals will be on the week Commencing 16th December. Please inform us of any dietary requirements as soon as possible.