



THE STOPSLEY NEWS AND MEDIA TEAM PRESENTS...

THE STOPSLEY SOURCE

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Hello everybody and welcome back to the latest edition of The Stopsley Source! We are halfway through the first half-term of 2024 and excited to see what else the year will bring. As the days get longer and the weather slowly starts warming up, let's have a look at the articles we are bringing to you this week.

To get us started, Katey gives us an insight into the preparations Year 9 are going through before they pick their GCSE options later in the year. At the start of this week, Year 9 undertook a Science exam which will impact their choices for KS4.

Following Katey, Tanmi writes about World Cancer Day, which will take place on the 4th of February.

Our cultural news this week comes from Zuzanna, who has written a review of one of her favourite animes, Lucky Star.



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Y9 Options Preparation

As the year progresses, Year 9s are getting closer to picking their GCSE options. This is a momentous period in their lives, as the options they decide to pick will play a major part in the further education they undertake and the jobs they work at.

This transition into Key Stage 4 is already happening. Several subjects are introducing how their GCSE examinations work, and Year 9 students are even having the first of many significant exams, with their end-of-KS3 Science exam already having taken place on Monday 29th.

To assist them with this huge choice, Year 9 students will soon receive many resources to help them choose their options. For example, form times and assemblies will start to focus on options and GCSEs, an options booklet going in-depth on each subject and what they offer will be distributed, and a Parents' Evening will take place on the 15th of February, providing an opportunity to speak to the subject leads and ask any relevant questions about the options they want to choose.

All in all, this is a vital point in Year 9 students' school careers, and the options they pick will be an important factor in the trajectory of their lives, which is why it is so vital that students have plenty of time and resources to think and decide for sure what to choose.

World Cancer Day

World Cancer Day is a global initiative to raise awareness, and promote education and action against cancer. This is led by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC). Every year on the 4th of February, millions of people join the campaign to show solidarity and support for cancer patients and survivors, using hashtags like #WeCanIcan and #SupportThroughSport. The goal of World Cancer Day is to improve access and equity to cancer care, especially for people in low and middle-income countries, where 70% of cancer deaths occur. It also aims to close the care gap by reducing the imbalance in cancer incidence and mortality.

The theme for World Cancer Day 2024 is "Close the Care Gap". This theme emphasises the unjustness of quality cancer care access across different populations and regions. The campaign is built to inspire change, motivate action, and decrease the worldwide effect of cancer. It is a multi-year campaign that means more opportunities to build global awareness, and ultimately more impact. This event is also an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and innovations of cancer research, which have led to better prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of the disease. World Cancer Day invites everyone to reimagine a world where cancer is no longer a major cause of death and suffering, and where everyone can live healthier and happier lives.

Lucky Star Review

Lucky Star is a slice-of-life anime that follows the life of four high schoolers named Konata Izumi, Kagami and Tsukasa Hiiragi, and Miyuki Takara. The anime also features a side show named Lucky Channel which is hosted by a fictional self-proclaimed idol named Akira Kogami and her Assistant Minoru Shiraishi. There are twenty-four episodes of the anime, each episode following the same format.

The main segment of the anime shows what the main characters do in their life. Most episodes uncover new information about the characters, like what type of food they like, or their family. Some characters are similar to each other but still stay unique, for example, Konata is similar to her cousin Yutaka's friend Hiyori as they both enjoy manga and anime, but Konata is also sporty and enjoys video games.

