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The WBSpotlight

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The WBSpotlight

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Dear WBS families

Firstly, we would like to extend our warmest wishes for a very Happy New Year to all our WBS families. We hope you had a delightful Christmas holiday. Despite the challenging weather conditions this week, we have enthusiastically commenced 2025!

This week, we have shared numerous wonderful pictures from the ski trip to the beautiful Andorra. The students have excelled themselves, making the staff extremely proud by stepping out of their comfort zones. Many had not flown on an aircraft or skied on snow before, so their progress has been truly commendable.

Our new PTA met this week to discuss strategies for increasing fundraising efforts for the school, as well as providing more events and activities for the wider community to enjoy. If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like to get involved, please email me, and I will add you to the mailing list.

X (formerly known as Twitter) remains our primary social media platform. However, we understand that many parents use Facebook, so we have established an official school Facebook page. This page will mirror the messages and celebrations shared on X. Please look out for this and start following us!

Mrs Mincher, Acting Deputy Headteacher

Dear WBS Families

A very happy New Year to you all!

- Y11 Consultation evening on Thursday
- Students to attend school on snow days if it is safe to do so
- Ensure students are on time to school
- Andorra ski trip went well
- Book meetings to see staff in advance

Year 11 Consultation Evening

Thursday 16th January 3.30 – 6.00. Please see additional information in The Spotlight about how to book appointments etc.

Snow Days

Despite the school being open, all school buses running, all teaching staff being in school and the snow being really quite minimal (especially by late morning), many students did not make it into school on Monday 6th January. There will be plenty of legitimate personal circumstances meaning that keeping your child off school was absolutely the right choice, and I don't question these decisions made with the safety of your children at heart especially within a rural context. However, can I ask that should we find ourselves in this situation again where there has been snowfall but the school is open, that you send your child into school if you possibly can, or as soon as the snow has melted – I am more than happy for students to come in in dribs and drabs during the day as the snow melts – especially those that can walk to school safely.

Punctuality

Students should arrive to school between 8.30 and 8.40. It is extremely frustrating to us how late our school buses can be and I want to reassure parents that we are raising this dissatisfaction with the bus companies on a regular basis. Please can I ask that students who walk to school or who are driven by car to school are on site in good time so that we can have a prompt start to the school day. Really appreciate your support with this and thank you to those families that already get their children to school on time every day.

Ski trip

The ski trip to Andorra has been hugely successful. Student conduct has been exemplary and staff and students have had a fantastic time. A huge thank you to Mrs Thomas for overseeing the trip, to the staff who contributed to the success of the trip and the students who made the trip such a pleasure.

Parental meetings

There are times when families quite understandably want immediate access to school staff. Schools are really the only remaining public service where people expect to see a member of staff immediately without making an appointment. Please can I ask that to avoid disappointment and frustration, you make an appointment in advance, with the appropriate member of staff before arriving in school expecting to see them on the spot. As in most workplaces, staff appreciate a 'heads up' on the content of an upcoming meeting so that they are well prepared – this also helps to make the meeting more productive for you too.

Best wishes

Mrs Shaw
Acting Headteacher

Important Letter for Year 11 Parents

Dear Parent/Guardian

Further to the recent Year 11 full report that was issued and emailed to parents and students in December, we are writing to you to advise that our face to face Year 11 Parents Evening is taking place on the 16th January in school from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. The booking system is now live and will close on Wednesday 15th January at 10am to allow time to print appointment schedules. We have invited our local colleges to come in to provide information for parents and students who are yet to decide on their next steps for after Year 11. Parents and students are therefore invited to go and visit the stalls before or after teacher appointments to get any information you may need. They will be set up near to the school reception and sign in desks.

To access the booking system please use your Arbor Parent Portal or Arbor App. Please ignore appointments for previous school years on the booking area and only book appointments with your child's current teachers for the academic year 2024/5.

We very much value your attendance, so that you can be kept up to date with the progress your son/daughter is making and how further improvement can be achieved. Our intention is to try and ensure that all parents can attend the evening, but we understand that with the short notice there may be work commitments and exceptional circumstances that sometimes prevent this. If this is the case, please contact wbs-reception@wbs.318education.co.uk and we will ensure you are able to communicate with your child's teacher.

