



# STOPSLEY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2025

## HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Dear all,

Just a reminder that the school will be closed for our Two week October half term from Monday 20th October to Friday 31st October. We will welcome students back on Monday 3rd November at the normal time on a week B timetable.

I was delighted to hear such positivity from our students who participated in the boccia tournament this week. Well done to Harshit, Akshan, Dan, Ibrahim, Andre and Amir were delighted with their accomplishments as were Mr Sicheri-Peel, Mrs Gannon and Mrs Hawley who took them to the event and were cheering from the side lines.



Mr Sicheri-Peel's under 16 boys basketball team were then in action against Lea Manor High School and put on an impressive performance to win the game by 10 points 41-31. The cheerleading support from the sidelines in the form of Mrs Adjei, Mrs Lissaman, Mr Jovanovic and Mr Davies was greatly appreciated by the team.

Thank you to all the parents and carers of Year 11 and our students for attending the Support & Succeed evening followed by Post 16 choices here at Stopsley High School last night. The feedback highlighted how valuable an opportunity to see first-hand the different routes available at Post 16 and what students can expect in terms of the Post 16 experience. The range of apprenticeship providers that were able to attend and explain what they offered has increased again and a wider variety of opportunities being introduced at Luton Sixth Form too.

Mr Rowles, Mr Blanchard and Mr Oguegbu ventured into uncharted territory with a group of KS3 students to experience the wilder side of life on Sunday 5th and Monday 6th October as they attended a Bushcraft residential. Both the staff and students fully immersed themselves covering up in camouflage gear, cooking on campfires and learning about life in the great outdoors. Feedback from parents shows just how much of a difference these experiences can have on our students so I am very grateful to our staff who invest the time and energy in researching, organising and attending these trips. We have our next trip getting ready to depart to Blue Peris so will update you all on the fun that is had on that trip too.



We will be having a photography team in school on Friday 17th October to take student photographs as well as a Year 11 group photograph. We are therefore reminding our students of our uniform expectations below.

Students must wear:

- a Stopsley High School blazer, a white shirt, and the school tie
- either black tailored trousers (not cords, jeans, leggings, skinny fit or fashion trousers)
- or black tailored knee length skirt (not lycra or tight, and no splits)
- appropriate black school footwear (no coloured stitching, logos or soles)

In addition we allow students to wear:

- one small, plain stud in each ear lobe and a watch - no jewellery is to be worn apart from this
- hair must be of a natural colour with no lines or patterns shaved in, or extreme styles
- no eyebrow patterns/shavings are permitted
- any hair bands should be plain black or navy only (no patterns, bandanas, bright colours, bows or polka dots)

Students are not permitted to wear:

- facial piercings (nose studs/rings/tongue)
- makeup including false lashes, acrylic/gel nails and nail varnish

The branded items of the uniform can be purchased online from: <http://www.prestigedesignww.co.uk/live/>

Have an enjoyable weekend everyone,

Ms Hand

### THIS WEEK'S ISSUE:

- HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE
- BUSHCRAFT TRIP
- BOOK FAIR
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- BUSHCRAFT TRIP
- AUTUMN DISCO
- PUMPKIN CARVING
- WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

### UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:

- HALF TERM - 20TH TO 31ST OCTOBER
- MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER - WHOLE SCHOOL RETURNS
- INSET DAY - FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

### ATTENDANCE NOTICE:

CAN PARENTS/CARERS PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL AS WE ARE MONITORING ATTENDANCE. REPORT THIS THE NORMAL WAY BY CONTACTING THE ATTENDANCE NUMBER: 01582 870912 OR THE EMAIL ADDRESS:

ATTENDANCE@STOPSLEYHIGHSCHOOL.CO.UK

### WORK WITH US:



CLICK HERE OR VISIT MY NEW TERM TO FIND CURRENT VACANCIES AVAILABLE AT STOPSLEY HIGH SCHOOL.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

