

# Weekly Bulletin

*This half-term's REACH value is: Engage*

8 November 2024



## From the Head Teacher



I am pleased to say that the start of the new half term has been very successful. As a school, attendance had been in the top 10% nationally and for Year 11, it has been in the top 5%! This week year 9 and 11 have had careers talks from Stoke-On Trent Sixth Form, outlining career progression paths and the differences of qualifications from Btec, to T-Level and then to A'Level. We were also pleased to welcome Year 7 parents last night to discuss how well the students have settled into secondary school and identify any further ways we can support them moving forward. All year groups have also taken part in Remembrance Assemblies this week, ahead of the national service on Sunday. On 11th November we will all be observing the silence as a whole school.

## Student Safety

As part of our commitment to student safety and wellbeing, we are reaching out with a reminder about our school's policy on arrival times. For the safety and security of all students, we ask that **no student arrives on school grounds before 8:00 a.m.** This policy aligns with safeguarding guidelines and legal requirements, ensuring that we provide a safe and supervised environment for your children. Our school gates will not open before 8.00 a.m. and we also ask that students don't follow cars in through the gates as this is unsafe. Staff are scheduled to be present on school premises from 8:00 a.m., and we cannot guarantee adult supervision before this time. Any student arriving earlier will be unsupervised, which could put their safety at risk. As a school, it is our duty under safeguarding law to ensure students are protected during school hours, and we rely on your support to help us meet these obligations.

**If your child arrives before 8:00 a.m** due to exceptional circumstances, please reach out to our administration to discuss available options for supervised care.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

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## Follow us



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## Engage

Always engage and be positive.



## Holiday Activity

Staffordshire County Council

**COMING SOON**

**Holiday Activities and Food**

Funded for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals\* Paid places also available.

[staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities](http://staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities)

SCAN ME!



## House System

Over the next few weeks, Head House Students and House Captains will host meet-ups with their respective house leadership teams. These gatherings will provide team members with the opportunity to connect, brainstorm ideas, and organise upcoming events and competitions.

Meanwhile, students across our school community have been invited to help rename our two main school buildings, currently called the "New Block" and "Old Block."

To keep with the pottery theme of our house system, we're looking for names that reflect this tradition. Students can submit their suggestions by 29th November to have their voices heard and contribute to a meaningful change in our school. We're excited to review everyone's ideas! House points will be awarded for all would participate.

### HOUSE POINT LEADER BOARD

No.	House	Points
1	Wedgwood	44862
2	Churchill	44055
3	Doulton	43443
4	Bridgewater	42683
5	Moorcroft	42346

**The gap between Wedgwood and Churchill is narrowing! Wedgwood currently leads by 807 house points—will Churchill take the top spot next week?**

## Achieve

Aspire to be the best and be prepared to take risks along the way.



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## Engage Extravaganza is here!

Rewarding students who show consistent engagement and positivity throughout this half term. Students who actively participate in all aspects of school life have a chance to earn raffle tickets. Every ticket represents an entry to win exciting prizes, and more tickets mean higher chances of being among the lucky 100 winners.

How can students earn tickets? By consistently demonstrating acts of:

- Showing acts of kindness.
- Engage in completing all homework.
- Engage in all lessons.
- Engage in extra-curricular.
- Encourage acts of kindness in peer groups.
- Follow instructions first time every time.
- Be on time for every lesson.

Winners (100 Students) will get a Christmas surprise at the end of term.

**Stay involved, show your commitment, and you might just receive a festive Christmas surprise at the end of term!**



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## College Open Days



### ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Our Sixth Form Open Evening for prospective Year 12 entry in September 2025 will take place on **Thursday, 14th November 2024 from 6 pm onwards**. Please feel free to join us on the night, no prior booking required.



Our next Open Event is on **Wednesday, 20th November 2024 @ 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**, students will have the chance to explore a wide range of courses, discover exciting enrichment opportunities, learn about our vibrant clubs and societies, and get answers to any questions they may have regarding your application. It's the perfect opportunity to gather valuable information and make informed decisions about their educational journey. We have another open event on **Tuesday, 25th February 2025 @ 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**.



NEWCASTLE  
AND STAFFORD  
COLLEGES GROUP



Our next Open Event is on **Thursday 14 November 2024, 5.30 pm - 8 pm**.

Our Open Events at Newcastle College are designed for you to find out more about studying at NSCG. You will have the opportunity to meet our staff, talk to current students and take a tour of our outstanding facilities. At NSCG, we believe in providing our students with welcoming support and the best opportunities to achieve their full potential.

That's why NSCG is in the top 10% of colleges in England for learners aged 16-18. Our dedicated team are here to help you with your progress, prospects and choices, for your ambitions to be fulfilled.

Our next events are on the following dates:

**Saturday 25 January 2025, 10 am - 12 noon**

**Saturday 5 April 2025, 10 am - 12 noon**

Pre-register on our website for our Open Event

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## Gamemasters Event

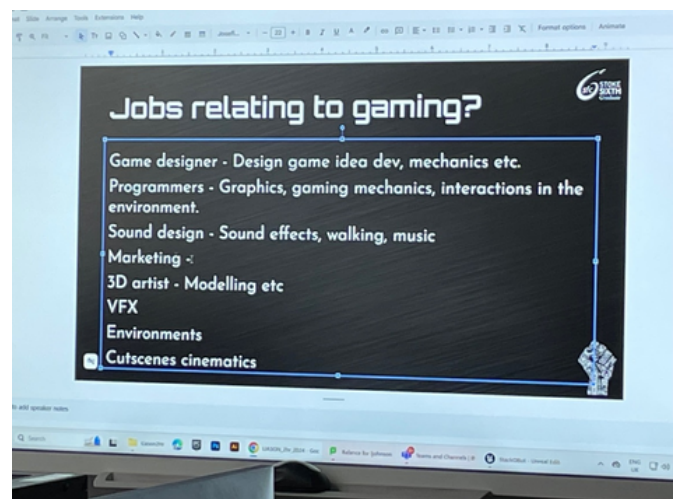
On Monday, our Year 11 Computer Science students delved into the exciting world of digital game development at Stoke Sixth Form College. They explored 3D environments, designed captivating concept art, and animated characters, creating their own unique video games from start to finish.



Using the advanced Unreal Engine 5 software, students experienced the full game development process, collaborating to test each other's games, offer constructive feedback, and add new, challenging features.

In addition to hands-on experience, students had the opportunity to learn about career paths in digital media, including roles as game designers, programmers, sound designers, 3D artists, and cutscene animators. Many expressed interest in pursuing a career in this field after this inspiring event.

Staff at Stoke Sixth Form College commended our students on both their skills and exemplary behaviour. Mrs James shared her pride, celebrating their hard work and talent as wonderful representations of our school. Well done, Year 11 Computer Science!



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## Attendance Competitions



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**Tell Us!**

**We want to hear from you!**

**Your Feedback Matters!**

To improve our programs and support your child better, please take a moment to share your thoughts on:

- What's working well at our school?
- Areas where we could improve.
- Suggestions for workshops or resources you'd like to see.

You can provide your feedback by emailing us:

**[office@mhs.potteries.ac.uk](mailto:office@mhs.potteries.ac.uk)**