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A NOTICE FROM MATHS - CALCULATORS

Students are reminded that a scientific calculator (such as the Casio 83GT X) is an **ESSENTIAL** part of the equipment that you should be bringing to school EVERY DAY.

We do not have enough spares to hand out when students forget; and sharing calculators during tests and exams is forbidden. You do not want to make a test even harder by having to do all the calculations yourself!

You can buy a calculator for £9 from the school shop (in the library) or from other retailers (online, supermarket or on the high street).

We prefer you to use the Casio calculator, but any scientific calculator will do the job.

MESSAGE FROM RECEPTION

A gentle reminder to please not drop off non-urgent items at school reception. If items do need to be urgently dropped off the reception team will endeavour to get these to students, but this may prove difficult during busy times. If pupils have forgotten their PE kit, they will be given a role to play in the lesson. We encourage you to be mindful of lessons and equipment that may be needed. We are encountering parents arriving to collect their child without our first aid team or reception being aware they are unwell. Pupils should ask to visit Sick Bay or Reception, and once checked, we will contact you. Please don't come to collect them without speaking to a member of staff first, as pupils should not be using their mobile phones in school, and we need a clear record of anyone leaving due to safeguarding reasons. Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.



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MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2023	PERIOD 5
TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2023	PERIOD 2



WOW – WORD OF THE WEEK

Word of the Week	Audacious
Word Type	Adjective
Definition	showing a willingness to take surprisingly bold risks.
In a Sentence	There were a series of audacious takeovers.
Synonyms	Bold, daring, fearless, intrepid
Subject Links	English, History, Business



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Activating eDofE accounts

All new participants should have activated their eDofE accounts by now. Welcome packs are only posted by DofE once an account is activated. DofE are experiencing delays sending out Welcome packs, and the postal strikes are not helping either. Please give it at least 8 weeks from activating an account before letting me know you haven't received a Welcome pack.

Expedition section

The deadline for signing up for the school expeditions (Bronze or Silver) has now passed. We will be emailing confirming places and about a parent's information session in the next couple of weeks.

Volunteering opportunity

The Severn Hospice shop in Ironbridge are looking for more weekend volunteers. They need Saturday afternoon and Sunday cover at the moment. No experience necessary as all training will be given. Volunteers would be using the till to serve customers but there are other roles such as shelf filling, tidying, hanging clothes, etc. The manager of the shop is Becca and she can be contacted by emailing ironbridge@severnospice.org.uk or on 01952 432906.

Completing DofE Awards

The expedition section is only one quarter of the Bronze DofE Award. In order to complete their Award, participants must also complete volunteering, physical activity and learning a skill. Each section must have a report written by an assessor at the end of timescale, which must then be uploaded to the participants eDofE account. If participants are having any problems with completing their Award, please contact Miss McCombie.

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

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'.

Open expeditions

If your child is unable to attend the school organised expeditions, then they can join an open expedition run by an Approved Activity Provider (AAP). School uses Chase Training Solutions as their AAP, and the dates of their open expeditions can be found on their website here

<https://chasetrainingsolutions.co.uk/dofe-expeditions/>

Other opportunities can be found by searching <https://www.dofe.org/opportunity-finder/>



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VOLUNTEER
with us today –
You can make a difference

Weekend Warrior

Location : Ironbridge

Do you find yourself at a loose end on weekends?

Why not come and help us on one of our busiest days.

Come and have some fun whilst making a difference within your local community.

**Sound good?
Here's how to apply**

Becca - Manager
ironbridge@severnhospice.org.uk
01952 432906

Why me?

Be part of something special, learn new skills, meet people, feel better (it's true!), have fun and so much more...



