



STOPSLEY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY 2026

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Dear all,

I believe that January is always a difficult month. Despite having had the recent holidays, it feels like a distant memory. This, coupled with the inevitable lull after the festive excitement, affects us all in different ways. Here at Stopsley High School we are bucking that trend! The positivity and energy radiated by all in our community never goes unnoticed but I am particularly proud when those who are not immersed in it day to day see it and tell me. I do not take this for granted so I wanted to say I know, I see, I hear, I feel and I am so grateful for all you do.

A group of our Governors visited the school last week to complete a learning walk and speak with our students. Their feedback made me swell with pride. They are well versed in the expectations we have of what constitutes a top class lesson at Stopsley High School so it wasn't just seeing it in action it was appreciating that this is typical of what students receive. The students they met with had the opportunity to voice their opinions too and their gratitude and appreciation that staff here go above and beyond to support was raised again and again. We will have more learning walks taking place in February so look forward to sharing further feedback with you all then.

Mrs Winter, our Careers Lead, did a fantastic job of organising a wide range of professionals to come to Stopsley High School on Monday and Tuesday this week to provide much needed tips and experience with our Year 10 students as they completed mock interviews. yet again demonstrated exceptional organisational skills with the triumph that was the Year 10 mock interviews. We are so grateful for the time everyone invested and even more delighted with the feedback provided on our students:

The feedback from our external visitors has been so wonderful:

Natalie Barbi from Axis Communications, who is also an alumni of Stopsley High School, shared the following:

"For the second year running, we were back running mock interviews with the students at Stopsley High School. A small way of giving back but one that really matters, especially when it's in the local community.

The students were polite, engaged, super-driven and full of intelligence and potential. Honestly, the talent in that room was incredible. A great day and a strong reminder of why giving back is so important."

Emmanuelle Roman, Careers Link Governor said, "This is a great experience for the students. I was impressed how all the students over the two days conducted themselves and were keen to learn and grow."

Matt Rogers, Head of Recruitment and Resourcing at Carlisle Support Services and colleagues also support the two day event and shared:

"Everyone has been commenting about how much they got out of the sessions, and I can honestly say we were all truly inspired by the students at Stopsley High School. Despite some initial nerves, every single one of them gave it their best shot and some of their answers and questions were incredibly impressive.

Kids these days often get a lot of unfair criticism, but credit where it's due - as a collective, they were exceptional and it certainly gives us hope for the future"

Henry Gosling, SEND Link Governor shared, "I met some great students and was good to talk to them about what they want to do in the future and how great interviews help.

Seeing the future of the workforce helps us know what we are looking for and how to adapt for the future."



Thank you to the Geography department but also all those involved in supporting the Urban Fieldwork element of the GCSE course over the last week. It was positive that we didn't have any snow but drizzle,rain and generally grey days take specialised, enthusiastic Geography teachers to get the very best out of our students so thank you to Ms Jackson-Smith, Mrs Bryan, Mrs Chiverton, Mr Quirke and Mrs Whiting.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Ms Hand

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UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:

HALF TERM - 16TH TO 20TH FEBRUARY

MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY - WHOLE SCHOOL RETURNS

TERM ENDS - FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

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.

REMINDER

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

STOPSLEY HIGH SCHOOL ANTI-BULLYING PLEDGE

At Stopsley High School, we believe in standing together as a community and using our Power for Good. Our Anti-Bullying Pledge reflects our shared commitment to creating a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for every student and member of staff.

As a school, we pledge to:

Lead with kindness

Respect every person

Speak up and support others

Empower those around us to do the same

Bullying has no place in our community. By choosing kindness, respect, and courage, we ensure that everyone feels valued, heard, and safe. We encourage our students to look out for one another, to challenge unkind behaviour, and to seek support whenever it is needed.

Together, we choose courage.

Together, we choose kindness.

Together, we use our power to make a difference.



SECURED YOUR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE? STILL DECIDING?

DISCOVERY EVENT

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2026 | 4PM-6PM

STEP INTO THE CLASSROOM

EXPLORE OUR FACILITIES

MEET OUR TOP CLASS STAFF & STUDENTS

FEEL THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET A REAL FEEL FOR WHAT MAKES STOPSLEY HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!



