



William Brookes School
and Sixth Form
NEWSLETTER



DIARY EVENTS

Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February 2019

- Spring Half Term [All Week]

Thursday 21 February – Monday 25 February 2019

- Year 10 Religious Studies / History Non-Curricular Visit to Munich [Depart 2.00 Thursday, Arrive 3.00 Monday]

Friday 22 February 2019

- School Campus Closed [15.00 – 21.30]

Monday 25 February – Friday 1 March 2019

- Year 11 Mock Exams [All Week]
- Timings of the Day: Period 1, Period 2, Break, Period 3, Lunch, Tutor Period, Period 4, Period 5 [All Week]

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MOCK EXAMS INFORMATION

Year 11 and Sixth Form students mock exams will be taking place *after the half term break*. It is vital for students to take this process seriously. It is an important practice run that they should come well prepared for the experience.

Beijing Lockers outside the Library

Limited access will be allowed for lockers outside the Library so please ask all students to take their books for Period 1 & 2 and then Period 4 & 5 at the beginning of the morning and afternoon sessions.

Exam Signage

Please reiterate avoid areas marked no entry when the signs are placed at the double doors. They will be removed as soon as the Exam has finished, so if they are still up, do not proceed!

To incorporate the mock exams, the timings from **Monday 25 February to Friday 1 March**, will be *Period 1, 2, Break, 3, Lunch, Tutor Period, 4, 5*. There will be no split lunches, but Year 11 students will be given priority access to the canteen facilities at 12 noon, escorted by their Period 3 teachers. The timings will go back to normal on **Monday 5 March**

WORD OF THE WEEK

Word of the Week is a new initiative that we are introducing to help students at William Brookes improve their vocabulary; particularly words that may be key to their learning.

In this way it is hoped that pupils will develop a good vocabulary and an understanding of words that form an important part of examination questions.

The Word of the Week is: **ACHIEVE**

- *You must understand how the body works to ACHIEVE success in your sport*
- *Good choreography is the key to ACHIEVE a successful dance*
- *What does the writer do to ACHIEVE a truly dramatic story?*

View the link [HERE](#) for a video on the word of the week!



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DIARY EVENTS

Wednesday 27 February 2019

- Year 12 Geography
Fieldwork in Wales
[Visit]

Friday 1 March 2019

- GCSE Rock Climbing
at Short Wood [14.40 –
17.30]

DROP IT & READ

Drop it & Read for
Years 7 - 9 will be on
**Tuesday 26 February
Period 3 & Friday 1
March Period 3.**

You may bring a book
from home or check out
a book from the library
if you do not have a
one.

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TRAMPOLINE CLUB - CANCELLED

Trampoline Club will be cancelled **until Wednesday 27 March** due to after school commitments but will return for the final weeks and into the summer term. Thank you.

YEAR 12 GOLD DofE EXPEDITION

Please meet with *Irene Stelfox* at **lunch time** on **Thursday 28 February** to pay your deposit, hand in booking forms and finalise the team members.

SCHOOL MEAL MENU

The week commencing **Monday 25 February – Friday 1 March**, the school menu will be MENU 1.

