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The WBSpotlight

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What a week it's been....



Dear WBS families

This week students have participated in sporting fixtures, including rugby, basketball, and football. It is truly fantastic to observe our students demonstrating the Coubertin spirit. The Year 11 visit to Science Live was an excellent success!

We were pleased to welcome Chris Wain, Head of Futures at The Shrewsbury School, who collaborated with myself and the ILM students again this week.

Additionally, Miss Johnson will be taking students to see Leicester Tigers on Saturday, which promises to be a wonderful experience for them.

Monday 27th January marked Holocaust Memorial Day. This year was particularly poignant as it commemorated the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Students had the invaluable opportunity to hear from a Holocaust survivor and reflected with their tutors on the importance and relevance of remembrance.

In this Spotlight, I have published a summer exams timetable, an updated version of the Year 11 Masterclasses, and a comprehensive list of the Year 11 specifications to aid in examination preparation. I hope this information proves helpful in organising and preparing for the exams.

The entire school community was greatly impressed on Wednesday by the delightful cuisine offered in our restaurant in celebration of the Chinese New Year. We extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our wonderful Catering Manager, Mrs. Beacham, and her dedicated team for their exceptional efforts. Absolutely delicious!

Mrs Mincher, Deputy Headteacher



Dear WBS Families

I hope this email finds you well – the end of a seemingly never-ending January is finally here!

Lots of news in school this week. Having had 6 months in the Acting Headteacher role, I am now in a position as substantive Headteacher that I can start making the necessary changes to the school. I am having to act swiftly so that necessary changes are in place for September so please keep your eye on the Spotlight for regular updates.

This week, I am delighted to inform you that Claire Mincher interviewed and agreed to be my Deputy. This is fantastic news for the school community. Whilst I am still a relative newcomer to William Brookes, Claire has worked at WBS for many years and is, like me, committed to making WBS the very best school in Shropshire.

For those that know me well, you will know that I'm a huge fan of the great outdoors and one of our school's great resources is its breath-taking natural backdrop and outstanding sports facilities. All the research shows that fresh air, physical exercise and exertion lead to improved mental health, and many studies link physical activity with enhanced cognition, greater levels of self-regulation and improved academic performance. All of this, along with the school's incredible sporting history and links to the modern Olympics, has heavily influenced my vision for the school moving forwards.

New School Vision: 'Healthy Body. Healthy Mind'

School values/ Olympic vales: 'Respect. Excellence. Friendship'

Students at Key Stage 3 will have modifications to their timetable for September which will reflect more frequent periods of physical activity during the school day. At Key Stage 3, we will be introducing a more options-based approach to PE, where students will be able to have greater control over the sports they choose and there will be a wider variety which will facilitate greater inclusivity.

Year 9 Parents will have received information about the Y9 Options process this week. I hope that you and your children are as excited as we all are to embark on brand new KS4 pathways from September.

From September 2025, students in what will be Year 10, will be able to choose from one of three curriculum pathways; we have also added Citizenship and Catering to the suite of GCSEs available to all students.

The Academic Pathway accommodates students who want to take nine GCSEs. Students have free choice of GCSEs and also take Triple Science rather than Double. This is the perfect route for the type of student who has historically thrived taking nine GCSEs, and students who are strong students of Science and/or are committed to having three separate Science qualifications. For those that haven't always held Science as their favourite subject, but are strong in other subjects, this is still the right pathway for you as you will be in groups tailored to the teaching of Triple Science and will have additional curriculum time to embrace your Science study.

The Enrichment Pathway is a brand-new route through GCSEs. Each year, large numbers of students say to us that they find nine GCSEs too much and some students even seek to drop GCSEs in Year 11 which is problematic. Instead, we have designed a bespoke route for those students who are academically able, committed to doing extremely well at GCSE but would prefer to take eight GCSEs rather than nine. Alongside this, students will receive

an Enrichment offer which will include additional PE. Eight GCSEs is a standard GCSE offer in many schools and it is important to say that by choosing eight GCSEs, a student is at no academic disadvantage to their peers who have chosen the Academic Pathway.

