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NEWSLETTER



GOODBYE MR RENWICK

Geoff joined William Brookes as Deputy Head in September 2001, at the start of a new millennium, from Ludlow, where he had been a house leader. There is no doubt that the history of William Brookes in the twenty first century has very much been shaped by Geoff. This is evident in terms of the curriculum we follow, the culture and ethos we adopt and even the very building in which we work. All of these aspects of William Brookes have been moulded by Geoff's influence both in his time as Deputy Head and since 2011, as Head teacher.

He formed a formidable partnership whilst Deputy, with the then Headteacher, Penny Cooper, that ultimately culminated with the new building and the radical yet traditional approach to teaching and learning with our zonal and house-based structure.

From 2011, the school, under Geoff's leadership has developed and improved into the school we now inherit; massively oversubscribed and highly regarded in the local community. It is a legacy that Geoff can be truly proud of.

He has been a leader and colleague who is liked, even loved, by those who work with him. Always supportive and helpful when colleagues faced problems or upset, and someone who would go that 'extra mile' to care for and put the well-being of his team first. You could not hope to work with a nicer person.

Even more than this, he has been a teacher who is highly respected by his students, not only for his caring approach but also for his compassionate response when they were finding things difficult. Undoubtedly, for most of our students, the description of 'legend' will be used to describe Geoff's influence on them.

Geoff has always been liked by the parents of the William Brookes community and they were delighted when he moved from being Deputy to Head, knowing that he would do the best by their children. They were also reassured, when, in the dark days of our negative encounter with Ofsted, Geoff was there to lead us to a better place. It is no surprise that so many former students and parents have contributed to his leaving event.

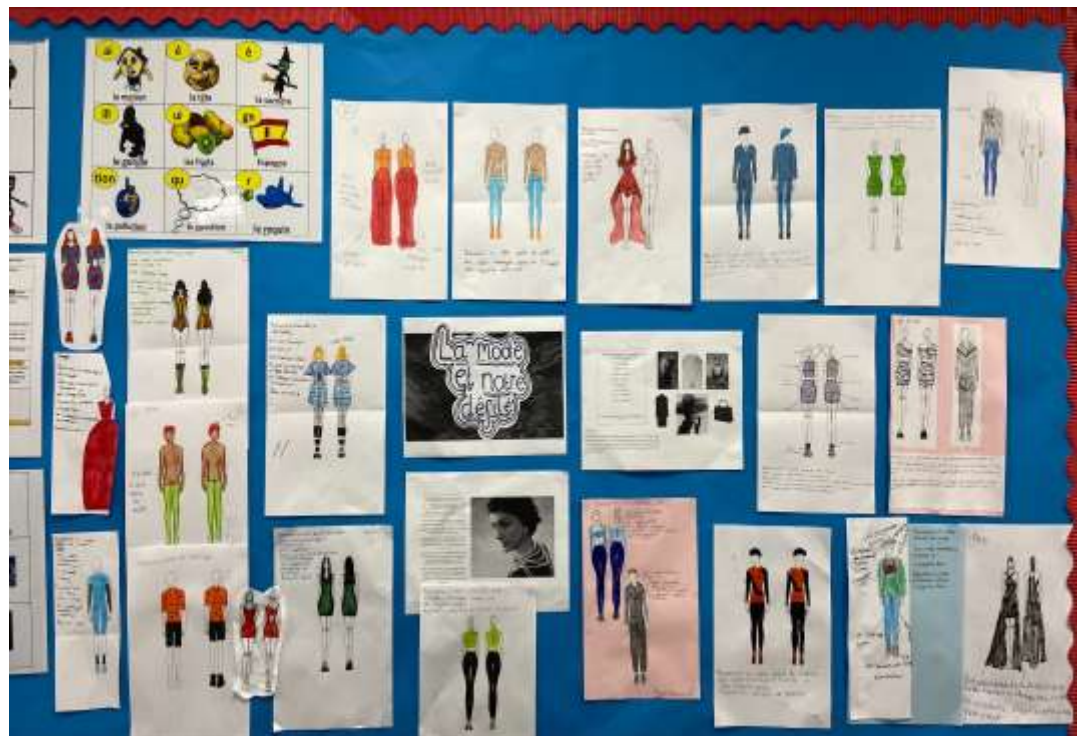
We wish you Geoff all the best in your retirement.



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YEAR 9 FRENCH WORK

Here are some great pieces of work from the year 9 classes studying French at WBS . They have been learning about clothes and fashion designers and we wanted to share the work with the school and parents. Well done Year 9!





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DROP IT AND READ YRS 7 - 9

ONLY ONE SESSION THIS WEEK	
Thursday 6 January 2022	PERIOD 1



WOW – WORD OF THE WEEK

Word of the Week	Bifurcate
Word Type	Verb.
Definition	divide into two branches or forks.
In a Sentence	"just below Cairo the river bifurcates"
Synonyms	Branched, forked, pronged
Subject Links	Geography, Art

SPORTS CLUBS ON RE OPENING OF SCHOOL

All Dance and PE clubs are cancelled on the first week back due to the staggered return and testing.