Find out more
severnhospice.org.uk



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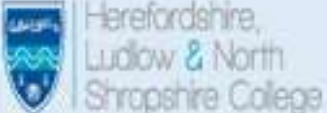

OPEN EVENINGS

<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>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 and application form.</p>
<p>Shrewsbury Colleges Group 01743 342342 www.scg.ac.uk</p> 	<p>Open Evenings</p> <p>Virtual Event on website available 24/7</p> <p>7th February 2023 4.30pm – 6.30pm – A level courses and Arts – Welsh and English Bridge Campus</p> <p>16th February – London Road Campus (Vocational)- 4.30pm-6.30pm</p>
<p>Telford College 01952 642200 01952 642237 (Student Services team) www.telfordcollege.ac.uk</p> 	<p>Open Events</p> <p>Book online</p> <p>15th February 2023 5- 7.30pm 22nd March 5- 7.30pm 24th May 2023 5- 7.30pm 21st June 2023 5- 7.30pm</p> <p>VIP personalised tours can be booked online at a time to suit you.</p>
<p>Shrewsbury Town College & University</p>  <p>https://www.stfccollegeanduniversity.co.uk</p>	<p>Open Evenings</p> <p>Tuesday 31st January 2023 – Face to Face Event for all courses – 6:00-7:30pm. (Free tickets to Shrewsbury Town V Port Vale)</p> <p>Tuesday 14th February 2023 – Face to Face Event for all courses – 6:00-7:30pm. (Free tickets to Shrewsbury Town V Morecambe)</p> <p>Practical Taster Days</p>



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<p>01743 289177 EXT 8 Recruitment@foundationstfc.co.uk</p> <p>Shrewsbury Town Football Club (Media Suite), Coteley Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ST</p> <p>Further Education Level 2 & 3 Courses in Sport, Physical Activity and Business</p> <p>Higher Education Degree in Sports Development, Coaching and Business</p>	<p>Friday 25th February 2023, 10am – 1pm</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, AgriSTEM (land based technology)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 14th January 2023 • Saturday 11th March 2023 • Saturday 20th May 2023 • Saturday 24th June 2023 • Saturday 24th June 2023 <p>All open events are from 10am to 1pm on all sites – please book your attendance on our website!</p> <p>Hands on taster days during February 2023 half term – 20th/21st & 22nd February – all campuses – all areas!</p>
<p>Herefordshire, Ludlow and North Shropshire College</p>  <p>www.nsc.ac.uk</p> <p>Walford Campus (Near Baschurch, Shrewsbury) 01939 262100 – Animal Management, Agriculture, Equine, Land and Wildlife and Motor Vehicle.</p>	<p>Saturday Open Events</p> <p>Saturday 4th February – 10.00am – 12.00noon Saturday 17th June – 10.00am – 12.00noon</p> <p>For enquiries please <u>contact</u> : info@nsc.ac.uk</p>
<p>Coaching Connexions (Telford ADC)</p>  <p>01952 640064</p>	<p>For aspiring young people with a desire to work in the sport and active leisure industry. BTEC L2 and L3 courses in Sport based at AFC Telford United Football Ground.</p> <p>Apply here for place and/or open day invite (same form) https://www.coachingconnexions.co.uk/apply/</p>



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<p>Lilleshall National Sports Centre) 01952 677965 www.crossbarcoaching.com admin@crossbarcoaching.com</p>	<p>including full time work placement across primary schools in Shropshire) e-mail or check website for open day dates</p>
 <p>01743 232678 (Shrewsbury Army Careers Office) 01902 423892 (Wolverhampton Army Careers Office) Both open 9am - 5.30pm Monday to Friday and open in school holidays.</p>	<p>Harrogate Army College</p> <p>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.</p> <p>(Open days usually are in February and March but tend to be more virtual at the moment).</p>
<p>Wolverhampton College 01902 836000 www.wolvcoll.ac.uk</p> 	<p>Open days</p> <p>26 April 2023 - 4-7pm 17 June 2023 - 10-2pm</p>
<p>Marches (MCMT) Engineering Apprenticeships</p> <p>Promotion and Recruitment Officer M: 44 (0)7341 126683 georgiad@in-comm.co.uk</p> 	<p>Local Apprenticeships in Engineering</p> <p><u>Pre apprenticeship</u> programme Easter holidays Tuesday 4th - Thursday 6th April, 2023</p> <p>Book here for programme. https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pre-apprenticeship-programme-tickets-445483843167?aff=ebdssbdstsearch</p> <p>Open day dates.</p> <p>Saturday 25th February, 2023 Tuesday 4th April, 2023 Tuesday 30th May, 2023 Tuesday 1st August, 2023</p>