We are really proud of our ground-breaking, new Vocational Pathway. Instead of relying on external Alternative Provision for those students who need this approach, we have designed our own provision which will include Construction, Outdoor Learning and an Upcycling furniture business, alongside an Enrichment Option. The families of those students who we feel are best suited to this route will be contacted separately but ultimately the choice is down to families to make the right choices for their children.

Regardless of which pathway you and your child choose, all core and options teaching groups will either be mixed ability, or your child will be placed in a group according to their ability, not their chosen pathway.

It is not often that changes as radical as these are taken in schools however this is one of a number of changes that is being made to ensure that WBS is suitable for the 21st century child, specifically in our catchment. A one size fits all approach is not good enough for our students; I am passionate about building a curriculum for our fantastic young people that stretches them academically, supports their physical and mental health and matches the needs of the modern child.

As always, let us know your thoughts about the exciting changes to Key Stage 3 and 4 for September, and please please talk to your child's teachers and Form Tutors about the different Pathways so that we can advise accordingly.

Mrs Shaw, Headteacher

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The Edge

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WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/EDGEARTSCENTRE



Sultan Stevenson

The Edge Arts Centre
Much Wenlock

Sat 1 Feb 2025, 8:00PM



Subtitled Film: King of Thieves (15)

The Edge Arts Centre
Much Wenlock

Mon 3 Feb 2025, 7:30PM



Paul Kerensa: An Evening of (Very) Old Radio:

The Edge Arts Centre
Much Wenlock

Sat 8 Feb 2025, 7:30PM



Classic Film Night: Casablanca

The Edge Arts Centre
Much Wenlock

Mon 10 Feb 2025, 7:30PM



Primary Dance – Musical and Film: Night 1

The Edge Arts Centre
Much Wenlock

Tue 11 Feb 2025, 6:00PM



Primary Dance – Musical and Film: Night 2

The Edge Arts Centre
Much Wenlock

Wed 12 Feb 2025, 6:00PM

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 Golding
Wednesday	Y7&8 Football	Girls Rugby	Badminton *Y7&8 3.20 - 4.20pm *Y9-11 4.20 - 5pm	
STAFF	Mr Boak	Miss Johnson	Mr Bourton	
Thursday	Y7-11 Girls Football	Y10-11 Rugby		Beginners Swimming Club
STAFF	Mr Boak	Miss Johnson		Miss Bagnall & Mr Golding
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 Hannessy	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!

Year 11 and 13 Summer Exams

I believe it will be beneficial for both Year 11 and Year 13 parents to have an overview of the schedule for the upcoming summer exams. To assist in their planning, I have included a letter with key dates for Year 13 students, enabling them to organize their time leading up to the examinations.

Additionally, I will be republishing the practice exam timetables for Year 11 for the week commencing 24th February and for Year 13 for the week commencing 3rd March, once the final arrangements have been confirmed.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Year 11 Summer exams

