

# 2024

Friday 19th July 2024



Dear parents and carers,



As we reach the end of the academic year, I am delighted to reflect on what has been a superb and enriching week for all of the students. Each year group has enjoyed a range of external trips, visiting places they may not have been to before, such as Warwick Castle, The Royal Shakespeare Company, Go Ape, Cliff Lakes and Oxford. Onsite, students have taken part in exciting activities including inflatable, and a climbing wall, as well as participating in their year group sports day. It was wonderful to see so many of you here for your son or daughters showcase speeches.



STOKE PARK FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE

Looking ahead to the summer break, I would like to remind you of the details for all of the students returning in September which can be found on the school website, in the end of term letter.

Our Family Support Centre is OPFN.

Should you have any safeguarding concerns during the holidays, please do not hesitate to contact the school reception on 02476450215.

You can find more information and useful resources on the school website: **CLICK HERE** 

School will be open on Thursday 15th August for A Level results, and Thursday 22nd August for

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

GCSE results.

You can view the school calendar on the school website: Click Here

Thank you for your support throughout the past academic year. I hope you have a restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming all students back on Wednesday 4th September at 08:40.

Have a lovely summer.

Miss Rock Headteacher.

# **YEAR 7: THE ORATOR**

The Orators of The Bridge this year have excelled greatly since starting with us in September. Students have developed their oracy skills, explored some inspirational orators and have ended the year by showcasing their own oracy skills this year with their own Showcase speeches. This has been such a fantastic opportunity for all students as they have really been able to grow in confidence and articulation during the process.

Students have had many wonderful opportunities to visit Universities, Museums, Symphony Hall, 10 Downing Street, Wimbledon and many other enriching and cultural experiences. Students have been able to showcase the four cornerstones whilst on these trips through developing their character, interacting with a variety of people, enriching their cultural capital and demonstrating PRIDE at all time. Students have also had some miraculous experiences in school with the HS2 workshops, Engineering workshops, World Book Day sessions and meeting authors, delving into cross-trust writing competitions and representing The Bridge through the School Council. These copious opportunities within the Stoke Park Experience has really allowed our students to shape their character and grow in confidence and hopefully, aspire to be something amazing in their near futures.

Many of our students have represented Year 7 in a variety of sporting matches and have achieved success in Football, Rugby, Badminton, Cricket and many more. The sports skills demonstrated by our athletes is astounding and they have made The Bridge and Stoke Park School incredibly proud. Students have excelled with their competitive side in these competitions but have also shown grace at times when they have endured losses at matches. This character demonstration is an impeccable skill learnt by our sporting athletes.

Students are ending their first step on the seven-year-journey as The Orators and will soon be building these skills into becoming The Philosophers when they join The Gateway.

We wish all students the best of luck as they embark on their next journey at Stoke Park School. What a fantastic year in The Bridge!



# **RUNNERS UP IN THE COVENTRY SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL CUP**



The Year 7 Football team played Cardinal Newman at Warwick University in the Coventry Schools' Cup Final. The final was started with both teams poignantly observing a 12 second clap in commemoration of Cardinal Newman's Keaton Slater. Cardinal Newman started strongly and scored early on whilst Stoke Park found their feet in the game. There were chances at both ends but unfortunately Newman took theirs and by half time Newman were winning 3-0. Stoke Park regrouped at half time and a slight change to tactics saw a much improved performance with Stoke

dominating the second half in both possession and chances. A great free kcik was scored by Hisham, followed late on with a header from Jayden from Hisham's corner kick. That set up a very nervy last 5 minutes with the Newman keeper making 4 unbelievable saves to stop Stoke finding the equaliser. The full time whistle went and Stoke unfortunately narrowly missed out on the victory to end a fantastic first season. The team played with superb courage and spirit and were a credit to the school. Well done Year 7 and we look forward to what they can achieve next year.

# **YEAR 8: THE PHILOSOPHER**

What an amazing week year 8 have had to finish their philosopher journey with us. We could not be prouder of how our students have conducted themselves this week. On Monday, students impressed by delivering their Showcase speeches to friends and family. This is never a task to be overlooked. For many students, they are still developing their presentation skills. It was wonderful to see all their hard work being paid off through their confidence and ability to stand and present, honing all of their oracy skills. Well done all and thank you to all of our parents who were able to join us.

On Tuesday, students impressed the PE department with their cornerstone of competition as they competed in sports day. There was a true sense of sportsmanship in the room as students were not defeated by the weather but instead, threw themselves into a day of team sport. The day was topped off with a final celebration assembly. Well done to all our winners! You should be very proud!

Sports Day winners **8DWE**Tutor award DWE **Andreea**Tutor award MRA **Devon**Tutor award SVE **Erin** 

Tutor award JBT **Lennon**Tutor award THO **Riley**Tutor Award MRA **Olivia**Head of Year Award **Sienna**Director of Key Stage Award **Dhiren** 

On Wednesday, students were able to join together for a fun day of activities including bouncy castles, assault courses and a climbing wall. Students had a fantastic day and staff really enjoyed the chance to have this quality time with their groups. To complete the week, the year group visited the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford for our enrichment trip. For many, this is the first time they have been to a theatre and it was wonderful to see the students engage with the day in such a positive manner. We hope we have made many new theatre goers in the process!

We wish our Year 8 2024 cohort all the best in Year 9 and thank you, parents and carers for your dedication and commitment to supporting your child with us this year. We wish you a happy summer.