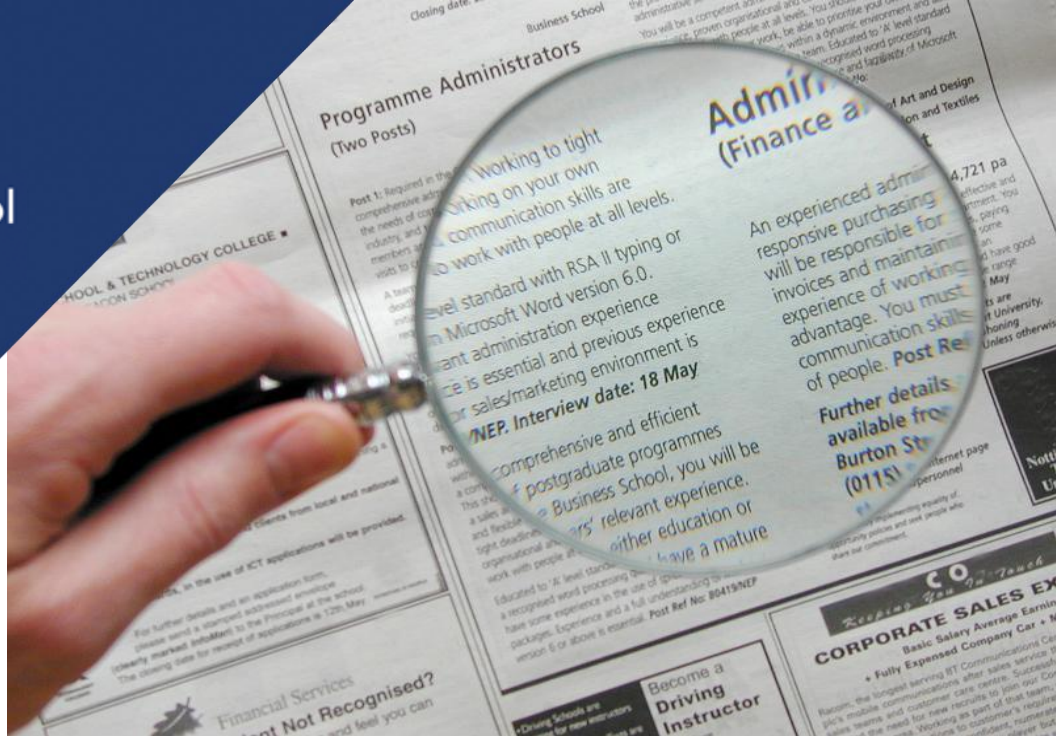
JL EDWARDS TRUST AWARD SCHEME

This year's Award Scheme is now OPEN! If you have a project, interest or charitable cause that you would like some help with, why not apply to the J L Edwards Memorial Trust? Information booklets and application forms are available from *Mrs Cloud*. Just remember that:

- You must return completed application forms and supporting documents to *Mrs Cloud* by **8 March**
- If you are shortlisted you need to attend a meeting with the Selection Committee on **22 March**
- A letter will be sent home giving all the information you and your parents/carers will need. The meeting with the Selection Committee is when you will be asked to talk about your project and answer any questions the Committee might have. You will then find out if you have been successful in getting an Award.
- Award Winners Reception & Presentations will take place in **November**. This is when you will give a presentation to the Trust, your fellow Award Winners and other invited guests, about how your project went.



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DUKE OF EDINBURGH TRAINING SESSIONS

Expedition training for Year 10 participants starts the first week after half term.

Group 1: **Tuesday 26 February** - meet in Sydney breakout at 15.15.

Group 2: **Thursday 28 February** - meet in the CLT at 15.15.

The focus for each of these training sessions will be what kit you need for the expedition and how to pack it. **Participants need to bring their expedition information booklets to these sessions.** Please see the 'dates for your diary' page in the participants expedition booklet for details of all the training and expedition dates. The sessions will finish at 16.15. Participants need to make sure that they are adding assessor reports to their eDofE account when they have completed their each of their activities.

CAREERS INTERVIEWS

Careers interviews next week with *Mrs Lawrence* will be on **Monday 25 February**. Interviews will take place in the room adjacent to Ms Lacey's office.

Period 1	8.50 - 9.30 9.30- 9.50	Ryan Brickley Rachel Tooke-Millward
Period 2	9.50- 10.20 10.25- 10.50	Summer Green Luke Green
Break	10.50- 11.10	
Period 3	11.10- 11.40	Harry Hartill
Period 4	12.40- 13.10	Regan Tromans
Lunchtime & Tutor	13.10- 14.10	
Period 5	14.10- 14.40	Jodie Beets

STUDENT RECEPTION

The following students are on Student Reception for the week commencing **Monday 25 February** – **Friday 1 March**:

- Monday** – Jada-Nicole Varela B6 & Jack Capps B1
- Tuesday** – Megan Watson B2 & Sam Chapman B4
- Wednesday** – Freya Weekes B8 & Jack Cosby-Cox B5
- Thursday** – Leah Williams B6 & Jacob Cox B3
- Friday** – Catrina Bebbington B1 & Tyler Evans B8



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STUDY SUPPORT SESSIONS

CHEMISTRY:

There is chemistry help on offer every **Tuesday - Friday** except for Thursdays when there is a parents evening. This is available to any student, any key stage. There is also lunch time help available by *prior arrangement with individual teachers*.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES:

Every **Tuesday after school** in *Room 104*, for both GCSE and A-Level students, there will be a support and revision session. You can be supported with completing homework, or we can help with revision.

