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— SCHOOL —

# NEWS

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Dear parents and carers,

As we reflect on a busy half-term filled with learning, achievements and enriching experience. It's been wonderful to welcome external visitors such as the STEM projects, Warwick University students for Brilliant Club and, most recently, the Quantum Theatre Productions. Some students have also embarked on external trips; Downing Street, the basketball league finals, Warwick University and this week some of our year 7 students visited the Symphony Hall in Birmingham.



It is important during the half-term that our year 13 and 11 students utilise this break wisely. It is a critical period for them as they prepare for mock exams upon their return. Revision and rest are equally essential, ensuring they are equipped to perform at their best.

Congratulations to our year 7 boys football team who have secured their place in the quarter-finals of the Coventry Schools Cup. This is their first year playing as a team since joining Stoke Park last September. Their remarkable success is showcasing their dedication, teamwork and talent on the field.

School will reopen to all students on Monday 19th February 2024.

Have a lovely break.

Miss Rock  
Headteacher

# YEAR 7: THE ORATOR

In the Bridge this week, students have been working on the 'Random Act of Kindness Week' where students have been set the challenge to be kind to one another, even if in a simple way such as using their manners or holding a door open. Students were excited to showcase how they can be kind and making sure they link and show The Bridge ethos around our cornerstone of care. All students have really tried to be kind and extra kind in some cases. A huge well done to our kind Year 7 students. Students created their ethos based on the cornerstones and our care ethos is outlined below:

Care	Orators will be friendly, polite and help each other understand others' opinions. Orators will always listen carefully to others' and will respond thoughtfully and respectfully. Orators will be role models of tolerance, respect and kindness to others. Orators will always forgive others' for mistakes and will work to help people who are struggling
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We have had some lovely students that have won our Reading Awards for this half term, Kishii O and Olivia B have consistently been avid readers since September and they were the lucky two students who have won a book bundle of their choice! We will be continuing this Reading Challenge into next half term and hopefully have some more lucky winners of our Reading Challenge in Year 7.

Students have been reviewing their PSHE learning for this half term and have been actively competing in tutor time in a round of quizzes to embed their knowledge for their learning this half term. Students have been working really hard on delving into this curriculum and showcasing their learning through their character and culture.

This has been such a lovely half term for year 7 with lots of enriching opportunities and experiences to widen students' Stoke Park Experience!

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## YEAR 7: SYMPHONY HALL TRIP



On Wednesday, the music department took 39 Year 7 students to Birmingham Symphony Hall to watch a performance by the CBSO. This concert featured the whole of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. This was an amazing spectacle, as they are very talented musicians, playing in an awe inspiring building.

This will certainly have a lasting impact on the students. The concert provided a clear snapshot of what orchestras can produce. They created music that ranged from classical to modern day genres. They did this through varying sections and instruments of the orchestra. It was a show for everyone.



Students were asked to describe the experience:

***Zaib - 'Magical'***

***Holly - 'Exhilarating'***

## **YEAR 8: THE PHILOSOPHER**

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This week brings us to the end of our first Spring Term. It has been wonderful to see our students engaging in a range of activities that demonstrate the Stoke Park experience. In tutor groups, students have been working hard to create their charity drive. The Year 8 Team have given them a helping hand by providing a £5 starting point for each group. They can choose to use this however they see fit, to help them raise money for a worthy cause. We look forward to the form group presentations in assembly after the half term.

Similarly, our students have been excelling in their work with Warwick University. Groups of students have been chosen to work with the university on a weekly basis to support and excel their learning. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students as it gives them the experience of working with university professionals.

After the half term, we will be giving all students trip letters for the enrichment experience that the Year Team has created. There are a variety of experiences and we will endeavour to cater to your child's interests regarding their future career prospects. There will also be a trip to the Herbert Art Gallery, giving students the experience of touring an art gallery and experiencing a workshop led by artists.

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## **YEAR 10: THE INVENTOR**

This week our Year 10's have continued to receive valuable feedback from their recent mock exams and have been working hard to pinpoint their areas for improvement going forward. It has been fantastic going into lessons this week and speaking to students about their progress and what they have been learning. It is clear to see that students are now being able to make links between their current and prior learning and are bridging gaps in their knowledge from their recent assessments.

This week students had an assembly on mental health as it is children's mental health week and during tutor time students have been discussing the topic of mental health. Our inventors have shown real maturity during these discussions and once again displayed our cornerstones of character and care.

We would like to wish our students and families a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 19th February at 8:35am, in full uniform and fully equipped with their Stoke Park 5.

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## **YEAR 11: THE ARCHITECT**

In Assembly, Year 11 looked at the decisions we make and the choices they have in front of them everyday and ones they will face in the future. As part of being the Architect at Stoke Park School and beyond, students learnt that choosing the right path in life is not always the most obvious and easiest but takes grit and determination to make that journey and succeed. This covered a range of topics in and outside of the classroom that students would apply this to and made them reflect on their own personal choices and influences they have around them. We want students to be resilient, independent students who take their own path that is right for them.