Contingency days

**Wednesday 11 June
2025 and Wednesday 25
June 2025**

**Do not book holidays /
events until after the
above dates please.**

Date	Start Time	A.O.	Code	Assessable
Thu, 08 May 2025	09:00	OCR	J316/04	Drama: Drama: Prfrmnce & Rspns Wtn
Thu, 08 May 2025	09:00	OCR	J203/01	Psychlgy: Std & Apltn Psychlgy 1 Wtn
Fri, 09 May 2025	13:00	Pearson	1BS0 01	Investigating Small Bus.
Mon, 12 May 2025	09:00	AQA	8702/1	English Literature Paper 1
Mon, 12 May 2025	13:00	OCR	J277/01	Comp Sci: Computer Systems Wrtn
Tue, 13 May 2025	13:00	AQA	8461/1F	Biology Paper 1 Tier F
Tue, 13 May 2025	13:00	AQA	8461/1H	Biology Paper 1 Tier H
Tue, 13 May 2025	13:00	AQA	8464/B/1F	Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P1f
Tue, 13 May 2025	13:00	AQA	8464/B/1H	Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P1h
Wed, 14 May 2025	09:00	AQA	8035/1	Geography Paper 1 (8035/1)
Thu, 15 May 2025	09:00	Pearson	1MA1 1F	Non Calculator (F)
Thu, 15 May 2025	09:00	Pearson	1MA1 1H	Non Calculator (H)
Thu, 15 May 2025	13:00	OCR	J203/02	Psychlgy: Std & Apltn Psychlgy 2 Wtn
Fri, 16 May 2025	09:00	Pearson	1H10 10	Crime & Punishment
Fri, 16 May 2025	13:00	Pearson	1BS0 02	Building A Business
Mon, 19 May 2025	09:00	AQA	8462/1F	Chemistry Paper 1 Tier F
Mon, 19 May 2025	09:00	AQA	8462/1H	Chemistry Paper 1 Tier H
Mon, 19 May 2025	09:00	AQA	8464/C/1F	Combined Sci Trilogy Chemistry P1f
Mon, 19 May 2025	09:00	AQA	8464/C/1H	Combined Sci Trilogy Chemistry P1h
Tue, 20 May 2025	09:00	AQA	8702/2	English Literature Paper 2
Tue, 20 May 2025	13:00	OCR	J277/02	Comp Sci: Comp Thnk Algrthm Prgrm Wtn
Wed, 21 May 2025	09:00	Pearson	1FR0 1F	Listening (F)
Wed, 21 May 2025	09:00	Pearson	1FR0 1H	Listening (H)
Wed, 21 May 2025	09:00	Pearson	1FR0 3F	Reading (F)
Wed, 21 May 2025	09:00	Pearson	1FR0 3H	Reading (H)
Thu, 22 May 2025	09:00	AQA	8463/1F	Physics Paper 1 Tier F
Thu, 22 May 2025	09:00	AQA	8463/1H	Physics Paper 1 Tier H
Thu, 22 May 2025	09:00	AQA	8464/P/1F	Combined Sci Trilogy Physics P1f
Thu, 22 May 2025	09:00	AQA	8464/P/1H	Combined Sci Trilogy Physics P1h
Thu, 22 May 2025	13:00	OCR	R180/01	Sprt Sci: Rdcng Risk Sprts Injry Wtn
Fri, 23 May 2025	09:00	AQA	8700/1	English Language Paper 1
Mon, 02 Jun 2025	13:00	AQA	8236/W	Dance Written Paper
Wed, 04 Jun 2025	09:00	Pearson	1MA1 2F	Calculator (F)
Wed, 04 Jun 2025	09:00	Pearson	1MA1 2H	Calculator (H)
Wed, 04 Jun 2025	13:00	OCR	R032/01	Hsc: Prncpls Care In Hsc Sttns Wtn
Thu, 05 Jun 2025	09:00	Pearson	1H10 2J	American W.,saxon,norman
Thu, 05 Jun 2025	09:00	Pearson	1H10 B1	Anglo Saxon And Norman
Thu, 05 Jun 2025	09:00	Pearson	1H10 P3	The American West
Thu, 05 Jun 2025	13:00	Pearson	1FR0 4F	Writing (F)
Thu, 05 Jun 2025	13:00	Pearson	1FR0 4H	Writing (H)
Fri, 06 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	8700/2	English Language Paper 2
Fri, 06 Jun 2025	13:00	AQA	8035/2	Geography Paper 2
Mon, 09 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	8461/2F	Biology Paper 2 Tier F
Mon, 09 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	8461/2H	Biology Paper 2 Tier H
Mon, 09 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	8464/B/2F	Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P2f
Mon, 09 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	8464/B/2H	Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P2h
Mon, 09 Jun 2025	13:00	OCR	R093/01	Crtve Imedia: Imedia Media Ind Wtn
Tue, 10 Jun 2025	09:00	Pearson	1SP0 1F	Listening (F)
Tue, 10 Jun 2025	09:00	Pearson	1SP0 1H	Listening (H)
Tue, 10 Jun 2025	09:00	Pearson	1SP0 3F	Reading (F)
Tue, 10 Jun 2025	09:00	Pearson	1SP0 3H	Reading (H)
Tue, 10 Jun 2025	13:00	Pearson	1H10 31	Weimar & Nazi Germany
Wed, 11 Jun 2025	09:00	Pearson	1MA1 3F	Calculator (F)
Wed, 11 Jun 2025	09:00	Pearson	1MA1 3H	Calculator (H)
Thu, 12 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	8035/3	Geography Paper 3
Thu, 12 Jun 2025	13:00	AQA	8365/1	Further Mathematics Paper 1
Fri, 13 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	8462/2F	Chemistry Paper 2 Tier F
Fri, 13 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	8462/2H	Chemistry Paper 2 Tier H
Fri, 13 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	8464/C/2F	Combined Sci Trilogy Chemistry P2f
Fri, 13 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	8464/C/2H	Combined Sci Trilogy Chemistry P2h
Mon, 16 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	8463/2F	Physics Paper 2 Tier F
Mon, 16 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	8463/2H	Physics Paper 2 Tier H
Mon, 16 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	8464/P/2F	Combined Sci Trilogy Physics P2f
Mon, 16 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	8464/P/2H	Combined Sci Trilogy Physics P2h
Tue, 17 Jun 2025	09:00	Pearson	1SP0 4F	Writing (F)
Tue, 17 Jun 2025	09:00	Pearson	1SP0 4H	Writing (H)
Tue, 17 Jun 2025	13:00	AQA	8585/W	Food Prep And Nutrition Written
Wed, 18 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	8552/W	Design And Technology Written Paper
Wed, 18 Jun 2025	13:00	AQA	8365/2	Further Mathematics Paper 2

