

# INEWS

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# IMPORTANT DATES

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It has been wonderful to witness our students come together in the spring tea celebration assemblies this week. Each year group has shown PRIDE, especially our students who have stood up in front of their peers and read their own speeches about their seven-year journey. Every day we have witnessed incredible musical performances and the students have celebrated each other's achievements. They have engaged, and enriched our school community environment.



This term has been full and exciting for our students, who have been able to take part in a number of events and competitions, and we have received not one but two National attendance awards. You can read more in our end of term letter.

It is a crucial time for our year 13 and year 11 students. It is important they utilise the half term effectively for revision. Their teachers will be coming in during the Easter break to support our students and hold intervention sessions. It is important your son or daughter attends these sessions. We want the students to maintain a balanced schedule, ensure they rest, and eat well alongside their revision.

School reopens to all students at 8:40am on Monday 8th April 2024.

Have a lovely break

Miss Rock Headteacher

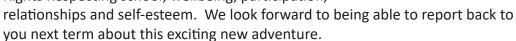


# STOKE PARK RECEIVED ANOTHER NATIONAL ATTENDANCE AWARD

It gives us great pride to receive yet another FFT Attendance Award. This national award acknowledges that Stoke Park is in the top 10% of all schools nationally. The single greatest factor of success in school is being present and engaging whole-heartedly in the outstanding learning experience Stoke Park provides. With the legacy of COVID, we all know how important it is to have students in school as nothing ensures and supports their development more than having them learning with their peers and teachers. This award is a testament to the dedication we have to our students and families and it is wonderful to be nationally recognised once more.

#### STOKE PARK AND UNICEF'S RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL AWARD

We are excited to announce that Stoke Park, led by our Student Council, is working towards becoming a UNICEF endorsed Rights Respecting School and are on target to achieve the bronze award by the summer holidays. This international award will recognise that Stoke Park School promotes the rights of children to receive an outstanding education as adults and children work towards this goal together. There are four key areas of impact for children at a Rights Respecting school; wellbeing, participation,





#### STUDENTS AWARDED ETON X QUALIFICATIONS

A huge 'congratulations' to all of our Year 9 Revolutionaries, Year 10 Inventors, Year 11 Architects and Post 16 Scholars who have successfully completed EtonX courses this half term. From verbal communication to resilience to preparing for the BMAT medicine and LNAT law exams, our students have taken ownership of their own personal development by



engaging with this world-class opportunity. This free platform, provided to Stoke Park as part of our collaborations with Eton College, Windsor is an amazing opportunity for our students and we look forward to celebrating the completion of more courses with more students as time progresses.

# **POST 16: THE SCHOLAR**

Post 16 have had an industrious Spring term and we all look forward to a the reward of the Easter break. A time to recharge, reflect and revise our learning. to be ready for the summer term, where Year 13 will be fully involved in their external A level exams and Year 12 will be focused both on academic subjects with mock exams and a wider focus on their Post 18 destinations. This will supported by a UCAS day and time given to research, application and generating personal statements. This will all conclude our Scholar journey, with which more details will come to you as we come closer to these landmark moments. Year 12 students have also been given Easter revision work from all subjects to support them over the break. Subject Teams channels are an excellent support for them also.

Year 12 have been benefiting from our partnership with the illustrious Eton college, enjoying a visit this week to learn ideology and ethos that will support them in their own AScholar journeys. We also have an aspirational visit planned to Keble college, part of Oxford University, after Easter that will inspire our students to accept no barriers.

# **POST 16: THE SCHOLAR**

Year 13 reports will be coming out to you as well as an invite to the parents' evening on Tuesday 9th April. This will be done remotely through School cloud. All the information and log in code will be given in the letter and we all look forward to discussing your Child's progress and predictions for the summer. Easter revision work has also been given to all Year 13 to support them through the two week break. The Teams channels are also an excellent resource for all students during this time. Some subjects are also taking Easter revision sessions with students, this information has been given to students and they will know when to join us here at school for these sessions.

# **YEAR 11: THE ARCHITECT**

A big thank you to all of the parents and students who attended our Year 11 GCSE Parent's Information Evening on Wednesday. Students and parents have commented on how useful and helpful it was in how to best support your child with effective independent revision at home. This included Leitner's Revision Flash Card Model, Dual coding and various retrieval practice strategies as well as many other techniques and resources to aid independent revision. It is vital all students must be revising every single day in preparation for their exams, especially over the Easter holidays. All students have been given their final grade predictions and for some of them this is their final dose of reality that they need to ensure they are preparing themselves as best they can by revising to ensure they pass every subject and be as successful as they can. This is simply about life chances and students need their GCSEs to get on to the next step of their Post-16 Plan and onwards and gives them more opportunities in future if they were to change their minds in what careers they want to pursue. We are asking a call to action for all students and parents to do everything they can in order to revise and do the best they can to give them the best chance of success. Students have also been given a blank revision timetable proforma for them to complete and use for over the Easter holidays. All students should be revising every day extensively and changing subjects in order to help the revision and retrieval process.

If you were unable to attend the Information Evening you can find the PowerPoint on the school <u>website</u> You can also watch the powerpoint <u>here</u> using the password: gsv34\*w\$

Students have been given subject specific letters regarding Easter School sessions that need to be signed and brought back into school. We want as many students in school for these sessions as they are extremely impactful and can help make rapid progress in a short space of time. We hope you can support us in ensuring that all students are here for their sessions and on time. They do not need to wear uniform.

