



WBSpotlight

w/e 13th February 2026



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16-20th February - Half Term

28th February - Y9 Reports Released
2nd March - Y9 PCE



What a week it's been!

Dear WBS families,

★ What an Incredible creative week at WBS! ★
The show was simply incredible—our staff and students put so much effort and time into Matilda, and they truly deserve a massive congratulations for such an outstanding performance.
A special thank you must go to Mrs Leason, who has lived and breathed this show for months. We are so lucky to have her creativity, dedication, and passion leading the way! 💚💜

★ Celebrating Our ATLS Superstars! ★

The top 50 students for ATLS were rewarded with an exclusive first viewing of the show — and what a performance it was! A fantastic effort from everyone involved, and a well-deserved treat for our hardworking students. ★

Our Iceland visit has officially set off—keep an eye on Facebook for photo updates over the next few days! 🇮🇸

After half term, we have:

- ★ Year 9 and Year 10 PCE
- ★ Enrichment Week 2

Please look out for communication regarding both of these important events.

Have a wonderful half term break!
Mrs Mincher, Deputy Head.



What's new!

Year 9 Preferences 2026-8

A reminder that our year 9's are levelling up!

Don't forget to complete your pathway choice form before **3rd March**.

Below is an overview of the process and key information for families.

Students will choose their GCSE pathway: Triple Science, Core, or Vocational each offering a different balance of academic and practical learning.

All students study English Language & Literature, Maths, Science (Double or Triple), and PE.

Students then select additional subjects. To ensure a broad curriculum, they should pick at least one from: Triple Science, Computer Science, French, Spanish, Geography or History. Modern languages are encouraged as they support future study and career opportunities.

There are also opportunities for Enrichment, Alternative Provision (e.g., Construction, Creative Crafts, Hair & Beauty), and optional qualifications such as HPQ (Year 10) and the ILM Young Leaders Award (Year 11).

The presentation and the subject-specific leaflets are now available on the school website and can be accessed here:
[William Brookes School Y9 Preferences](#)

If you have any questions about the process, please don't hesitate to get in touch

Key Dates

~~2 Feb 2026~~ — Launch (assembly + parent event)

~~W/C 9-23 Feb~~ — Subject-specific assemblies

~~28 Feb~~ — Reports sent home

2 Mar — Parents' Consultation Evening

3 Mar — Deadline for pathway choice

~~6 Mar~~ — Online form details sent home

13 Mar (15:30) — Online form closes





What's new!

YEAR 9 PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING MONDAY 2 MARCH 2026

Bookings are now open for our in-person Y9 Parent Consultation Evening. Meet subject teachers to discuss your child's progress, view student work in Reception, and visit Lads & Lasses for uniform items.

Optional sessions are also available:

- Unifrog (10 mins): Careers and work-experience guidance
- Seneca: Live demo on effective revision

Book here: <https://forms.office.com/e/4CZTCPcsh>

BOOK YOUR TEACHER APPOINTMENTS

Open from 9 February, 12pm until 25 February at 11:59pm via Arbor:

<https://login.arbor.sc/>

SUPPORT

- Parent Portal help: <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/36002014745>
- Booking guide: <https://support.arbabor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/203792102>

We look forward to seeing you.

WBS

Do you find it difficult to attend Parents Evenings?

Please get in touch and let us know! We will try our best to ensure you can attend
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info@wbs.318education.co.uk

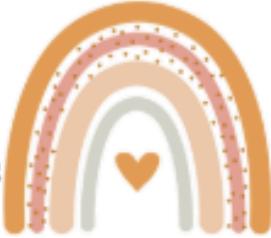


Student & Parent information

PSHE & Assembly Overview

Spring Term - February to Easter

At William Brookes School, our PSHE curriculum this half term focuses on helping students develop healthy habits, positive relationships, and a strong understanding of themselves and others. Here's what each year group will be exploring...