If you have any problems logging in to your Arbor Parent Portal or Arbor App – please click here for assistance - [Troubleshooting login issues - why can't I log in to my school's Parent Portal or Arbor App? – Arbor Help Centre \(arbor-education.com\)](#)

The system allows you to book appointments with your child's subject teachers at times to suit you. May we please ask that you **leave 5 minutes between your appointments** to ensure you have enough time to get to your next appointment on time as staff will be situated on all three floors of the building.

On arrival, please head to your child's House table to sign in and collect your appointment schedule.

Should you need any further assistance with making your appointments, please don't hesitate to contact our Student Services Department via email on wbs-info@wbs.318education.co.uk or alternatively please call reception.

Kind regards

Student Services Department

Extra-curricular



William Brookes School PE Department After School Clubs (15:20-16:30) *unless stated Starting Mon 9th Sept 2024 until Easter 2025



For more live information please subscribe & download the squad in touch app <https://app.squadintouch.com/#register>

	Outdoor Space MUGA, Grass, Astroturf		Sports Hall	Swimming Pool
Monday				Performance Swimming Club (Lane Swimming)
STAFF				Mrs Bagnall
Tuesday	Y7-11 Netball	Y7-9 Boys Rugby	Y7-11 Basketball	Improvers Swimming Club
STAFF	Mrs Jardine	Miss Johnson	Mr Wilson	Miss Bagnall & Mr Colong
Wednesday	Y7&8 Football	Girls Rugby	Badminton *Y7&8 3.20 - 4.10pm *Y9-11 4.20 - 5pm	
STAFF	Mr Book	Miss Johnson	Mr Bourton	
Thursday	Y7-11 Girls Football	Y10-11 Rugby		Beginners Swimming Club
STAFF	Mr Book	Miss Johnson		Miss Bagnall & Mr Colong
Friday	Y9-11 Football	Y7-11 Hockey	Wenlock Lightning Netball Club *Y7-9 5.00 - 6pm *Y10-11 6.00 - 7pm	
STAFF	Mr Parkes	Mr Wilson & Mrs Harnessey	Mrs Jardine	



Dance Clubs

2024/2025



Day of the Week	Year Group	Where	Time
Monday	Year 9-11 Dance Club	Studio 2	3:20-4:20
Tuesday	Year 11 GCSE Dance Rehearsal/Revision	Studio 2	3:20-4:20
Wednesday	Year 7-8 Dance Club	Studio 2	3:20-4:20
Thursday	Elite Dance: Y7-13	Studio 2	3:20-4:20

Please come and join us at one of the WBS Dance Clubs this year.

Primary Dance and Summer Dance 2025 are coming up! Come along and be a part of our shows!

School Choir

Choir rehearsals will start Thursday after school 3.20-4pm. Everyone welcome!



Want to sign up for Duke of Edinburgh?

Deadline for signing up for the bronze or silver DofE expeditions is this Sunday. Deposit needs to be paid on school gateway, and the online form needs to be completed.

facebook

Facebook page for improved communication!



We are pleased to announce the creation of a Facebook page for parents who utilise this social media platform. Although it may require some time to reach the same level of success as our 'X' account @WBS_School, which currently has over 1,500 followers, we plan to use Facebook in conjunction with X to communicate with our WBS families. Additionally, we will share updates on school activities and events through both platforms.

Amazing Us!



Last Week Performances Celebrations & Rewards

From church services to the dance and musical extravaganza, the WBS Oscars recognizing students for their exceptional ATL achievements, and, of course, some amazing Christmas jumpers!



Lots of carols sung tonight as part of the Christmas Tree and Nativity Festival, lovely to see Much Wenlock Primary School Choir and William Brookes School choir taking part.





The gorgeous sausage dog 'Pepper' Took centre stage at the year 10 Oscars!

WBS Oscars!



We look forward to seeing all of the ATL Scores this half term – hard work, effort and motivation towards learning we be rewarded.

