



STOPSLEY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2026

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Dear all,

We have successfully completed the first half term of this academic year. I know that students and staff alike are looking forward to some relaxation and re-energising over the half term break. A further reminder that we have a two week half term this term only so the school will be closed Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October. We will welcome students back on Monday 2nd November at the normal time on a week A timetable.

I am delighted to celebrate our very first Stopsley High School Scholars. Thank you Mrs Johnson who designed this initiative and is leading on it with Years 7, 8 and 9. The Stopsley High School Scholars program is an opportunity for students in Years 7-9 to explore the Supercurriculum, complete activities and begin working towards their own Scholar Awards.

Congratulations to Brontë (Year 7), Alisha (Year 8) and Sterling (Year 9), who have become the first students to achieve the Sophia Duleep Singh Award (25 points) through our newly launched Supercurriculum programme. Their accomplishments demonstrate the ambition, endeavour and curiosity that we aim to foster through the Stopsley Scholars initiative. Brontë completed a range of Art challenges, including watching A Pixar Story, designing her own Pixar-inspired character and exploring calligraphy. Sterling extended his historical knowledge by visiting Churchill's War Rooms and producing a report on his experience, while Alisha developed her French language skills by teaching conversational French to her sisters. We are incredibly proud of these pioneering scholars and the enthusiasm they have shown for learning beyond the classroom. With the half-term break approaching, now is an excellent time to engage. The full range of tasks can be found here.

THIS WEEK'S ISSUE:

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WHATS GOING ON IN THE
COMMUNITY

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:

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

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



I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Thank you to parents, carers, students and staff for your ongoing support,

Ms Hand

YEAR 7 PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

Our Year 7 students got into the Halloween spirit by taking part in our pumpkin carving competition! From spooky faces to creative and imaginative designs, students showcased their creativity and put plenty of effort into their entries.

The competition brought a fantastic range of pumpkins, each with its own unique design, making it a difficult decision to choose a winner. It was brilliant to see our students embracing the Halloween fun and sharing their creativity.

A big well done to everyone who took part, and congratulations to our winners Eliana 1st, Kajus 2nd, Connie 3rd! Thank you to all our Year 7 students for making the competition such a success.



STUDENT YOUNG WRITERS BOOK REVIEW

In association with Stopsley High School’s Casual Book Club and the organisation Young Writers, Panka B. from Year 8 recently had the chance to read and review a brand new book—Skydancers by Chris Vick.

Panka’s review has been published on the Young Writers blog, where you can read it now!
<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/blog/sky-dancers>

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.



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=27kVojE_TO4 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0t3lVo-8mpvC-NC_6vf0jBC0y-qh0k&feature=youtu.be	Civil Engineering Apprentice https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zv48scw	Translator or Barber https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ERF-B1r7ws https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSNHkt-q_1g	Working on a Submarine https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z2PF2LPC2vc4	Careers in Construction or Mental Health Therapist https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrqst35#z1qhp4j https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPVhQYK-sYQd-eV8&v=8TNO-1CgLM-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 BESP 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

CAMHS PARENT/CARER SUPPORT

Parents and carers can book an appointment to speak directly with a CAMHS practitioner to discuss concerns about their child and potential referrals, without needing to go through their GP or school first.

Please use the links below to find out more about the sessions and book a suitable slot:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2002629976168?aff=oddtcreator>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2002811916356?aff=oddtcreator>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2002812571315?aff=oddtcreator>

POWER

to the PARENTS

keeping our children **SAFE**

Do you ever worry about:

- Exploitation and grooming
- Social media
- Peer pressure
- Mental health and emotional well being
- School, friendships, relationships
- Keeping communication open at home

What you get:

- Practical advice
- A safe space to ask questions
- Guest speakers and specialist knowledge
- Tips you can use straight away at home
- No judgement
- Honest conversations and support

