

STOPSLEY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2026

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Dear all,

I want to start by saying well done to our wonderful Year 11 students who have completed their first GCSE written exams this week. Turkish, Drama and Sociology this week so far. Next week begins with English Literature on Monday morning followed by many others across the week. Individual timetables have been sent to all students and their parents and carers. Students are maximising the opportunities for developing exam techniques and review of key topics in their lessons. We wish them good luck for their exams in the weeks ahead too.

Year 8 students had the opportunity to participate in the STEM Day Aircraft Challenge delivered by The Smallpeice Trust and Leonardo. The challenges provide our students with an insight into industry and highlight a wide range of apprenticeships they offer.



Also just to highlight that we have an early finish on Friday 22nd May. Students will be dismissed from school from 1:30pm on Friday 22nd May 2026.

Sadly we return to a standard two day weekend but hope you all enjoy it all the same.

Best wishes,

Ms Hand

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UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:
 HALF TERM - 25TH TO 29TH MAY
 MONDAY 1ST JUNE - WHOLE SCHOOL RETURNS

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.

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 CLICK HERE TO GO TO OUR FACEBOOK. FOLLOW US FOR UPDATES AND MORE.



YEAR 8 STEM DAY

On 6th May, 60 Year 8 students took part in an exciting STEM Day with Leonardo. Working in teams, students designed and built their own aircraft before presenting their ideas to the rest of the group.

At the end of the day, students tested their planes to see if they could fly. The event was a great success and students showed excellent teamwork, creativity and enthusiasm throughout the day.



YEAR 11 LEAVERS HOODIES

We are pleased to let you know that Stopsley High School Leavers Hoodies for 2026 are now available to order through Prestige Design. These hoodies are a lovely keepsake for students as they approach the end of their time with us, although please note that they are entirely optional and not compulsory.

Orders can be placed using the link below, and the deadline for purchases is Monday 1st June 2026:

<https://prestigedesignww.co.uk/product/stopsley-high-school-leavers-hoodies-2026-order-cut-off-monday-1st-june-2026/>

YEAR 11 YEARBOOK

To order your Stopsley High School Leavers Yearbook 2026 simply click on the link below

<https://store110418081.company.site/products/stopsley-high-school-leavers-2026>

The Yearbook costs £20.15 – hardback book full of school memories

orders must be received by 29th June 2026

Any queries please contact Ms N Bennett
nbennett@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk

Please note that the yearbooks will be delivered directly to the school who will notify you when they are ready for collection. After the closing date No orders can be taken either by the school or by Boomerang directly.

PARKING REMINDER

Reminder: When picking up or dropping students, please do not park on the yellow lines directly outside of school. Please park in the bays provided.



Upcoming Careers Events 2026

<p>Year 10 Mock Interviews 19th and 20th January – Interviewer spaces available</p>	<p>Year 9 Employer Counter Mornings (with an apprenticeship) Places full</p>	<p>Year 10 Work Experience WC 23rd July – 28th July – Can your company offer any placements?</p>
<p>Year 7 World of Work: Uniformed and Public Services Careers Fair 22nd June 8.30am – 1pm Employer spaces available.</p>	<p>Year 9 BESP Speed Networking 23rd June and 6th July – 8.30am – 1pm Employer spaces available.</p>	
<p>Year 8 STEM Careers Fair 24th June – 8.30am – 1pm Employer spaces available.</p>	<p>Year 9 and 10 Post 16 Careers Fair 7th July – 8.30am – 1pm – 5 spaces available for Post 16 provisions and companies who offer apprenticeships/early careers</p>	

Can you help support our upcoming Careers Events?

We are looking for local employers to take part in our BESP (Business Education Skills Partnership) Speed Networking Event taking place on 23rd June and 6th July 8.30am - 1pm. It is a fantastic opportunity to share your career journey and inspire young people. We also have a number of other events taking place, especially if you work in STEM or your company offers apprenticeships. If you are interested in any of our careers events or would like more information on how you can support Stopsley High School's Careers Programme, please contact Mrs Winter, Careers Lead on careers@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Layla A - 11G

A huge well done to Layla in Year 11, who is set to have her poem published in "I Have a Dream 2026 – Poems of Imagination" after entering the Young Writers poetry competition!

