

NEWSLETTER

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WINTER 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the festive season approaches, students and staff at our school have been coming together to enjoy special celebratory meals with their year groups. These meals are filled with joy, as awards are presented to students in recognition of their hard work and achievements throughout the term. It's a time for the entire school community to share in the spirit of celebration, fostering a sense of togetherness and PRIDE.

While we all look forward to the break, we want to assure parents and carers that safeguarding will remain available throughout the holidays for any support needed. Please see the information pages in this newsletter for more support available in the shape of Safeguarding from Stoke Park, Food banks and Coventry Nurses.

We wish all our families a safe, joyful, and restful break, and we can't wait to welcome everyone back on **6th January 2025** for a new year of growth and success under the banner of PRIDE.



Natalie Rock
Headteacher





YEAR 7 THE ORATOR

MEETING MILESTONES

For our Year 7 Orators, this term has marked a significant milestone: the transition from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3. This jump is arguably the biggest upheaval in a young person's academic life, bringing new subjects, new teachers, a new building, and a whole new routine. It's a challenge that can feel daunting, but we are absolutely thrilled to say that our Orators have taken it in their stride and have been nothing short of brilliant!

From day one, they have fully embraced what it means to be an Orator at Stoke Park, throwing themselves into school life with enthusiasm and a real sense of purpose. We've been particularly impressed by how many of them are taking advantage of the fantastic extra-curricular programme our school offers. This willingness to try new things and get involved is a testament to their positive attitude, willingness to improve, and desire to make the most of their time here.

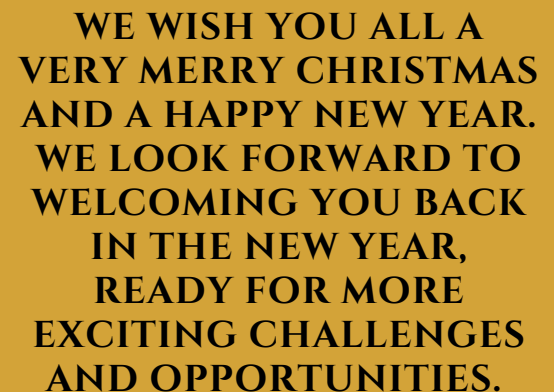
As the term draws to a close and the festive season begins, I want to extend a huge thank you to each and every one of you for your hard work, your positive attitudes, and your commitment to being fantastic Orators. We are incredibly proud of all you have achieved in your first term at secondary school.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

The year group have also shone brightly in other areas. The Winter Concert was a fantastic evening, and their contributions left myself and the audience amazed. They showcased their talents with confidence and flair. And let's not forget the Christmas meal! Their behaviour was outstanding, and it was a pleasure for all of us to sing together ahead of our meal.

We also want to highlight the importance of attendance. Being in school every day is crucial for every student's learning and progress. I've been really pleased with their efforts so far this term, and I would ask that you encourage your children to keep up the great work in the new year. Every day counts!



**WE WISH YOU ALL A
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO
WELCOMING YOU BACK
IN THE NEW YEAR,
READY FOR MORE
EXCITING CHALLENGES
AND OPPORTUNITIES.**

**HAVE A WONDERFUL
AND RESTFUL BREAK**



YEAR 7 TEAM:

Director of KS2-3: C Hughes AHT | Director of The Bridge: L Meyrick | Pastoral Manager: A Hansford



YEAR 8 THE PHILOSOPHER



What a fantastic end to the first term in Year 8 our young Philosophers have had! Wrapped up this Wednesday with the celebration winter meal and celebration assembly. Students came together to eat and be merry as they celebrated their achievements to date as Philosophers. Stand out moments came from students who presented their own speeches and musical performances. A true demonstration of PRIDE at Stoke Park.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all our families who donated to the Homeless Appeal this December. Year 8 had a fantastic offering to add to the collection and it is a brilliant testament to your support.

We wish all our students and families a wonderful winter break and look forward to seeing you in 2025!

OUR AWARD WINNERS!

Our Tutors and Miss Smith chose students who have shown stand out behaviours and attitudes to their learning since starting the year. Well done to all those who were chosen.

- Miss Penzer - Erin
- Miss Jaman - Karamveer
- Miss Ercan - Solomon
- Miss Williams - Ksawier
- Mr Beasley - Liam
- Miss Djordivic - Elesha
- Miss Bala - Curtis
- Miss Smith - Elektra



VICTORY IN THE WEST MIDLANDS CUP!

