



Newsletter

Building Brighter Futures

Friday 2nd November 2018

Dates For Your Diaries

- Tuesday 6th November: UkMT Mathematics Challenge Y12/Y13 students
- Wed 7th November: Year 10 Brilliant Club Visit to Aston University
- Friday 9th November: World War 1 Enrichment day
- Friday 9th November: 'The Armed Man' choir performance Warwick Arts Centre
- Tuesday 13th November: Year 7 visit to Welsh National Opera
- Friday 16th November: Year 11 photographs
- Tuesday 20th November: Year 11 and Year 13 Subject Parents' Evening



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been good to welcome our students back, refreshed from their half term break.

This half term promises to be extremely busy and there are many exciting events and activities planned. Most of these are organised to ensure that our students experience a more in depth understanding of a particular subject or topic. For example, our year 13 English and Drama students visited the Birmingham Repertory Theatre this week to see a play that links directly to their A level examination. In other cases, we are developing talents and interests such as the many sports fixtures that our students participate in. We are excited that a number of our students will take part in 'The Armed Man' next week at Warwick Arts Centre. Taking part in performing arts and sport develop skills, confidence and character in our young people and these experiences build lasting, happy memories that stay with our students for life. This is something that we take to heart here at Stoke Park School and is prioritised alongside achieving examination success at GCSE and A level.

The Editorial Team

Stoke Park Students To Perform At Warwick Arts Centre

Since the start of the year, 25 Stoke Park students have been taking part in workshops and rehearsals to prepare them for participation in a very special event at Warwick Arts Centre on November 9th.

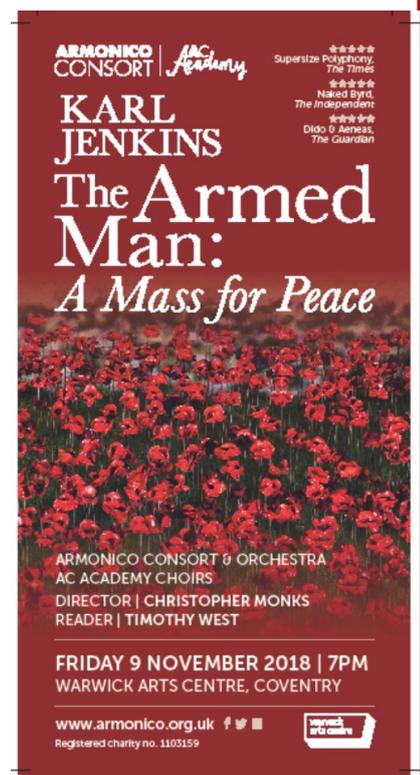
This is a new piece of music Commissioned by the **Royal Armouries** to mark the new millennium. The composer is **Karl Jenkins'** and this piece, **The Armed Man** is dedicated to the victims of the Kosovo conflict, whose tragedy was unfolding as it was being composed.

Over 600 pupils from **AC Academy** choirs in the region, will recreate the performance initially intended by the composer.

Letters home, tales from the trenches, passages from diaries and extracts from *The Wipers Times* will be read by the well known actor **Timothy West**.

This is yet another fantastic opportunity for our musicians to be involved in a top class professional event at an elite venue where parents and other members of the public can see their talents on display.

If you wish to attend, tickets are available for the box office at Warwick Arts Centre. Please visit: www.warwickartscentre.co.uk for more information.



THE STAGE PREMIERE OF THE WORLD-FAMOUS NOVEL

Year 13 Students Visit The Birmingham Rep

A group of Year 13 students visited the Birmingham Repertory Theatre this week to see 'The Lovely Bones' in preparation for section C of their forthcoming English and Drama examinations.

Alice Sebold's novel **The Lovely Bones** is a unique coming-of-age tale that captured the hearts of readers throughout the world. Award-winning playwright Bryony Lavery has adapted it for this unforgettable play about life after loss.

The Lovely Bones, Sebold's first novel, debuted in 2002, and quickly became an unprecedented international bestseller, topping most of the "best" lists and earning Sebold the *Bram Stoker Award for First Novel* in 2002 and the *American Booksellers Association Book of the Year Award for Adult Fiction* the following year. In 2009, a film version of *The Lovely Bones*, starring Mark Wahlberg and Susan Sarandon, was released.

Post 16 Students Offer Valuable Support to Year 11 Students

In an exciting initiative, our A level psychology students are teaming up with year 11 pupils to offer them additional support leading up to their vital GCSE exams this summer.

Each Monday at break time, selected year 11 students will meet with a Sixth Form mentor who will be able to offer advice based on their own exam experiences at GCSE.

The aim is to ensure that our students are helping each other by sharing practical advice, tools and techniques that really work during the busy exam period.

Sixth form psychology students study a number of theories and approaches that can be helpful with 'thinking positively' during revision and exam preparation.



Football Focus



Well done to our year 7 and year 10 footballers who have played in a number of fixtures recently.

Year 7 played Lyng hall losing by just one goal, the final score was 3:2.

Year 10 also played Lyng Hall, again losing by just one goal. The final score was 4:3.

Our year 7 footballers also played in a local 6 a side tournament securing second place overall, a very commendable result.

Thank you to both teams who represent Stoke Park School so well.