Be the Best That You Can Be	
Teachers are responsible for:	You are responsible for:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning and delivering knowledge. Establishing the rules and expectations of their classroom. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your own behaviour. Putting 100% effort into your learning.
Supporting all students to make progress and be successful.	Remember: When there is good behaviour there is good learning.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Above and beyond what is expected Engaged and interested Excellent work – quality and quantity Contributed positively A pleasure to teach
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minimum expectation On board and on side – ready to learn Completed all work, including Do It Now Positive member of the class Easy to teach
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed some work but not enough Work is below standard Not making a positive contribution Needed significant reminders from the teacher to keep on task
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student was not in control of their behaviour Prevented their learning and the learning of others
SLANT	Sit up, listen carefully, ask and answer questions, no disturbing others and track the speaker
Ready to Learn	
	Arrive on time Equipped, every lesson
	Independently complete the Do It Now task
	Listen to the Golden Knowledge carefully
	A book to be proud of: no doodles, no graffiti Underline titles, glue sheets in neatly – your book should reflect your excellence!
RESPECT EXCELLENCE FRIENDSHIP	

Amazing Us!



The Sixth Form and ILM Year 11 students had a wonderful time at Xscape. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience!

William Brookes School

Respect

Excellence

Friendship

Amazing Us!



Ski Trip to the beautiful Andorra



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs Thomas and her team—Mr. Beard, Mrs. Moran, Miss Sands, Mr. Wilson, and Mrs. Birt—for providing our students with an exceptional experience on the slopes. I am sure lots of students have now got the bug to ski... School visits are so important to open our young people to the big world we live in!

#teamWBS

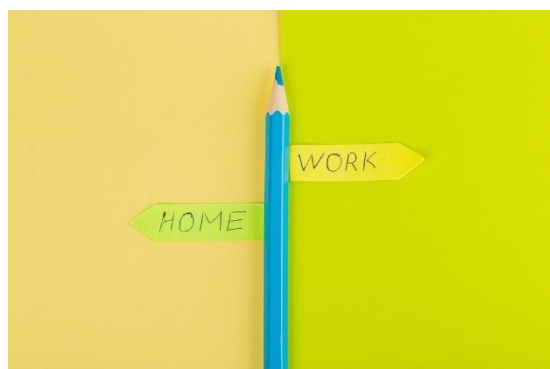


Useful information of up-and-coming things in school



Year 11 DT Food Practical exam will run over the following dates:

Monday 24 th March	Tuesday 25 th March	Wednesday 26 th March	Friday 28 th March
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SEND homework club:

SEND parents should have received an email with the option to sign their child up. Homework club will be held in the library. The sessions are as follows:

- Monday Year 7 & 9
- Tuesday Year 8 & 10
- Wednesday Year 7 & 10
- Thursday Year 8 & 9

There will be staff in the library to help support students completing home learning tasks. Please ensure your son/daughter comes prepared to complete home learning. If they do not have tasks to complete Mrs Aston will make parental contact.

Provisional Practice Timetable for year 11 & 13 students. Formal communication will follow.

Date	Start Time	Assessable	Duration
Mon, 24 Feb 2025	09:00	English Language 1	1hr45
Mon, 24 Feb 2025	13:15	Biology	1hr15/30
Tue, 25 Feb 2025	09:00	Maths Non Calc	1hr30
Tue, 25 Feb 2025	13:15	Physics	1hr15/30
Wed, 26 Feb 2025	09:00	History B	1hr50

Wed, 26 Feb 2025	09:00	French Writing	1hr15/20
Wed, 26 Feb 2025	09:00	Sports Studies B	1hr30
Wed, 26 Feb 2025	09:00	Business B	1hr45
Wed, 26 Feb 2025	13:15	Food Prep & Nutrition D	1hr30
Wed, 26 Feb 2025	13:15	Geography D	1hr30
Wed, 26 Feb 2025	13:15	History D	1hr50
Wed, 26 Feb 2025	13:15	Sports Studies D	1hr30
Wed, 26 Feb 2025	13:15	Health & Social	1hr30
Wed, 26 Feb 2025	13:15	Computer Science	1hr20
Thu, 27 Feb 2025	09:00	English Literature	1hr30
Thu, 27 Feb 2025	13:15	Sports Studies A	1hr30
Thu, 27 Feb 2025	13:15	Spanish Writing A	1hr15/20
Thu, 27 Feb 2025	13:15	Design & Technology	1hr30
Thu, 27 Feb 2025	13:15	Geography A	1hr30
Thu, 27 Feb 2025	13:15	History A	1hr50
Thu, 27 Feb 2025	13:15	Psychology A	1hr30
Fri, 28 Feb 2025	09:00	Maths Calculator	1hr30
Fri, 28 Feb 2025	13:15	Food Prep & Nutrition C	1hr30
Fri, 28 Feb 2025	13:15	Geography C	1hr30
Fri, 28 Feb 2025	13:15	History C	1hr50
Fri, 28 Feb 2025	13:15	Dance	1hr30
Fri, 28 Feb 2025	13:15	Psychology C	1hr30
Fri, 28 Feb 2025	13:15	Spanish Writing C	1hr20
Fri, 28 Feb 2025	13:15	Drama	1hr30
Fri, 28 Feb 2025	13:15	Business C	1hr45
Mon, 03 Mar 2025	09:00	Chemistry	1hr15/30
Tue, 04 Mar 2025	09:00	MFL Listening/Reading	

