

# STOPSLEY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 25TH JUNE 2026

## HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Dear all,

Congratulations to our wonderful Year 11 students on successfully completing the Summer 2026 Exam series. It was delightful to have so many of them join us for the Year 11 Leavers Assembly last Wednesday evening. The students had an opportunity to celebrate with one another, their form tutors, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Johnson, as well as a wide range of staff who have been involved in supporting them throughout their time with us. Staff were amazed at the designing skills of students who had "blinged" up their shirts specifically for signing.



The celebration didn't stop there as we headed to Putteridge Bury Hall for the eagerly anticipated Prom. I am delighted to share that it was the momentous occasion we all hoped it would be. Even though it had only been two days since seeing the Year 11 students they seemed to have grown and matured significantly and they looked absolutely stunning. The parents and carers who attended were stunned in equal measure at the glitz and glamour on display. We will be keeping all of our Year 11 students in our thoughts on Thursday 20th August when they will be receiving their results.

Thank you to Mr Rowles, Mr Blanchard, Mrs Wilde and Miss Makepeace for accompanying Year 7 students on a PGL trip over the weekend. Lots of fun was had by the students as well as the staff.



Thank you to Mrs Winter for the superb coordination of the Uniformed Public services Careers Fair on Monday for Year 7 students. This included Border Force, Fire Service, Youth Partnership Services, England Ambulance Service and many more services. This was then followed by events all week ensuring students are thinking about their futures.

We still have so much to look forward to as well this term with the Transition day for Year 6 students due to join us in September. They will be coming to school on Friday 3rd July. The aim of the day is for students to meet all those in their form, do some team building and try some sample lessons. Staff and students are all equally excited to meet them.

I am delighted that the extreme heat we have been experiencing will no longer be the case next week. As such normal uniform expectations and finish times return.

It is important to note that our last day of term is Friday 17th July. We will be having a staggered dismissal on that day.

The timings are as follows:

Year 10 - From 11:35

Year 7 - From 11:40

Year 8 - From 11:45

Year 9 - From 11:50

Have a wonderful weekend all,

Ms Hand

### THIS WEEK'S ISSUE:

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- BEDFORDSHIRE ATHLETIC COMP
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### UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:

- TERM ENDS - FRIDAY 17TH JULY
- AUTUMN TERM 2026
- STARTS TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER (INSET DAYS 1ST, 2ND, 3RD SEPTEMBER)
- FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER - 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.

### FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

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



### RELATIONSHIPS, SEX AND HEALTH EDUCATION (RSHE) POLICY CONSULTATION

We are currently reviewing our Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSE) Policy and would like to invite parents and carers to share their views as part of the consultation process. RSHE plays an important role in helping young people develop the knowledge, skills, and understanding they need to build healthy relationships, stay safe, and make informed decisions as they grow up. As part of our review, we are keen to ensure that the policy continues to reflect the needs of our students and wider school community.

The draft policy is available to view on the school website and we encourage all parents and carers to take a few moments to read it alongside Appendix one which provides a detailed overview of the RSHE topics and themes covered within our PSHE curriculum. Your feedback will help ensure that our RSHE curriculum remains relevant, responsive, and reflective of the needs of our young people. If you have any questions, comments, or would like to discuss any aspect of the policy in greater detail, please contact us: [mgatenby@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk](mailto:mgatenby@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk). We welcome your engagement in this important consultation process.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

### YEAR 7 PGL TRIP

From 19th to 22nd June, our Year 7 students enjoyed an unforgettable residential trip to PGL, packed with exciting activities, personal challenges, and opportunities to build lasting friendships.

Throughout the four-day adventure, students took part in a wide range of outdoor activities designed to develop teamwork, resilience, confidence, and communication skills. From scaling climbing walls and tackling high ropes courses to problem-solving challenges and team games, every student embraced the experience with enthusiasm and determination.

The trip provided a fantastic opportunity for students to step outside their comfort zones, support one another, and create memories that will stay with them for years to come. It was wonderful to see so many students demonstrating the values of Stopsley High School through their positive attitudes, excellent behaviour, and willingness to try new things.

A huge thank you goes to our staff team for giving up their time to support the trip and ensure that it was a safe and enjoyable experience for all involved.

We are incredibly proud of all the students who attended and represented the school so well.



### THE SUN TESCO ARTICLE

Stopsley High School was pleased to welcome Candice Brown, who visited to recognise and celebrate the fantastic work of staff across schools as part of The Sun's Unsung Heroes campaign.