Year 11 will be commencing their final set of mock exams on the week beginning the 4th March after half term. It is vital that Year 11 students are revising throughout the half term break to ensure they are prepared for this next set of mocks to allow teachers to accurately target where their weaknesses are to intervene in order to close their gaps in knowledge in time for the real exam. Students have plenty of resources and learning prep given to them by teachers for over half term and have access to further resources on Teams to support their independent revision. If you have any questions and would like any advice on how to support your child during revision please do not hesitate to get in touch with the year team.

The next round of Prom invites have been sent out to students who have achieved this through their hard work, commitment to studies and attendance and punctuality to school. We look forward to this event and can confirm that it will be taking place on the 5th July.

# POST 16: THE SCHOLAR

A busy week that has ended a busy, engaging and rewarding half term : Year 12 have received their reports, informed by their progress since September and their recent mock exams. This is an important landmark moment as it allows our students to oversee the landscape of their journeys over the two years of Post 16; National Apprenticeship Week has been taking place throughout this week and we have begun to focus on this popular and ever expanding choice of pathway for our learners in assembly time and through our Teams channel. We were also able to welcome a wider community visitor this week to consider how charity work, volunteering and supporting the wider community can help us become more active, involved, find better emotional health and have strong evidence for the personal statement and covering letter.

we also introduced the Zero Gravity programme to year 12. This is a support network that links post 16 students with individuals at universities who can support our students to be aspirational and strive for the best. This programme is free and has benefitted our year 13 students. Year 13 students have been explaining and advising on this process, sharing their learning and experience with both year 12 and younger years, as part of a wider school and community approach. Our post 16 students have also been mentoring year 11 and tutoring them in English and maths, again to offer experience and knowledge to those younger years. We wish you all a restful half term and look forward to longer and brighter days leading into the spring and summer revision and exam season.

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## SUMMER 2023 EXAM CERTIFICATES

Summer 2023 exam certificates are now available for collection. Can you please contact the school reception on: 02476450215 to arrange collection. Upon collection you must bring a form of ID with you: Passport, provisional driving licence, a proof of address letter, college ID card, or debit card.

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## BOOK OF THE WEEK

Selected for this week's Book of the Week, we have the critically acclaimed *Divergent*, written by Veronica Roth. The *Divergent* book series is the latest which Stoke Park has added to its Library, due to the overwhelmingly positive reviews alongside a film series and its many similarities to *The Hunger Games*, another popular book series.

*Divergent* was originally published in 2011 and has gone on to establish a book series with three more entries. Roth's first installment still remains the best of the bunch and as such has become an award-winning title, with millions of positive reviews and ratings! *Divergent* was a bestseller throughout 2011 and 2012, making the novel a household name for keen readers.

In *Divergent*'s dystopian Chicago world, society is divided into five factions, each dedicated to the cultivation of a particular virtue—Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and Erudite (the intelligent).

On an appointed day of every year, all sixteen-year-olds must select the faction to which they will devote the rest of their lives. For Beatrice, the decision is between staying with her family and being who she really is—she can't have both. So she makes a choice that surprises everyone, including herself.

“Riveting ... A memorable, unpredictable journey from which it is nearly impossible to turn away.” Publishers Weekly

“A taut and shiveringly exciting read! Tris is exactly the sort of unflinching and fierce heroine I love. I couldn't turn the pages fast enough.” Melissa Marr, bestselling author of *Wicked Lovely*





# SPORTS NEWS

## Y11 Netball Win vs Ernesford Grange 7-1

Congratulations to the Y11 Netball team who played at home this week against Ernesford Grange. Lily showed some excellent mid court play and was awarded player of the match by the opposition. Simrit was instrumental in playing the ball up the court to Rhea's steady hands who made some excellent on target shots, this was backed up by Simrit with great rebound skills. Demi showed great determination, feeding into the circle and in mid court play while Fatima and Eliza were steadfast in defence. Fatima was calm and marked her opponent out of the game mid court throughout. A special mention to Zara who stepped up from Year 10, catching some blazing centre passes. Well done girls!

## Year 7 Football through to the Quarter Finals of the Coventry Schools' Cup

Year 7 showed what a superb football team they are with a resilient and dominant performance against Westwood away. The team started brightly and dominated possession and created chance after chance but failed to convert. Their persistence paid off when their pressure in the box resulted in a penalty being awarded with Rahman slotting hole comfortably. The second half began with Westwood getting back into the game with their first chance on goal. Stoke Park however showed great character to get back on top and created more chances with Matyias scoring after not giving up and late on Hasan slotted home superbly to end the game 3-1. We look forward to playing Bishop Ullathorne at home in the next round. Well done to all of the lads who showed great character and played extremely well. Mr Hall





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