



STOKE PARK  
— SCHOOL —

# NEWS

2024

Friday 11th October 2024



STOKE PARK  
FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE

Our Family Support Centre is OPEN.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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Dear parents and carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week for all of our students. With extra curriculum activities now in full swing, students across the school have been participating in various after-school opportunities. From competing in their first sports fixtures, to making new friends, many have discovered new interests, whether that's through joining the film club, the school choir, taking instrumental lessons or trying out a new sport. We are thrilled to offer these enriching experiences to our students.



This week, our year 8 philosophers took part in a St John's Ambulance Young Responders sessions. This important session provides students with essential life-saving skills, equipping them with valuable knowledge. We look forward to offering the same session to our year 9 students in the coming weeks.

We continue to focus on attendance and would like to thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your son or daughter arrives on time and is present every day. Regular attendance is key to their success. And we appreciate your partnership in helping us maintain high standards.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Rock  
Headteacher.

# MR WESTON'S SCHOOL SUSTAINABILITY DRIVE

This academic year Mr Weston is running a sustainability drive in school. We have a wide range of opportunities to get involved in making our school a less wasteful place from running our uniform bank, to meeting with farmers to discuss local produce, to entering in competitions to send flags to Antarctica. For more information, please come and see Mr Weston. This week, Smriti Kc from our group has some key tips for being more sustainable at home:

## Conscious consumption

Shopping is a part of our life's routine, grocery shopping, online shopping or even sneaking to the corner shop. But do you really use all of the stuff you buy? That bread you bought last week has already expired, the milk has gone sour and no one even touched the lasagna from tesco's. 30% of the food you buy goes to the bin! When shopping, make conscious decisions to see if you're actually going to use the items you've bought. Doing this you'll realise not only does it help your pockets but also helps your environment. Does the landfill really need your extra waste? No! Every little step helps and the choice is yours.

## YEAR 8: THE PHILOSOPHER

This week, students in year 8 had the chance to take part in a St John's Ambulance Young Responder session. This was a fantastic opportunity to engage in essential lifesaving skills. Students had the opportunity to learn how to put a patient into the recovery position, as well as CPR.

Students showed fantastic engagement throughout all sessions and came away really enthused by what they had learned. All students engaged well with the exercises and were extremely respectful of the visiting staff managing the day. Well done to everyone who took part.

On other news, a reminder that students are still building material for their Philosopher assembly next term. Please help your students at home with collating their research. Thank you as always for your support.

## YEAR 9: THE REVOLUTIONARY



9LG have started our Revolutionary campaign events with a Rowathon hosted on the Year 9 playground last Friday. Their campaign is looking at improving physical health and mental well-being through sports

participation by hosting many events throughout the year which will increase students' physical activity levels through the year but also inspire them to exercise more in their own time and revolutionise how young people spend their spare time these days.

The challenge was to see how fast students could row 100m. Points were given to each tutor group for the amount of students who entered as well as the top 10 on the leaderboard. It was a great event with 9LG running the entire event with many students taking different roles such as timing and scoring. A great start and a big well done to everyone involved.

On Thursday 10th October, 9DBJ hosted their first Mindfulness colouring session at both break and lunch time. Students were able to come along and take time to relax and practice mindfulness techniques that they can use in their own time.

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## **YEAR 10: THE INVENTOR**

Year 10 continues to impress as they continue their efforts in Year 10. Our biggest improvement target for the year group currently is their completion of their learning prep. Students are having their planners checked every week and are being encouraged to check their teams consistently to ensure they are up to date with their work. It is vital for students to succeed and excel in their studies this year and until the end of year 10.

Thank you to all parents who are pushing the students to do their best in and out of school.

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## **YEAR 11: THE ARCHITECT**

We would like to thank all parents and carers who attended parents evening on Tuesday. It was fantastic to see so many productive conversations between teachers, parents and students around teaching and learning and revision. There are only 7 more school weeks until the next set of mock exams, and it is imperative that students continue with their revision routines outside of school. This coupled with the hard work going on inside of the classrooms and after-school interventions will help to ensure that they make the expected progress in the upcoming set of mocks. Students have been focusing on 'marginal gains' in each subject and looking at how they can be 1% better every day.