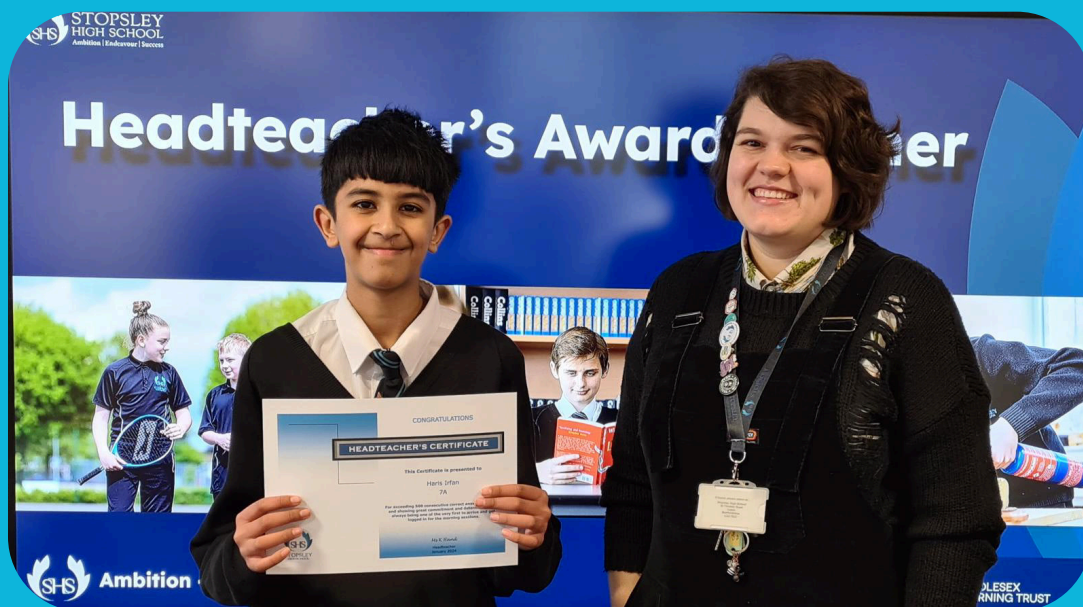
I really enjoy the show. My favourite segment of it is Lucky Channel, which I like as it features my favourite characters, who I like since they are funny. I prefer Minoru over Akira, though, since he isn't violent—unlike Akira, who constantly screams and hits him if he does or says something she doesn't like.

The anime is unique as it does not follow a specific plot line unlike most anime back in the 2000's, which is when it was created. It also has a unique art style that still fits the 2000's art style as it doesn't use much shading and is very distinctive.

I definitely recommend it and I give it a 5 out of 5 star rating.

Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to Haris, Year 7, on receiving a Headteacher's Award.



Dear all,

We are making sure we share the message with Primary schools and locally that we will be hosting our Discovery Afternoon for all prospective Year 6 into Year 7 students and parents on Thursday 14th March 4 – 6pm. The event will provide an opportunity for those students who have already been allocated Stopsley High School as their school of choice and those who are still considering joining us to come and take part in lessons whilst their parents and carers get to hear more about what to expect from the Transition process.

I am grateful to our Maths and PE departments for the extra curricular opportunities offered to students this week. We had success with the Year 7 girls Netball team who have made it through to the finals and the Year 7 boys football team who had their first game last week. I was particularly pleased to hear how Mr Wise encouraged them to re-frame their defeat and turn it into a learning opportunity. Instead they focused on celebrating how well they played as a team in their first game together and scoring an incredible goal directly from a corner. In Maths we had the UK Maths Challenge take place on Wednesday morning where Year 9, 10 and 11 students completed the test and now we eagerly await the results. Well done to all of our students for demonstrating determination, resilience and commitment in these endeavours.

We will then be hosting a 'Year 11 Support and Succeed Evening' on Wednesday 7th February 2024. The evening is aimed at parents and carers as the students are receiving their input in school. The purpose of the evening is to empower parents and carers and provide you with all of the information you need to be able to take an active role in ensuring that your child achieves their full potential in their GCSE examinations. If you haven't already confirmed your attendance please complete this Google Form to let us know that you will be attending.

Finally, please remember that there will be an early closure on Friday 9th February where students will be dismissed from their period 5 lessons from 1:30pm onwards. This is in order to train staff to be ready for the change of management information system (Sims to Arbor) which will be in place from Monday 26th February for staff and will then be gradually rolled out to all parents. Please help us to make your transition on this new platform as smooth as possible by carefully checking the contact information sheet we have posted home to you, to ensure we have the correct up to date details for you and any emergency contacts.

Have a wonderful weekend all,

Ms Hand