Year 8 progress to Round 3 of the West Midlands Cup! The Year 8 Football team travelled to Wednesbury on Tuesday 17th December to play Wood Green Academy in the second round of the West Midlands Cup. With a few absences, there were a few last minute call ups for some Year 7 players who have impressed in their own team and deputised at the last minute.

Stoke Park started ferociously and were aggressive from the off creating many chances and not giving the opposition any time or space. Stoke got their rewards when Jenson broke through and showed desire to nick the ball away from the keeper to pass back to Matyias who then buried his shot into the corner confidently. In the second half Wood Green came out strong and put a lot of pressure on the Stoke Park defence with all 4 defenders coping with it over and over again. Wood Green got a goal for their efforts but Stoke did not give up and showed their character in continuing to create chances that they should have scored. The game then went to extra time where it was back and forth like a Basketball match, until Matyias found the final pass to slot Jenson through who rounded the keeper and slotted the ball into the net in the final minute of extra time to avoid penalties and win the game to take Stoke Park into the next round of the cup. A fantastic effort by all involved and once again an unwavering spirit within the squad that hopefully will bring more success.

OUR TEAM!

8s

- Joel Q
- Jenson Tome
- Blake K
- Matyias H
- Zaheer S
- Connor N
- Owen H
- Hassan N
- Abhinav S

7s

- Manuel L
- Charlie T
- Edward M
- Milosz



YEAR 8 TEAM:

Director of Year: H Owen AHT | Curriculum Progress Leader: H Smith | Pastoral Manager: M Parmar



YEAR 9

THE REVOLUTIONARY

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Late Jan/Early February-
Options Evening



BREAK TIME CAMPAIGNS

Revolutionary campaigns have been continuing with 9BDJ running a session during break and lunch for students to write postcards to loved ones to spread show their appreciation. 9LG ran a Badminton competition to get more people playing sport during lunch time with Samuel and Darius winning the tournament. Students have been sending in their Revolutionary Profile cards that they have been researching in their own time as well.

REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT!

Over a 100 donations were made by Year 9 to the Homeless Appeal which once again shows the generous spirit of our young people to help those in need in our local community.

Students have been once again showing their Revolutionary spirit and spreading some positivity with their Thank you postcards to staff at the end of term. It is lovely to see the kind messages and appreciation students are showing for their teachers and their efforts.

TUTOR CUP WINNERS!



The Half term tutor Cup winners, winning by 1 point and beating 9DWE was 9MRA so a big well done for everyone's efforts in Year 9.

We would like to wish all of Year 9 and their families a wonderful Christmas and break and look forward to starting the next term in January as we look towards students picking their GCSE options.



FESTIVE CELEBRATION MEALS

Year 9 had their Christmas celebration meal and conducted themselves superbly. It was lovely that when students finished their meals, so many students offered to help out with clearing each others plates and tidying up after themselves. They were a credit to the school and it was fantastic to see all of their hard work and efforts being rewarded in the Celebration assembly.



YEAR 9 TEAM:

Director of Year: L Hall AHT | Head of Year 9: T Hall | Pastoral Manager: S Clayton



NEWS & UPDATES

Wishing you a wonderful break!

We hope you have a fantastic time over the winter break. It's a time to reflect on the year and look forward to the adventures and opportunities the next one will bring. We hope you have a brilliant time, connecting and celebrating achievements with family, friends and loved ones.

PLEASE REMEMBER we return to school on the date below. If you need any help with this please contact your Year Team

**RETURN
TO
SCHOOL**

MONDAY 6TH JANUARY

SAFEGUARDING OVER THE FESTIVE BREAK

If you have any concerns regarding a child during the festive break, please find below a list of helpful agencies.

- Coventry's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub: 024 76788555. Out of hours Social Care: 024 76832222
- If there is a risk of harm or immediate danger Police: 101 or 999.
- Safe To Talk: <https://www.safetotalk.org.uk/> or 0800 111 4998
- Childline: 0800 1111
- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- NSPCC FGM Helpline: 0800 028 3550
- Kooth <https://www.kooth.com>
- Stoke Park Support - [CLICK HERE](#)



IMPORTANT DATES

- **Teacher Training Day - Friday 31st January**

For other important dates you can check our website:
[CLICK HERE](#)

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THEATRE MAGIC!