Year 11 Masterclasses

Period 6 is a supplementary session held after regular school hours, specifically arranged by our Year 11 teachers to provide enhanced support and instruction to Year 11 students. These master classes will comprehensively cover critical knowledge and exam techniques. We strongly encourage all Year 11 students to participate in these sessions.



Year 11 Revision Master Classes

DAY	Lunch session	After-school session
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Science: 221 	STAFF MEETING
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Café with Mrs Hards (215) 13:45-14:00 Health & Social Care: 101 French & Spanish: invite only or students request to attend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths: Higher GCSE in 007/8 Further Maths: 004 English: 109 Chemistry revision online Tuesday 19:30-20.30. All students have had Teams invite. Suitable for all from Feb. Topic timetable posted on window of 214.
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Café with Mrs Hards (215) 13:45-14:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art: 111 / 113 History: 110 or 114 or 115 Food: food room Geography: 207 Drama: studio
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Café with Mrs Hards (215) 13:45-14:00 French & Spanish: invite only or students request to attend 	OCCASIONAL PARENTS EVENINGS WHICH WILL MEAN SESSIONS CANCELLED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths: Foundation/higher GCSE crossover - invite only 007 Product Design: Mr Colburn's room Computer Science: Code Club (Mr Jeffries' room) Geography: 206 Biology with Mrs Thomas: Week B only (210)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Science: 221 Physics: Week B only (213) 14:00-14:25 French & Spanish: invite only or students request to attend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English: 109 Maths: Foundation GCSE - 009 Product Design: Mr Colburn's room Business: 106 Computer Science: Mr Jeffries' room

Year 11 Information
List of Exam specifications:



Practice Exam questions and
revise from mark schemes

In response to requests from parents and students, Mrs. Hadley, our Exam Officer, has compiled this list, which is also published on our new Facebook page. Students can access the assessment section of the exam sites to download practice exam papers and mark schemes. This is an effective method for testing knowledge and practising exam techniques.

