

Headteacher's Letter

Dear all,

I can't quite believe it is October already which means that we have completed 4 weeks back. The school photographs today have been a particular highlight, with seeing so many happy, beaming faces looking so smart in their uniform.

Your child will have the information for you to be able to order copies of the photos with the necessary log in details from the company.

As shared last week, we have the COVID-19 vaccination programme for healthy 12-15 year olds being delivered by the Community and School Age Immunisation Service (CSAIS) on Monday 4th October. Only those students where parental/carer consent has been given will be taken out of lessons so that teachers can continue to teach, therefore limiting any interruption to the learning.

We continue to evaluate the systems in place for children safely entering the site and leaving the site. As such, we will be introducing a staggered finish to the end of the day to control the number of students leaving from each exit. From Monday 4th October Year 7 and Year 8 students will be escorted to the front gate by their class teacher at 3:05pm whilst Year 9 students will be escorted to the back gate at 3:05pm. All of our KS4 students will then make their own way to their nearest exit at 3:10pm. We will be explaining this to the students during form time on Monday.

Thank you to all those students in advance of our Open Evening Thursday 7th October 5:30 - 8pm who will be our ambassadors for all those wanting to find out more about Stopsley High School.

In order to ensure the school, staff and students are ready we will be having an early closure on Thursday 7th October where students will be dismissed from 2:10pm and a delayed start on Friday 8th October when students will come to school for 10am and go directly to their period 2 lesson.

We hope that the sun continues to shine upon next week.
Have a wonderful weekend everyone,

Ms Hand



Friday 1st October 2021



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Term Dates Autumn

Half Term - Monday 25th
October to Friday 29th
October

Term Ends - Friday 17th
December

Spring Term 2022

Term Starts - Tuesday 4th
January - Staff Training

Wednesday 5th January -
Whole school returns



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Attendance Notice

Can parents/carers please inform the school if your child is unwell as we are monitoring attendance. Parents/carers please report this in the normal way by contacting school attendance number on 01582 870912 or the attendance email address attendance@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk



SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS



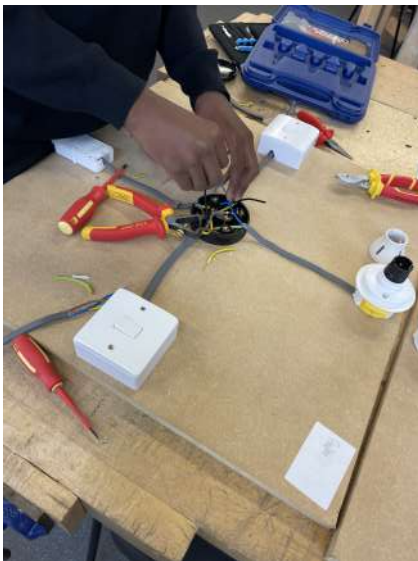
Year 9 Learn CPR

During PE lessons today, Year 9 learnt how to do CPR. Less than 1 in 10 people in the UK survive an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. A cardiac arrest is the ultimate medical emergency. In countries where basic life support is taught in schools, survival rates from sudden cardiac arrest are significantly (two to three times) higher than those where they aren't taught. Now our Y9s are equipped to deal with this medical emergency.



GCSE Construction

Students who are undertaking their Construction option are currently working on a range of various electrical circuits, such as one way, two way, lights in series etc, building up a portfolio of evidence to show to college or apprenticeship providers upon leaving school.



Post 16 Pathways evening

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to inform you that we will be holding our Post 16 Evening for all current Year 11 students and their parents/carers on Thursday 21st October 2021, between 5-7pm. This is a valuable opportunity for you to see first-hand the courses available in Post 16, in the local area and what students can expect in terms of the Post 16 experience.

During our Post 16 evening, providers from local Colleges and Sixth forms will be delivering talks to provide information regarding courses that they offer.

You and your child will be invited to sign up to 3 x 20 minute sessions via a google form for the providers that you wish to hear from.

