

THE STOPSLEY SOURCE



NEWS

After a short break, we welcome you back to the Stopsley Source and hope you are well rested for hard work in the rest of the term! Here are some upcoming/current things happening this week:

Lately, the Year 11s have started their study leave in preparation for the rest of their exams. We wish them all the best on their remaining exams and advise not to stress too much and make sure to relax as well! We would also like to remind you about considering your noise level when walking past the sports hall.

There are also upcoming end of year exams which we encourage you to revise for. The exams include: English, Maths and Science and they will be taking place after the GCSEs are over.

During half-term week, it was the Queen's 70th Platinum Jubilee! To celebrate there were planes and fighter jets in London to mark this momentous occasion. We hope you enjoyed the day off and celebrated as well!

As well as all of these other exciting events, Year 10 students are attending a DofE practice expedition this weekend. There will be plenty of walking, trekking, and bonding with nature. We wish them all the best and hope they stay dry!

Lastly, we'd like to remind you to check out Episode 1 and 2 of Stopsley's brand new podcast! We have been working very hard on it behind the scenes and hope you enjoy it :)

"Believe that you can and you're halfway there." - Theodore Roosevelt

Kameela H, Year 10

FRIDAY 17TH JUNE 2022



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TERM DATES

Inset Day -
Monday 4th July

DEAD SIMPLE



Until I read this spectacular book, I harboured the misconception that all crime books were predictable and provided no stimulation. *Dead Simple*, by Peter James, is the first in an eighteen book series that follows the life of Detective Superintendent Roy Grace and the crimes that he helps to solve. After being recommended this, I read the synopsis and was intrigued to no end. Grace, who's been haunted by the unexpected disappearance of his wife for 9 years, receives a call from a woman who is beyond devastated and is claiming that her fiance has disappeared without a trace a few days prior to their wedding. After some digging, Grace finds that it was supposed to be a harmless bachelor night prank; however, the only people who know his last possible location die in a car crash and the only person alive who may know where he is refuses to speak up. My favourite part was the conclusive events of the investigation. It is something that I wouldn't have ever imagined and it left me feeling quite satisfied, contrary to some other books I've read. Overall, I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys reading about the investigation of a crime.

However, I would also recommend it to anyone who hasn't dabbled in this genre since I believe it's excellent and worth giving a read.

Zimri I, Year 10

WINDRUSH DAY

Hello, my fellow Caribbeans! As some of you may already know, Windrush Day is coming up. For those of you who have no clue what that is, it is a day where we celebrate the legacy of the half-a-million Caribbeans and people of other ethnicities who migrated to England after WWII. This day is used to help us recognise and thank all of those who arrived on the Windrush and their descendants for the contributions they made after the Second World War and everything they continue to do. During this time, the UK was in need of repair, and people (mainly Caribbean) rushed over to take all of the jobs needed, such as production of steel, coal, iron, food, and roles in running the NHS and public transport. The Windrush generation basically established a large proportion of the Black Society we know today, and I am happy to say one of my relatives was part of this!

Ray M, Year 10



PRIDE



Pride Month is a celebration of the LGBTQ+ community, when people around the world come together to recognise the history and solidarity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer-identifying people, as well as anyone else who belongs to a minority gender or sexuality, for instance, asexual and intersex people.

The LGBTQ+ community is larger than many people realise, and covers a huge number of identities. Some people are aware of their gender or sexuality from a young age, while others take longer to discover themselves. Either way, it is important to respect everybody—there is no “right” way to be!

Sadly, many LGBTQ+ people still deal with discrimination and bullying. Pride is important because it celebrates how far LGBTQ+ rights have come while drawing attention to how far society still has to come. We hope you enjoy this special Pride edition of The Stopsley Source!

Safiyah J, Amish P, Year 7



READING LIST

Why not stop by the Learning Resources Centre to borrow from our selection of books featuring LGBT+ characters and writers?

We have a range of fiction and non-fiction books on display to celebrate Pride month!

ALAN TURING



Alan Turing is one of many significant LGBT+ figures in history. He has inspired many people with his amazing work and without it we would not have the technology we have today.

Alan Turing was born on the 23rd of June 1912 in Paddington, London. He was the youngest child to parents Julius Mathison and Ethel Sara Turing. When Turing entered school he took an interest in mathematics. He spent much of his spare time playing chess and learning Advanced Sciences. In 1931, Alan Turing was accepted into King's College, Cambridge to study Mathematics. Whilst this was going on, Hitler's rise in Germany had begun.

Eventually, Turing graduated in 1934 and shortly moved to Princeton University in the USA to complete a PhD. In Princeton, he began to develop one of his most acclaimed theories, the theory of the Turing machine, also known as the universal computing machine. The term Turing machine is used to describe systems for problem solving and language identification, rather than describing any actual machine. It has been hugely important in the field of computer science.