Date	Start Time	Assessable	Duration
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Mon, 03 Mar 2025	11:30	KS5 Physics 1	1hr30
Tue, 04 Mar 2025	09:00	KS5 English Lit 1	2hr
Tue, 04 Mar 2025	09:00	KS5 Chemistry 1	1hr30
Tue, 04 Mar 2025	11:30	KS5 Maths Stats & Mechs	1hr30
Wed, 05 Mar 2025	09:00	KS5 Psychology	2hrs
Wed, 05 Mar 2025	09:00	KS5 Physics 1	1hr30
Wed, 05 Mar 2025	11:30	KS5 Maths Stats & Mechs	1hr30
Thu, 06 Mar 2025	09:00	KS5 Philosophy	3hr
Thu, 06 Mar 2025	9:00	KS5 History 1	2hr30
Thu, 06 Mar 2025	9:00	KS5 Geography 1	2hr15
Thu, 06 Mar 2025	09:00	KS5 Biology 1	1hr30
Fri, 07 Mar 2025	9:00	KS5 History 1	2hr30
Fri, 07 Mar 2025	9:00	KS5 Geography 1	2hr15
Fri, 07 Mar 2025	09:00	KS5 Biology 2	1hr30
Fri, 07 Mar 2025	13:15	KS5 English Lit 2	1hr
Fri, 07 Mar 2025	13:15	KS5 Chemistry 1	1hr30

Careers and Post 16 opportunities

WORK EXPERIENCE WITH THE NHS.

Information for students, who are interested in a career in healthcare and who would like to undertake a week of valuable work experience.

We are excited to announce the launch of our new work experience programme at Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust.

The “**Introduction to NHS Health Careers**” will be an interactive and informative 5-day programme aimed at students in Years 10 – 13.

The programme will be available on the following dates and students are invited to apply for **one week only** (it will be the same programme for each week).

Week 1: 23rd June to 27th June 2025

Week 2: 30th June to 4th July 2025

The venue for both dates will be at: -

Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust
St George's Hospital,
Corporation Street,
Stafford, ST16 3SR.

Each week will showcase a range of job roles within the NHS.

Expert Healthcare Staff will be joining us from a variety of teams from across the Trust, including medical, nursing, allied health professionals, psychology, pharmacy and more.

We are also excited for students to engage in interactive activities in our new simulation suite, hosted by our professionals.

Places are limited and there is an application and shortlisting process.

Please click on the link below to apply.

Introduction to NHS Health Careers Application Form

Deadline date for Applications is Friday 21st February 2025.

Please contact workexperience@mpft.nhs.uk if you have any questions.

Please note that no other work experience applications will be accepted for placements during these two weeks.

Kind Regards

The Work Experience Team

Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

Trust Headquarters | Corporation Street | Stafford | ST16 3SR



Midlands Partnership University
NHS Foundation Trust

WORK EXPERIENCE WITH LANYON BOWDLER

If students would like to apply for work experience at Lanyon Bowdler, it is important that they follow the correct procedure - please send CV and covering letter to work.experience@lblaw.co.uk

Applications for a placement in 2025 are open. Placements last for one week and dates and office locations will be discussed with candidates who are successful in being offered an interview. The deadline for 2025 applications is 4pm on 15 January 2025.

For more information please visit <https://www.lblaw.co.uk/about-us/careers/work-experience/>

We have a podcast which students might find useful: Work Experience at Lanyon Bowdler - Tips for Applying and What to Expect, which can be listened to here: <https://bit.ly/3NOTbB3>



Müller's Apprenticeship Adverts are now live! Adverts will close February 28th and interviews & Assessment Centre's will take place between March-April. We are holding an Open Evening Event at our Telford site on January 21st 5:30-7:30pm. We will be inviting potential internal and external candidates to come and speak to us about our apprenticeships, have a tour of the site to see what we do, make sure the environment is the right place for them to work before they apply for one of our programmes. The link to sign up to the Open Evening can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/e/WU0SbEsAdc>

Events for January 2025 – Please check on each website that the events are still going ahead.