BIOLOGY:

There will be a biology support group after school on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays** for KS4 & KS5 students needing help with homework, revision or any other information regarding the subject.

Mrs Bennett - **Tuesday 15.30 - 16.30**

Mr Brett - **Wednesday 15.30 - 16.30**

FRENCH:

GCSE French support sessions will be after school on a **Tuesday** and at lunch on a **Thursday**. Any KS4 students wanting any extra help with their language learning please drop in.

GCSE TEXTILES:

There will be Textiles GCSE help available on **Monday** from 15.10 - 16.45 and **Wednesday** 15.10 - 16.45. These will take place every week until Monday 8 April.

CITIZENSHIP & PSYCHOLOGY:

GCSE Citizenship and A-Level Psychology revision and catch up will take place every **Tuesday** from **15.10 - 16.30** in *Room 203 / 204*.



TASTER DAYS AT SSC

RODBASTON CAMPUS

Come along and experience a real taste of what life is like as a South Staffordshire College student.

MONDAY 18TH & TUESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2019

RODBASTON CAMPUS - PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE, ST19 5PH

ALL SESSIONS TAKE PLACE FROM 9.30AM - 3:30PM

Taster Days at South Staffordshire College, are designed for Year 10 and Year 11 students. They provide students with a fantastic opportunity to find out more about our courses and are an excellent way to help you make a more informed decision about your future.

Throughout the day you will explore the campus, find out about the courses you are interested in, get involved with fun activities during the taster sessions and meet the tutors. If you are not sure of which path to take, why not choose a different session on another day at another campus and compare the two!

Whatever your interests, a taster day can provide you with the opportunity to experience a variety of courses first hand. All subjects will include practical activities, so please make sure you wear suitable clothing and footwear such as old clothes, overalls, sturdy footwear, boots or wellington boots where appropriate.

FREE ACTIVITIES - BOOK NOW

SHREWSBURY
COLLEGES GROUP



NHS
The Shrewsbury and
Telford Hospital
NHS Trust

NHS Careers Live!

13 February 2019, 4.00 – 7.00pm

Shropshire Education & Conference Centre, Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, SY3 8XQ

Did you know...?

Careers in the NHS stretch far beyond Nursing and Medicine...

...Maintenance Engineering | Therapists | Scientists | HR | Finance | IT ...

Dear pupil,

We'd like to invite you and up to two guests to an NHS careers event arranged jointly by The Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust & Shrewsbury Colleges Group on Wednesday 13 February from 4.00-7.00pm at the Shropshire Education & Conference Centre.

The NHS is the largest employer nationally and locally with a wide range of jobs and careers that include catering, business, estates, as well as the caring and medical roles.

The event will give you the opportunity to meet a variety of staff from the hospital trust and to find out about their job roles, have a tour of hospital facilities and discuss advice and guidance with College staff. This event will also provide you with guidance on apprenticeships and how to apply for posts at the hospital.

As well as stands and hands-on activities there will be talks every 30mins: the NHS will showcase the routes into their diverse job roles including work experience and apprenticeships, and Shrewsbury Colleges Group will highlight the many qualifications and course packages we can offer for these careers.

Parking: there is limited free parking at the venue with additional spaces in the hospital main car parks where charges will be covered by us (more information to follow booking). Alternatively there will be a shuttle bus in operation from the College's London Road Campus (approx. 15min journey).

Please secure your place here shrews.co/nhs by choosing an arrival time and indicate whether you will park or use the shuttle bus. Bookings should be made by Tuesday 12 February 2019. If you have any questions please contact Ruth Blackhurst ruthb@shrewsbury.ac.uk

We look forward to seeing you at the event.

Best wishes

Catherine Armstrong

Vice Principal, Curriculum Support and Business Development



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ENGINEERING CLUB EASTER 2019

**April 15th - 18th, Marches Centre of Manufacturing
& Technology, For Kids Age 9-10 & 11-13**



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Flight

- Make, Test, Engineer!
- Build remote-controlled planes.
- Plus robotics and engineering talks in a STEM-packed week.