SUBJECT	GCSE
Art	OCR - GCSE
Biology	AQA
Business	Pearson Edexcel
Chemistry	AQA
Dance	AQA
Drama	OCR - GCSE
DT Food prep & Nut.	AQA
DT Prod Des.	AQA
English Lang	AQA
English Lit	AQA
French	Pearson Edexcel
Spanish	Pearson Edexcel
Geography	AQA
Health and Social Care	OCR - Camr st
History	Pearson Edexcel
Computer Science	OCR - GCSE
iMedia	OCR - Camr st
Mathematics	Pearson Edexcel
Further Maths	AQA
PE	OCR - Camr st
Physics	AQA
Psychology	OCR - GCSE
RS	AQA
Science Combined	AQA

Year 13

Year 13 Summer exams

Contingency days

**Wednesday 11 June 2025 and
Wednesday 25 June 2025**

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events until after the above
dates please.**

Date	Start Time	A.O.	Code	Assessable
Tue, 13 May 2025	09:00	Pearson	9GE0 01	Geography Paper One
Wed, 14 May 2025	13:00	AQA	7712/1	English Literature A Adv P1
Fri, 16 May 2025	09:00	AQA	7182/1	Psychology Adv Paper 1
Wed, 21 May 2025	09:00	AQA	7182/2	Psychology Adv Paper 2
Thu, 22 May 2025	09:00	AQA	7712/2A	English Literature A Adv P2 Opt A
Thu, 22 May 2025	13:00	Pearson	9GE0 02	Geography Paper Two
Fri, 23 May 2025	09:00	AQA	7042/1K	History Adv Paper 1 Option K
Fri, 23 May 2025	09:00	AQA	7408/1	Physics Adv Paper 1
Wed, 04 Jun 2025	13:00	Pearson	9MA0 01	Pure Mathematics 1
Thu, 05 Jun 2025	13:00	AQA	7402/1	Biology Adv Paper 1
Thu, 05 Jun 2025	13:00	WJEC	4543UD0-1	Criminology Unit 4: Paper Based
Fri, 06 Jun 2025	09:00	Pearson	9GE0 03	Geography Paper Three
Fri, 06 Jun 2025	13:00	AQA	7042/2S	History Adv Paper 2 Option S
Mon, 09 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	7408/2	Physics Adv Paper 2
Mon, 09 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	7182/3	Psychology Adv Paper 3
Tue, 10 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	7405/1	Chemistry Adv Paper 1
Tue, 10 Jun 2025	13:00	AQA	7062/1	Religious Studies Adv Paper 1
Thu, 12 Jun 2025	13:00	Pearson	9MA0 02	Pure Mathematics 2
Fri, 13 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	7402/2	Biology Adv Paper 2
Mon, 16 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	7405/2	Chemistry Adv Paper 2
Tue, 17 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	7408/3/D	Physics Adv P3 Sections A & B Opt D
Tue, 17 Jun 2025	13:00	AQA	7062/2B	Religious Studies Adv Paper 2b
Wed, 18 Jun 2025	09:00	AQA	7402/3	Biology Adv Paper 3

Year 13 Letter regarding Parents Consultation Evening - Thursday 6th February

Dear Year, 13 Parents,

We are writing to you to advise that our face-to-face Year 13 Parents Evening is taking place on the 6th February in school from 3.30 - 4.30 pm.

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. The booking system goes live on Wednesday 29th January, 12pm and will close on Wednesday 5th February 9.30am.

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 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.

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.

Kind regards, Mrs Mincher

The Fancy Dress Day for year 13 will be on Tuesday 6th May!

Parent Consultation
Evenings





Exceptional Success outside the classroom!

Elijah competed in the British regional schools championship representing William Brooks and his club Hardy Spicer 83 Judo club followed by the Midland Area Open championships in the - 42kg category.

After seven fights with a great display of skill winning all by maximum points he was double champion.

He has now qualified to compete in the British School national championships in Sheffield where he will represent the school and his club.

Well done Elijah!

Amazing Us!



Science Live - A Day of Discovery and Inspiration!