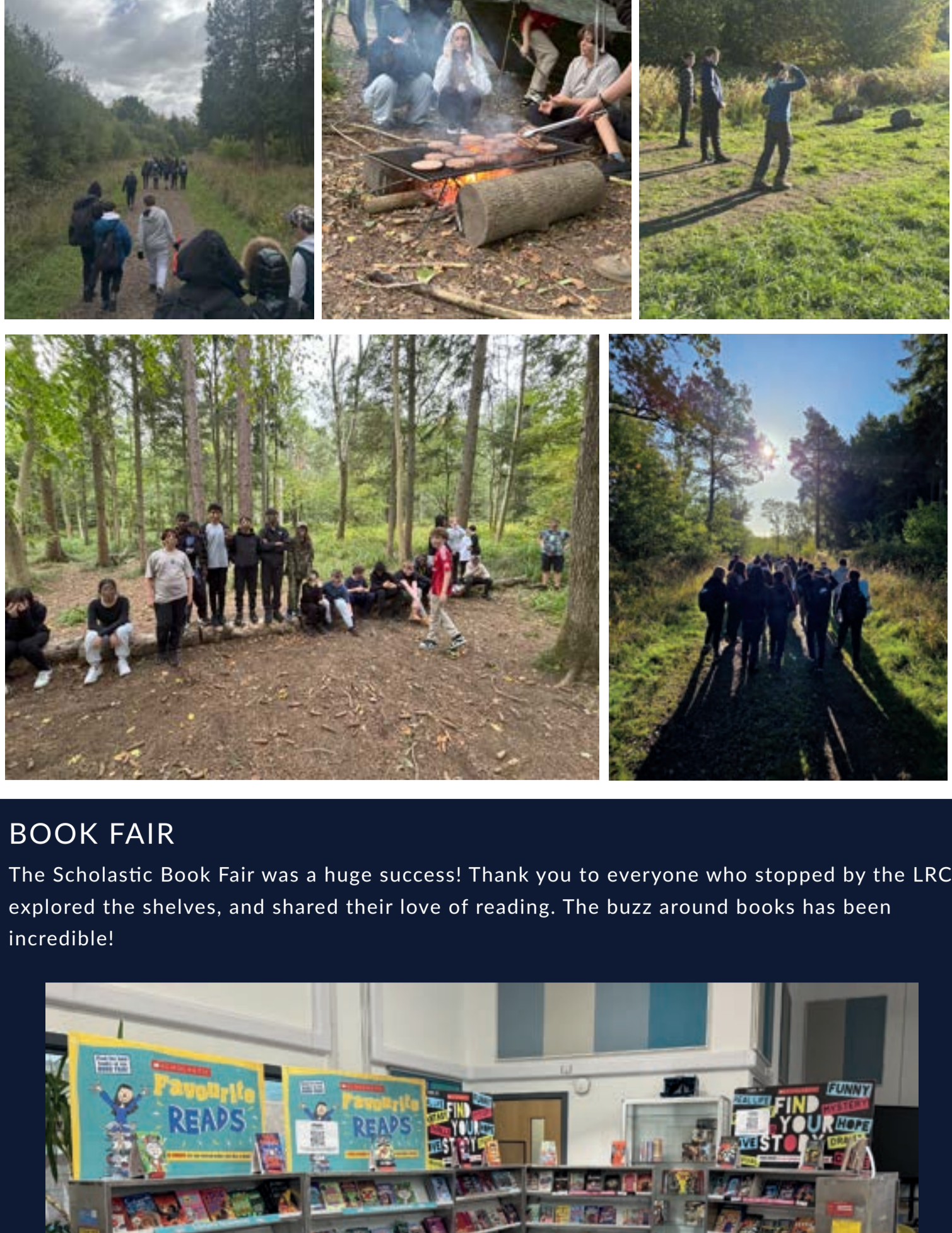
"EDUCATION IS OUR PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE, FOR TOMORROW BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE WHO PREPARE FOR IT TODAY." - MALCOLM X

### REMINDER

PLEASE ENSURE THE SCHOOL IS MADE AWARE OF ANY CHANGES TO EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR NEW MEDICAL CONDITIONS FOR YOUR CHILD.