World War II started in 1939, and Alan joined a top secret code-breaking department in Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes. Alan built a machine which helped decode messages that Nazis were sending. This machine (The Bombe) helped end the war 2 years earlier than predicted thanks to Turing's efforts. In 1950, Alan Turing published a paper called Computing Machinery and Intelligence which explained a method for proving artificial intelligence, called the Turing Test. In 1952, he was convicted for having a gay relationship and instead of a prison sentence, he was given a hormone treatment which had a severe effect on his physical and mental health. Unfortunately, Alan became depressed due to the medication, which led to him sadly committing suicide on the 7th of June 1954.

In 2013, Alan Turing received a posthumous pardon, so he wouldn't be considered a criminal. His legacy reminds us of the ways in which ignorance and discrimination can deprive us all of groundbreaking and important discoveries, and why it is important to celebrate the achievements of everyone, no matter their gender, sexuality, or anything else.

Amina A, Year 9

STUDENT INTERVIEW

Here is an interview with a Stopsley High School student who belongs to the LGBTQ+ community.

Q: Are there any challenges you face in your day-to-day life because of your identity?

A: I do find it a challenge sometimes because I unfortunately do end up listening to people being homophobic around me. It can be hurtful. It can also be awkward around my parents when they mention it because I haven't told them just yet.

Q: What do you think about homophobic people?

A: I don't understand them too much. But I do know that it might just be how they grew up. Some people could have been told how to think, but unfortunately, others develop those views on their own.

Q: Do your friends support your identity?

A: Yes, they are very supportive of me and the whole LGBTQ+ community.

Q: How do people in your family feel about the LGBTQ+ community?

A: I think some of them are supportive, but I am not sure.

Interviewer: Alex A, Year 8

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ABOUT ME

Hello! My name is Alex and I am in Year 8. My role in the Stopsley News and Media Team is Culture Writer. My hobbies are playing video games and watching people play Minecraft on YouTube. The games I like to play are Minecraft, Pokemon and Animal Crossing. I also like to read.

ONE DAY AT A TIME



One Day at a Time is about a Hispanic family who is getting through life one day at a time.

One of the main characters, Elena, is a teenage girl who starts off joking around about her sexual orientation with her best friend and then as the show progresses, she begins to realise and understand how she feels about herself and others. For a while she keeps this new realisation a secret, until her mother questions her about being in a relationship with her best friend. After she shuts down any allegations about this assumption, saying that their relationship is completely platonic, Elena comes out to all of her family. After she comes out, her family tries to make an effort to accept the news that she brought, except her father who walks out on Elena during her quinceañera. Further on in the show, she is seen with her non-binary partner, Syd, as they both explore their relationship through awkward teenage romance. If you enjoy funny sitcoms or slapstick comedies, I would definitely recommend giving this show a watch!

Kameela H, Year 10

Here is a list of resources to find out more!

www.stonewall.org.uk

has useful information and resources for anyone who wants to find out more about the LGBTQ+ community.

mermaidsuk.org.uk

has useful information and resources for transgender, non-binary, and gender-diverse young people and their families.

switchboard.lgbt

is a confidential helpline operated by LGBTQ+ people to provide support to anyone who might need it.

www.fflag.org.uk

is a charity with resources to support the friends and families of LGBTQ+ youth.

mindout.org.uk

is a mental health charity that offer several services run by LGBTQ+ people for LGBTQ+ people.

lgbt.foundation

is a charity that offer a wide range of services, including a helpline and a counselling service for LGBTQ+ people.

HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear all,

As we have just experienced one of the hottest days on records, I just wanted to remind everyone that normal uniform expectations will resume from Monday 20th June. Students must wear their shirt tucked in and school tie. Their footwear must be plain black with no coloured stitching or logos. To ensure the students remain hydrated during this lovely weather, please can we encourage you to provide them with a reusable water bottle. This will not only support sustainability but means that students can easily refill their bottle throughout the day.

Mrs Stewart and Stopsley High School students continue to visit local primary schools to meet the Year 6 students, soon to be Year 7, who will be joining us shortly for Transition days and then in September. St Matthew's hosted us this week and Bushmead Primary School last week.

**Editors-in-Chief:
Miss Wrigley and
Miss Adeyeye**

The sporting fixtures also continued this week with our PE Department taking groups of students to a plethora of competitions including Tennis, Cricket, County Athletics and Rounders. It is wonderful to have so many students involved and representing the school, as well as wonderful staff who organise the fixtures and accompany the students there. Thank you to all involved.

Year 11 were delighted to reach the end of the week of exams having completed more courses. Next week will see the conclusion of their science course when they will be completing their sixth and final paper. We eagerly await the opportunity to congratulate them on their outstanding conduct throughout the examination period and reflect on their five years with us.

Have a wonderful weekend all,

Ms Hand

Young people and adults can contact the NSPCC helpline, Report Abuse in Education on: 0800 136 663 or email: help@nspcc.org.uk