

Headteacher's Letter

Dear all,

Well done to our Year 11 students for completing their first week of mock examinations. We are pleased to see so many of you equipped with a revision guide, flashcards and mind maps demonstrating how seriously you are approaching these. Good luck for the final week ahead!



If you would like to be kept up to date on what is happening in school please follow us on Twitter @StopsleyHighSch and Facebook @StopsleyHighSch where you can find what's been happening in lessons, our quote of the week, useful support services and much more.

All parents and carers will have received a letter outlining the re-introduction of safety measures to reduce the transmission of the Covid-19 virus and to keep our community safe. We appreciate your understanding and support with this and sharing the same messages with your children:

Face coverings in communal areas

Students, staff and visitors are recommended to wear a face covering. This will come into force with immediate effect.

Twice weekly LFD testing

Students will be provided with additional test kits over the course of this week to enable testing to be carried out every Sunday and Wednesday. If there is an increase in numbers within your child's year group we will provide additional tests to enable daily contact testing to be carried out.

Classroom Ventilation

We will continue to ensure classrooms are well ventilated. All our classrooms are fitted with CO2 monitors and windows automatically open if levels reach a certain point.

Friday 19th Nov 2021



Hands



Face



Space

Term Dates September

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

Should your child feel unwell or receive a positive result on a lateral flow test you should book a PCR test for them. This can be done via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. The main symptoms to look out for are:

A high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest and back (you do not need to measure your temperature).

A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.

A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Have a wonderful weekend all,

Ms Hand



COMMUNITY FAIR STOPSLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Community is a vital part of Stopsley High School and is one of the 4 strands contributing to students Top Class status.

Please have a look at the community fair on the website. All information is there and application forms are available to sign up. There are lots of opportunities to support or just be part of the Stopsley Community.

Could you become a Sports Leader or are you ready to help by listening to fellow students read? What ever your skill set is, there is a role for you.

There are lots of current vacancies and new jobs and opportunities pop up each week. Currently we are looking for year 10 or 11 students to help run Chess Club.

Remember giving back to your community means you are making a difference and you have ticked the Top Class Student community box. In the near future there will be a Podcast Group so keep watching the Spotlight on Community section in the Newsletter.

Your community needs you.

Please see Mr Rowles or Miss Mitchell if you need any help.

ACCELERATED READER

Over the past two weeks we've been very excited to re-introduce the Accelerated Reader programme to students in Year 7 and 8. Thank you to all the Year 7 and 8 students who completed their first STAR Reading Assessments of the year!

We hope to notify everyone who completed a STAR Reading test of their ZPD result (i.e. reading level) during their next library lesson—if you haven't received yours yet, it's on its way soon!

Those people who have already received their ZPDs are now in a great place to begin exploring the Accelerated Reader programme, picking out exactly the right books for them so that they can start taking quizzes and earning points for their reading habits.

Happy reading!

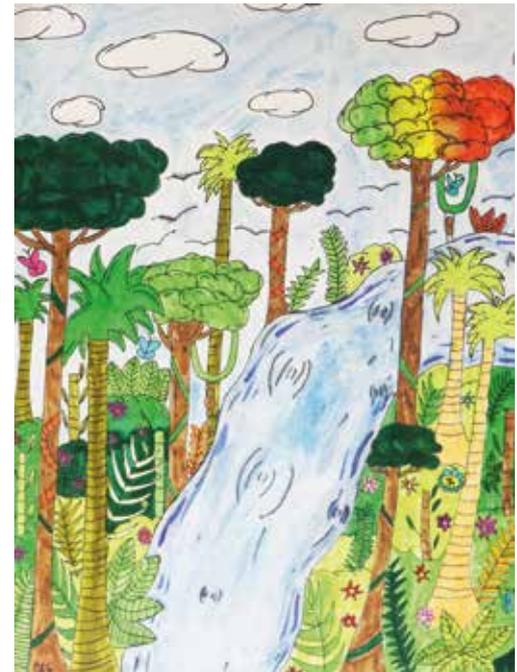


SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS



Geography

A delicious Brazillian meal 'feijoada' cooked at home for Geography homework by Rares. They've been learning about the Amazon Rainforest. (left)



Ebony made a stunning poster with some great photos! The photos are from her parents' very own holiday in the rainforest. (left)

This lovely drawing was made by Olivia. So creative and colourful! (right)

All of these pieces by Year 7 are really impressive.