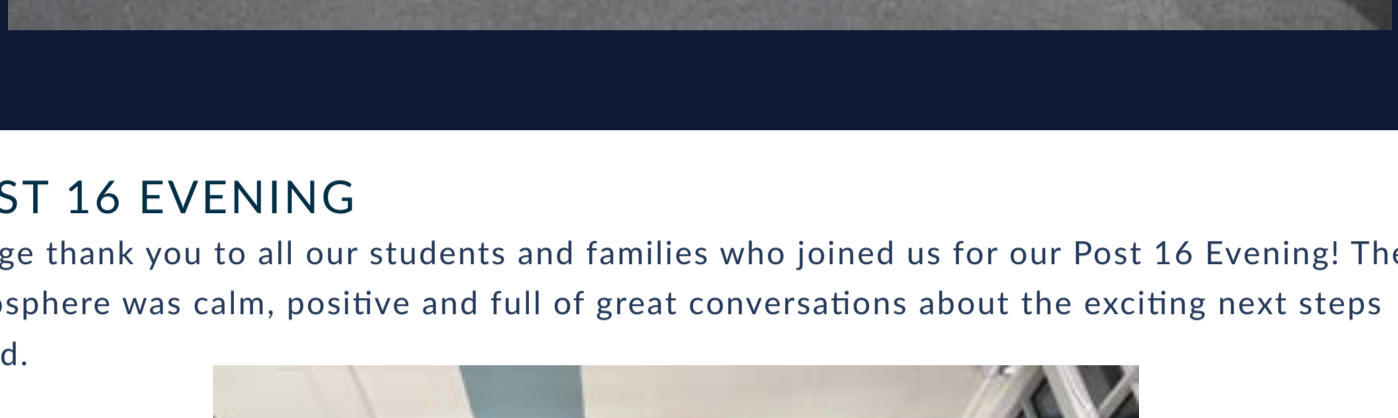
## BUSHCRAFT TRIP

Our Year 8 students had an incredible time on their Bushcraft trip! From building shelters and cooking outdoors to teamwork challenges and campfire fun, they showed fantastic resilience, teamwork, and enthusiasm throughout.



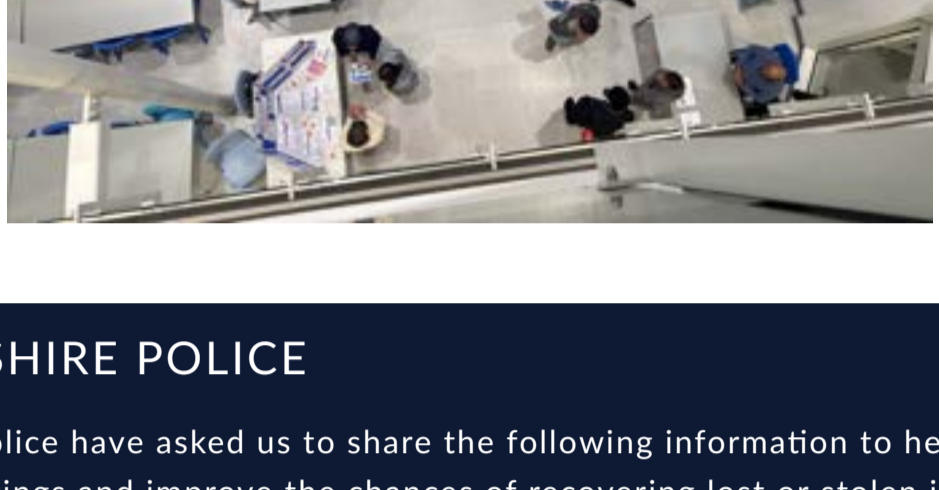
## BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who stopped by the LRC, explored the shelves, and shared their love of reading. The buzz around books has been incredible!



## POST 16 EVENING

A huge thank you to all our students and families who joined us for our Post 16 Evening! The atmosphere was calm, positive and full of great conversations about the exciting next steps ahead.



## BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE

Bedfordshire Police have asked us to share the following information to help protect students personal belongings and improve the chances of recovering lost or stolen items:

### Register Your Child's Mobile Phone - Immobilise

This free service helps police identify and return lost or stolen phones and other valuables. By registering your child's device, you're helping protect their property and increasing the chances of recovery if it goes missing. The website also offers helpful advice on keeping devices safe and secure.

It only takes a few minutes to register, and it's completely free. Please take a moment to do this and help keep your child's phone safe.

[www.immobilise.com/help/registermobilephone](http://www.immobilise.com/help/registermobilephone)

### Lost Property - Report My Loss

This free service allows you to register lost items, which can then be accessed by police and other agencies to help recover them. You'll also receive a reference number that can be used for insurance claims or replacement processes.

[www.reportmyloss.com/uk](http://www.reportmyloss.com/uk)

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHERS

The School Photographers will be in school on Friday 17th October to take individual photos of all students and a year 11 Group photo. Please ensure your child has the full, correct uniform.

## WHERE CAN I FIND SUPPORT?