Her visit highlighted the positive impact school staff have on our students and the wider school community.

To read the full article, please click the link below:

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/39443936/candice-brown-backs-sun-campaign-unsung-heroes/>



### BEDFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS ATHLETICS COMPETITION

The Bedfordshire Schools Athletics Competition took place on Wednesday 10th June at Bedford International Athletic Stadium, bringing together talented young athletes from schools across the county for a day of exciting competition, determination and sporting excellence.

The event showcased the very best of school athletics, with students competing across a wide range of track and field disciplines including sprints, middle-distance races, relays, jumps and throws.

The standout performance of the day was Bri G, who produced an excellent display on the track. Bri claimed 1st place in the 100m sprint, crossing the line in an impressive 12.4 seconds, achieving an English Schools qualifying time! Bri then went on to secure 2nd place in the 200m with another strong performance, recording a time of 26.1 seconds. These achievements highlighted Bri's speed, consistency and determination against the county's strongest young athletes.

In the field events, Matthew G delivered a superb performance in the Shot Put, achieving a throw of 10.78 metres to earn 2nd place. Matthew's result demonstrated his strength and technical ability in a highly competitive event.

Throughout the day, spectators witnessed impressive performances, personal bests and closely contested competitions. The atmosphere around the stadium was positive and supportive, with competitors encouraging one another and celebrating success regardless of the outcome. Teachers, coaches, officials and volunteers played a vital role in ensuring the smooth running of the event, helping to create a memorable experience for all involved.

The championships highlighted the depth of athletic talent across Bedfordshire schools and reflected the hard work and dedication shown by students throughout the season. For many athletes, the event served as a stepping stone towards regional and national competitions, while for others it was a rewarding opportunity to represent their school on a county stage.

Congratulations to all competitors who took part and represented Stopsley and Luton proudly.



### 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](mailto: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.



Do you think our school deserves the chance to win an unforgettable school trip? Here's your chance to make it happen!

With Hyundai's Great British School Trip, Hyundai are giving parents, carers and guardians the chance to win a fully funded one-night residential trip for their child's school.

Follow the link and fill out the form: <https://buff.ly/Un5L2Ok>

This campaign is open from Monday 1st June at 10am to Monday 29th June at 4pm.



**Upcoming Careers Events 2026**

**Year 10 Mock Interviews**  
19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January  
Interviewer spaces available

**Year 9 Employer Encounter Morning** (with an apprenticeship)  
23<sup>rd</sup> June  
Places full

**Year 10 Work Experience**  
WC 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 6<sup>th</sup> August  
Can your company offer any placements?

**Year 7 World of Work: Uniformed and Public Services Careers Fair**  
22nd June 8.30am – 1pm  
Employer spaces available.

**Year 9 BESP Speed Networking**  
23<sup>rd</sup> June and 6<sup>th</sup> July – 8.30am – 1pm  
Employer spaces available.

**Year 8 STEM Careers Fair**  
24<sup>th</sup> June – 8.30am – 1pm  
Employer spaces available.

**Year 9 and 10 Post-16 Careers Fair**  
27<sup>th</sup> July – 8.30am – 1pm – Spaces available for Post-16 provisions and companies who offer apprenticeships/early careers

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](mailto:careers@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk)

WHATS GOING ON IN THE COMMUNITY

DISCOUNTED STUDENT BUS TRAVEL WITH ARRIVA BUSES



## Save money on student bus travel

If you're a student getting the bus to school, college or university make big savings on your travel and spread the cost of the ticket over affordable monthly payments when you pay by direct debit.

- Reduced price bus travel** for the academic year
- Unlimited bus travel** in your chosen Arriva Zone, **7 days a week**
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**Luton Caribbean Cricket & Social Club**

# SUMMER CRICKET COACHING ACADEMY

**Monday 20th July - Wednesday 12th August 2026**

**10am till 4pm**

**Crawley Green Sports Club  
Crawley Green Rd  
LU2 9AG**

For booking, registration details and costs contact Coach Reuben Bailey on 07533 039574 or [reubenbailey2106@gmail.com](mailto:reubenbailey2106@gmail.com)






## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

### Summer Reading Challenge 2026

# READ to the BEAT

## Launching 4 July

**Help support fun library events and weekly activities for children and families this summer.**

**The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge encourages children aged 4-11 to discover reading through music, creativity and fun activities, with opportunities for younger and older children to join in too.**

**Volunteers must be aged 14 years +**

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