



# WBSpotlight

w/e 30th January 2026



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## What a week it's been!

Dear WBS families,

This week we launched our school lottery to help raise additional funds for our student rewards programme—please join in if you can, as there are some great prizes to be won! Year 11 exam papers are coming in, and the prize-draw reward will take place on Monday 9th February.

Students were phenomenal during our Holocaust Memorial assemblies, showing real maturity and respect throughout.

We've also had fantastic news about upcoming improvements to the leisure centre, an important part of both our school and the wider community. Finally, we look forward to welcoming Year 9 parents on Monday for the Options Information Evening.

Mrs Mincher, Deputy Head.

## School calendar



- 2nd February - Y9 Preferences Evening
- 9th February - Munich/Berlin meeting 5.30pm
- 16-20th February - Half Term
- 28th February - Y9 Reports Released
- 2nd March - Y9 PCE



# What's new!

## Good News for Much Wenlock Leisure Centre!

We're delighted to share some positive news about the future of Much Wenlock Leisure Centre.

After months of collaborative work between William Brookes School, The 3-18 Education Trust, local partners and our wider community, Halo Leisure has officially been appointed to run the centre from 1st April 2026. The leisure centre will continue to be the heartbeat of our school, supporting our 'healthy body, healthy mind' vision and enriching opportunities for young people and residents alike.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported this journey. Your commitment has been vital in protecting a resource that matters deeply to both our students and the Much Wenlock community.

We look forward to a bright new chapter for Much Wenlock Leisure Centre.



Read the Shropshire Star article here - [Much Wenlock leisure centre in the birthplace of the modern Olympics is saved with 10 year deal](#)



Leisure Centre





# What's new!

We're excited to announce that WBS is now part of Your School Lottery!

This is a simple, fun way for our families, friends, and wider community to support the school – while having the chance to win fantastic prizes every week! 

By taking part, you'll be helping us raise valuable funds that go directly back into improving opportunities for our students.

## 👉 How it works:

Tickets cost just £1 a week

There's a guaranteed weekly WBS prize winner

You're also entered into the national £25,000 jackpot draw  
Plus, special Super Draws throughout the year (including big cash and gift card prizes!)

👉 Click here to play and support

William Brookes School:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/.../william-brookes...>

Every ticket helps. Every supporter makes a difference.

Thank you for backing our school community!



YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

WE'VE LAUNCHED A LOTTERY

Buy your tickets now to help our fundraising

- Tickets cost just £1
- All profits go to our school
- Local cash prizes every week
- Chance to win the £25,000 jackpot!

To start supporting, visit [yourschoollottery.co.uk](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) and search for William Brookes

# Extra Curricular Opportunities

Channel 4's The Dog House is looking for local families to offer a loving home to a rescue dog and share their reasons why on the show! If you're interested, find out more here:  
<https://c4thedoghousetakepart.co.uk> or email [thedoghouse@fivemilefilm.co.uk](mailto:thedoghouse@fivemilefilm.co.uk)

## LOOKING FOR A DOG?

ADOPT A RESCUE DOG  
ON CHANNEL 4'S  
the Dog House

APPLY HERE



[C4THEDOGHOUSETAKEPART.CO.UK](https://c4thedoghousetakepart.co.uk)

## CALLING ALL BUDDING POETS!

Time to put on your creative caps and enter the Live Arts Festival!

An opportunity to read your own poetry, about your favourite things

Poetry writing for performance

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
The Edge Live Arts Centre



For more information, visit our website  
<https://wenlock-olympian-society.org.uk/wenlock-olympian-society-arts/>



## Wenlock Olympian Games Live Arts Festival



A chance for young people of all abilities to perform in a supportive and friendly environment

Music competitions  
for Primary (Years 1 - 6)  
and Senior (Years 7-13)

- Singing Solo
- Singing Solo - Musical theatre
- Instrumental solos:  
Novice All Instruments  
Woodwind  
Brass  
Strings  
Piano  
Percussion
- Duets and Trios:  
Singing  
Singing - Musical Theatre  
Instrumental
- Singing Group (Choir)
- Instrumental Group



Speech and Drama  
competitions for  
Primary and Secondary

- Choral speaking (primary)
- Verse Speaking
- Reading for Performance
- Creative Poetry Writing for Performance
- Acting (solo)
- Acting (duologue)



Online entry forms, further details and contact details:  
<https://wenlock-olympian-society.org.uk/wenlock-olympian-society-arts/>

At the Edge Arts Centre, Much Wenlock,  
Saturday 14th, Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd March 2026

# Extra Curricular Opportunities

## BEHIND THE SCENES RACEDAY

WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2026

FEBRUARY HALF TERM FUN FOR ALL OF THE FAMILY, sponsored by Suzuki ATV and Farm & Garden Machinery.

