

Date: 08<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As an exciting term comes to an end I would like to take this opportunity to share a number of events that students have been involved in, from the National Careers Week, to a record number of sporting successes.

The term started with an incredible production of, 'The Wizard of Oz', students from Y8 upwards were involved on stage and behind the scenes for our first in person performance since the pandemic. The performances were superb and students, parents and teachers alike delighted in an evening of live entertainment.

In March the whole school took part in National Careers week, departments ran talks and a variety of careers lessons so all students could see where each subject could lead in their future lives, the week culminated in a wonderful careers fair where multiple companies, universities and colleges all came to help our students gain an understanding of the working world.

To coincide with Careers Week, and so that students could see the progression from school to university, students visited the University of Warwick. This was an excellent chance to see one of the country's top universities and also to see what campus and academic life could be like.

In keeping with the theme of universities, we were delighted to celebrate a student's artwork being exhibited at Keeble College, Oxford University in an Art Exhibition. This is a first for Stoke Park and a truly incredible achievement.

We have also had many sporting successes, in basketball, football and athletics. The girls football team reached the finals of the Midlands cup and played in Birmingham.

Finally, the term was rounded off by a traditional high tea. Students and teachers came together once again to experience a delicious afternoon tea to celebrate their success as a year group with students being awarded for a variety of achievements. Once again, this was an excellent opportunity for students and staff alike to spend an afternoon celebrating the many achievements of our students. Students we incredibly articulate when giving their form speeches in line with our 'Seven Year Journey' and the oracy skills they demonstrated filled us with pride.

The summer term will commence at **08:40, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022** for all students. We expect all students to arrive fully prepared to learn with their Stoke Park 5 and in full uniform. As always, we will continue to strive for excellence attendance across the school and we ask that you support us in ensuring that your child is in school every day. Every day a student is off school they fall further behind in their learning. As a no barrier school, if you need support with getting your child into school, please contact your child's Head of Year or Pastoral Manager for support.

This academic year, we have increased the time your child is with their tutor and created a bespoke PSHE curriculum to ensure your child receives the best personal, social and health education. This takes place from **08:40 to 09:10**. If your child is late to school, they will miss out on this opportunity.

A gentle reminder that mobile phones are not permitted in school and if your child has their phone out, it will be confiscated and put in the school safe, and you will be expected to come in to collect the phone. Facial piercings are also not permitted, and your child will be asked to remove them.

School is open over the holiday period, excluding **15<sup>th</sup> April** and **18<sup>th</sup> April**. If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact the school reception and they will direct you to a member of staff who can support you.

I would like to wish all our students and their families an enjoyable holiday and I look forward to welcoming them back after the holidays.

Yours faithfully,



**Ms Rock**  
**Headteacher**