



STOKE PARK
— SCHOOL —

NEWS

2024

Thursday 26th September 2024



Dear parents and carers,

It has been a busy few weeks since returning from the summer holidays and I wanted to take a moment to update you on the great start we've had this term.

Congratulations to the music department who have become a school member of the Music Mark for this academic year.



Our Year 7 Orators are settling well into the Bridge and learning about their seven-year journey with us. The Year 8 Philosophers have become familiar with their new area, the Gateway, and are embracing the opportunities that lie ahead. This is a crucial year for our Year 9 Revolutionaries, as they begin to think about their futures and explore options such as CV writing, courses, apprenticeships through the online platform Unifrog. This will also help them pick their subject choices for the next academic year. We are also excited to announce that this year, all of our KS3 students will be accessing our EtonX platform which will allow them to complete courses on anything from computer coding to communication skills to critical thinking.

Our Year 10 Inventors have now embarked on their GCSE learning. It is important for them to develop good study habits and prepare effectively for their GCSE exams. Attendance is key to their success, and we expect them to be in school every day. Thank you to all who attended the Year 10 information evening on Tuesday. If you need to review the content from the evening, it is available on the school [website](#).

For the Year 11 Architects of the school, attendance is even more critical as they prepare for their GCSE exams next summer. Please ensure your child is attending each day, and prepared to engage in their studies.

Last Thursday, we had the pleasure of welcoming prospective students to our Open Evening. It was wonderful to meet so many families interested in joining our school community. If you would like to view our school prospectus, this is available on the school [website](#). If you require a hard copy please email: admin@stokepark.coventry.sch.uk.

Finally, our enrichment opportunities have been launched for this term. These programmes are a fantastic way for your son or daughter to socialise, make new friends, learn a new instrument, or participate in sports. If you would like more information, please contact your child's year team.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Rock
Headteacher.



STOKE PARK
FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE

Our Family Support Centre is OPEN.

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

[CLICK HERE](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

You can view the school calendar on the school website:

[Click Here](#)

YEAR 7: THE ORATOR

The Orator's have settled into their new school environment with remarkable ease. In just four weeks, these students have already begun to grasp the skills needed to become exceptional orators, honing their communication skills and learning to express themselves confidently. They are quickly adapting to the school's routines and are working hard across their lessons.

**ACTIVATE
PARENTPAY!**

YEAR 8: THE PHILOSOPHER

As we near the half way point of our first half term with our new Year 8 students, it is clear to see that they are all truly getting to grips with life as The Philosopher. To be a philosopher, one must develop a critical eye, a skill that students have been seen developing their English lessons as they investigate the text of Sherlock Holmes through analysis. They must learn to question and experiment with outcomes, a skill honed in their science and maths lessons. They must question their understanding of the world, a skill focused upon in their Personal Development lessons whilst exploring peer pressure and mental health. They must discern assumptions, which is developed in their history and religious lessons as they explore society's past. Finally, a good Philosopher, must train their ability to criticise which is seen when they are giving feedback both on their own work and that of others across subjects.

To further develop their understanding of The Philosopher and engage in the Stoke Park Experience, students have been tasked with selecting a Famous Philosopher to represent their tutor group, someone who they believe is a good role model for them based on their attributes. This research will lead to all students taken part in tutor group assemblies to the rest of the year group, exploring and explaining their choices and their lives. Here you can see the chosen representative for each tutor:

8MPE- Rosa Parks
8SJA – Rapper Dave
8AER- Phillip Dettmer
8MWI-Cristiano Ronaldo
8JBE- Nelson Mandela
8KDJ- Marcus Rashford
8MBE- Martin Luther King

YEAR 9: THE REVOLUTIONARY

Year 9 have started creating their Revolutionary campaigns as a tutor group these last few weeks. 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 will be looking to put these into action with their first event before half term.

9LG- Improving physical health and sports' participation
9DWE- Poverty and Equity
9BDJ- Mindfulness and Mental well-being
9RMI- Equality Act & Protected Characteristics
9MRA- Healthy Lifestyles & Nutrition
9THO- Respect

We are extremely impressed by how well tutor groups have shown the revolutionary spirit already by working together as a team to draw on each other's skill sets to delegate different roles and responsibilities to ensure everyone is involved and enacting change.