Students have been given a letter regarding Prom with information about the event on that for you to read but we ask that you pay careful attention to the section regarding how students can earn money off from their ticket by meeting certain criteria. Invites will be given to the next wave of students who have not had them and this will be based on students ensuring they are meeting our high expectations around attendance, punctuality and conduct.

# YEAR 10: THE INVENTOR

Our students enjoyed their 'Spring High Tea', where they were served finger sandwiches and fresh cream scones. It was fantastic to eat and celebrate what has been a challenging yet successful term for our inventors.

Our Year 10 team have been assigned 'The sponsorship challenge' whereby each student will select their own sponsored event to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Students will be responsible for managing and taking ownership of their own sponsored event. Students' totals will be anonymous and all donations, whatever the amount, will have a huge impact when collated. Students now have their sponsor forms and have started to plan their activities. Can we please ask for your support in discussing and supporting your child to independently run their own sponsored event that will have an end date of April 19th.

We would like to wish all students and families a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming back our students on Monday 8th April fully equipped, taking PRIDE In their uniform and ready to learn.

# **YEAR 9: REVOLUTIONARY**

Year 9 have finished a fantastic term with their

celebration assembly, many students got easter eggs, Revolutionary plaques, a Revolutionary book: 'Chinglish: An Almost Entirely True Story', and Amazon gift vouchers. It is important we recognise student effort since Christmas, and those who have done superbly since September. Thank you, parents and carers of Year 9 students, for your efforts to support your children. We are keen for these efforts to carry on after Easter half term when school re-opens. Please support students to be on time, fully equipped and properly uniformed.

#### **Our winners for our Spring Term Revolutionaries:**

9EBA: Arman G, 9LG: Shea C, 9LNA: Haziqah K, 9LR: Ebony B, 9GDU: Smiriti K, 9CB: Aissatou B and

Miss Muldoon's Revolutionary: Majka K

#### **Cornerstone awards:**

Care - Pawel K, Culture - Maggie C, Character - Nicole T and Competition - Ciara M

# YEAR 8: THE PHILOSOPHER

What a wonderful week year 8 have had to finish our spring term together. On Tuesday, students celebrated all their achievements this term in the form of our annual Spring High Tea celebration afternoon. It is humbling to see the community year 8 have built together and inspiring to see how well they support one another's achievements.

Across the afternoon, we were treated to both speeches and performances from year 8 students. The year team would like to congratulate Lola on her beautiful flute solo and the members of the school choir who impressed with their harmonies and vocal skills! Zahra, Izabel and Ayoub all supported the afternoon by standing up and sharing their experiences of year 8 so far. It can never be underestimated how challenging the task of presenting can be when faced with speaking in front of 180 of your peers. But all three representatives showed pride in their words and delivery.

As well as sharing food and stories from the year so far, students were selected for their standout achievements this term. The year team would like to congratulate all who won. And to all our parents and carers, we thank you for all your support to date and wish you an enjoyable spring break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in April.

#### **Tutor Philosopher Winners**

Neha - 8LBL, Oliwia - 8MRA, Evie - 8SVE, Rukia - 8JBT, Ava - 8THO and Daisy - 8MWI

#### **Cornerstone Winners**

Callum – Culture, Laila – Care, Darius - Character and Amy - Competition

100% attendance Winner-Izabel

# YEAR 7: THE ORATOR

In The Bridge this week, students had their first ever Spring Teas Afternoon in the hall with their Spring Celebration Assembly. This was very similar to their Christmas Meals celebration where they are all sat at a formal dinner celebration and were served Afternoon Tea. For some students, this was the first time they'd tried a scone and they loved it! It was such a lovely afternoon celebrating all of our students for their successes this term.

Also, our Brilliant Club students have submitted their first assignment to their university tutor this week. Students have been working incredibly hard on their essays and are all hoping to gain high marks in them. It will be lovely for students to experience, academic-style feedback from a university professor next term too. Well done to all!

# **YEAR 7: THE ORATOR**

In tutor time, students have been celebrating British Sign Language week and have thoroughly enjoyed learning this new language and have wanted to seek more advise from students in the year group who use BSL on a daily basis. This has created such a lovely culture and ethos in The Bridge as it has developed students' character and care within our community.

Students have also celebrated International Women's Month in tutor time through exploring powerful women across History and the impact that these women have had on our society; even in our modern society. This has been a lovely experience as we have heard students talking about it within other lessons but also, around school.

I would like to finally celebrate two of our tutor groups this term for their efforts around attendance and achievement points: **7RMI for top attendance** and **7MPE for achieving more than 23, 600+ achievement point.** What a great term for all of our students in The Bridge!



## YEAR 7 GIRLS FOOTBALL VICTORY!

Congratulations to the following students for their exceptional performance in football yesterday, they won matches against Sydney Stringer and West Coventry. Some excellent goals from Oliwia and great defence from Zarifa. Samira and Zahra were fantastic in goal making some great saves. They worked great as a team in both attack and defence. The Team: Laila, Zarifa, Kayla, Oliwia, Starla, Hannah, Zahra, Imani, Elektra, Denisa, Rebecca, Elise, Samria and Felisha.

## THANK YOU TO OUR MUSICIANS

Musicians from across the school have been entertaining their peers this week in our Spring Tea celebration assemblies. Performing in front of their peers is probably the most difficult audience to perform to. Our students have excelled themselves. We have had performances from both the Y7 and Y8 choirs, a string trio, a piano solo, a flute solo, various vocal solos and duets and a first performance for our newly formed Y10 band.