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Bronze expeditions 2022

The deadline for Year 9 and Year 10 participants to sign up to their Bronze expedition section has now passed.

Help

If any participant needs help with their DofE programme or using eDofE, they can drop in to room 219 during **break time on Thursdays**. Alternatively, they can email jmccombie@williambrookes.com



eDofE App

Participants can access their eDofE account via the DofE App. 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'.

DofE with a Difference

If a participant is struggling to find suitable activities for their programme, many ideas can be found at www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/activities

Please remember that program plans need to be entered into eDofE for approval before starting the activity. Once the required time has passed, assessors need to write an assessor report which needs to be uploaded as evidence to eDofE. This can be done at www.dofe.org/assessor

College /6th form	Open days Open days – Always Check Prior to attending. Most now require you to book online prior to event.
Idsall School Post 16 training Centre (Construction) 01952 468400 www.idsallschool.org	E-mail gnorthall@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk for information on individual visits.
Shrewsbury Colleges Group 01743 342342 www.scg.ac.uk	All open days and tasters must be booked online in advance. Virtual Open Evening 30th November. https://www.scg.ac.uk/calendar/event/158-virtual-open-evening-all-school-leaver-courses Virtual tasters https://www.scg.ac.uk/taster-events
Telford College 01952 642200 01952 642237 (Student Services team) www.telfordcollege.ac.uk	Book a department tour (Tour the Subject area of your choice) – Reserve your place on the website. All tours are 4pm to 5pm Wednesday 24 th November 2021 Wednesday 26 th January 2022 Wednesday 6 th July 2022 Book a VIP tour Telfordcollege.ac.uk/vip-tour - Fill in the VIP tour form on the website and a member of the guidance team will be in contact to arrange.
South Staffordshire College (Rodbaston Campus) 01785 712209 www.southstaffs.ac.uk 	Open days Saturday 27 th November 10-1pm Register on the website. Virtual Open day available on the website. Taster Days Many different full day taster sessions throughout February half term. Sign up on the website. www.southstaffs.ac.uk/taster-days
North Shropshire College www.nsc.ac.uk 01691 688000  Walford Campus (Near Baschurch, Shrewsbury) 01939 262100	Walford Campus (Land Based) Saturday 5 th February 2022 10am – 12 noon Saturday 18 th June 2022 10am – 12 noon. Sign up before you go. There is also a virtual campus tour on the website.

Coaching Connexions (Telford ADC)  01952 640064 07769831829	For aspiring young footballers. BTEC 1 to 3 in Sports (Football focus) at the Telford United Football Ground. Contact – ed.thorndyke@accesstomusic.ac.uk https://www.telfordunited.com/community/education/
	Local Apprenticeships in Engineering Open day 27 th November www.mcmt.co.uk leighanneo@in-comm.co.uk



Christmas Atlantis Fun Sessions



Come for a swim in our Christmas tree coloured pool, and rock around the Christmas tree

Sunday 19th December

10.30am-11.30am

11.45am-12.45pm

1pm-2pm

2.15pm-3.15pm

3.30pm-4.30pm



All Spaces must be booked in advance to book your place call the centre on 01952 727629.

£5.40 for Adults & £3.30 juniors

✓ Customers to arrive swim ready

✓ Changing room available after your swim



COMING SOON TO WILLIAM BROOKES SCHOOL!



**Creative voice, speech and drama
extra-curriculum lessons for
children and young people**

Mondays, from 10th January 2022

From 3.20pm for WBS learners only

From 5pm for WBS and external learners

30-minute lessons start from

£10.00 for Groups (up to 3 max.)

£16.00 for Individuals

Interested? Call Lucy Willis on

07958 595908





INSTRUMENT LESSONS

The Music Heroes tutors are ready to deliver lessons face to face in your school! Our team of professional musicians are experienced tutors in all styles of music from Rock/Pop to classical and bluegrass.

All lessons are one to one and cost £10 for 20 minutes. Invoices are raised each HALF term and are sent directly to parents/carers by email. Feedback/practise notes are prepared by tutors and sent by email after each lesson. Guitars and ukuleles are available for hire. If you have any questions about how we operate, please email gayle@musicheroes.co.uk.

Piano / Keyboard Lessons & Vocals

Tutors: Gayle Hitman
& Ellie Williams

Woodwind

Tutor: Jenny Burgess

Learn more about the Music Heroes team at

www.musicheroes.co.uk

Guitar (Acoustic and Electric

Tutors: James Hickman, Caley Groves

Drums

Tutor: Jon Harvey

Exam entry with ABRSM and Rock School

We are happy to offer all students who are interested in learning one of the above instruments, a free taster lesson. If you would like to arrange this, please complete the taster request form and return this to the school office. We will then let you know when the taster lessons are taking place.