YEAR 10: THE INVENTOR

Our Inventors have hit the ground running with their GCSE classes and feedback around students has been fantastic. This week in Personal Development we have been talking about student leadership- how we can get more of our students to represent our school and help to implement positive changes. One way we are all getting involved in this is this year's charity event that we are launching after the half-term. Students are all going to be encouraged to raise £10 via sponsorships (ie a sponsored walk), an example being led by Mr Grimwood as he is raising money by partaking in 'Movember'. We are hoping to raise as much as possible for MIND- the mental health charity. Students have also spent time this week in Personal Development talking about how to best take care of their mental health, especially now they are older and may face different pressures in their GCSE classes.

Attendance and punctuality have become an even bigger focus for the inventors of the school. Thank you to parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring that students attend school each day and arrive promptly for their 8:40 start. Students who have above 95% attendance achieve on average half a grade more than their peers.

INVENTOR CIARA - RUGBY SUCCESS

We have received great news that one of your Year 10 students, Ciara has been selected to play for the girls U16 County Rugby team. The selection process was intense and there was a lot of competition so she has done exceptionally well. Ciara is an all round sports person who represents the school in a number of sports. She only really took up Rugby seriously a couple of years ago so this is a sign of her real dedication and attitude to training and competition. Well done Ciara!

YEAR 11: THE ARCHITECT

Have shown true grit as the architects and fully embodied our PRIDE values at Stoke Park school. We thank you for your continued support as Year 11 have once again stepped up to the challenge of their mock exams and students are in the correct routines and habits that will allow them to be as successful as possible this year. Students have prepared themselves for the mock exams by utilising and trialling different revision methods such as cue cards, mind maps and practicing past papers. Attendance into school is absolutely vital as teachers are now starting to give feedback from the mock exams and misconceptions are being addressed. It has been pleasing to hear all of the productive conversations going on between students and their teachers this week as students start to reflect and intervention plans are being put into place to support our architects to obtain the best results.

You should have all now received a letter and the link for the parents evening on 8th October 2024. This is an important evening and provides you with an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and main areas for development ahead of the GCSE examinations with their classroom teachers. Students' mock performance will be discussed, in addition to methods to ensure that all students achieve their potential and have a successful, Post 16 pathway. Please visit the link below to book your appointments.

<https://stokepark.schoolcloud.co.uk>

POST 16: THE SCHOLAR

Year 13 have shown a very good bedding in of our scholarly values over these first three weeks. They are displaying real maturity and commitment necessary to achieve through this demanding but very rewarding second year. We have a number of Oxbridge and Early entrants who have been taking entrance mock exams and writing strong supporting personal statements. The year 13 as a whole have been making academic progress and working on their applications to UCAS Post 18 providers. The is term is crucial to the success of the year, with mock exams coming after the half term break in early November. Year 13 must now continue their successful year 12 and hit those required challenges in these early days to be successful over the course of the year.

Our year 12 have settled in successfully and are taking on our Post 16 values. We had a visit from Warwick University who have been publicising their successful pathways programme. All Super Curricular initiatives are publicised on our Year 12 and 13 Teams pages, along with links to sign up areas and Work Experiences for both years to take full advantage of. Well done Post 16

MUSIC

The Music department is proud to announce that we have become a school member of Music Mark for this academic year. This is a result of our nomination by our local Music hub, Coventry Music.

This is in recognition of our commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all of our students.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

This school is proud to be a

Music Mark School

In recognition of a commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all children and young people

2024 - 2025

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Bridget Whyte
CEO of Music Mark

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Music Mark's campaign on sustainability in music education

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST CLUB

SERVED IN POST 16 FROM 08:00am Monday To Friday

COVENTRY RUGBY UPCOMING CAMPS

Where? Butts Park Arena (CV1 3GE)
All Dates 9:30am-3:00pm
Project: **500**

What's On?
Wednesday 30th October - Project 500
Thursday 31st October - SEN day and Halloween Fancy Dress Party!
Friday 1st November - Try For Her Day

Contact community@coventryrugby.co.uk For More Information and The Booking Form!

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE

BIRMINGHAM

nationalgrid Wates The University of Law
IBDO ROYAL AIR FORCE amazon KPMG forvvs mazars
Grant Thornton AICPA & CIMA

EASTSIDE ROOMS BIRMINGHAM
MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024 | 5PM - 7:30PM

Scan to sign up!

INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS & CARERS

On September 26th and September 30th, West Midlands Police will be delivering a FREE ONLINE SAFETY workshop for parents and carers living in Coventry.

We will share guidance and strategies on how to make the internet a safer experience for children.

A number of different topics will be explored, including:

- Apps and appropriate ages
- Safety settings
- Grooming, sexting, bullying, radicalisation and extremism
- Gaming
- Introducing house rules
- How to approach conversations and what to do if your child is a victim

To view dates and times and to book a place, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code above