The 2025 Science Live event was a resounding success, showcasing the enthusiasm and professionalism of William Brookes Year 11 students as they engaged with a lineup of distinguished speakers. The event was a testament to the power of curiosity and the joy of science learning, with each presentation offering a unique glimpse into the wonders of science beyond the classroom.

Dr Eleonora D'Elia started off the event with a captivating talk on Materials Science and Bioimagination. Her innovative approach to understanding materials that can adapt and respond to and for their environment left the audience in awe. Dr D'Elia's work also celebrated the link between biology and engineering, opening up new possibilities for intelligent design, including the amazing gecko tape!



Next, Professor Andrea Sella took the stage to explore Chemical Reactions and Phenomena in Nature. His dynamic presentation brought chemistry to life, demonstrating how reactions are part of the intricate tapestry of the natural world including beetroot! Students were particularly fascinated by his experiments, which illustrated complex GCSE concepts in an accessible and engaging way.

Professor Robert Winston provided a thought-provoking session on IVF and the value of embryonic screening. His insights and celebration of the teams of embryologists and scientists who work into the imaging of and the ethical and scientific aspects of reproductive technology sparked meaningful discussions among students after the event. Professor Winston's expertise and compassionate approach highlighted the profound impact of these advancements on families and society.



The excitement continued with Professor Suzie Imber, who delivered a visually interactive and enthralling presentation on Space Weather. Her ability to make complex astronomical phenomena understandable and exciting captivated the audience. The elements of her talk, including real-time data and simulations, made the mysteries of space feel within reach. We thank you for taking extra time to answer questions about life beyond Earth and this solar system.



Finally, Professor Jim Al-Khalili closed the event with a mind-bending exploration of Time Travel. His discussion on the theoretical possibilities and paradoxes of time travel challenged students to think beyond the boundaries of conventional science. Professor Al-Khalili's engaging storytelling and deep knowledge made this complex topic both accessible and intriguing

During the day, students also had opportunity to listen and learn exam skills shared by examiners, helping them with key scientific vocabulary and questioning involving command words, mathematical content and facing those increasingly tougher questions throughout the paper they will experience this summer.

Overall, Science Live was an unforgettable experience, leaving students inspired and eager to delve deeper into the world of science. The event not only showcased the brilliance of the speakers but also highlighted the passion and professionalism of the students, who are undoubtedly a celebration of the school values and may well be written in the future of scientific discovery.

Amazing Us!



Our gardening students have finalised their plan for their garden at this year's Shrewsbury Flower Show. They are hoping to build on their success from last year and win a Gold Medal at this year's show.

Good luck everyone!



Amazing Us!



Thank you to our Amazing Mentors!



Last week, we celebrated the amazing work that our year 11 have been doing to support younger students with their reading.

Ms Harrison hosted for us a gathering in the library to celebrate these wonderful young people and the support they have given.

A shopping list was provided by our lead mentors and the required snacks purchased. No, I didn't forget the Party Rings, Sam!

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with them all.

Miss Weatherill

Coming soon:
World Book Day at WBS!

Careers and Destinations



Exciting News for Apprentices

Applications are now OPEN for our UK 2025 Apprentice Opportunities!

Are you ready to craft your career path in a company committed to innovation and sustainability? Join us and become part of a team shaping the future of energy management and automation.

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It is National Apprenticeship week commencing Monday 10th February further information in Spotlight next week.

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

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 10th February, 7pm - 8pm

Monday 24th February, 7pm – 8pm

South Staffordshire College (Rodbaston Campus)



01785 712209

joanna.simms@southstaffs.ac.uk

karen.burley@southstaffs.ac.uk

www.southstaffs.ac.uk

Land based courses

February half term tasters

Monday 17th February and Tuesday 18th February 2025

Herefordshire, Ludlow and North Shropshire College - WALFORD COLLEGE



Walford
College

info@nsc.ac.uk

0800 032 1986

Student Services Manager - Faye Bonner

01939 26216

Saturday Open Events

Saturday 8 February 2025 – 10.00am -12.30pm

Access Sport (Formerly Coaching Connexions) (Telford ADC)