A group of Hearing Resource Base pupils and their friends visited Belgrade Theatre to watch the pantomime show 'Dick Whittington'. The show was colourful, entertaining and hilarious! The live music and signing were out of this world! The pupils really got stuck in true Panto style booing the villains, joining in with the singing and warning the characters when danger was behind them!



"My favourite part of the pantomime was when the Dame and Jack both pried Ratman in the face which made us all laugh & also when the Dame put the plunger up Jack's bottom!" **C.P year 9**

"I really enjoyed the songs and the designing of the stage. It was really colourful and the outfits were very well made!" **C.B Year 7**

"I want to say that this was a wonderful experience! Jack was so funny and I was laughing so much!" **A.Y Year 9**

"My favourite character was Jack. The singing and the dancing were on point. I loved joining in everything. It was great!" **J.M year 7**

"I laughed so much when Jack fell in the shark infested sea but he didn't die because he had too many beans!" **M.M year 10**



STOKE PARK COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS 2024

Over the past two weeks students and staff have been collecting a range of products to donate towards our annual homeless charity appeal.

Hundreds of items have been collected, and we would like to thank all of the parents and carers who were able to support their child to contribute to our appeal.

The items will be dropped off before we break up in the hope that they will help, in some small way, someone desperately in need this Christmas. Thank you to you all.

Student Charity Ambassadors



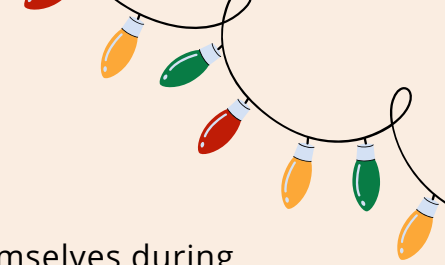
COVENTRY SCHOOLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE: STOKE PARK 57-53 CARDINAL WISEMAN

On Thursday 12th December the Stoke Park KS5 basketball team played their first league match against a very strong Cardinal Wiseman team. Stoke Park, led by Elfried, started really strongly opening up a ten point lead over Wiseman in the first half. However, Wiseman managed to gain momentum and levelled the score 41-41 at the end of the third quarter. It was really pleasing to see students step up the intensity of their play in the fourth quarter with some excellent 3 point shooting from Elfried and Ethan which allowed Stoke Park to claim a narrow 4 point victory! An excellent start to the league fixtures!





YEAR 10 THE INVENTOR



The year 10 team were immensely proud of how Year 10 handled themselves during their Christmas meal and celebration assembly, as the first year group to experience this they set the bar really high for the rest of the school.

We had fantastic student speeches on the Seven Year Journey, by **Rodick**, and a speech to boast of all the fantastic things the student council have done since September, by **Okiki and Smriti**.

Students will be welcomed back on **Monday 6th** and we hope you all have a lovely Christmas!

*"If you want to
change the future,
Start living as if
you are already
there"*

—
Lyn Conway



OUR AWARD WINNERS!



Tutors chose their **Inventor Award** based on someone who is excelling at the GCSE studies and committed to their extra-curriculars. Congratulations to:

- 10LR - Milena
- 10JPM - Smriti
- 10DJU - Eddie
- 10RPO - Ryan
- 10CB - MD
- 10PMA - Rodick

And the Head of Year award went to Fleur!



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 20th January - Year 10 mocks start

All students received an Amazon voucher, chocolate and a glass award for their efforts.

On the final day of term we have lots of attendance rewards to give out of Amazon vouchers and chocolates. Winners of attendance awards so far this term include Eryk, Flynn, Pavel, Millie and Michael.

10PMA are currently the winning form for highest attendance.

YEAR 10 TEAM:

Director of Year: J Grimwood AHT | Head of Year 10: E Muldoon | Pastoral Manager: S Harris



YEAR 11 THE ARCHITECT

We held our celebration meal on Friday and were delighted to award some of the students with recognition and prizes for their hard work this year!

Congratulations Year 11, See you all in the New Year!



