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STOPSLEY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2026

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Dear all,

Another busy week here at Stopsley High School. A key theme for all year groups has been reflecting on the significance of Remembrance Day. I am delighted that Mr Blanchard and was able to accompany Rachel A and Jacob D from Year 7, to lay an SHS wreath at the Stopsley Memorial and listen to the Remembrance service on Wednesday. Sofia SC in Year 7 had the honour of carrying the Girl Guiding standard too. There was representation from a range of different organisations, schools and public services.



Thank you to Ms Lucas, Mrs Daubeney and Mrs Stewart for taking students to see Matilda on Tuesday evening. I was delighted to be informed that our students demonstrated the wonderful ambassadors they are showing Top Class behaviour.









Thank you to all the parents, carers and Year 7 students who came to the Parents Evening last night. It was fantastic to have a return to in person appointments and will be seeking feedback from all stakeholders on the experience. The Year 10 parents evening on Tuesday 24th November will be online.

Well done to our Year 11 students for completing their first week of mock examinations and a thank you to everyone supporting them pastorally and academically. Many students have been observed walking as if in a trance with their heads buried in revision guides. One more week to go so let's hope the focus continues.

I would like to remind all parents and carers that the school will be closed to students all day on Friday 27th November for INSET due to the Middlesex Learning Trust Staff Conference taking place.

Have a restful weekend everyone,

Ms Hand

THIS WEEK'S ISSUE:

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PARKING REMINDER

WHATS GOING ON IN THE COMMUNITY

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:

INSET DAY - FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

TERM ENDS - 18TH DECEMBER

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

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REMINDER

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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.



NATIONAL YOUNG AUTHORS FAIR 26/27

We're delighted to share that Stopsley High School has been selected to take part in the National Young Authors Fair 2026-27—the world's largest free writing programme for children aged 8–18, proudly organised by BriBooks.

What's in store for your child?
The chance to write and publish their very own book
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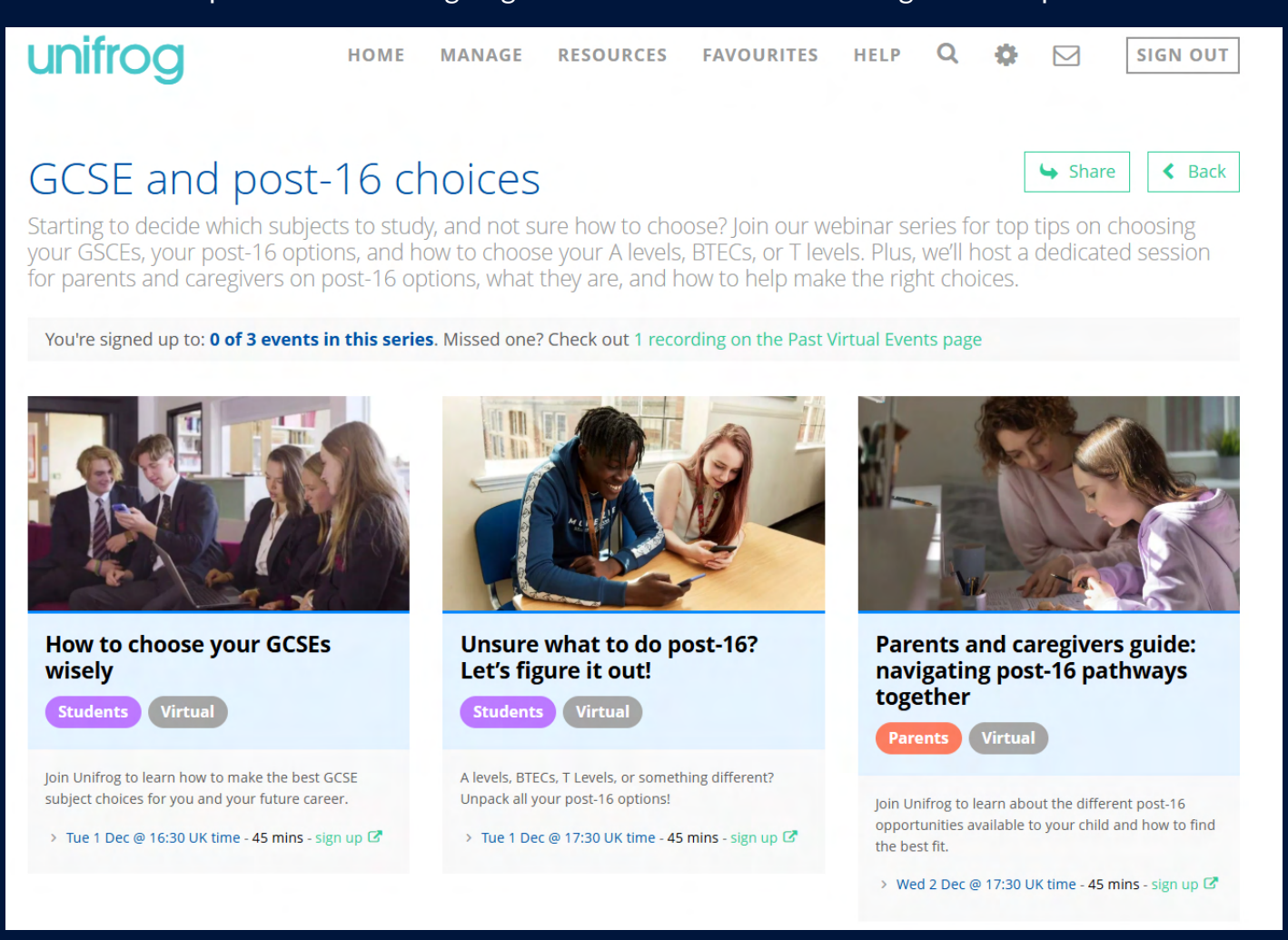
For any questions, feel free to email us at support@bribooks.com.

