



STOPSLEY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2026

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Dear all,

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

A final reminder that 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.

I wanted to share with you the phenomenal achievements of our very own Lexie Sandiford Year 10 who recently made her British debut at the Aquatics GB Next Gen Championships, where she competed in the 100m Backstroke final. In an incredibly close race, she finished 4th place, missing out on a medal by just 0.01 seconds. We are immensely proud of her performance on the national stage as are her family.

Even more excitingly, her 100m Backstroke swim broke the Bedfordshire County Record for both the Junior and Senior age groups, making the achievement particularly special.

In addition, Lexie has recently been selected for the National Youth Development Programme (NYDP) 2026-27. This prestigious programme provides talented young athletes with opportunities to develop through national and regional activities, alongside education and personal development programmes designed to support their progression within the sport.

We look forward to sharing more of her successes and has the whole community behind her.

Have a wonderful weekend all,

Ms Hand

THIS WEEK'S ISSUE:

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PARKING REMINDER

CAREERS CORNER

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.

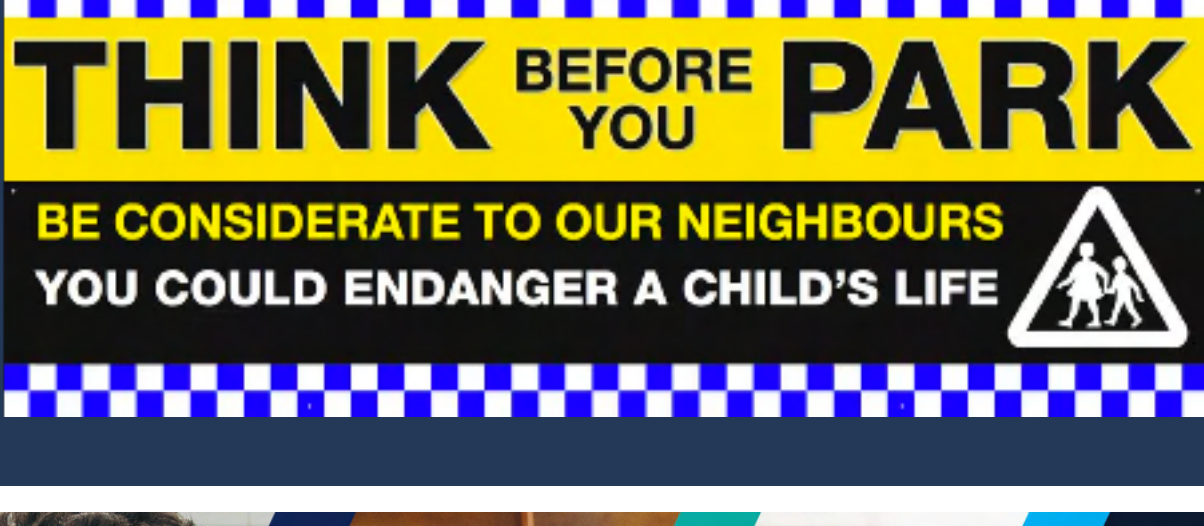
FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

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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.

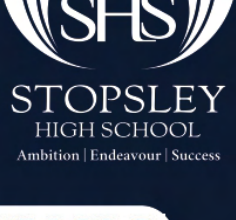




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BOOK YOUR PLACE ONLINE

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




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PGL

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
Solar Farm Manager https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z8gjsaw	Politician https://youtu.be/_C5Suz-Rg0xg?si=vrqayOZ3nQPlwExu0	Animator or Interpreter https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7f8375PQ1vg https://youtu.be/dX-VpQ7Xk3Wc?si=BNn-wN8ILiY03tCRF	Translator https://youtu.be/3EEF-dlr7ws?si=3TPwy8-kvk8Yid5sP	Jobs in the future https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zqnv8p3

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 BESF 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@stopasleyhighschool.co.uk

POST 16 PATHWAYS EVENING

FOR YEAR 11 PARENTS AND STUDENTS

3RD NOVEMBER, 5PM – 7PM.

We are pleased to inform you that we will be holding our Post 16 Evening for all current Year 11 students and their parents and carers on Tuesday 3rd November, 5pm – 7pm. This is a valuable opportunity for you to see first-hand the courses and apprenticeships available in the local area and what students can expect in terms of the Post 16 experience.

During our Post 16 Evening, providers from local Colleges and Sixth Forms will be delivering talks to provide information regarding courses that they offer. In addition, we will also be hosting a dedicated apprenticeships room which will provide an overview of the apprenticeships available locally, and the application process for these.

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Link to book: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKF_nkXB0BIXmNSj9kGip4QoR99J7uLiMoyaS3OIWAHBqCWw/viewform



Lexia Achievements of the Week

Top Lexia Users This Week:

1. Sammar Z. - 102 minutes

2. Joshua P. - 67 minutes

3. Asjadh A. - 55 minutes

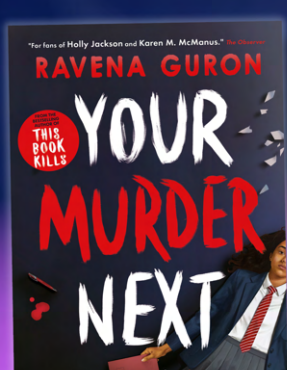
4. Tamara M.- 39 minutes

5. Marvin K. and Isaia M. - 36 minutes



FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ AT THE BOOK FAIR

and earn
FREE BOOKS
for our school*





*Free books are subject to terms and conditions.



BOYS & GIRLS U16-U18 COLLEGE PROGRAMME TRIAL



27/28

MON 26TH OCT 26
10AM - 12PM

REDBOURN LEISURE CENTRE
REDBOURN - AL3 7PR

TO REGISTER OR FOR
FURTHER INFORMATION
VISIT THE LINK IN OUR BIO

COULD THIS BE YOU?





Meet officers and staff from our frontline, behind-the-scenes and specialist teams, learn about our entry routes, and explore the many ways you can make a real difference in Bedfordshire.

SEARCH BEDS POLICE



BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE CAREERS FAIR

SAT 10 OCTOBER • 12-4PM
WIXAMS ACADEMY

POWER

to the PARENTS

keeping our children **SAFE**

Do you ever worry about:

- Exploitation and Grooming
- Social media and online safety
- Peer Pressure and risky behaviour
- Mental health and Emotional well being
- School, friendships, relationships
- Keeping communication open at home

What your get:

- Practical advice
- A safe space to ask questions
- Support from other parents/carers
- Guest speakers and specialist knowledge
- Tips you can use straight away at home
- No judgement
- Just conversations and support

Every Monday 5pm to 6pm
via MS Teams

Free
to attend





Open

to all parents & carers