PSHE LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

Year 7 – Understanding Puberty

Students will learn about the emotional and physical changes of puberty, menstrual wellbeing, changing relationships, and awareness of FGM.

Year 8 – Relationships & Gender Identity

This unit explores the difference between sex and gender, gender identity, sexism, feminism, masculinity, and the role of society and media in shaping our views.

Year 9 – Substance Awareness

Students will look at drug laws, the risks of smoking and vaping, alcohol awareness, and how peer pressure can influence decision-making.

Year 10 – External Influences

A focus on media, social media, family and cultural expectations, and how advertising affects the choices young people make.

Year 11 – Revision Skills

Practical revision strategies and guided time to help students prepare effectively for their upcoming exams.

ASSEMBLY THEMES

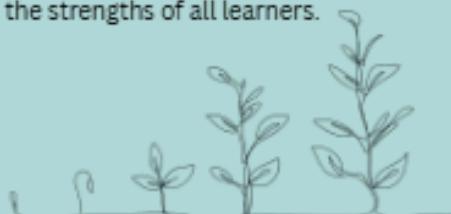
Across the term, assemblies will support whole-school values and encourage students to reflect, celebrate, and grow.

- Children's Mental Health Week**
Exploring wellbeing, resilience, self-care, and how to seek help and support friends.

- International Women's Day**
Celebrating women's achievements, challenging stereotypes, and showcasing inspiring female role models.

- Careers: "Who Do I Want to Be?"**
Helping students reflect on their strengths and aspirations, and learn about different pathways including academic routes, apprenticeships, and entrepreneurship.

- Neurodiversity Celebration Week**
Promoting understanding of autism, ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia, and other neurodivergences, while celebrating the strengths of all learners.





Student & Parent information

Reminder

Health & Social Care Controlled Assessment – Important Update

Our Health and Social Care students are preparing for their upcoming controlled assessment, a key component that contributes directly to their final qualification. We are proud of the dedication they have shown so far and encourage all students to arrive prepared, focused, and ready to do their best.

Health Campaign Presentations – Wednesday 25th February

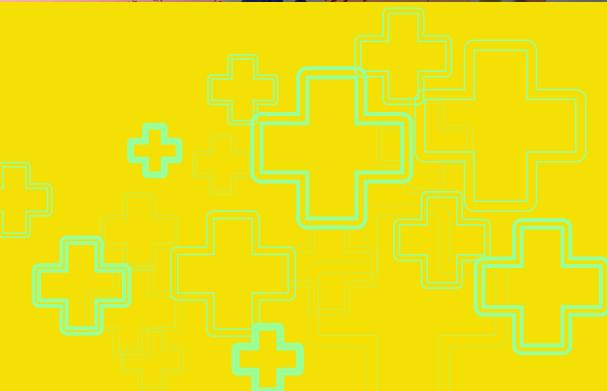
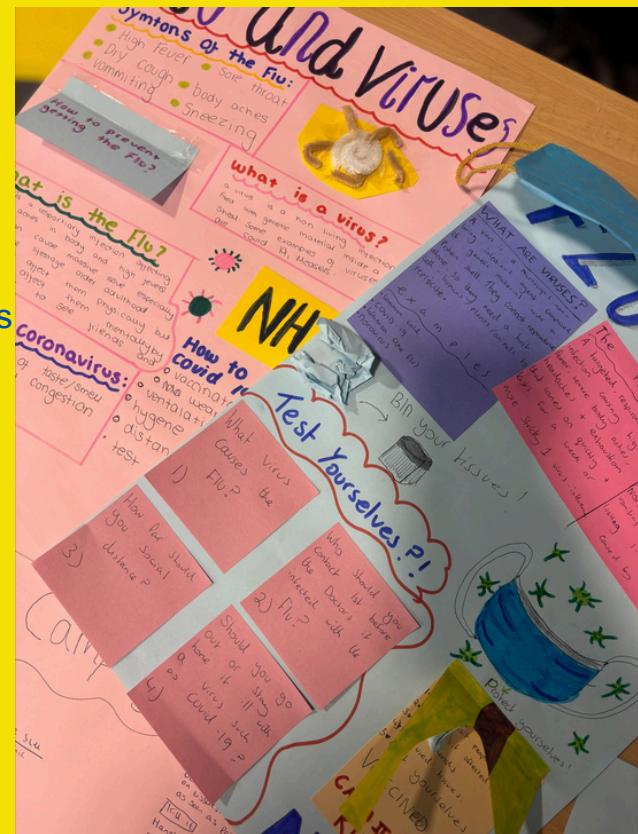
Year 10 and Year 11 students will be delivering their Health Campaign presentations on Wednesday 25th February. This assessment forms a significant part of their final Health and Social Care grade. Over the past three weeks, students have worked exceptionally hard to research, design, and refine their campaign materials. To further support their progress, we continue to offer catch-up sessions every **Tuesday from 3:30–4:20pm**. These sessions provide valuable time for extra guidance, completing work, or catching up after any absences.