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Week commencing 24th February 2025
- Mock exams round 3
- Week commencing 24th March 2025 -
Parents evening

YEAR 11 TEAM:

Director of Year: I Jamal AHT | Head of Year 11: T Steane | Pastoral Manager: S Kinsella



POST 16 THE SCHOLAR

Our year 12 group are completing their first term of Post 16. They have wholeheartedly made themselves part of the Scholarly Post 16 ethos; working hard daily in their A level subjects, delving deeper into the super curricular opportunities made available to them and supporting the wider school through efforts such as their charity work through volunteering with the school council, reading with KS3 groups and tutoring GCSE year groups. They have enjoyed the visiting assemblies by Universities we work closely with; Clare college Cambridge, Warwick and Leicester. They have also benefitted from assemblies from career and industry providers such as Uptree and Springpod. These super curricular experiences will help form their individualised pathways



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Week Commencing 13th January - Year 12 Mocks Begin
- 14th January- Online Parents Evening via SchoolCloud



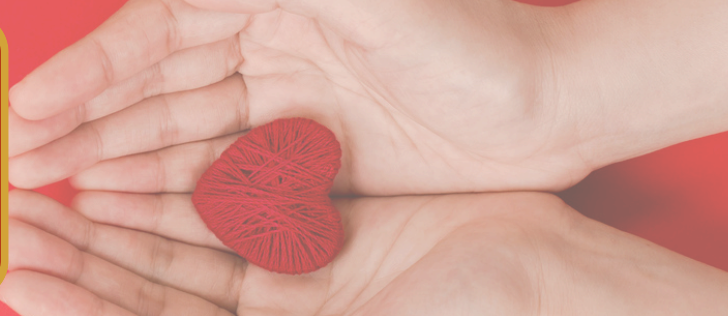
POST 16 TEAM:

Director of Post 16: L Jakubecz | Head of Year 12 & 13: S Gaiser | Pastoral Manager: E Dye

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Our family support centre is open!
You can find more information and useful
resources on our school website

[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE](#)



COVENTRY FOODBANK EMERGENCY PARCELS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Located at Coventry's 4 Fire stations, starting on **FRIDAY 27TH DECEMBER TO 1ST JANUARY**. From 10am until 12.30pm each day



You can find all the Fire Stations on Social media for more information or click the Titles to head to the WMFS pages for each station



Canley

Canley Fire Station,
Sir Henry Parkes
Road, Canley,
Coventry, CV4 7BA

Call: 0121 380 7524

Foleshill

Foleshill Fire
Station, Foleshill
Road, Coventry,
CV6 5HN

Call: 0121 380

Coventry

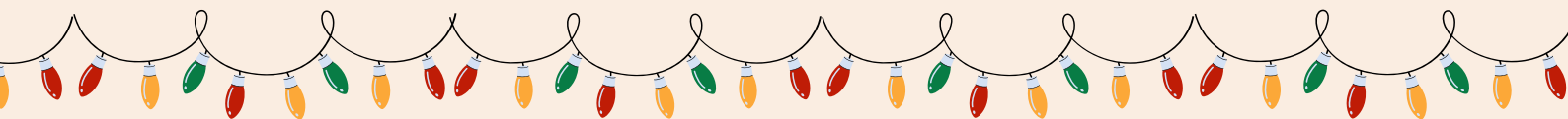
Coventry Fire
Station, Radford
Road, Coventry,
CV1 4EL

Call: 0121 380 7523

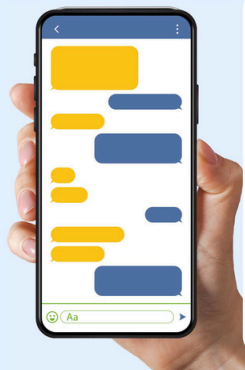
Binley

Binley Fire Station,
Hipswell Highway,
Coventry, CV2 5FQ

Call: 0121 380
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can message the
Coventry School Nurses
for confidential advice
and support?



Young people aged 11-19 can
message us via our
 ChatHealth text messaging
service on: 07507 331 949 or
scan our QR code



9:00am – 4.30pm
Monday to Friday
(excluding bank and public
holidays).

CONSULTATION FOR THE STOKE PARK 2026 ADMISSION POLICY

The Governing Body of Stoke Park School is
consulting on its Admissions Policy for September
2026. The consultation runs from *Monday 25th
November* until *Monday 20th January 2025*

**The documents for the consultation are on our
website here**

If you wish to comment on the proposed
admissions arrangements, please send your
response in writing for the attention of Ms S Allen-
Moore, either by post or email to:

Consultation on Admissions 2026
Stoke Park School
Dane Road
Coventry
CV2 4JW

Sallen-moore@stokepark.coventry.sch.uk

**Comments should be received by no later
than Monday 20th January 2025.**

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social media pages, click the
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