Layla has a real passion for poetry, and with some gentle encouragement from her English teacher, Mrs Hammoudi, and Mr Kiely, Head of English, she took the leap and submitted her work.

We're incredibly proud of her achievement and will be keeping everything crossed as we wait to hear if she's selected as a competition winner.

Good luck, Layla!

Sparx Maths

Sparx heroes Of this week

Year 7-Top 4 Sparx Maths Heroes

Year 8-Top 4 Sparx Maths Heroes

Year 9-Top 4 Sparx Maths Heroes

Year 10-Top 4 Sparx Maths Heroes

Year 11-Top 4 Sparx Maths Heroes

Sparx Champion

Chris K

Lexia Achievements of the Week

Top Lexia Users This Week:


1. Daniel L. - 176 minutes
2. Shawn C. - 160 minutes
3. Asjadh A. - 116 minutes
4. Evan M. - 98 minutes
5. Alisha B. - 97 minutes

Take part in our Weekly Family Challenge!

If you would like to enter, simply follow this link <https://forms.gle/DqXM1frbx9uYdF5k9> and submit your answers online. The form is quick and easy to complete, and allows you to take part without needing to print anything at home.

We encourage families to get involved together and enjoy the challenge each week, whether it's puzzles, word games, or something a little different. Once you've completed your answers, just click submit and you're all set!


Good luck, and we look forward to seeing your entries!



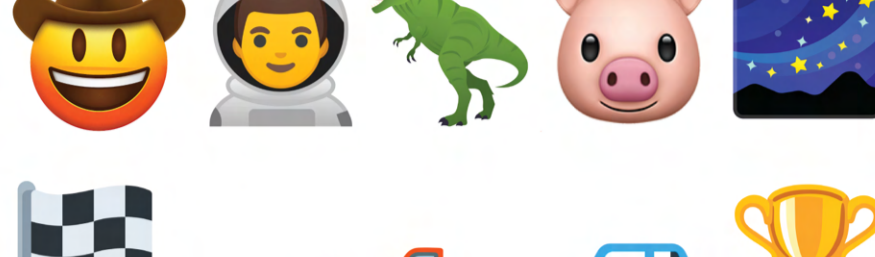
WEEKLY FAMILY CHALLENGE

DISNEY PIXAR MOVIE EMOJI QUIZ
Guess the Disney Pixar Movie with the help of these Emojis.


1




2



3



4



CRACK THE CODE
Can you crack the secret words?
Each number matches a letter of the alphabet.
A = 1
B = 2
C = 3
...and so on!

1 **1-13-2-9-20-9-15-14**

2 **5-14-4-5-1-22-15-21-18**

3 **19-21-3-3-5-19-19**

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE COMMUNITY

HELP US WIN £1,000

FOR OUR SCHOOL'S LIBRARY

#rebuildthelibrary



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GO ALL IN.

National Year of Reading 2026







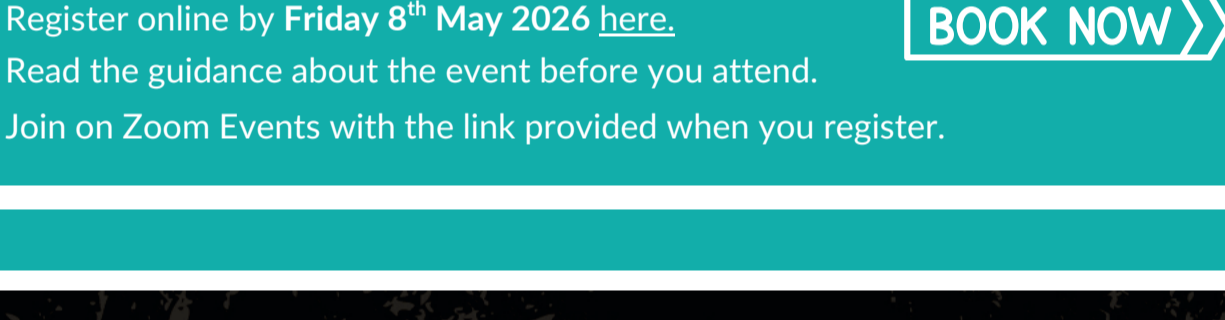
Discover opportunities with local employers at the *Opportunities on Your Doorstep* Virtual Careers Fair
Tuesday 12th May, 5.30pm – 7pm