Music

Music GCSE are gearing up for their Christmas ensemble projects and the year 7 choir has also finalised their Christmas setlist for some surprise performances coming soon! Choir has also finalised their Christmas setlist for some surprise performances coming soon!



YOU SAID, WE DID.

WE NOW HAVE A FACEBOOK AND A TWITTER ACCOUNT!

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Basketball Student Report

Stopsley Basketball Team vs Ickniel Basketball Team Year 11

Score: Stopsley 34 - 23 Ickniel

Team:

Alex
Ope
James
Walid
Piotr
Ewan
Omar
Isa
Ifechukwude

Point counters:

Rhyse
Milosz



Match Summary:

First Quarter:

The game started with lots of passion from Stopsley with star centre Alex scoring 8 points to put them in the lead. Ickniel were struggling to keep up with the fast intensity of Stopsley and were unable to make simple shots. The first quarter ended 12-2 with the skillful power forward Ope making an impressive 2 pointer.

Second Quarter:

James and Alex took the second quarter by storm as James hit 2 clinical 3 pointers in a row. And Alex started to hit some very strong layups. Powerful point guard Omar used his excellent leadership and defensive skills to stop Ickniel scoring throughout the whole quarter. Stopsley went into the half 26-2 with the game looking like it was already won.

Third Quarter:

In the third quarter 4 changes were made: Isa, Piotr, Chude and Walid came on to replace Ope, Alex, James and Ewan. The Ickniel coach must have given a very inspirational team talk because they came out looking like a different team. They began to pick up easy points through the mistakes of Stopsley and brought the game back to 26-17. However, Stopsley did not drop their heads. Chude took matters into his own hands with his extravagant dribbling and passing, creating chances to change the game. Even with his efforts Stopsley was not able to score. Quarter ended 26-17

Fourth Quarter:

With the original 5 back on, Stopsley took over the game. Alex began the quarter with another cool calm and collected lay up which made Ickniel nervous in the last quarter. Stopsley began to pull away with an amazing defensive masterclass from James and Ewan to make sure Stopsley pulled away with the win. The final quarter ended 34-23 in Stopsley's favour.

Children in Need Fundraiser



SPOTLIGHT THE NURTURE CENTRE



The students have been extremely busy in their creative session this week. They have made Sunflower mixed media collage pictures.



We are very proud of two of our students from the Nurture Centre, Adrian was awarded the position of Digital Leader and Sameer was Top Class Student this week.



Well done boys.





SPOTLIGHT ON COMMUNITY



Dear Parent/Guardian

An exciting opportunity for Year 10/11 students this December

We are delighted to let you know that your child/children are eligible for a FREE membership with Active Luton this December. The offer is for a junior membership and can be claimed from Monday 29th November and is valid through to 31st December. This is part of the Energise Luton holiday camps programme, funded by the Department for Education's Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) support for children and young people.

In addition to the free membership, your child can also get free meals when the younger children's holiday camps are taking place at Lewsey Sports Park and Pool, Lea Manor Recreation Centre and Inspire: Luton Sports Village on Monday to Thursday 20th to 23rd December. The Active Luton centre teams will explain how this will work when the children/young people sign up for the offer.

Junior membership allows under 18s access to the gyms, swimming pools and group fitness programme. Under 16s can attend the gym on their own subject to some restrictions. Our team will explain everything when you sign up. You can also find out more about junior memberships here: <https://www.activeluton.co.uk/junior-membership>.

To claim this free offer, please take this letter from Monday 29th November onwards to one of Active Luton's centres at Inspire: Luton Sports Village, Lea Manor Recreation Centre or Lewsey Sports Park and Pool to be set up.

We really hope your child/children can take up this offer and will enjoy the opportunities it brings.

Best wishes

The Energise Luton Team

Any questions - contact us at:
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