

STOPSLEY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a positive and productive start to the new academic year. Although September has passed remarkably quickly, the energy, commitment and enthusiasm shown by our students and staff have been a pleasure to see. With three full weeks of learning now completed by students, and four weeks on site for staff following our INSET programme, our focus remains firmly on achieving our Top Class standard in all that we do. As we approach half term, students will also have the opportunity to participate in Top Up Week, earning additional achievement points and demonstrating the positive attitudes and behaviours that make our school community so successful.

A huge thank you to Mrs Jackson-Smith, Mr Swain, Mr Wise and Mrs White for their commitment in supporting our students as they planned, prepared for and completed their Duke of Edinburgh expedition last weekend. Their dedication ensured that students were able to enjoy a rewarding and successful experience.

We were particularly delighted to receive exceptionally positive feedback from the Scout Camp leaders, who were at the site at the same time. Having observed countless groups of young people using the campsite over many years, they were extremely impressed by the conduct, teamwork and resilience demonstrated by our students throughout the expedition.

This is yet another example of our students demonstrating real "Pride in the Badge", a theme I have been discussing with them in assemblies. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented both themselves and the school, serving as excellent ambassadors for our community.

THIS WEEK'S ISSUE:

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OPEN EVENING 2026

WHATS GOING ON IN THE COMMUNITY

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:

OPEN EVENING - 8TH OCTOBER

HALF TERM - 19TH TO 30TH OCTOBER

MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER - WHOLE SCHOOL RETURNS

INSET DAY - FRIDAY 27TH 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.

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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UPDATES AND MORE.



I'm grateful to all the parents and carers who attended the Year 11 Support and Succeed evening last week and the Year 10 Welcome Evening for parents on Wednesday evening. We were impressed with the number of parents and carers in attendance as well as the insightful and developmental feedback provided. Thank you to Mr Jovanovic, Mr Kiely, Mrs Ganatra, Mrs Johnson, Miss Kidney and Mrs Anastasio for their support.

We received a letter from Paul Wagstaff, Director for Education at the local authority congratulating us on our Ofsted Report Card this week so have included some quotes below:

"Having recently had the opportunity to read the report of your recent Ofsted inspection, I wanted to write and both thank and congratulate you and staff for the significant work you do for our children in Luton. I was delighted to read the strengths in the school's inclusive approach and provision. This epitomises everything we would wish to see in all our schools; inclusive classrooms; robust transition processes; and the use of adaptations and assistive technology. The whole section is a joy to read and I am sure that reading this must give you and all staff a real sense of pride."

"There is much to be proud of with respect to the way the school has designed a curriculum for the children in Stopsley that is responsive to their needs, with those facing barriers to learning receiving strong support. This really does show a drive to really consider the needs and diversity of your community and is to be commended. Having got to know the school over the last few years, I really do concur with the inspectors that leadership is driving a clear vision and approach to raising standards and quality. This ethos is referenced throughout the report and is clearly a key foundation you have helped build to secure the successes you have. Congratulations."

Open Evening - Thursday 8th October 5:00 - 8pm

As mentioned last week, we will be hosting our Open Evening this year on Thursday 8th October 5pm - 8pm. We will be asking our students to participate too, whether as a tour guide or a department helper their involvement is key in communicating to new families what it means to be a part of the Stopsley High School community.

In order to ensure the school, staff and students are ready, we will be having an early closure on Thursday 8th October where students will be dismissed from 1:45pm and a delayed start on Friday 9th October when students will come to school for 11am and go directly to their period 3 lesson.

Have a delightful weekend all,

Ms Hand

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.







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BOOK YOUR PLACE ONLINE

OPEN EVENING 2026
8TH OCTOBER - 5:00PM - 8:00PM




Ofsted
Read our report ↗



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MIDDLESEX LEARNING TRUST

YEAR 7 PGL RESIDENTIAL TRIP!






PGL Caythorpe Court, Grantham
Friday 25th June 2027 to Monday 28th June 2027.

The total cost of the trip will be **£237.55**, which includes travel, food, bedding, and accommodation.

If you would like your child to attend this trip in 2027, deposit payments are **now open** on IPAY and close on **Friday 31st October 2026.**

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!






Careers Corner

WORLD OF WORK

Each week, explore a different career area and discover where your interests could take you. Watch the linked videos to find out more about different jobs, industries and future opportunities.

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Agricultural Engineer or Meteorologist https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=27kVajE_TO4 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80t3lVg-8npvC-Nc_&v=f0j8Cov-qhj0&feature=youtu.be	Civil Engineering Apprentice https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zv48scw	Translator or Barber https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ERF-Bir7ws https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VsnHMTJq_1g	Working on a Submarine https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPF2lPO2vc4	Careers in Construction or Mental Health Therapist https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrqst39#z1qhp4j https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPYAHQYK-sYQd-eYS&v=6TNO-ICgLM-mw&feature=youtu.be

UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS 2026-27

Year 10 mock interviews 25th and 26th January - Interviewer spaces available	Year 9 Employer Encounter Mornings (we welcome all employers but are particularly interested in companies who offer apprenticeships) January to June 2027	Year 10 Work Experience WC 15th March 2027 - Can your company offer any placements?	Year 7/ 11 Alumni Assembly DateTBC - spaces available for ex Stopsley High School students to come and inspire our current students!
Year 7 World of Work: Uniformed and Public Services Careers Fair 21st June 8.30am - 1pm Employer spaces available.	Year 9 BESE Speed Networking 22nd June and 5th July - 8.30am - 1pm Employer spaces available.	Year 8 STEM Careers Fair 23rd June - 8.30am - 1pm Employer spaces available.	Year 9 and 10 Post 16 Careers Fair 6th July - 8.30am - 1pm - Spaces available for Post 16 provisions and companies who offer apprenticeships/ early careers

To support an event, please contact Errin Winter, Careers Lead on ewinter@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk



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**FREE
BOOKS**
for our school*

