



ROCKING THE SCHOOL



# Stoke Park School Newsletter

8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018

## Headteacher's comment

This week we have had a visit from the Coventry Music Service pop band who have performed some popular tunes for a number of our Year 7 students. It was great to hear some live music coming from the hall and seeing the students enjoying themselves.

We have had a very successful week recruiting some excellent teachers for September and all the candidates have commented on what a great experience they have had at and what lovely students we have at Stoke Park School.

Year 11 students are finishing their mock exams this week and will experience a mock results' day in the same format as the results day in August. We hope students are going to be proud of their achievements and be clear about what topics they need to revise more extensively for the public exams.

Some of our Year 11 students are finishing the week by focusing on an intensive Macbeth workshop. We hope that this will contribute to their

progress in their GCSE English Literature exam.

Let's hope we have seen the last of the snow and we can look forward to some normal weather.

Mrs Jones, Headteacher

### 'Fame' February 2018

We spoke to Davinder and Adam, who were part of the three man technical crew. They felt it was a "once in a lifetime opportunity" to use their skills and Davinder valued "the first-hand experience you couldn't get anywhere else."



When asked if they'd do it again, the answer was a

resounding "YES!" and Adam typifies the attitude of our successful pupils: "If the opportunity is there, I'll take it."

Secondly, we spoke to Havana who explained how rehearsals started once a week, but soon became every night and even a weekend. "The weekend was my favourite bit. It was a new way to be together and now



I've got friends in older year groups I didn't know before." She described how the audience calmed her nerves: "I

was worried before my solo, but once you're out there, seeing everyone smiling gives you energy and power. In fact, I'd rather be paid in smiles than money."

We enjoyed the final, polished performance, but it's important to see the hard work that makes it happen too.

## HOUSE UPDATES



The World Book Day University Challenge was a roaring success on Thursday. The event was created and supported by the English Department and provided an exciting challenge for the teams of staff and students. Miss Ratcliffe got very excited about any Harry Potter question (as did Erin and Dayah!). Jazkirat was very good on Frankenstein and the oldest member of staff taking part was quite good at 18th and 19th century texts (even though not *quite* that age herself).

A wide range of questions was asked, causing Mr Davis some difficulty with pronunciation at times! Miss Catling kept the score admirably and the audience enjoyed the display of literary prowess to celebrate World Book Day.

Mrs Spurr, English teacher

Students who continue to show our school values in all they do will be invited to watch the showcase events at lunchtimes.



### Future events and dates for your diaries

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Year 7 subject evening

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March – KS3 badminton competition

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 11 subject evening

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March – School choir performing at The Royal Albert Hall

## House updates

*Phoenix and Lynx just 5 points apart*

**Eagle 3530**

**Griffin 3265**

**Phoenix 3150**

**Lynx 3145**

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Winners have now been announced:

1<sup>st</sup> – Eagle (1<sup>st</sup> – Shannon Walsh, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Joanna Saczuk)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Lynx (3<sup>rd</sup> – Stella Wright)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Phoenix

4<sup>th</sup> – Griffin

Entries will be displayed in the main entrance hall and winners featured in future newsletters



**In this newsletter we want to celebrate.....**

### Phoenix house.

Each week we publish the house points total, which includes all competitions, but a major part of those scores are the achievement points for each pupil. These are awarded to pupils who demonstrate the core values of Stoke Park all of the time: the pupils who attend school and are on time; pupils who wear their uniforms with pride; pupils who bring the correct equipment to school; pupils who work hard in class; pupils who complete homework. These are the pupils who make the greatest contribution to making the school successful.

These are the current totals just for achievement points since September:

Phoenix – 20405

Eagle - 20208

Griffin - 17883

Lynx – 12792

Well done, Phoenix.