

## Ex Pupil leads MotoGP World championship

Cal Crutchlow (LCR Honda Castrol) is on top of the world this week with three good reasons to celebrate after a dramatic MotoGP™ race in Argentina last Sunday. Not only did Crutchlow take the third win of his MotoGP™ career in an unforgettable Termas de Rio Hondo race, but he became the first British rider to lead the premier class World Championship since Barry Sheene in 1979. He also earned a place in Honda folklore in South America by winning the Japanese factory's 750th Grand Prix.



Some of you ex-pupils will remember Cal, who was at Stoke Park in the mid 1990s.

Staff who taught him have followed his career since and we'll keep you updated with his progress this season.

Let's hope it's a special one for him!

SAFE, READY, RESPECTFUL

19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018

# Stoke Park Newsletter



## Headteacher's comment



I hope it is a very positive term for everyone.

Best Wishes

Mrs Jones

Headteacher

Students in Year 11 and staff worked hard over the Easter holiday engaging in a range of revision and intervention sessions. It is 15 days now until the first exam and we are working hard to support the students so they can achieve their best.

We have had a fun outdoor welly wangling competition in the sunshine this week to start the new term and are looking forward to a wide range of other house activities.

### In this newsletter we want to celebrate.....

**Callum Sidhu of year 11 has achieved the school's first ever distinction in the Business finance exam with a score of 41/50 marks.**

**He is now working on his final coursework unit to secure an overall grade of Distinction.**

**Well done Callum.**



**A reminder of our non-negotiables to ensure that all pupils are able to achieve their potential at Stoke Park School**



*R Duggins, T Perkins, H Dale*

## BALANCING SCHOOL AND SPORT

In the last edition, we reported on the success of some of our pupils in the Schools' National Trampoline competition held in Northern Ireland.

Now, we turn a spotlight on the members of the team who are having to juggle preparing and performing at high levels while also studying for GCSEs. Harrison Dale, Ryan Duggins and Tom Perkins. For the second year in a row, this team made it to the finals of the Schools' National Trampoline competition; which is an exceptional achievement. A move from the team routine was judged to be illegal, so although Tom placed second individually the team did not place overall in the competition.

We interviewed them about their achievements and challenges. All three were humble about being finalists for the second year in a row and played down how many other teams they had to beat to get there. In the run up to the finals, Tom and Harry were training for around 5 hours a week. Much of that time is now being used to revise as preparation for GCSE exams, which are starting in a matter of days. Each of them have their own

methods for revision; Harry has a focus of one subject per evening, while Ryan is revising by creating his own powerpoints for each section of his courses.

Each of them has followed a different path to their success. Both Tom and Ryan started with gymnastics, adapting their skills in their trampolining routines and Tom was further motivated by competition with his twin sister. Ryan is an RAF cadet and also plays other sports, so for him, trampolining is another way for him to challenge himself. For Harry, trampolining is a break from school work and his success motivates him to continue.

Each of them has a different plan for their future careers. Tom is planning Sixth Form study leading to an apprenticeship at Aston Martin. Harry is planning Sixth Form study leading to a Business Management Degree at a prominent university. Ryan is already working towards becoming an RAF pilot. All three see themselves continuing with the sport if their time allows, in fact, Harry can't see a time when he won't jump, since the team and coaches have become like a second family to him and he has learnt not just about sport but about life through them. Tom has already been asked to take on some coaching responsibilities with younger students.

When they were asked why they love this sport, their answers were all very similar. All three love the fact that this sport is a little out of the ordinary, it's something different and more daring and, as Tom puts it "Once you start putting good moves together I impress myself and want to impress others." With their achievements; both academic and sporting, these boys certainly know what it takes to be successful and a glittering future surely lies ahead of them.

## Seminars for Coventry Parents



**Raising confident, healthy children and teenagers?**  
Come to our 90 minute seminar for Coventry parents

A great way to meet other parents, share parenting experiences and get practical advice and support.

This free seminar for Parent/Carers of children aged 10 - 16 years, provides a range of Triple P's best Positive Parenting strategies to support managing behaviour, relationships and development. You will also find support from other Parents/Carers who may be facing many of the same challenges - and those attending will go home with plenty of ideas (and a tip sheet) to help them deal with the most common ones.

To be held at Wyken Extended Learning Centre, Axholme Road, Wyken, Coventry, CV2 5BD

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 at 6pm - 7.30pm

Refreshments will be provided

To book a place on the above session please contact Positive Parenting on 02476 786949 or Freephone 0800 4346127 or go to: -

<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/positiveparenting>



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## HOUSE UPDATES



## Limbo - a roaring success

The tension was high on the Thursday before Easter. Eagle had been pinned back by Griffin, who now replace them in the top spot. Phoenix had set their sights on victory in this competition. They were pipped at the post in that ambition by a stunning performance by Keira Boffey in year 7 for Griffin. They did. However, manage to win the staff competition thanks to performances by chief Phoenix Ms Hot and, pictured below, Mr Grimwood who got down like his life depended on it!

## House updates

*Griffin still ahead by 90 points:*

**Total**

**Griffin 4120**

**Eagle 4030**

**Phoenix 3755**

**Lynx 3685**

## House events for this half term

As ever, this half term is packed with events for pupils to compete in.

In registrations there are two competitions to challenge pupils: riddles in week one (closing date Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April) and in week three anagrams (closing date Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May).

During lunch times, week one sees 'Welly Wangling' weeks two and three have FIFA18 (for all the gaming champions out there), week four, speed cup stacking, cricket bowling in week five and the end of half term 'Tug of War competition'

As you can see, scores are close and getting involved in these competitions will not just be fun, but is a vital chance for any student to become the star who wins the overall house competition for their house.

There's a lot to play for!



## Future events and dates for your diaries

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Year 8 subject evening**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Music Big Weekend, hosted at Stoke Park (more details in next week's newsletter)**