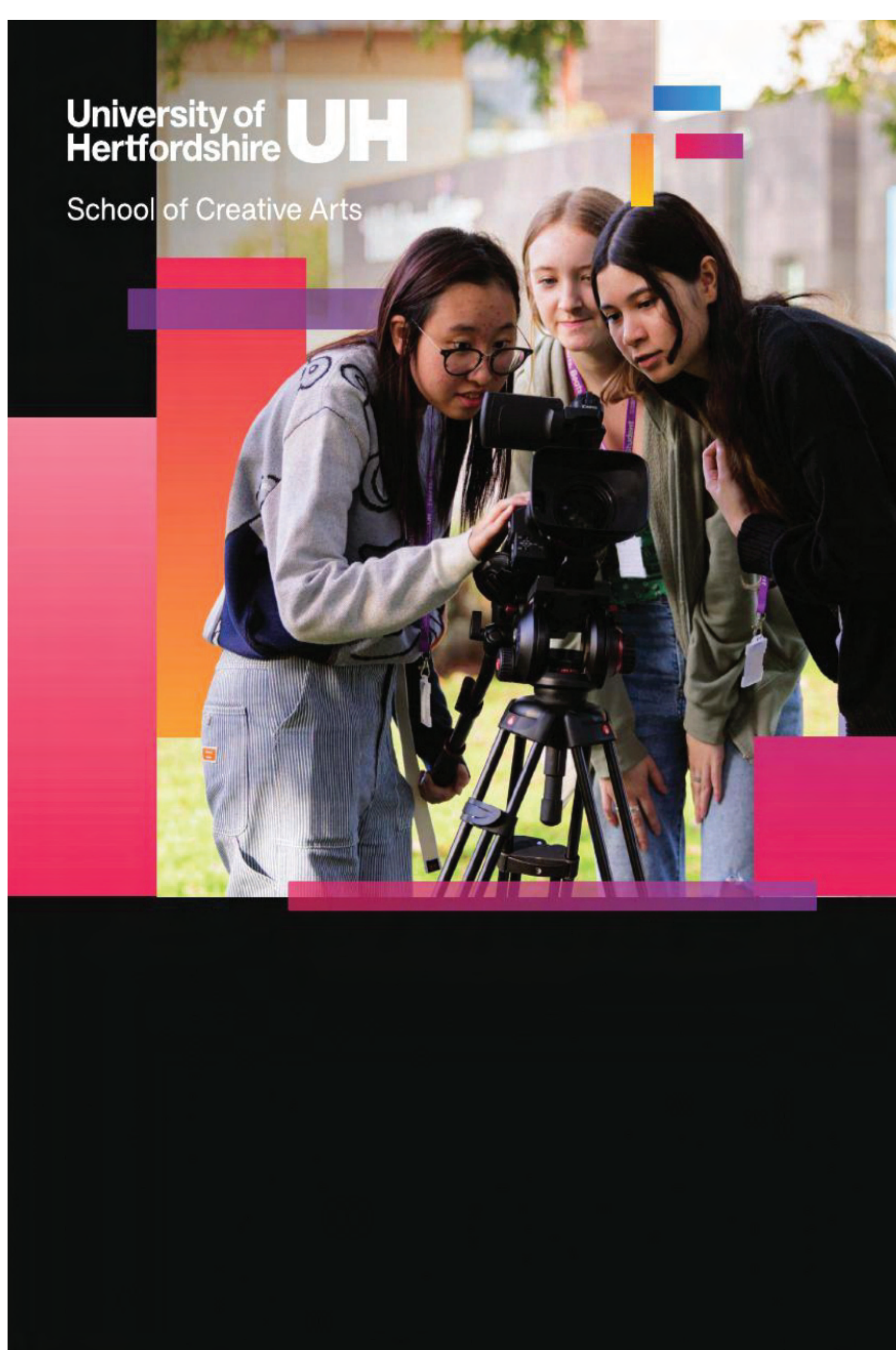
Every Monday 5pm to 6pm

via Teams

Free
to attend



Open
to all parents
& carers



Free Saturday Filmmaking Club at the University of Hertfordshire!

Calling all aspiring film and storytelling teens between 13-16!

This is your chance to explore filmmaking with our FREE Saturday Morning Filmmaking Club at the University of Hertfordshire's School of Creative Arts.

Here's the reasons to join:

- Become a filmmaking whizz. Learn everything from creative concepts to wielding the camera like a pro and editing your own film.
- Make new friends, gain new skills and improve your job and university prospects.
- Network with industry professionals and film experts at a masterclass and showcase your creativity at a national exhibition.

It's FREE! as the Club is part of the national Saturday Club network and sponsored by the amazing **British Film Institute** and exciting new attraction **The Elstree Immersive Experience**.

How it works:

- Immerse yourself in the filmmaking world on Saturday mornings 10am-1pm (during term-time) at the University of Hertfordshire's College Lane campus using our top facilities.
- Be inspired by our experienced tutors who'll guide you every step of the way, with support from fun and friendly University of Hertfordshire film students.
- Unleash your potential: This club is about so much more than just filmmaking, 93% of Saturday Club members felt they'd developed skills, 81% had gained confidence and 78% felt that attending had boosted their positivity.
- Get set! Places are limited (only 25!), so sign up ASAP to secure yours. Our first session is scheduled for 7th November and the club will run largely through the winter and spring terms.

Scan the QR code, or find us at @natsatclub, or Saturday-club.org/join



Find your Club

@natsatclub
saturday-club.org/join

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