Telford College



01952 642237 (Student Services team)

www.telfordcollege.ac.uk

14 January 2025

Taster Event – Nail Technology

5.15pm — 8.15pm

Wellington Campus

22 January 2025

Open event

5.00pm — 7.30pm

Wellington Campus

Telford College Taster Invite – 29th January 2025

We would like to invite Year 11's to take part in our next Telford College Taster event, taking place on Wednesday 29th January 2025, 5-6pm.

This is a chance for school leavers and parents/carers to visit the Wellington Campus and get a real feel for college life. The taster event is aimed at Yr 11's only.

Each pupil will have a short lesson in their chosen subject, to give them a feel for what the subject area is really like.

Students are escorted in groups to their lesson and complimentary hot drinks are provided for parents/carers if they wish to stay and wait on campus in the Rendezvous café area.

How to book on.

Bookings can be made via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/iNih99vxw7>

Shrewsbury Town Football College & University



<https://www.stfccollegeanduniversity.co.uk>

01743 289177 EXT 8 - Recruitment@foundationstfc.co.uk

Shrewsbury Town Football Club (Media Suite), Oteley Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ST

Level 2 & 3 Courses in Sport, Physical Activity, Coaching and Business

Monday 27th January, 7.00pm - 8.00pm

South Staffordshire College (Rodbaston Campus)



01785 712209

joanna.simms@southstaffs.ac.uk

karen.burley@southstaffs.ac.uk

www.southstaffs.ac.uk

Saturday 18th January 25 – 10.00a.m - 1.00p.m

Wolverhampton College



01902 836000

www.wolvcoll.ac.uk

Saturday 11 January 2025 – 10.00a.m. - 2.00p.m.

For taster sessions please book/organise through Danielle Jones. JonesD@wolvcoll.ac.uk

Mobile phones



- No mobile phones seen from 8.45am to 3.20pm.
- In bags and not in pockets.
- Any mobiles seen in pockets or being used will be confiscated until the end of the day.
- Repeat offenders will need to hand in to reception at the beginning of the day.
- If you need to use your phone to contact home then you need to go to your Tutor, Head of Year or Mrs Caldwell.
- Please ask your parents not to contact you in the day, if it is an important message ring reception.

Understanding your child

From toddler to teen

- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need help and support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers with children of a similar age?

Join us for one of our free virtual or face-to-face groups, our next groups start:

Understanding Your Child SEND Group Monday 27th January 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am
at Wilfred Owen School, Shrewsbury, SY2 5SH

Understanding Your Child SEND Group Monday 27th January 2025 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Virtually Via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group Wednesday 29th January 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am
at Meole Brace Primary School, Shrewsbury, SY3 9HG

Understanding Your Child Group Friday 31st January 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am
Virtually Via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group Friday 31st January 2025 from 1.15pm to 3.15pm
at Christ Church Primary School, Cressage, SY5 6DHH

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

SEND groups are for parents/carers of Children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups.

To book a place email
Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk
or call 01743 250950

Find more free online courses at
inourplace.co.uk/shropshire



About to become parents?

Feel confident with Family Foundations

Is this your first baby together?
Find out how Family Foundations
could benefit your family.



Groups run online for four weeks, starting on:

- Monday 20 January, 10-11.30am
- Thursday 23 January, 5.30 to 7pm
- Monday 24 Feb, 10-11.30am
- Thursday 27 Feb, 5.30 to 7pm

Email parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk to book



Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm

No judgment, just support.



Does your child struggle with their Sleep?

Free Sleep Tight Groups

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups which run for 5 weeks and:

- Find out why sleep is important for our health and emotional wellbeing
- Get support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines
- Meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences

Our next groups start:

Sleep Tight SEND Thursday 16th January 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am
at Keystone Academy, Shrewsbury, SY3 8XQ

Sleep Tight Wednesday 22nd January 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm
at Crowmoor Primary School, Shrewsbury, SY2 5JJ

Sleep Tight SEND Wednesday 5th March 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm
Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight Thursday 6th March 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am
Virtually via MS Teams

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Find out
more here