01952 640064

Contact: Sam Simmonds sam.simmonds@accesssport.ac.uk

Mobile: 07879770950

<https://accesssport.ac.uk/>

Apply here for place and/or open day invite (same form)

<https://accesssport.ac.uk/applying-for-a-course/>

12 February 2025 5.00pm-8.00pm Open evening and interviews

17 February 2025 1.00pm-3.00pm Half term experience session

Incomm Engineering Apprenticeships



Jayne Guest | Recruitment Manager

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Engineering Apprenticeship Training Centre, Telford

Saturday 22nd February 2025 10.00am – 2.00pm

Juniper Training



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Open Days – Pre Apprenticeship Programme

16-18 Pre-Apprenticeship programme which includes vocational pathways, work experience, Maths and English Functional Skills and GCSEs.

Wednesday 19th February 10am – 6pm

Shrewsbury Colleges Group



www.scg.ac.uk

Please visit the website to book a time.

Shrewsbury College A levels

Tuesday 4th February 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Shrewsbury College Vocational

Thursday 13th February - 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Reminder - Year 10 Visit to Munich, Germany



Dear Parents and Students,

Re: Munich Trip - Friday 28th March 2025 to Monday 31st March 2025

I would like to invite you all to a short parental and student information presentation on **Monday, 10th February at 5:30 PM**, held in our Coubertin Lecture Theatre. This will be an opportunity for the staff to walk you through the travel details and the itinerary of the visit. We also thought it might be helpful to host this before half term, as you may need that time to prepare.

If you cannot attend this evening, the attached (that I will send through on 10th February) PowerPoint will provide you with the key information needed. Additionally, I am more than happy for you to contact me directly at claire.mincher@wbs.318education.co.uk. If you would like a telephone call, please include the best time and number to reach you, and I will call you back to answer any questions about the visit.

I have been organising this fabulous visit to Munich for many years now, and I am looking forward to sharing this experience with more GCSE students!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mincher

Parental Information

HELP US FIND THE BEST

We are looking for students who are interested in taking part in the recruitment of those people who provide support to children, young people and families. You can:

- design interview questions,
- sit on our interview panels, or
- meet candidates in a more informal setting and give us your feedback about them.

BENEFITS OF TAKING PART

You will be able to gain experience and improve your knowledge of the recruitment process, which looks great on your CV and can help you get a job in the future.

Every family at some point in their lives needs a little bit of extra help and support from other organisations. Being involved in this recruitment process means you can have a real say and a real impact on the people that will support you and your loved ones, and the way these services are delivered.

If you are interested in taking part, please speak to a member of your pastoral team or contact
Becky.Wells@shropshire.gov.uk
Tel: 07811 971998.

Training at The Lantern, Shrewsbury
18 February 2025, 1:30 - 4:30.



Teachers/Parents will need to access the QR and put forward a young person, with their consent. Parents details and contact number will be required.

This is a great opportunity to learn about the recruitment process and it will look great on a student's CV.

Please apply as soon as possible – see the below leaflet for more information.

Becky Wells from Shropshire Council, she is looking for volunteers, under 18 years of age (up to age 25 with SEN) who would be interested in taking part in the recruitment process for prospective employees for the family/children services of Shropshire council.

There are 10 places. The amount of input can be flexibly according to the student's needs. Training will be held Training at The Lantern, Shrewsbury. On the 18 February 2025, 1:30 - 4:30 during half-term. Students will learn about diversity/inclusivity, shortlisting, confidentiality, personal specification, and job descriptions. Students will be involved in the recruitment from business support positions to Director Level.

Students will have the opportunity to be invited to sit on a panel, and a discussion afterwards, Drink and biscuits will be provided and a voucher for their participation.



Get involved, have your say

Are you interested in having your say in co-designing and developing services to make them relevant and useful for the communities they serve?

If you are interested in becoming involved please register your interest here:



forms.office.com/e/H2sSZM35NJ



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