Interventions continue this week. This is a crucial time for Year 11, and it is important that they do not miss school, lessons and intervention classes. Attendance continues to be a key focus, and we would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring that students are attending school each day and are arriving promptly. During tutor time, students will be receiving further intervention sessions Monday-Wednesday and then a personal development session on Thursday with an assembly on Fridays. Students who have above 95% attendance achieve on average half a grade more than their peers.

We will be revealing the winner of our 10-day attendance challenge at the end of the week, where all students who have been in school every day from Monday 30th September to Friday 11th October will be entered into a prize draw to receive a discount on their prom ticket.

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## **POST 16: THE SCHOLAR**

An excellent week in Post 16, this week as we move towards the end of a successful half term. Our year 13 have completed their personal statements for their Post 18 pathway choices. Some will take the traditional University route, while others are beginning to research Degree Apprenticeships and other more specialised journeys into their chosen careers. To assist with the UCAS application we will be welcoming Warwick University back to give a talk to our year 13 on Post 18 Finance, removing the myth that can exist around this issue. Year 13 also have their Autumn mock exams to prepare towards, in the second week of November, a little after half term, so a lot going on for them this term.

Year 12 have enjoyed a good part of their first half term and settled into Post 16 Scholarly life. As they begin to research pathway opportunities with Universities, as well as all our Super Curricular opportunities embedded within our academic curriculum. They have also taken on the wider scholar duties, such as reading with lower years or as ambassadors to their subjects. The School Council continues to thrive, and we have had Springpod introduce their Super Curricular opportunities on Monday, while Uptree present to Year 12 this coming Monday with yet further Super Curricular Opportunities on offer. Needless to say, this is all powerful experience and will provide worthy support to any University and job application. Exactly the kind of Scholarly examples and substantiation employers look for in today's competitive society.



# SPORTS NEWS

## YEAR 7 - FINHAM RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On Monday 1st October the year 7 boys rugby team played their first games together in Finham Park's annual rugby 10-a-side tournament. Stoke Park students have trained intensely over the past few weeks for this event and their preparation paid off when they defeated Meadow Park one try to nil in their first ever game! Try scorer Abdulkarim proved to be an explosive ball carrier throughout the event. Unfortunately Stoke Park suffered narrow defeats to eventual winners Southam, President Kennedy and Finham Park to finish up in 6th place out of the 8 teams in attendance. However, I am extremely proud of their efforts their defensive work rate and discipline was remarkable. Special mentions go to Caiden for his exceptional, brave tackling. Also Oscar and Harry for their endurance in being able to play every minute of each game. Well done to all, there are a lot of positives to build on for future games. Mr. Glover

## YEAR 7 - FOOTBALL VICTORY

### Caludon Castle 0-4 Stoke Park

On Thursday 9th October the year 7 boys football team played their first match against local rivals Caludon Castle. Stoke Park students have been training hard over the last few weeks at after-school football club and their dedication paid off with a comprehensive win! Stoke Park started the game strongly and raced into a 1-0 lead when Manuel. L produced an excellent finish from the edge of the box. In fact, Manuel. L produced two more outstanding finishes to claim a hat trick whilst playing in the CM position! Perhaps most pleasing from this performance was everyone's willingness and desire to work hard as a team. The backline 3 of Abdul, Milosz and Caelen were all outstanding throughout the game and were rewarded by keeping a clean sheet. MOTM- could have been all 14 players in the squad but Manuel controlled the game and scored a hat trick so thoroughly deserves the recognition. A lot of positives to build on for upcoming league and cup matches. Mr. Glover

## YEAR 9 - TRUST CUP BASKETBALL WIN

The Y9 Girls Basketball team made a convincing win against The Hinckley School in their first tournament of the year winning 20- 2 in an exciting game. The team played well as a unit, defence and driving up the court was excellent, most baskets were score by Cecilia with pinpoint accuracy who was fed some accurate balls from the oppositions end of the court. Well done girls on a great win and a great start to the season.