### YEAR 9: THE REVOLUTIONARY

In our final week of enrichment week, Year 9 has been fantastic and presented the school with absolute PRIDE. From our own rotation of activities, showcase day, our Go Ape trip, and Sports Day, the year 9 team are absolutely thrilled to end the year on such a high. Feedback has been so positive about them.

We are already expecting a fantastic start back in the Autumn Term of Year 10, where we expect students to come back fully equipped and uniformed. New tutors will reach out to you in September so you know who your new point of call is, and we can have a smooth return to school. Have a fantastic 6 weeks off with your students!

### YEAR 10: THE INVENTOR

A purposeful and exciting final week for our inventors this week. Our week started with sports day in which all of the students showed great leadership and teamwork skills. We would like to congratulate 10PMA for coming first place! Students then enjoyed their annual summer picnic; this was particularly special for Year 10 as it will be their final one as a year group. We then had the opportunity to celebrate the fantastic year we had together in our celebration assembly where plenty of awards were given out. A big congratulations to our inventors of the term:

10PMA- Tyler P 10CH- Grace M 10BB- Zara A 10DJU- **Maddison P** 10AH- **Suhaila** 10MPH- **Harley A** 

Head of year awards: **Rhys G** and **Nora A**.

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Our students then had a fantastic trip to Cliff Lakes on Tuesday where the students as a year group really came together and helped each other to come out of their comfort zones and challenge themselves in the water! They had so much fun and conducted themselves with such maturity while they were there. We have had fantastic feedback from external companies including EON, NHS, Warwick University and many more who have interviewed our students as part of Futures day. Our students received feedback on their CV's and had a mock interview, this has been such a valuable experience for our students as they prepare for their own application post 16.

As our students end the year reflecting on Year 10 and transitioning into the Architect our students are being forward thinking and setting themselves targets with their new tutors. Year 11 will be sitting their next set of mocks during the second week back; students have been provided with a packs of summer revision for each subject to help prepare for these alongside revision strategies for each subject. In addition to this, there will also be an information evening for Year 11 on the first day back. Please click on this <u>link</u> below to the letter that you should have received with more information regarding the above:

We would like to wish our students and families a brilliant summer holiday and look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday 4th September at 8:40am.

### YEAR 10: FUTURES DAY

On Wednesday, Stoke Park was proud to host our second future day for the inventors of the school who will become the Architects in September. This was a fantastic event designed to prepare them for the world of work. Students both enjoyed and benefited greatly from the opportunities offered to them. The feedback we received from our invited professional partners was that our students were exemplary. Our students were professional, articulate and demonstrated their pride in the school and themselves. It was a fantastic end to their year as "the inventor" and is the perfect start to the next stage of the Stoke Park experience as "the architects "as they move up into year 11.



## **YEAR 10: FUTURES DAY - YES CHEF!**

Year 10 welcomed local Gourmet Kitchen Chef, Tony Davies into Stoke Parks' kitchen this week. Tony showcased his monthly fine dining experience menu, demonstrating a wide variety of cooking techniques whilst discussing career opportunities within industry. Year 10 Inventors trialled and sampled all dishes that are prepared, cooked, and served to give guests a fine dining experience locally. They were given the opportunity to ask questions around career pathways whilst listening to Tony's journey to becoming a world-renowned Chef! Our Chefs would like to thank Tony for the wonderful experience given to them this week. Many students tried Venison, Duck and Jerusalem artichoke for the very first time! Thank you, Chef!





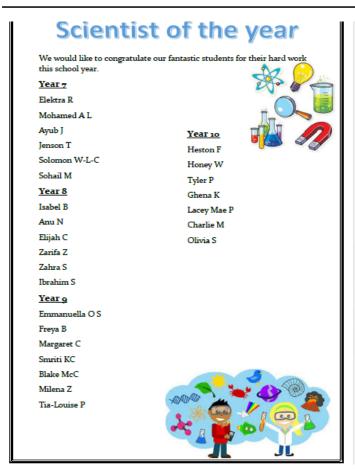




# **POST 16: THE SCHOLAR**

What an extremely busy, industrious and rewarding year it has been. All year our Post 16 scholars have been pragmatic and successful in all they have set out to do and achieved plenty. Briefly, our year 12 have involved themselves in their academic subject and supported this with their involvements in the super curricular: HE+ our partnership with Cambridge University, Pathways to.. with our partners Warwick University along with Realising Opportunities and recently Warwick Scholars. All these initiatives have been instrumental in the past and prove so this year also. To assist and support all students to be aspirational in their University choices. We have been lucky enough to work alongside Eton X and Springpod, who both provide wider learning for our students to stand out from the competition. We have also worked with Coventry University this year and Uptree, again providing both academic and industry insights and experiences. This week has been enrichment week for our year 12, where we have begun our early entry applications, UCAS applications, understood the importance of wellbeing at all times, with the support of KOOTH and MIND, and Thursday we take our trip to Oxford. Tomorrow completes the week with our Sports morning, buffet social lunch and ending with our celebration assembly before we wish our Post 16 students a restful summer and look forward to Autumn and Year 13.

Enjoy your well-earned break and forget your summer work from subjects and to check on Teams for summer wor. From all of us in Post 16 have restful summer.





Congratulations to all of our students in STEM CLUB.

Throughout the academic year you have been committed, worked as a team and produced amazing work.