During the half-term break, Mrs Hennessy encourages students to rehearse their presentations with family members, helping them build confidence and practise their delivery ahead of assessment day.

We are delighted by the high-quality resources students have produced so far, including materials raising awareness about the impact of flu and viruses on health. Their creativity and commitment are truly impressive.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our learners thrive.

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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 prize 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



Gamble Aware (18+)

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!

Extra Curricular Opportunities

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 14th 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

Urban Games – February Half Term 2026

Looking for free, fun activities this half term? Telford & Wrekin Council's Urban Games is back with an action-packed programme for ages 0–16 — no booking needed!

Sports & Activities Across Telford

Try multisports, cricket, football, padel, pickleball, tennis, netball, cycling skills, BMX sessions, high ropes, climbing, wrestling, and more — all delivered by professional coaches.

Plus:

- Free Dr Bike repairs
- Bike & scooter skills sessions
- Adventure activities at Telford Aerial Adventure
- Wild Telford nature sessions with Shropshire Wildlife Trust

Activities take place at parks, MUGAs, BMX tracks and community spaces across the borough.

All sessions are FREE

First come, first served. Bring suitable clothing and drinks.

 Runs throughout 16–20 February 2026

Full programme & locations: www.telford.gov.uk/urbangames



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URBAN GAMES

FREE / LOCAL / ORGANISED

NO NEED
TO BOOK
AGE 0-16

#BUILDINGSAFERSTRONGER



There's plenty to do this half term with Telford & Wrekin Council's Urban Games.

Check out your local park, playground, MUGA or Nature Reserve for sports and activities for all ages, hosted by professionals.

Check out www.telford.gov.uk/WhatsoninTelford for even more activities for young people.

FOR THE FULL PROGRAMME
WWW.TELFORD.GOV.UK/URBANGAMES



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 HAPPY
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ACTIVE
Holidays

 10By10
YOUTH OFFER

Scholastic Book Fair 2026!

Get ready for World Book Day!

We're excited to announce that our Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the school library, hosted by the wonderful Miss Harrison!

Dates: 27th February - 4th March

Location: School Library

From exciting new releases to much-loved classics, there's something for every reader. Come along, explore the shelves, and help support our school—every purchase helps us grow our library collection! ❤️

Bring your enthusiasm, your wish lists, and your love of stories. Cash payments only or prepayment via the Scholastic website.

We can't wait to see you there! 📖🌟



The Reading Edit – A
Free Monthly
Scholastic Book Club
Magazine



Supporting the
National Year of
Reading 2026



WBD 2026!

World Book Day 2026 – Get Ready!

Wednesday 5th March will see the exciting return of the Staff Dress-Up Competition!
Let's see if we can beat last year's incredible costumes—challenge accepted!

Students can also get involved through our World Book Day Guess Who Competition. They can collect a Guess Who card from their tutor or the library and complete as many character guesses as possible. Every correctly completed card will be entered into a prize lucky dip!



