



STOKE PARK
— SCHOOL —

NEWS

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Friday 12th July 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

As our academic year draws to a close, we have had another busy week filled with enriching and exciting opportunities for our students as part of our Stoke Park Experience. There were Year 7 trips to Leicester University and the Coventry Transport Museum. Our Classics students were also treated to a visit from a Classics Workshop where they learned all about life in Ancient Rome.



We also welcomed families to watch students in the show-stopping performance of Sister Act! It was wonderful to see so many of our talented students on stage. Many thanks and well-done to everyone who took part in the show or assisted facilitating rehearsals and the performances.

I am also proud to announce that Stoke Park School is the first school in the country to achieve a Silver Partnership Status with EtonX. This free, online platform of self-study courses have been invaluable to our students in terms of the super curricular and personal development. We are excited to roll this out further to all of our year groups from September. Well done to everyone involved, especially our students for being adventurous and trying new things!

The successes of our students are currently being captured as our KS3 students prepare for their Showcase Speeches. This is a particular moment of PRIDE as we are able to see our students celebrate all of their successes. It would be lovely to see parents next week for you to hear your son or daughter's reflection on their personal development during the last academic year.

Next week we will be holding enrichment week, which involves external trips, onsite activities, sports day, a celebration picnic and celebration assemblies. It is a cornerstone of our Stoke Park Experience and one that we ensure is culturally enriching.

All students will break the summer break on Friday 19th July. They will be dismissed at 12:45pm.

Please note the following important dates:

- A Level Results Day: Thursday 15 August 2024
- GCSE Results Day: Thursday 22 August 2024

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Rock
Headteacher



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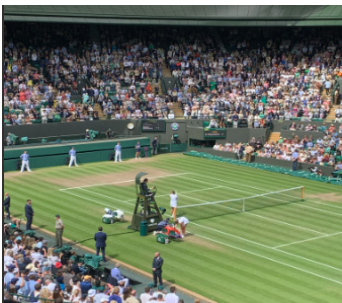
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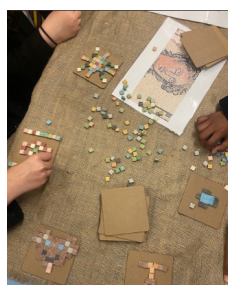
On Wednesday 10th July eight students were rewarded for their excellence this year in Physical Education by being selected to attend the Wimbledon Championships 2024. With it being the 10th day of the Championships students were treated to two exciting quarter-final matches across both the Women Single's and Men Single's competition.

The tickets we had for Court No.1 became even more exclusive with the news that the Men's quarter final happening on Centre Court had been given as a walkover win due to a late injury-induced player withdrawal.

The first match we watched was a straight sets win by world number 32 Krejckova over world number 14 Ostapenko. The second set was particularly thrilling as it ended with a tie-break. The second match on Court Number One was between world number 14 Taylor Fritz and world number 25 Lorenzo Musetti. Students were treated to a five-set thriller in which momentum swung back and forth with Italian player Musetti eventually prevailing as the winner! Students were astounded by the athleticism on display, in particular the speed at which players serve and strike the ball. Students were also able to explore the Wimbledon grounds, which are renowned as being the most prestigious tennis courts in the world. Trip leaders Mr. Glover and Mrs. Woodward would like to commend students for their outstanding conduct on the day, in particular the way in which students observed the etiquette of watching tennis when in a stadium. Mr Glover/
Mrs Woodward



YEAR 7 ROMAN WORKSHOP



Year 7 students were able to travel back in time today to Roman Britain and use their Classics & Latin knowledge to explore what life was like 2000 years ago. Visitors from ReachOut Arts put on three interactive and enthusiastic workshops for our students, where we were tasked with making mosaics good enough to suit Aquae Sulis, pressing coins to stock the Roman Empire, and becoming Roman soldiers fighting in classic Testudo (that's tortoise to us!) formation. All students were fantastic at getting stuck into the activities and I want to thank them all for taking part. We are proud to offer Latin and Classics in Key Stage 3 at Stoke Park and hope students have come away from today excited to continue on their Roman journey in Year 8! Miss Battison, Teacher of French and Latin.

EARTH SUMMIT TRIP



On Monday 24th June, 32 year 9 and year 10 students attended the Earth Summit at Keele University. The Earth Summit is an annual 2-day event that provides students with a chance to take part in a wide-ranging examination of the factors causing climate change, the effects it is having on biodiversity, promoting sustainability at home, at school and in the community.

