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Date:

Friday 23 October
PD DAY

W/C 26 OCTOBER
Half Term

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Monday 19 October	PERIOD 1
Thursday 22 October	PERIOD 3



WOW – WORD OF THE WEEK

Word of the Week	Halcyon
Word Type	Adjective
Definition	Calm; peaceful; tranquil
In a Sentence	In retrospect, 2009 and 2010 were <i>halcyon</i> days in the Middle East, now that we seem just one horseman short of an apocalypse.
Synonyms	<u>still</u> , <u>pastoral</u> , <u>quiet</u> , <u>balmy</u> , <u>gentle</u> ,
Subject Links	Geography, English

Make sure to check the word on the Student Sharepoint:

<https://williambrookesschool.sharepoint.com/sites/WBS-Home/>



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OPEN EVENINGS

<p>College /6th form</p>	<p>Open days Open days – Always Check Prior to attending. Most now require you to book online prior to event.</p>
 <p>William Brookes 6th Form 01952 728900 www.williambrookes.com</p>	<p>We are launching our virtual open evening on Wednesday 11th November. Look out for promotional material coming soon! Want to know more about Sixth form life? follow us on Instagram – wbs_sixthform ; email sixthform@williambrookes.com OR speak to Mrs Mincher and Mr Spilsbury</p>
<p>Idsall School Post 16 training Centre (Construction) 01952 468400 www.idsallschool.org</p>	<p>e-mail gnorthall@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk for information on individual visits.</p>
<p>Shrewsbury Colleges Group 01743 342342 www.scg.ac.uk</p>	<p>Due to Covid 19, all open days and tasters must be booked online in advance. These events may be virtual...</p> <p>scg.ac.uk/events</p> <p>Open Evenings</p> <p>English and Welsh Bridge (A-levels)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 & 21 October, 4.15 pm to 8pm <p>London Road (vocational)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 November, 4.15pm to 8pm <p>Subject Tasters</p> <p>English and Welsh Bridge (A levels)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 November, 9am to 1pm <p>London Road (vocational)</p>






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	w/c 24 November, 4pm to 6.30pm
<p>Telford College 01952 642200</p> <p>01952 642237 (Student Services team) www.telfordcollege.ac.uk</p>	<p>Virtual Open Event telfordcollege.ac.uk/open-events</p> <p>Provisional Dates – book online</p> <p>Wednesday 14th October 2020 Wednesday 18th November 2020 Wednesday 20th January 2021 Wednesday 23rd June 2021</p> <p>Book a VIP tour telfordcollege.ac.uk/vip-tour</p>
<p>South Staffordshire College (Rodbaston Campus) 01785 712209 www.southstaffs.ac.uk</p>  <p>Horticulture, Animal Care, Agriculture, Country side and Game Mngt, Horse Mngt, Veterinary Care, Floristry, Aquaculture (land based technology)</p>	<p>Open day (physical currently)</p> <p>Rodbaston Saturday 17th October 10am – 1pm</p> <p>Virtual Open day available on the website.</p>
<p>North Shropshire College www.nsc.ac.uk 01691 688000</p>  <p>Walford Campus (Near Baschurch, Shrewsbury) 01939 262100 – Animal care, Agriculture, Equine, Land and Environment and Motor Vehicle.</p>	<p>Walford Campus (Land Based)</p> <p>Saturday 17th October 2020 10am – 12 noon</p> <p>Saturday 6th February 2021 10am – 12 noon</p> <p>Saturday 19th June 2021 10am – 12 noon.</p>
<p>Kidderminster College</p> <p>01562512003</p>  <p>www.kidderminster.ac.uk/open-marketing@kidderminster.ac.uk</p>	<p>Open Evenings <u>on-</u></p> <p>Monday 12th October 2020 Tuesday 10th November 2020 Thursday 4th February 2021</p> <p>At this stage they don't know if they will be virtual or physical.</p> <p>We are also offering phone interviews for students who apply and as we understand how important it is for students to come into college, we will be offering a campus tour every first and last Wednesday of the month.</p>