KIDS GO FREE!

Following the huge success of last year's event, we are pleased to be running our Behind The Scenes Day for the second year!

Due to the extremely positive feedback from schools, families and young people who attended previously, we are excited to once again open our doors and offer an engaging, educational day behind the scenes of a live raceday here at Ludlow Racecourse.

Behind The Scenes Day has been designed to give everyone, including families and children a unique insight into the world of horse racing, while enjoying a fun, inclusive day out in a real sporting environment.

Students will have the opportunity to explore careers, animal welfare, teamwork and sporting operations through a range of hands-on experiences.

Activities on the day will include:

- A guided course walk
- Weighing room tour
- "Down at the Start" experience
- Jockey demonstrations and trainer talks
- Equiciser fun and hobby horse jumping
- Autism in Racing sensory room

We are proud to be partnering with Racing to School and Autism in Racing to ensure the day is welcoming, educational and accessible for all.

About Suzuki ATV –

For over 40 years, Suzuki has been engineering ATVs that combine innovation with hard-working reliability. Built to perform day in, day out, KingQuad models offer versatile traction, simple controls and confident manoeuvrability to take the strain out of tough jobs. Every Suzuki ATV undergoes rigorous testing, from detailed engine and chassis inspections to full ride and performance checks, before further PDI and track testing by authorised UK dealers. With fully independent suspension introduced as early as 1991 and intuitive 4WD controls, Suzuki ATVs are designed to go further, in comfort and control.

About Farm & Garden Machinery –

Farm and Garden Machinery (Bridgnorth) Ltd is a leading UK dealer for ATVs, quad bikes and UTVs, backed by over 25 years of industry experience. Specialising in sales, servicing and parts, the team are main dealers for Suzuki ATV and Polaris ATV and UTV, while also stocking parts for Honda, Kawasaki and Yamaha models. The expanding lawn and garden division features trusted brands including Mountfield, Stiga, Ariens, Countax, Echo and Iseki, with servicing and repairs carried out in a purpose-built workshop. Demonstrations are available on most machinery.



# Amazing us!

## Spring Spotlight on Religion Philosophy and Ethics

★ Wow! Look at this amazing work ★

Joanna in Year 8 is producing fantastic work in Mr Black's RS class. She is a hardworking student who shows real determination and a commitment to continually improving.

We are incredibly proud of her — well done, Joanna! 🌟

Wow!

18-12-25

Assessment - The problem of evil is easily solved

The problem of evil is a major challenge to people who have faith in god because, if god is omnipotent and benevolent, then why does evil exist? Does god not love us? This problem is explained by the ~~philosoph~~ philosopher Machie who calls the problem the "Inconsistent Triad" as, God is Omnipotent (all powerful), God is benevolent (all loving) & yet brutal evil like mass murder or suffering in poverty exists. Also, if god only wants what is the good for us then why should it be stop moral evil caused by us humans and punish them for their cruelty to other human beings. And, yet this argument does not explain why natural evil occurs cause, if your house is gone in a flood or your family is killed by an earthquake and yet all this time you have been a good person; Why did you out of 8 billion people deserve this? Because, you have done no evil to other human beings and yet you are being punished for something you did not even do!

Yet, On the other hand ...

We have the soul-making defense and the biblical story of Job. The soul-making defense is something the philosopher Hieke who explains that if God gives us suffering, is to us to grow as a human being and for us to grow to our charac-teris. He explains that God is like a parent who does not want their child (human beings/ us) to be protected from every single evil in the world such as, you get what ever you want and no one ever disobey you then, you will be the stereotypical brat human who is rich and spoilt; someone who does not care about other people's feeling and is self-centred. Hieke argues that suffering helps us grow virtues such as, compassion, patience, kindness etc... because, you will be generally kind to someone who is suffering because, you know what they feel like because

you have been in their shoes and feels bad for them and help them through their dark time. The story of Job explains why god gives us suffering as, Job had everything he ever wanted like money, children, servants, everything; And yet he prays to god and thanks him for everything he has given him. But, salomon argues with god saying that he only been ~~trust~~ faithful to god because, he has everything he has dreamed of. So, god challenges him saying he has destroy his house, kill his children and his servants and yet he would still pray to him.