The workshops provide valuable experiences that students can take with them to champion sustainability in their careers. Planet-first changes can be implemented in all types of work, whether it's improving the sustainability of supply chains, nurturing sustainable

practices in developing countries, or making climate-resilient social changes. Here is what a few students had to say about the Earth Summit:

*University was great, had a fun time. The lectures were really interesting, and we even won prizes.-
Amy, Year 10*

*I really enjoyed it, learnt a lot about sustainability and wind farms how it can really impact and help fight climate change. This has taught me to really care more about the environment this means that I can be more mindful when throwing things in the bin or what I am eating. Whilst the trip has been educational it has also been fun, I have made lots of new friends, as well as became closer with my other friends. -
Lexi-Grace, Year 10*

*Our visit to Keele University was a great, educational experience developing our understanding of geography and the climate around us. We are so appreciative that we had the amazing opportunity to go on this trip. The entertainment was all great and the staff were very welcoming and polite – Millie and Shae,
Year 9*

MUSIC - CANTATA



Last week some of our KS3 string and woodwind players were invited by Coventry Music to play

at their KS2 – KS5 BIG SINGING EVENT 2024- “Trailblazers” – A cantata celebrating important people and places in music and history.

The 12 Song Cantata featured an eclectic range of musical styles from across the globe – paying tribute to well-known artists, bands, composers as well as celebrating trailblazers in music and history including George Gershwin, Sir Frank Whittle, The Ancient Egyptians, Rock ‘n’ Roll music and more.

It was a privilege to watch them perform at Central Hall in the city centre. They played fantastic, once again representing our school with pride.

WEST END STAR VISIT



On Thursday 4th July, the cast of our show ‘Sister Act’ were treated to a visit from West End star Kamilla Fernandes. Local girl Kamilla, is currently starring in Guys and Dolls, following her performances in Grease,

Newsies, Groundhog Day and most recently Sunset Boulevard, where she shared the stage with Nicole Scherzinger.

Kamilla performed on stage for our cast, and reduced several of them to tears. She then shared some pearls of wisdom with them, to get them show ready.

Emmanuella said *"Kamilla was incredible! She has definitely left me feeling inspired after that performance, for my lead role as Deloris in Sister Act"*

After the workshop with our cast, she was then interviewed by one of our year 12 students, who as part of her level 3 RSL course is producing a podcast, entitled ‘From school, to stage’.

YEAR 7: THE ORATOR

In The Bridge last week, students had some amazing cultural, experiences through performing in Sister Act, visiting Coventry Transport Museum, visiting Leicester University and reflecting on their time in The Bridge.

7KHU and 7BDJ had an amazing opportunity to visit the University of Leicester where students were able to experience campus life, participate in interactive workshops and explore what life would be like if they aspire to attend a university. All students demonstrated PRIDE throughout the day and had many opportunities to showcase their oracy skills through the formal discussions, conversations with university students and responding to the sessions. Feedback from our host at the university, shared this lovely feedback which is a credit to all students that attended: *'I just wanted to reach out to say that it was a pleasure welcoming the group onto campus on Friday. They were an absolute credit to you and your school and we thoroughly enjoyed having them.'*

Another amazing culturally enriching experience was for 7JTO who attended Coventry Transport Museum. Students took part in a workshop on the future of transport. Having learnt about the importance of Coventry as a car manufacturer in Geography lessons, this was an amazing opportunity to see some of the historic cars in person. Following a tour around the museum, including stops at the vehicle that holds the current World Land Speed Record, students were given the opportunity to design their own 'future car'. Working in groups, they were given the brief to design a car that prioritised not just speed but sustainability. Students enjoyed the creativity involved in first drawing, and then modelling their cars out of clay, as well as competing with one another to win 'best car design'.

In lessons, students have been reflecting on their journey in Year 7 by delving into their wider learning journeys from September to July; reflecting on how much they have achieved in their subjects over the years. Not only reflecting on Year 7, but students have also been readily preparing for their journey to The Gateway where their oracy skills will develop and transform into philosophical skills.

In tutor time this week, students have been readily preparing for their Showcase Speeches next week. All students are incredibly excited to showcase their journey in The Bridge and this is a fantastic opportunity for all students to highlight themselves as an articulate orator after almost completing their first step on the seven-year-journey at Stoke Park School.

YEAR 8: THE PHILOSOPHER

This has been an exciting week for many of our Year 8 students as they took part in the school show, Sister Act. For many this was their first time on stage at Stoke Park, but I am sure it will not be their last! Students have worked tirelessly, staying at school long after the school day has finished, to learn and rehearse their parts. Students have demonstrated true pride in their approach and have been true representatives of the Stoke Park Experience. All students have worked as a team to bring together acting, singing and dancing. However, behind the scenes, students have been a true collective, supporting one another running lines, dressing costume and prepping harmonies. It really is a joy to behold. True active learners.