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<p>Coaching Connexions (Telford ADC)</p> 	<p>For aspiring young footballers. BTEC 1 to 3 in Sports (Football focus) at the Telford United Football Ground.</p>
<p>01952 640064 07769831829</p>	<p>Contact – Edward.thorndyke@coachingconnexions.co.uk</p>
<p>Crossbar College of Sport and Physical Activity (Hadley Learning Centre or Lilleshall National Sports Centre) 01952 677965 www.crossbarcoaching.com admin@crossbarcoaching.com</p>	<p>BTEC Sport Level 3, PE & School Sport Apprenticeships Sports Traineeships. e-mail or check website for open day dates</p> 
	<p>Harrogate Army College Each year AFC Harrogate open their doors for people to come along and take a look at what is on offer. If you're interested in finding out more and coming to look around, contact your local Army Career Office and they'll be happy to book you a place. (Open days usually are in February and March). 01743 232678 (Shrewsbury Army Careers Office) 01902 423892 (Wolverhampton Army Careers Office) Both open 9am - 5.30pm Monday to Friday. NB Welbeck College is no longer taking applications and closing shortly.</p>
<p>Wolverhampton College 01902 836000 www.wolvcoll.ac.uk</p>	<p>Open Events: Wednesday 7 October 2020 4-7pm Saturday 28 November 2020 10am-2pm Saturday 23 January 2021 10am-2pm Wednesday 10 March 2021 4-7pm Wednesday 5 May 2021 4-7pm Saturday 19 June 2021 10am-2pm *Online Open Events: Wednesday 14 October 4-7pm Wednesday 2 December 4-7pm</p>



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DofE Certificate of Achievement

We have been very impressed by the dedication of participants who have been working hard towards their goals during lockdown. Participants who complete their volunteering, skill and physical sections will receive the DofE Certificate of Achievement. Participants will receive an email with their certificate to print themselves. However, we are also hoping to issue certificates to participants in school in the near future.

#DofE with a Difference

If a participant is struggling to find suitable activities for their programme due to the current restrictions, you can find many ideas here

www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/activities

Please remember that any program plan makes needs to be entered into their eDofE account so that it can be approved before they start the activity. Once they have completed the required time, they need to get their assessor to write an assessor report. This can be done at www.dofe.org/assessor

DofE Expedition section

Information regarding opportunities to complete the expedition section will be sent via email.

eDofE App

Participants can now access their eDofE account via the new DofE App. The DofE app has made eDofE more accessible and convenient for thousands of participants across the UK. Participants can now set their activities, record evidence and submit programmes for approval at any time, no matter where they are. The DofE App is currently available for participants to download on Android and iOS.

You can download the App by going to the Google Play Store or Apple App Store and searching 'The Duke of Edinburgh's Award'.

eDofE help

Below is a eDofE helpsheet.

Any questions, please email jmccombie@williambrookes.com



To track your Bronze DofE Award you have an online account. This is where you put in your plans for each section, add your evidence and crucially, submit the Assessor Report once you have completed each activity. Every time that you submit something, your DofE Leader will be able to check and approve it. Once all four sections have been approved you will achieve your Bronze DofE Award.

Bronze (Year 9+)	Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Expedition
	3 months	3 months	3 months	2 days 1 night

Plus a further 3 months in either the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section

Here is a quick recap on the section timescales for the Bronze Award. You must commit 1 hour per week over the 3-6 month time period for the Volunteering, Physical & Skills sections.

Logging in to your online account

- To log in please search www.edofe.org you can access this through a computer or mobile phone. Or, you can download the DofE App, which is available for free from the App Store & Google Play.
- Each time you log in you will need your **Username** and **Password**. If you do not know your Username ask your DofE Manager.
- If you have never logged in to eDofE before your temporary Password will be your D.O.B: **DDMMYYYY**
- Once you log in you will be able to reset your Password. If ever you forget it then just click: **Forgot Your Password** on the eDofE home page and you can input your username and get a new Password link sent to your email (check your junk mail) you will have 15 minutes to then reset your Password.



Step 1: The first time you log in you will be asked to put in your personal details. Please note every box with a * needs to be completed. We would recommend using your personal email address. Once you have completed your Contact Details, Personal Details and Communication Preferences press 'Continue'. You will receive your Welcome Pack to the address you entered within the next 30 days! This contains important information about your award, your DofE discount card & Assessor Book.