## YEAR 9 FOOTBALL - WEST MIDLANDS CUP

### STOKE PARK 6 - 0 ST. PETER'S COLLEGIATE

On Thursday 10th October the year 9 boys football team produced an outstanding display to convincingly win their round one West Midlands Cup fixture. Much of the pre-game discussion was around showing character and resilience particularly after a poor result last week. Stoke Park students rose to the challenge admirably, exerting their authority on the game from the first whistle. Omar. M provided three clinical finishes in attack to put us into a commanding 3-0 half time lead. After half time we were able to exert more dominance over the game not allowing the opposition any attacking opportunities. Yannick, Rahman and Ayoub added second half goals to round off a brilliant team performance! MOTM: Joel- was a constant attacking threat in the RM position but also performed his defensive duties exceptionally well. Round two will see the team face President Kennedy. A fixture which will be organised to take place during the next half term. Mr Glover

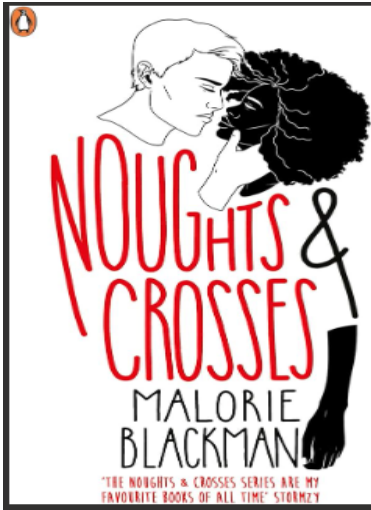
## COVENTRY SCHOOL'S CROSS COUNTRY 2024



Stoke Park attended the annual Coventry Schools' Cross-Country hosted at Finham Park for the first time. Many of the students run outside of school, with many taking part in the weekly Park Run at the Memorial Park which is fantastic to see. The course was a long windy trek through both fields and asked a lot of our teams aerobic endurance and fitness levels.

Theo M and Logan B came an impressive 18th and 20th out of 50 runners in a very competitive field of athletes. A big well done to all involved and we look forward to attending again next year. Mr Hall

# BOOK OF THE WEEK



"This week our book of the week is part of our Year 10 selection on the Stoke Park 7 Year Reading Journey, Malorie Blackman's Noughts & Crosses. Blackman's ground-breaking, award winning books chart the lives and loves of generations as they takes on race and equality with breathtaking drama and heart wrenching sadness.

Set in an alternate reality, where the inferior Noughts live as second class citizens in a world run by Crosses, the four books explore the violent politics of a unstable world, and the ordinary lives caught up in in its terror. Sephy is a Cross: she lives a life of privilege and power. Callum is a nought: he's considered to be less than nothing- a blanker, there to serve Crosses. They've been friends since they were children, and they both know that's as far as it can ever go. Noughts and Crosses are fated to be bitter enemies- love is out of the question. Then- in spite of a world that is fiercely against them- these star-crossed lovers choose each other. But this is love story that will lead both of them into terrible danger.. and which will have shocking repercussions for generations to come. "

## VIEW OUR FANTASTIC RANGE OF MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

### Routes into STEM Face-to-face

Routes into STEM is an experience that provides an amazing opportunity to help students understand the different routes to further STEM education and career pathways.

#### Who is it for?

Students in Year 9 and 10 / equivalent who are interested in finding out more about STEM careers.



#### What is involved?

- A three-day experience at STEM educational providers and STEM companies local to them
- Students will explore STEM careers, participate in interactive workshops, site tours and hear from young professionals

#### What are the outcomes?

- Gain first-hand information and experience hands on activities at STEM educational providers and companies to make informed decisions about their future
- Go on campus tours and get thinking about future studies in a mature and informed manner
- Speak with apprentices/graduates about their experiences
- Develop valuable skills such as presentation skills, team-building, and social skills, and see how they can be applied to their CV, Application Form or Personal Statement
- Become a Bronze Industrial Cadet

### Coventry dates & locations

- Tuesday 29 October 2024 - Coventry College CV1 5DG
- Wednesday 30 October 2024 - Coventry University CV1 2HF
- Thursday 31 October 2024 - TBC

#### Cost

This course is fully funded. (Normally £190 for all 3 days).

#### How to apply?

To apply, please visit our website [here](#) or scan the QR code

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**COVENTRY Music**

## HALF TERM HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

### ALBANY THEATRE

**Tuesday 29th October**

**Sparks! fun session 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
IF YOU PLAY 3 OR 4 NOTES ON ANY INSTRUMENT, COME AND JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF FUN MUSIC MAKING

**Have a Go workshop 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM**  
COME AND TRY SOME MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS  
IF YOU ALREADY PLAY SOMETHING, WHY NOT TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT LIKE BASS CLARINET, TUBA OR OBOE.  
EVERYONE WELCOME

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