We thank all students who have taken part and congratulate you on your successes. A huge thank you also goes out all our Stoke Park community of family and friends who have come out to support them!

A final reminder that next week is Enrichment week and students will be taking part in a range of activities across the week. Please ensure that your student has returned their consent form for both the Showcase and the RCS trip along with the completion of your online for consent for the activity day. It is imperative that this is completed, otherwise students will not be able to take part in the range of fun activities on offer for them on the day.

YEAR 9: THE REVOLUTIONARY

We're coming to the end of Year 9 and our Revolutionaries continue to impress us in lessons. The year team are excited about planning for enrichment week to celebrate our students and give them chance to wind down. Please can parents keep an eye out for their students' showcase invitation letters so you can all have the opportunity to come and listen to the students show off their year.

Please can parents also keep in mind of our reminder texts being sent out for a multitude of things for enrichment week. These include letters and payments for Go Ape, and also consent for our activities rotation. Please get in touch with your child's tutor if you need further guidance.

YEAR 10: THE INVENTOR

Our inventors have been working hard this week in lessons to consolidate knowledge as they come to the end of their learning journeys and have been receiving valuable feedback from their end of year assessments. It has been fantastic to see students applying their knowledge to exam questions and building their resilience and confidence with this.

Students have continued to prepare for their 'Futures day' interviews during form time. The interviews will take place on Wednesday of next week; our enrichment week. Students will be each interviewed by an external employer ranging from a variety of employers including Eon in which they will get feedback from their interview. To prepare for this, students will be using the online platform UniFrog to build their CV's and will be learning and practicing interview techniques during tutor time. It is important to note that during this day of enrichment week, students are expected in normal uniform as they need to look the part for their interviews! Students have also spent time in form applying for student council places ready for September.

A polite reminder that the consent forms, waiver and payment for the Cliff Lakes trip is due. If there are any issues with payment or you have any queries, please contact your child's form tutor. A reminder that all students are expected to be in school on this day, any students not going on the trip will be educated on site.

POST 16: THE SCHOLAR

We have now wished our Year 13 Goodbye and Good luck with a wonderful final assembly. Celebrating their success over the two years with us and the seven in Stoke Park school. Attendance, Ethos and Scholar awards were all celebrated and we look forward to seeing them all at the Leavers' Ball this Friday, the 12th July, for a final Stoke Park Scholar goodbye.

Our Year 12 are continuing with their academic career progress. We enjoyed a visit to the UCAS Discovery Day on the last Tuesday of June, over at the NEC. Our students asked pertinent questions to Post 18 Providers such as World Class Universities, Apprenticeship providers such as Dyson, The Armed Forces and the Public Services, such as the Police and The NHS. All year 12 scholars came away with plenty of thoughts, ideas and answers to translate into applications and pathway directions. This year group are also receiving their mock exams, and working through feedback and upgrading sessions which will be extremely beneficial to them going into year 13, as well as informative to subject teachers and pastoral staff. All year 12 need congratulating throughout these weeks for the mature and exemplary way they have conducted themselves before, during and after these exams. As we head towards the final weeks of this academic year it is important to remember that year 12 will receive active feedback from the mocks, reports and then the final week will be an Enrichment week where we have a full week of activities planned. This includes a UCAS dedicated day, a wellbeing day, our Ethics day trip to President Kennedy and an Oxford visit. We finally end the week with our own sports morning, buffet lunch and celebration assembly before we say our goodbyes until the Autumn term. All year 12 will be given detailed summer work to complete to support their learning in the September. The subject Teams channels are essential for supporting this leaning.



Stoke Park beat President Kennedy by 1 wicket



On Thursday 4th July the Stoke Park year 7 cricket team concluded their season with a thrilling 1 wicket victory over President Kennedy. After winning the toss captain Sohail. M elected for Stoke Park to bowl first. Stoke Park were able to produce a disciplined bowling performance with wickets falling regularly throughout the innings. Abhay, Abdullah, Abhinav and Sohail all took a wicket each and as a whole the bowling unit restricted the opposition to 72-4 from 12 overs. In response Sohail was batting magnificently before an unfortunate run out meant that Stoke Park were 40-3 after 6 overs. Further dismissals left the last batting pair of Amit and James needing 17 to win from 3 overs! Both students were able to keep their composure and secured the victory with 2 balls to spare! Mr Glover