Let's encourage Stopsley High School's budding storytellers to shine on the world stage!

GCSE AND POST-16 CHOICES

Starting to decide which subjects to study, and not sure how to choose? Join our webinar series for top tips on choosing your GSCEs, your post-16 options, and how to choose your A levels, BTECs, or T levels. Plus, we'll host a dedicated session for parents and caregivers on post-16 options, what they are, and how to help make the right choices.

Link to book - https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/webinars/series-gcse-and-post-16-choices



STOPSLEY VS QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 10th November, Stopsley High School hosted a Chess Tournament against our neighbours from the Queen Elizabeth School.

Eight students from Year 8 to Year 10 were selected to represent Stopsley in the competition, having showcased their chess-playing abilities in a series of pre-tournament matches over the course of the last month. Queen Elizabeth School brought students from Year 7 to Year 12 to compete.

The afternoon was a brilliant success, with Stopsley students battling hard to the final stages. Ultimately, Queen Elizabeth's Year 9 Rayhan emerged as the first-place victor, but very close behind was Stopsley's own Sithil J., from Year 10. Sithil put on a very strong performance, and faced all of Queen Elizabeth's toughest players on his path to the final.

The sportsmanship and admiration that was shared between our students and students from the Queen Elizabeth School is something that we should feel very proud of, and we are all hopeful for a reverse fixture to take place in the new term.

Well done to Sithil J., Mason C., Aadam G., Azad S., Thisuli J., Kylan T., Affan K., and Jegath M. for taking part in the competition; you all did a wonderful job! Special thanks must also go to Panka B. in Year 8, who helped out on the day as an additional referee and match moderator.





HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BEING A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

We are delighted to share that we have two Parent Governor vacancies for the Local Governing Board at Stopsley High School and we are calling on our fantastic community of Stopsley parents to stand for election. Please see the letter detailing further information The deadline to stand for election is Friday 27th November 2026. The next LGB meeting 27th January 2027, 6pm - 8pm. To apply please complete the nomination form included in the letter. Should you have any questions, please contact lgbclerk@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk

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Join our free, supportive online conversations for parents and carers. A safe space to ask questions, share experiences, and talk openly about the challenges young people and families face, including:

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- Relationships & friendships
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