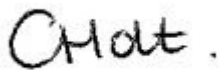
The talks will be delivered in a classroom so that both you and your child will have the opportunity to ask questions to the providers. Information packs and contact details of the providers will also be available to take away with you to support your discussions with your child about the next step in their education.

When you arrive you will be given information about the time and classroom location of the sessions that you have chosen to attend.

Please respond using this [google form](#), confirming your attendance and choosing the sessions that you would like to attend by **6th October 2021**.

We will do our best to accommodate your selections and we look forward to welcoming you to this event.

Kind regards,



Mrs C Holt

Senior Curriculum Leader

Your child can be opted back into the lessons at any time with parental consent during years 7 to 10, and by the student themselves 3 terms before they turn 16. If the student opts themselves back into the sex education lessons the school is under no obligation to inform the parent/carer, and the student will be asked to sign a letter to confirm they wish to opt themselves back into the sex education lessons.

The programme will be delivered during PSHCE lessons and form time includes:

<u>Year 7</u> Friendships, diversity and prejudice, self-esteem, puberty, FGM, romance and family life.
<u>Year 8</u> Racism, FGM, discrimination, online safety, sexuality, introduction to consent and contraception.
<u>Year 9</u> Managing conflict, tackling prejudice, healthy relationships, consent, risks of STIs, sexting and understanding the impact of various types of media on relationships and self esteem.
<u>Year 10</u> Personal values and communication in relationships, domestic abuse and forced marriage, tackling relationship myths, coping with break ups, understanding families, parenting skills, understanding change, bereavement and loss.
<u>Year 11</u> Tackling relationship myths, attitudes towards sex, sexuality, coping with break ups, understanding families, parenting skills, understanding change, bereavement and loss.

If you would like any further information about the planned RSHE programme or would like to discuss your child's involvement please contact: cholt@stonsleyhighschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely,



Catherine Holt
Curriculum Leader for PSHCE

September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE)

I am delighted to inform you of the updated key strands we will be delivering in the RSHE programme this academic year.

RSHE is an important part of a young person's education and our aim is to provide students with factual information about puberty, body image, healthy relationships and sexual health. At Stopsley High School, students will cover the RSHE content during both PSHE lessons and form time sessions throughout the academic year. There is a clear emphasis on building healthy relationships to ensure that every child has the opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills to navigate an ever changing world.

The RSHE programme follows the statutory government guidance, schemes of learning from the PSHE association and is based on advice and guidance from Public Health Luton. The scheme is sequential in nature and is based on prior knowledge and understanding. RSHE is a compulsory element of the national curriculum and is fundamental in the health and development of our students.

As you are undoubtedly aware there have been statutory changes pertaining to the RSHE curriculum in schools. Details of the changes can be found on the links below, along with a copy of our RSHE policy:

[Relationships, sex and health education: guides for parents](#)

[Frequently asked questions](#)

[RSHE policy](#)

There is an expectation that should you wish to withdraw your child from the sex education lessons, then the withdrawal request form in Appendix 3 of the RSHE policy should be completed and returned to the school prior to your child's start date. Please note students cannot be withdrawn from health and relationships education and will still participate in these lessons. Students can not be opted out of science lessons where the topics of reproduction, STIs and contraception are part of the national curriculum and exam specifications.

If we do not receive a fully completed withdrawal form it will be assumed that you wish your child to participate in the sex education lessons.



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Parentline

A confidential text messaging advice and support line for Luton parents and carers of children aged 0-19.

Text: 07507 331886

Parenting advice and support Sleep Contenance

Immunisations Mental health Minor illness

Speech Behaviour Temper tantrums

Infant feeding Diet & exercise

Child development Parenting

and much, much more....

We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we've received your text. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To find out what we do with your information, please internet search: "NHS CCS privacy notice" or use this link bit.ly/nhsprivacynotice. Prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.



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