



# Newsletter



*Building Brighter Futures*

Friday 14th December 2018

## Dates For Your Diaries

Tuesday 18th December: Year 8 Tutor Parents' Evening

Friday 21st December: Last Day of Autumn Term

Monday 7th January: First Day of Spring Term

Tuesday 8th January 6.30pm: Post 16 Open Evening all Year 11 Students

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term at Stoke Park we have celebrated some real successes as a school. It was a pleasure to see our students organise activities for Armistice day and commemorate our fallen heroes. Our students really embraced the idea of community and demonstrated a real sense of pride.

I am pleased that we have had so many sporting successes this year, including the Year 7 and 8 girls reaching the semi-finals of the English Football League, and the trampolining achievements of our year 9 students in the regional finals. It has also been a pleasure to see some of the academic enrichment that has taken place across the school - from the Global Language day to a visit from the Welsh

National Opera. It is these enriching activities that really give students a sense of belonging and celebration and moving forward these are values we really want to promote for all of our students in order to create a positive ethos in school.

Stoke Park school is on a journey of school improvement which has not only seen the quality of teaching improve this term but also is beginning to ensure our students to articulate what they are learning and why. This is crucial if we want our young people to be a success. Students need to know what to improve their learning and in turn this will strengthen their academic success. I want our students to be confident and articulate in their learning and strive for outstanding outcomes. We are working hard with teachers to ensure the quality of provision students receive will enable them to make outstanding progress across their school career.

National data from last years exam results has recently been released and Stoke Park School was in line with the national figures for progress. Next year we hope to exceed these results and ensure our year 11 students per- form even better. 'Students First' is a value we as a school want to live by and the teachers are working hard to ensure all our students can reach their academic potential. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Post-16 evening in January and that students will be excited by their future prospects when choosing their A-levels and Level 3 courses.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Miss Rock, Director of Teaching and Learning*

## Music Examination Success

Congratulations to Gabriel Florea who achieved a Distinction in his Grade 3 ABRSM Flute Exam which is an incredible achievement and the highest honour at this level.

Congratulations to Emilie Duggins in gaining Grade 6 Merit in her Music Theatre Exam and now progresses to grade 8!

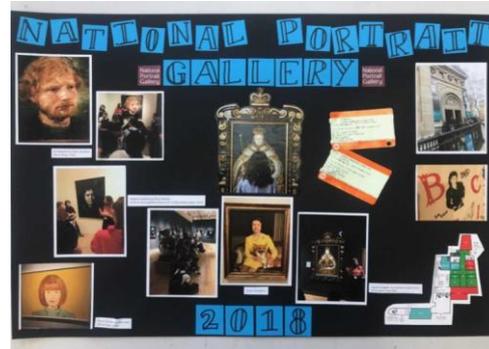


## Art Students Visit The National Portrait Gallery

On 6th December, a group of GCSE Art students from year 10 travelled to London to visit the World famous National Portrait Gallery.

We had the opportunity to see their latest exhibits and to see and hear about their established displays.

It was a chance to study some of the very best art the country has to offer first hand and we all had a fantastic day **Ms Branagh, Teacher of Art**



# National Portrait Gallery

## Stoke Park School Hosts Coventry's Music Winter Showcase

On Tuesday 4th December, it was a pleasure for Stoke Park School to host Coventry Music's Winter Showcase. This annual winter showcase, where children from across Coventry take part in different music groups and orchestras get the chance to perform for friends and family allowing all the young talent to show their skills! If your child would like to get involved in one of the Coventry Music's Ensembles - please visit the website [www.coventrymusicclub.co.uk](http://www.coventrymusicclub.co.uk) to see what is on offer. The evening was a huge success with students playing to a full audience of 240 people! We also had our own year 7 students give a sneak peak of Matilda (*pictured left*) ahead of their Matilda performance, which went down a storm!



## Drama as the Y7 Football Team Beat Caludon Castle on Penalties in the Pouring Rain.

On December 5th Stoke Park year 7 boys faced Caludon Castle. They drew 4-4 in normal time but then went on to win 4-1 on penalties in a thrilling end to the game.

It was a great comeback in awful conditions on a terrible pitch and all boys were superb. This earned the team a mention in assembly.

**Congratulations go to:**

**Connor Lynott**

**Keaton Blackbird**

**Alex Dalton**

**Bradley Lukombo**

**George Kennell**

**Mac Kennell**

**Kian Moore**

**Aziz Omotoso**

**Joshua Stone**

**Mackenzie Hughes**



## Sixth Form Attend Othello Lectures

On Tuesday the 27th November, the year 12 and 13 English Literature students were treated to an 'Othello Lectures' day in Birmingham. The day comprised of four, 45 minute lecture style explorations of different themes within the play. The day will serve as excellent support for summer examinations as well as an understanding of how University lectures are structured and delivered, as each session was given by a University lecturer and expert within their field. Well done the Literature students of Stoke Park who showed excellent focus, involvement and returned with some very useful explorations of this great Shakespeare play.



## Computer Science: Hour of Code



**The largest learning event in history**

During Computer Science Education Week  
December 3-9, 2018

**HOUR OF CODE**

Students have enjoyed taking part in the 'Hour of Code', one hour coding tutorials, which has improved their understanding of computer coding.