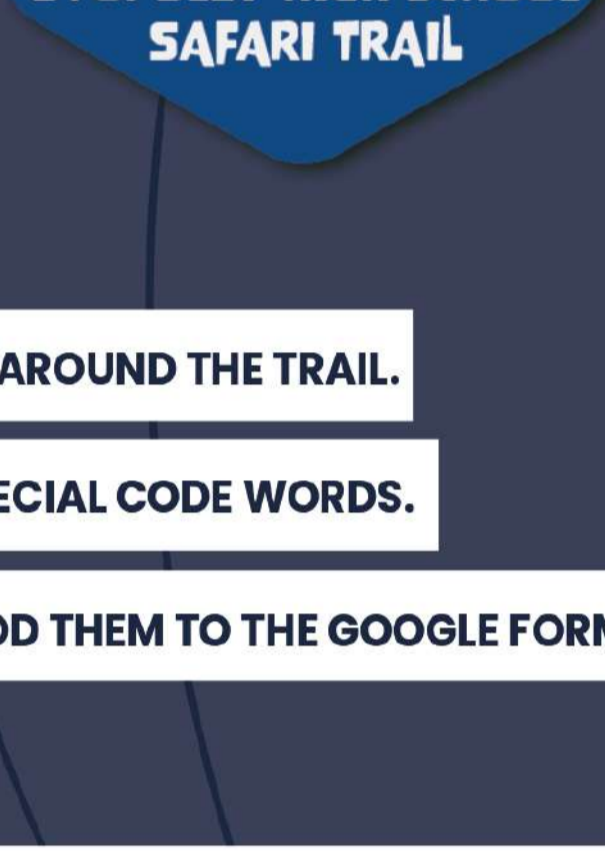
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JOIN THE STOPSLEY SAFARI TRAIL!

CREATED BY OUR AMAZING YEAR 7 STUDENTS, THE SAFARI TRAIL IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT LIFE AT STOPSLEY HIGH SCHOOL!

EACH OF THE 8 SAFARI ANIMALS YOU'LL FIND ARE PACKED WITH INSIGHTS, TIPS, AND STORIES FROM OUR YEAR 7 STUDENTS, GIVING YOU A GLIMPSE INTO WHAT MAKES STOPSLEY SUCH A FANTASTIC PLACE TO LEARN AND GROW.



YOUR MISSION

FIND ALL 8 SAFARI ANIMALS HIDDEN AROUND THE TRAIL.

SCAN THE QR CODES TO UNLOCK SPECIAL CODE WORDS.

COLLECT EVERY CODE WORD AND ADD THEM TO THE GOOGLE FORM.

WHERE TO LOOK

THE SAFARI ANIMALS ARE SCATTERED ACROSS STOPSLEY. CAN YOU FIND THEM ALL?

DON'T MISS OUT – START YOUR ADVENTURE, DISCOVER STOPSLEY, AND COLLECT ALL THE CODES FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A KINDLE FIRE!



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION:

WHERE CAN I FIND SUPPORT?

Healthy Lifestyles, physical activity, healthy eating, dental hygiene

<https://www.activeluton.co.uk/>

Mental health and wellbeing support

<https://giveusashout.org/get-help/>

Mental health and emotional wellbeing

<https://chums.uk.com/>

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

<https://www.eift.nhs.uk/camhs/who-we-help>

Supporting women and girls in Luton

<https://www.lutonallwomenscentre.org.uk/>

Sexual health service, advice and support for young people

<https://www.lutonsexualhealth.org.uk/>

PREVENT-Prevent radicalisation and extremism

<https://actearly.uk/>

Substance misuse

<https://www.changegrowlive.org/resolutions-drug-alcohol-sex-vice-luton>

Supporting young people in Luton to aspire, be happy and healthy.

<https://tokko.co.uk>

Support for women and children, domestic abuse

<https://womensaidinluton.org>

Health and wellbeing

<https://www.totalwellbeingluton.org>

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk>

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

Support for young people online, on the phone, anytime

<https://www.childline.org.uk>



You are invited to LUTON SEA CADETS

OPEN DAY

28th January 2026, 19:30

Lower Harpenden Road, LU1 3PL



Whether you are aged 10-17 and looking for fun, learning new skills, gaining qualifications or a new adventure or an adult interested in volunteering and inspiring young people our open evening is the perfect chance to see what we do.

Please book your place by scanning QR Code and filling the form.



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