World Book Day
Thursday 5th March

Staff dress up challenge: Can you identify whos who? Students guess correctly and earn a lucky dip 🌸 treat!



Amazing us!

Spotlight on ... SPORTS



🌟 Sporting Success! 🌟

A huge well done to Brodie, Curtis and Ollie, who proudly represented Telford in hockey this week!

Their hard work, dedication and team spirit really shone through. 🎉

We're incredibly proud of all three—keep pushing, keep improving, and keep enjoying every moment on the pitch! ❤️

🌟 Player of the Month: Cruz! 🌟

Telford United are proud to announce Cruz as Player of the Month!

Cruz has had an outstanding January, scoring 3 goals across just 2 fantastic games. This month, he was given a slightly different role on the pitch, one that demanded extra work, intelligence, and adaptability. He delivered effortlessly, always with a smile.

He is an absolute joy to coach, combining exceptional quality with an incredible work rate. His output this season has been nothing short of outstanding, and this award is truly well deserved.

👏 Well done, Cruz — keep it up! 🎉



Amazing us!

Matilda 2026 Production





What's on at The Edge

What's On at The Edge Arts Centre



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



Ria Lina
Rebellious Comedy
Saturday 14 February 7.30pm
£19



Monday Night Cinema:
Greenfingers (12A)
Monday 23 February 7.30pm
£6 (concessions £5)



National Theatre Live:
The Audience (PG)
Thursday 26 February 7pm
£12 (concessions £10)



The Ballad of Mulan
Live Theatre
Friday 27 February 7.30pm
£15 (under 18s £7)



The Edge Comedy Club
Christian Reilly & support
Saturday 28 February 7.30pm
£15 (4 tickets for the price of 3)



Luke Jackson
Folk, Roots & Acoustic music
Friday 6 March 7.30pm
£15



The Alex Voysey Blues Band
Best of the Blues
Saturday 7 March 7.30pm
£16

The Edge Arts Centre at William Brookes School

Box Office: Penny-Farthing, 5 The Square, Much Wenlock

Buy online at ticketsource.co.uk/edgeartscentre

Ticket line 0333 666 3366 during office hours

Join our mailing list at edgeartscentre.com

Careers and Destinations

Telford College

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

InComm Training, a provider of Engineering apprenticeships and training in Telford, has upcoming Saturday Open Days. Please see the dates and details below, and use the booking links to reserve your place.

Open Day Dates & Locations

Saturday 14th February – Aldridge

Saturday 21st February – Telford

Drop-in anytime between 10:00am and 2:00pm

Book Your Place

Aldridge: [Book Here](#)

Telford: [Book Here](#)



Careers and Destinations



KICK START YOUR FUTURE

Vocational Courses

- NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity
- BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sports & Coach Development
- NCFE Level 2 in Sport

A-Level Courses

- A-Level in Sport
- A-Level in Psychology

Apply today by visiting:
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Football and Excellence

- Full-time training programme with UEFA Qualified Coaches
- Midweek matches as part of the CEFA & Shropshire Colleges Leagues
- Potential pathway into global scholarship programmes

Sports Enrichment

- SCL are one of the UK's leading providers of education through sport.
- Achieve nationally-recognised qualifications in sport*
- Highly qualified & experienced tutor and coaching team
- Work preparation skills and experience Personal confidence development

YOUR APPLICATION

1. Get in touch by phone or online and we'll fill you in about our offering. We'll also arrange for you to attend an open event.
2. After coming along to an open event we'll provide you with an application form.
3. After reviewing your application we'll invite you for an interview and talk about next steps.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

- Apprenticeships
- Employment
- University
- Playing semi-professional or professional sport



Advice, Guidance & Community



Stuck for ideas on what to do during the half term?

Visit [Shropshire Family Information Service](#) to find information on childcare, things to do, plus local and national organisations and services for children, young people and families.

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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