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 	<p>What University? & What Career? Live Virtual Event</p> <p>Saturday 4th March 11-3pm</p> <p>https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/birmingham/resources-for-schools/about</p>
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<p>Training Providers</p>	
<p>SBC Training</p> <p>01743 454810</p>  <p>Apprenticeships, foundation courses in Construction, Engineering and Business at Level 2 and 3 and Careers Support.</p>	<p>Contact SBC for further information and support.</p>
<p>Juniper Training</p>  <p>01952 299016</p> <p>Enquiries@junipertraining.co.uk</p> <p>kayley.pinches@junipertraining.co.uk</p> <p>16-18 study Programme and vocational pathways, traineeships and apprenticeships</p>	<p>Contact Juniper for further information and support</p>
<p>County Training</p> <p>0345 6789023</p> <p>enquiries@ctapprenticeships.co.uk</p> <p>Apprenticeships, 16-18 Advance, vocational courses. Landau</p> <p>01952 245 015</p> <p>https://www.landau.co.uk/</p> <p>gail.smallman@landau.co.uk</p> <p>hayley.foley@landau.co.uk</p> <p>Study programmes/work tasters</p>	<p>Contact County Training for further information and support</p> <p>Contact Landau for further information and support</p>



TELFORD
COLLEGE

Open Events

Wednesday 15th February 2023

Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Wednesday 24th May 2023

Saturday 10th June 2023

Wednesday 21st June 2023



Scan the QR code to register



Visit one of our open events
and discover your future.





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

- *Would you like to know more about why sleep is important for our health and emotional well-being?*
 - *Does your child struggle with their sleep?*
- *Would you like to access support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines?*
 - *Would you like to meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences?*

SLEEP TIGHT WORKSHOP

The workshop is delivered virtually via MS Teams
Our workshop runs for 5 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

**Starting on Thursday 2nd March 2023
from 12.30pm to 2.30pm**

To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by:

Emailing Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

Or call us on 01743 250950



ME MY CHILD & DOMESTIC ABUSE GROUP

This group is co-facilitated with Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service. The group is aimed at female survivors of domestic abuse who would like to understand more about the impact on their children's development and behaviour and how they can support their children's needs and development.

This group runs for 11 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

**The group starts on Thursday 12th January 2023 in Shrewsbury
from 10.00am to 12.00pm**

(Venue will be confirmed at time of booking)

Professionals can contact the Parenting Team for further information or to book a place for parents/carers.

Email: Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

Telephone: 01743 250950



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUP

This group is co-facilitated with We Are With You and the group is aimed at parents/carers who need support with parenting and alcohol or drug misuse are a challenge. This group is a pilot and has come from feedback that parents/carers would like to be in a group setting where their challenges are understood

This group runs for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

**The group starts on Wednesday 18th January 2023 in Shrewsbury
from 10.00am to 12.00pm**

(Venue will be confirmed at time of booking)

Professionals can contact the Parenting Team for further information or to book a place for parents/carers.

Email: Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

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Winter WATER SAFETY

In winter, more people who are walking or running alongside water fall in and drown than in any other season.

Slippery paths, patches of ice and a lack of daylight can make being near water more dangerous than in the summer months. If you fall into the water, the cold temperatures make it difficult for you to control your breathing, to use your hands to climb out and can even cause you to have a heart attack.

So, follow our safety tips to make sure that your winter walks are enjoyable and safe.



KEEP BACK FROM THE EDGE

When walking alongside water keep back from the edge.



ONLY USE WELL LIT AREAS

Time your walks to make the most of the daylight; if you need to walk in the evening only use well-lit areas or take a route not alongside water.



KEEP DOGS ON THEIR LEADS

Keep dogs on their leads when near ice and don't throw sticks or toys onto the ice.



TEACH CHILDREN NOT TO GO ON TO THE ICE

Teach children not to go onto the ice under any circumstances.



DON'T GO ON THE ICE TO RESCUE A DOG

Don't go onto ice or into the water to rescue a dog, move to somewhere that the dog will be able to climb out and call them towards you.

