



THE STOPSLEY NEWS AND MEDIA TEAM PRESENTS...

THE STOPSLEY SOURCE

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Welcome back to The Stopsley Source, the bi-weekly Stopsley High School newsletter brought to you by the top journalists of the Stopsley News and Media Team. After a long break, our talented crew have returned to keep you up-to-date on all the latest news from Stopsley High School.

We're kicking off the year with two special articles from Katey in Year 9, where he talks through some of the recent changes to Stopsley's behaviour policy and rewards system, as well as giving an overview on some of the big academic milestones coming up for students in Years 9 and 11, who will, later in the school year, be choosing their GCSE options and completing their GCSE exams respectively.

Tanmi also has an article for us about the recently celebrated International Literacy Day, giving some background on who started it and what it celebrates, as well as touching on some of the reasons why literacy is such an important skill.

The Stopsley High School Open Day will be taking place on Thursday 5th October, so many students are getting ready to turn on the charm as tour guides for prospective new students and their families, and we are all looking forward to showing off our excellent teaching and learning community and our wonderful facilities.

We hope you all have a brilliant weekend!

New Top Class Student Rewards

A new school year has begun, and with a new year comes recent changes. With the start of term, Stopsley High School has decided to make some alterations to the Top Class system. Firstly, the school's system of behaviour points and sanctions has undergone a renewal, including the introduction of the

Conduct Improvement Room for students who need time to reflect on behavioural choices. Secondly, and more excitingly, the Senior Leadership Team has reinstated the

long-awaited addition of school trips as a reward for students who meet all four standards of being a Top Class student throughout the school year. These trips include visits to the cinema, theme parks, and a Stopsley High School fair, and they will take place on a termly basis. The introduction of these rewards should hopefully further encourage Stopsley students to strive for Top Class!

Katey O, Year 9

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International Literacy Day

International Literacy Day takes place on the 8th of September each year to raise awareness about the importance of literacy and numeracy, promoting the skills as a global human right. The event is a worldwide celebration and was set up by the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) more than 60 years ago as a special day to celebrate reading and writing.

Today, lots and lots of progress is being made across the world to ensure that everyone receives their rightful literacy skills, although it's still thought that at least 763 million young people and adults lack basic literacy skills, like reading and writing. Currently, 1 in 3 children globally don't even receive a quality primary education. Missing out on school puts children at a higher risk of abuse, child marriage, and lower earning potential. Recent crises such as COVID-19, climate change and conflicts have also impacted literacy progress, deepening inequalities around the world.

This year's International Literacy Day was celebrated worldwide under the theme, 'Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies'. A global conference was organised in person and online on Friday, 8 September 2023, in Paris, France. This global celebration included the award ceremony of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes to announce this year's outstanding prizewinning programmes.

School Photographs

The School photographers will be coming to Stopsley on Tuesday 10th October. They are providing a contactless, paperless service which means they will send the photo proofs directly to you via your mobile phone. Therefore, please can you ensure that we have the most up to date mobile number.

This annual event is to recognise the importance of reading and writing, which is not essential just for our academic success but for us to be able to express ourselves and communicate with others.

So, do you enjoy reading? Perhaps you like coming to the library? Figures from the National Literacy Trust state that 1 in 7 schools do not have a library in the UK.

We should consider ourselves lucky for having such a beautiful and appealing library at Stopsley High School, welcoming us to explore a variety of books, from fantasy to horror, thriller to sci-fiction, comedy to non-fiction, along with additional revision guides. Therefore, it is not just the librarian's, but also our responsibility as Stopsley students to care for the resources that are provided to us and maintain a peaceful and respectful environment within our library.

Tammi T, Year 9

Options & GCSEs

While Year 7s are getting used to the new environment of high school, Year 9s are preparing to choose their options for GCSEs in the spring term. GCSEs are a vital qualification for many jobs and universities, and this choice has always been a vital part of Year 9s' education. Decisions will be made later in the school year, when every Year 9 student will pick four subjects to study in addition to their core curriculum. Meanwhile, Year 11s, who have already chosen their GCSE subjects, are getting ready to do their exams in the summer term.

No matter how significant these upcoming challenges, however, it's also important for students of both Year 9 and 11 to not get overwhelmed by choosing their subjects or sitting their exams, as panic often decreases your ability to make good choices. With that, we wish good luck to all students on whatever they're working towards.

Katey O, Year 9

Year 7 Sport at Stopsley

It is great to see year 7 sport up and running already at Stopsley. Congratulations to our Netball and Basketball teams who have played and won fixtures.

NETBALL : won 7-1 v
Queen Elizabeth

BASKETBALL : won 4-2 v Icknield.

Well done to everyone
Come to a PE club and join in the
success.



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HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear all,
September has felt like a whirlwind. It has been and gone in the blink of an eye. Our students have completed the third full school week whilst staff have completed four full weeks due to our INSET training days at the beginning of September. The mindset of all in our community remains focused on being Top Class and, with the approach to half term, comes the additional bonus of Top Up week for our students where they can earn additional achievement points to boost their conduct scores.

Year 7 engaged with a road safety performance from Performance in Education where they were encouraged to consider how they keep themselves and others safe on their journeys to and from school. A message that is important to all our students and will be even more important as we start to see the evenings becoming darker sooner.

Thank you to all those students, in advance of our Open Evening Thursday 5th 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 5th October where students will be dismissed from 1:45pm and a delayed start on Friday 6th October when students will come to school for 11am and go directly to their period 3 lesson.

Have a delightful weekend all,

Ms Hand

