

STOPSLEY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2026

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Dear all,

Today the school has been buzzing with lots of excitement as we welcomed our incoming Year 7 students for their Induction Day. They were all fully engaged and actively participating in team building and experiencing a range of lessons. The day also provided an opportunity for them to get to know one another a little better and firm friendships began to develop.



Next week is going to be another jam packed week of activities with Careers opportunities never ending for our students. We are all eagerly anticipating the return of Culture Day on Friday and look forward to sharing more next week.

The weather is expected to be particularly warm over the course of next week, students are therefore allowed to wear their Stopsley High School PE kit until the end of the school day on the 10th July.

You may also wish to consider sending your child into school with additional drinks or a refillable water bottle, to ensure they remain hydrated throughout the day. Students can re-fill their water before school, break time, lunch time and at the end of the school day.

I appreciate your support in helping students remain prepared and presentable during this period of warmer weather. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's allocated Year Manager directly.

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

I hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable weekend,

Ms Hand

THIS WEEK'S ISSUE:

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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.



One School, Many Cultures

Join us on Friday 10 July as Stopsley High School celebrates Cultural Diversity Day!

Together, we'll celebrate the cultures, traditions and identities that make our school community so special through our "Express Yourself" Culture Fashion Show, performances and interactive activities.

As a UNICEF Rights Respecting School, we proudly support Article 30 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, recognising every child's right to enjoy and celebrate their own culture.

Together, we live our values of Ambition, Endeavour and Success because our diversity makes us stronger.

Culture Day: One School – Many Cultures

Celebrating the rich diversity and heritage of Stopsley High School.
Friday 10 July 2026

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HIGH SCHOOL

THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF CULTURE DAY

Please follow these guidelines for a respectful celebration:

WEAR & INCLUDE

- ✓ **TRADITIONAL DRESS OR CULTURAL ATTIRE**
- ✓ **NATIONAL SPORTS SHIRTS (FOOTBALL/RUGBY ETC)**
- ✓ **COLOURS OF YOUR NATIONAL FLAG**
- ✓ **CULTURAL HEADWEAR & WRAPS (E.G, HIJABS, DASTAR)**
- ✓ **CULTURAL BADGES AND PINS**

BANNED

- ✗ **CROP TOPS, SHORT GARMENTS OR HOODIES UP**
- ✗ **CASUAL SPORTSWEAR (NOT NATIONAL KITS)**
- ✗ **WEARING NATIONAL FLAGS - NO FLAGS**
- ✗ **UNSAFE FOOTWEAR (NEEDS TO BE SCHOOL-SAFE)**
- ✗ **FULL FACE COVERINGS**

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 or the link below:
<https://www.stopsleyhighschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2936&type=pdf>
 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 PSHCE 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 .We welcome your engagement in this important consultation process.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

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.

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

**BE CONSIDERATE TO OUR NEIGHBOURS
YOU COULD ENDANGER A CHILD'S LIFE**

Free football camps for children this summer

We wanted to share a great opportunity for families over the school holidays.

Kellogg's are offering free places at professionally run football camps for children, led by FA-qualified coaches and delivered in partnership with the English Football League (EFL), Manchester City, Celtic FC and Rangers FC.

The sessions are designed to be fun, inclusive and confidence-building, helping children stay active, meet new friends and enjoy a positive, experience during the holidays. As well as giving children something to look forward to, they also provide a valuable free childcare option for families over the break, with supervised sessions taking place at a range of local clubs nationwide.

- How to book your FREE place:
- Visit www.kelloggsfc.com on mobile
- Find your local club
- Enter the code: SCHOOL and book a FREE day of football fun

Please note: When booking asks you to enter a 'barcode', simply type the word SCHOOL into that box instead.

Free football camps for children this summer!

Share code: **SCHOOL** with parents

THE ULTIMATE SUMMER CAMP! 2026

BUILDING UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES

Join us for a high-quality summer experience like no other!

Teambuilding games · STEM challenges · Arts and crafts · Science extravaganza
Tie dye workshop · Sports competitions · Clay modelling · Jewellery making
Inflatables · Scavenger hunt · Animal Farm · Nerf Warzone · Archery Tag · Zorbing
Willen Lake Watersports · Phasels Wood Activity Centre & so much more!

FREE FOR CHILDREN ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Week 1: Tuesday 21/07/26 - Friday 24/07/26 | **Week 2:** Tuesday 04/08/26 - Friday 07/08/26

10:30 AM - 3:30 PM (Extended on trips days) | Lealands High School, Luton, LU3 3AL | Ages 7 - 14 (Year Groups 2 - 9)

CALL US TODAY: 020 4572 3422



Luton Council Post-16 Transition Team

NEXT STEPS... YEAR 9-13

Students with an EHCP

29 September 2026 | 5pm to 7pm

You are invited to join us for an evening to discuss your transition to adulthood, careers advice and opportunities

In attendance for you to meet will be...

- local colleges
- social care providers
- health professionals
- employment providers

Location
The Chiltern Academy
Gypsy Lane
Luton LU1 3GF

RSVP
SENDTransition@luton.gov.uk

luton.gov.uk



SUMMER OF 2026 STEM

YOUR FREE SUMMER OF WEBINARS!

Join our summer series of STEM challenges, interactive workshops and sessions with the Thales team. Explore exciting careers, build new skills and test your problem-solving abilities.

AGE 13+

28 JUL - 18 AUG 2026

TUESDAY 28TH JULY | 11AM
Sam - Project Manager **REGISTER**

TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST | 11AM
Julian - Underwater Systems Technical Director **REGISTER**

TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST | 11AM
Addi - Software Engineer **REGISTER**

TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST | 11AM
Megan - AI Engineer **REGISTER**

Brought to you by **the school outreach company**

Join every session for the chance to have your challenge entry featured the following week!

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**
- ☑ **Convenient** monthly **direct debit**
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Scan QR code or visit our website to get started.
arrivabus.co.uk/monthlytickets

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

THE READING AGENCY | UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP UNITED KINGDOM

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 +

Get involved, gain experience and support your local library community.

www.lutonlibraries.co.uk