Do I look like I care?



Many young carers go unnoticed, don't struggle in silence!

If you are or you know somebody under 18 who helps look after someone in their family, or a friend, who is ill, disabled, has mental health issues or misuses drugs or alcohol, you are classed as being a young carer.

How can Crossroads Together help a young carer?

- Give them chance to meet other young carers
- Teach them new skills
- Make sure someone is there to talk to about their problems
- Take them out on day trips
- Organise group activities
- Give advice on funding
- Provide key information about being a young carer

Get in touch with our Shropshire young carers team today to find out how we can support you in more detail:



07801 57632 or 07990 045045



shropyc@crossroadstogether.org.uk

www.crossroadstogether.org.uk



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Open Events 2021/2022



Scan the QR code to sign up for an Open Event or visit telfordcollege.ac.uk/open-events



Explore the campus and meet our expert tutors at one of our Open Events!

- 13th October
- 17th November
- 19th January
- 19th March
- 22nd June

A levels

Creative & Music

Health, Early Years & Education

Public Uniformed Services & Sport

Hair & Beauty

Catering

Business & Digital

Foundation

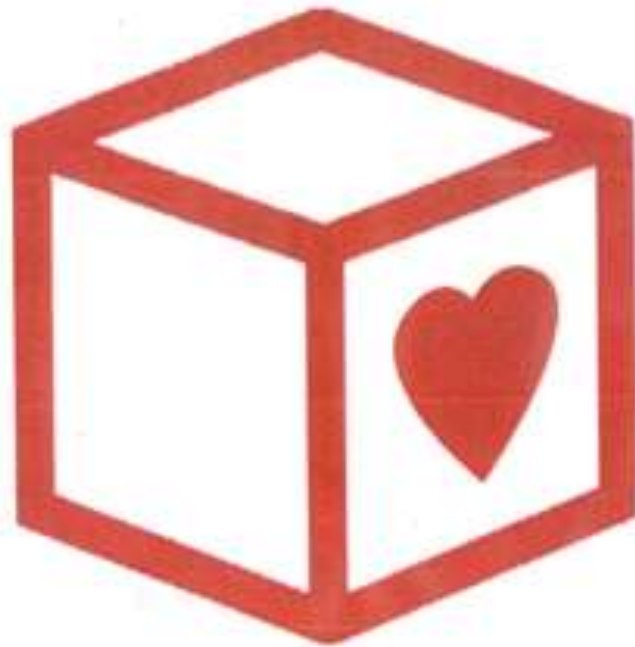
Aviation & Engineering

Automotive & Construction

Maths & English

Apprenticeships

Got your period?



If you are in need of Sanitary Towels
or Tampons, just ask

Reception..... for the
Red Box and we'll sort you out!



Because not everyone finds it easy to access sanitary products.

The Red Box Project



After School Clubs (15:30-16:30) *unless stated Starting Monday 6th September 2021 – until Friday 10th December 2021

For more live information please subscribe & download the app to 'Squad in Touch'.

<https://app.squaintouch.com/#register> SQUAD IN TOUCH

	Outside Space: Grass, MUGA, AstroTurf	Sports Hall	Swimming Pool	Gymnasium
Monday		Yr7-9 Basketball Club	*Entry Level Swimming Club <i>invitation only</i>	Yr7-9 Table Tennis Club
STAFF		Mr Merkot & Mr Thomas	Miss Hatton	Mr Searle
Tuesday	Yr7-11 Netball Club	Yr10-11 Basketball Club	*Improvers Swimming Club	Yr9-13 Trampoline Club <i>(starts 12th Oct)</i>
STAFF	Mrs Jardine	Mr Wilson & Mr Thomas	Miss Hatton & Mr Crawford	Mrs McGill
Wednesday	Yr7-11 Football Club	Yr7-11 Football Club		Yr7-11 Gymnastics Club
STAFF	Mr Hennessy & Mr Parkes	Mr Hennessy & Mr Parkes		Mrs McGill
Thursday	Yr10-11 Hockey Club	All Years Badminton Club *Yr7 & 8 3:15pm - 4:00pm *Yr9 -11 4:00pm – 5:00pm	Performance Swimming Club (Lane Swimming)	
STAFF	Mr Hennessy	Mrs Smith & Mr Crawford	Miss Hatton	
Friday	Yr7-9 Hockey Club	*Wenlock Lighting Netball Club (see Mrs Smith for details) Yr7,8 & 9 5pm until 6pm Yr10-11 & Yr12-Yr13 6pm until 7pm		
STAFF	Mr Hennessy & Miss Hatton	Miss Smith		

Dance Clubs 2021



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Sixth Form Dance Club Rehearsal and Studio Time	Year 8&9 Dance Club Limited Spaces	Year 7 Dance Club Limited Spaces	Year 10&11 Inspire Dance Company

Clubs will start week commencing 13th September,
15:15-16:15. Please see Miss Jones if you would like to
join or have any questions.

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