### Y8 Assessment 2 – Teacher Feedback

Assessment Criteria	Self check	Teacher feedback
A) My first paragraph starts with a clear point that links to the statement.		✓
B) I have explained the point with scholars and Golden Knowledge.	✓	✓
C) My explanation clearly links to the point I made.		✓
D) I have explained why the argument is strong.	✓	✓
E) My explanation is detailed, and discusses rational and/or empirical evidence	✓	✓
A) My second paragraph starts with a clear point that links to the statement.		✓
B) I have explained the point with scholars and Golden Knowledge.	✓	✓
C) My explanation clearly links to the point I made.	✓	✓
D) I have explained why the argument is strong.	✓	✓
E) My explanation is detailed, and discusses rational and/or empirical evidence	✓	✓

Grade:	D	S	S	S+	Ex
Target:	D	S	S	S+	Ex

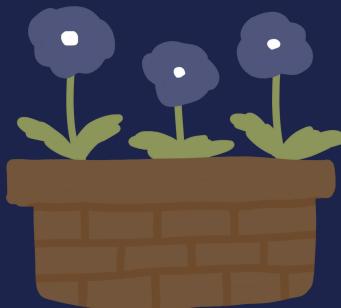
### My response:

"Rational in this context means you are part with the situation and takes a response that makes sense to the situation. I personally think, the Inconsistent Triad's a rational thing to a logic person who uses logic to understand the meaning of god and his purpose. To someone who has faith in god might be challenged by this explanation as, it challenged god's morals and purpose.

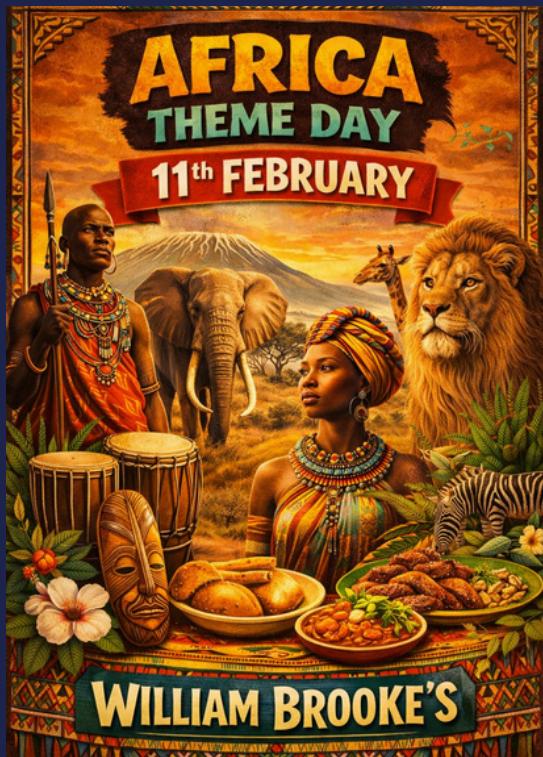
# Amazing us!

## Design & Technology Club Update

Regular attendees of the WBS Design & Technology Club have been busy this term. Ks3 students are constructing bird boxes in preparation for spring. Ks4 students have been building new herb trays for the Hospitality and Catering kitchen. Our students have also finished supporting Mr Jones with the manufacture of a new planter for the Vancouver Cafe. Their commitment, teamwork, and enthusiasm have been outstanding throughout these sessions.



# Amazing Us! Catering @WBS



## 🎉 Fantastic News from William Brookes School! 🎉

On 26th January at 8am, we received an unexpected visitor in our reception area—a representative from Navitas, an external auditing company often described as the Ofsted for caterers.

Their audit is incredibly thorough, covering every aspect of catering, including:

- ★ Food safety
- ★ Due diligence & monitoring
- ★ Allergy training
- ★ Cleaning standards
- ★ Personal hygiene
- ★ Safe food practices
- ★ Allergen management
- ★ Safety checks
- ★ Health & safety procedures
- ★ Fire safety
- ★ Safety management

...and so much more!

We are absolutely delighted to announce that William Brookes School achieved an outstanding 100% on the Allergen Audit, and an exceptional 99.6% on the overall audit. 🌟

This is an incredible achievement and a true testament to the hard work, dedication and professionalism of our amazing catering team. Their commitment ensures the highest standards for our students and staff every single day.

A brilliant result for the William Brookes catering team, the school, and the 318 Trust. We are extremely proud! 🙌❤️

#TeamWBS #Proud #ExcellenceInAction #CateringSuccess



# Matilda!

🎭✨ MATILDA JR. – TICKETS NOW ON SALE! ✨🎭

We are excited to announce that our talented students are hard at work preparing for Matilda Jr. – The Musical!