What is the Virtual Careers Fair?
A free, interactive online event where parents, carers and students can explore local apprenticeship and T Level opportunities. Moving between short breakout-room sessions, attendees can hear directly from employers and training providers about their range of pathways. It's especially useful for families with children in Years 10–13.

- Why attend?**
- Choose 6 different organisations to explore a range of sectors
 - Learn about their programmes and how to stand out when applying
 - Ask your questions about roles, careers and what employers are really looking for

Explore exhibitors including:



And many more...

How to attend

1. Register online by Friday 8th May 2026 [here](#).
2. Read the guidance about the event before you attend.
3. Join on Zoom Events with the link provided when you register.

BOOK NOW >>>

NOT MY CHILD

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO:
* EXPLOITATION
* KNIFE CRIME
* COUNTY LINES

CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS!


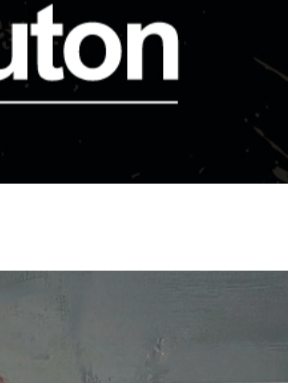
JOIN US FOR AN EVENT AIMED AT RAISING AWARENESS AND EQUIPPING YOU WITH THE KNOWLEDGE TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM EXPLOITATION, KNIFE CRIME, & COUNTY LINES.

WHY ATTEND?

- **HEAR REAL STORIES:** Hear lived experiences from parents whose children have sadly fallen victim to such crimes
- **RECOGNISE THE SIGNS:** Learn how to spot the early warning signs that your child is being exploited
- **EXPERT ADVICE:** Get practical advice on what to do if you have concerns about your child's safety
- **SUPPORT NETWORKS:** Connect with organisations that can offer further support and guidance

ANY YOUNG PERSON CAN BE A VICTIM OF THESE CRIMES. IT'S CRUCIAL THAT PARENTS AND CARERS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO IDENTIFY THE SIGNS AND KNOW WHERE TO TURN FOR HELP.

6:00PM - 9:15PM
WEDS 20 MAY 2026
STOPSLEY HIGH SCHOOL
STOPSLEY - LUTON

Luton



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An 'Outstanding' Teacher Training Provider

Train To Teach with Us

We are committed to delivering a first-class, hands-on training programme that will provide you with the foundations for an outstanding career in teaching.

You will receive an immersive training programme where you are working alongside outstanding teachers with current and relevant experience.

Our school-based route to Qualified Teacher Status will offer you opportunities to develop your practice through our Teaching Training curriculum and bespoke support from school mentors.



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Our course is entirely school-centred providing classroom based, practical training, underpinned by a weekly educational studies programme. The programme leads to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) by The Compton SCITT. Trainees may opt into a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) accredited by our partner, The University of Sussex. The course is full time over 38 weeks (term time only).

Training Route with funding

We offer a Training Route programme for our secondary trainees. Trainees will be able to access a training bursaries in some subjects. We work with a number of local partner schools where trainees may choose to train.

Salaried Route

Working in partnership with employing schools, we also offer a salaried route where trainees earn a salary alongside their training.

Assessment Only Route

This route is for unqualified teachers with a minimum of 2 years' experience of working in schools. The programme takes a maximum of 12 weeks leading to the award of QTS and can begin at any point in the academic year for eligible candidates.

Apply

Candidates for the training and salaried routes can apply to teacher training through the Department for Education's Find and Apply Service. Application for Assessment Only is direct through The Compton SCITT.

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