Step 2: Select your timescales. We would recommend that the 6-month section is the one that you are able to access every week and perhaps the one that you think you will enjoy the most. Just click on the option that you would like and then press Save.



Step 3: Putting in your Programme Plans. You will need to do this for the **Physical, Skills & Volunteering** sections: Click edit section or click on the section you wish to edit and fill out everything with a *. Your start date can be put back as far as the Enrolment date, which is in the top left corner of the screen. If you have not started yet, then put today's date or the date you are going to start. Everything that you do from your start date on eDofE can be counted towards your 3/6-month section. The Assessor must be a responsible adult (not a family member) who is able to write your report once you have completed the section. Remember to 'Submit for Approval'.





Next steps:

Once you have submitted your Programme Plans for each section you will be able to complete your activities. You can keep track of how many weeks you have done by using the 'Weekly Log Sheet'. These are available from your DofE Manager and are a great way to keep a track of how many weeks you have done. Once you have filled your log sheet in for the 3 or 6 months for the relevant section:

- Take a photo of it
- Log in to eDofE
- Click on the relevant section on the left-hand side
- Add evidence
- Select 'Photos'
- Upload the photo
- Select your leader
- Save and submit

Other evidence that you can upload could be photos of you doing the activity. For example, if you chose cooking for your skills section it may be good for your leader to see a photo of what you have cooked each week. Upload these following the same steps as the Weekly Log Sheets.

Photos and Log Sheets are great evidence but are not compulsory.



Assessor Reports



The key piece of evidence that your DofE Leader needs to see on your eDofE account before they can approve the section is the **Assessor Report**. You will receive your Assessor Report book within your Welcome Pack (sent to the address you put in to eDofE at Step 1). Once you have completed your 3 or 6 month section please take the relevant report to your Assessor and ask them to fill it in in full. You can complete the Description, Date started, Completed & Goals (please make sure the start date is not before the one you put in your plan on eDofE in step 3).

Once it has been filled in please take a photo of it (make sure the whole page is visible) and upload using the steps shown at the top of this page. This time, before you press the Save & Submit button you can mark it as your Assessor Report.



Introducing the DofE Certificate of Achievement

The Certificate of Achievement is an official recognition, by the DofE, of just how much you've achieved by completing your Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections. To receive your certificate, you need to have completed your Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections and had them signed off by your Leader. Once you've completed your three sections you don't need to do anything else. We'll email your personalised Certificate to you, using the name and email address on your eDofE profile.

When you complete the Expedition section you will still be able to get your full DofE Award in addition to the Certificate of Achievement!

The DofE have made lots of temporary changes over the last few months to ensure you can still achieve your award. You can check these out here: www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/

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RELEASED ABOUT OUR FIRST EVER ONLINE
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OPEN EVENTS

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PROVISIONAL DATES

Wednesday 14th October 2020*

Wednesday 18th November 2020*

Wednesday 20th January 2021*

Wednesday 23rd June 2021*

*Please note that these dates may be subject to change

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Visit the campus as part of your own personal tour. You'll get to see any areas of interest to you, chat to us about your course options and preferences, and get a taste of college life.

KEEP AN EYE ON OUR WEBSITE FOR MASTERCLASSES COMING IN 2021

Information, advice & guidance is available from our Student Services team:
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PRE APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

DATES FOR PRE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMMES

The online content will be delivered using an online learning platform. You will be sent an invitation and you will be expected to complete all the tasks at least a week prior to your visit to the centre. You will receive ongoing feedback once you submit the tasks online.

The second part of the week will be delivered at the centre on either of the dates below, given on a first come first serve basis.

DATES	TIMES
OPTION 1 26th - 28th October 2020	Mon - Fri 9am - 4.30pm
OPTION 2 28th - 30th October 2020	
	VENUE
	MCMT Bridgnorth Building 10, Stanmore Industrial Estate Bridgnorth WV15 5HR

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

Wednesday 30th September for new applicants. Any applicant who previously applied will be contacted and given priority to the weeks course.

*Places on the programme will be limited to 10 candidates each week.



If you are interested in applying for the Pre Apprenticeship programme please contact Amy Farley to request an application pack

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