 Performance Dates:

Tuesday 10th February – 6:30pm

🎟️ Tickets: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/.../2026.../18:30/t-ejarryyl>

Wednesday 11th February – 6:30pm

🎟️ Tickets: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/.../2026.../18:30/t-jxzmddd>

Thursday 12th February – 6:30pm

🎟️ Tickets: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/.../2026.../18:30/t-ldnaoog>

Come and support our wonderful young performers as they bring this magical story to life. Tickets tend to go quickly, so grab yours soon! ✨





# What's on at The Edge

## What's On at The Edge Arts Centre



Naissance  
Classical Jazz  
Friday 30 January 7.30pm  
£15



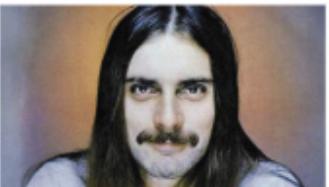
Done to Death, by Jove!  
Live Comedy Theatre  
Saturday 31 January 7.30pm  
£15



Monday Night Cinema:  
We Live in Time (15)  
Monday 2 February 7.30pm  
£6 (concessions £5)



R.E.M. X Buster Keaton's  
Sherlock Jr. (12A)  
Thursday 5 February 7.30pm  
£12 (concessions £10)



An Evening with Status Quo's  
John Coghlan  
Friday 6 February 7.30pm  
£25



Man of the World:  
The Music of Peter Green  
Saturday 7 February 7.30pm  
£18



Monday Night Cinema:  
Hampstead (12A)  
Monday 9 February 7.30pm  
£6 (concessions £5)



The Rigmorollers  
Joyous Blues Music  
Friday 13 February 7.30pm  
£15

## The Edge Arts Centre at William Brookes School

Box Office: Penny-Farthing, 5 The Square, Much Wenlock  
Buy online at [ticketsource.co.uk/edgeartscentre](http://ticketsource.co.uk/edgeartscentre)  
Ticket line 0333 666 3366 during office hours  
Join our mailing list at [edgeartscentre.com](http://edgeartscentre.com)

# Careers and Destinations

## Telford College

Year 11 Twilight Taster:

2nd February (5.00pm – 6.00pm)

Bookings open online

Open Event:

29th April (5.00pm – 7.30pm) –

Wellington Campus

Bookings open online

Booking can be made through the events page of the college website:

[Telford College - Events](#)

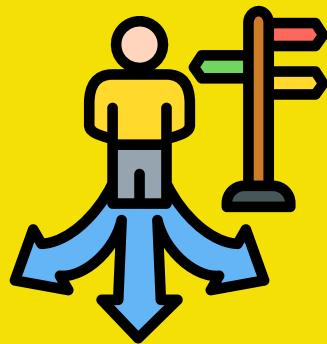
[Hereford, Ludlow & North](#)

[Shropshire Open Events](#)

[2026](#)

[Kidderminster College Green Technology Centre](#)

[Shrewsbury College Events](#)



We are always looking to improve what we do in an ever-changing world. We would really appreciate it if those who attended our Year 11 Parental Consultation Evening on Monday 19th January could provide some short feedback by completing this questionnaire:

<https://forms.office.com/e/izBwwnR>

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# Advice, Guidance & Community



Protect, care and invest  
to create a better borough



## PARENT WORKSHOP

### KNIFE CRIME: Helping young people make safe choices

The session will provide an overview of the Steer Clear Programme and offer advice to parents on:

- how to spot early warning signs;
- how to talk to young people about knives and staying safe; and
- where to access local help and support.

It will also look at facts and misconceptions around knife crime and the law and why young people carry knives.

This is a **free online session**, delivered by Family Hubs and the Children's society via Microsoft Teams on:

Monday 8 December 2025  
Thursday 12 February 2026  
6-8pm on Microsoft Teams



To register now, scan the QR code



Family Hubs are hosting a parent/ carer preventative information and awareness raising workshop in relation to knife crime, which will be led by Steer Clear via teams on  
• **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 6-8pm**  
Titled 'Knife Crime – Helping young people make safe choices'

This online workshop will offer advice to parents around:

- \*how to spot early warning signs
- \*how to talk to young people about knives and staying safe and
- \*where to access local help and support.

It will also look at facts and misconceptions around knife crime and the law and why young people may carry knives.

A gentle reminder to regularly check your child's hair for head lice. This is particularly important in Year 7, as head lice can still be a common nuisance at this age. Thank you for your support in helping us manage this

- [NHS Headlice Advice](#)



Events at the Edge Arts Centre <https://edgeartscentre.com/>



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