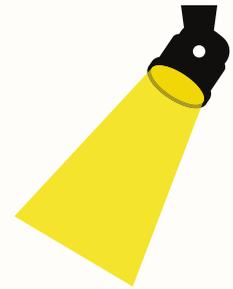


# WBSpotlight



w/e 27th February 2026



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## School calendar



- 16th March - Year 11 Rewards evening
- 23rd March - Yr10 PCE
- 13th April - Year 11 Final push GCSE evening @5.30pm

## What a week it's been!

Dear WBS families,

This week has been a busy and exciting one across the school. We marked National Careers Week with assemblies for our KS3 students, helping them to think about future pathways and aspirations. We also celebrated World Book Day, with activities such as the 🏆 WBS School Competition, 📖 Guess the Book, and a 🎁 Mystery Lucky Dip prize, giving students lots of opportunities to get involved and enjoy reading in different ways.

Year 11 students began their English mock examinations this week and will continue with their remaining subjects next week. Year 10 students are looking ahead to an exciting Enrichment Week, which will include study skills, creative writing, and other academic skill-building activities, alongside some recreational opportunities.

Our KS3 students also have a wide range of activities planned for the coming week – it's set to be another great one! We're also excited that 22 Year 9 and 10 students will be heading off to Germany early on Saturday morning with Miss Lane, Mrs Abrahams, and myself – keep an eye on Facebook for updates from our travels.

Finally, Monday 16th promises to be a wonderful evening of celebration at the Year 11 Rewards Gala, and we hope many of you will be able to join us.

Mrs Mincher, Deputy Head.



# What's new!

## Year 9 Parents Evening Feedback

For those of you who attended our Y9 parents evening please provide us with your feedback using the QR code below. Your feedback is extremely important and valued as it helps shape further events at our school.

Thank you

YEAR 9 PCE Monday 2nd March -  
Parental voice





# What's new!

## Hello, We're Halo Leisure, the new people behind Much Wenlock Leisure Centre!

We are Halo Leisure, an award winning registered charity and social enterprise and from 1st April 2026 we are bringing our expertise in getting more people more active to Much Wenlock Leisure Centre. There are exciting plans for the leisure facilities at Much Wenlock thanks to a new partnership between William Brookes School and Halo Leisure. The partnership means the School will still have overall control over the facilities and have a big say on how they are run and developed, especially when it comes to what's on offer. Halo Leisure will be responsible for managing and delivering activities at the leisure centre for the next 10 years. The Centre's 25m swimming pool, sports hall, gym and fitness suite will continue to serve both William Brookes students and the general public. For over twenty years Halo Leisure has helped the people of Shropshire, Herefordshire, Gloucestershire, Stratford, Bridgend County, Merthyr Tydfil, Torfaen, Wiltshire and Worcestershire to live a healthier and more active life by managing the leisure centres and swimming pools on behalf of the local community. Halo is a social enterprise and registered charity. This means that we don't have shareholders and any surplus money is reinvested back into the services and facilities. This helps to keep costs low and offer outstanding value for money so everyone can enjoy an exciting range of leisure opportunities. We've won multiple national awards, in recognition of our work to develop leisure opportunities for local communities. We are looking forward to welcoming you to a work out or wind down soon.

### EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES!

What's On at the Severn Centre...

#### ★ RACKET SPORTS

Take advantage of our selection of racket sports, including badminton, table tennis, and pickleball.

#### ★ TEAM SPORTS

Bring your friends, form a team, or just turn up and play for only £2.90 per person!

#### ★ BOUNCE & PLAY

Bouncy castle playtime fun with soft mats & activities for under 8s.

\*Advance booking is required due to limited spaces available.

**Book now in centre or give us a call on 01746 860 000**

SCAN TO VIEW THE FULL TIMETABLE  
Or visit: [haloleisure.org.uk/whats-on](http://haloleisure.org.uk/whats-on)



Terms and conditions apply.  
• Some activities may be subject to change.  
• Age limits apply to some activities. Please get in touch for more details.

[haloleisure.org.uk](http://haloleisure.org.uk)



## Halo Leisure FAQ's





# Student & Parent information

## ★ Year 6 SEND Transition Open Evening – Invitation ★

We are delighted to invite Year 6 students and their parents/carers to our SEND Transition Open Evening at WBS.

 **Wednesday 22nd April**

 **5:00–6:00pm**

This event is designed to support a smooth and confident transition to secondary school.

During the evening, you will have the opportunity to:

- ✓ Hear a talk from our SENDCo, Mrs Bennett
- ✓ Meet members of our SEND team
- ✓ Explore our SEND provision and wellbeing hubs
- ✓ Learn about the SEND support available at WBS ahead of joining us in September

This is an additional event to our main Open Evening in July and is aimed at:

Students currently on the SEND register at primary school, or  
Students whose parents feel they may have an additional SEND need or require extra support

 Year 6 students are very welcome to attend.

Please note: opportunities to meet individually with our SENDCo and SEND team will take place later in the academic year for students on the SEND register.

 **Registration is required**

**Please register your attendance by midnight on Sunday 19th April using our online form:**

 **Register for SEND Transition**

**[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=jsPPYiPIp0GTV3qo35-Q0EUujNvvCfJljZN8AM4\\_3n5UNTY0V0NPNDhIUvc3UVdCVzk2U0JSSVFTUi4u&route=shorturl](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=jsPPYiPIp0GTV3qo35-Q0EUujNvvCfJljZN8AM4_3n5UNTY0V0NPNDhIUvc3UVdCVzk2U0JSSVFTUi4u&route=shorturl)**

We look forward to welcoming you and supporting your child's next steps 



# Student & Parent information

Let's Celebrate

## YEAR 11 AWARDS 2026

In celebration of our Year 11 students, we are delighted to host a presentation evening to recognise their success, hard work, and commitment, as they complete their WBS careers and prepare for the next stage of their journey.

**Monday, 16th March 2026**

- Award Presentation Schedule 1**
- 6:00 – 6:30pm | Presentation Block 1
- Forms: 11 Athens - 11 Barcelona - 11 Beijing
- Seating: Designated House blocks
- Awards will be presented during this time
- 6:30 – 7:00pm | Interlude
- Light refreshments available
- Photo presentation continues
- Transition - next 3 Houses

- Award Presentation Schedule 1**
- 7:00 – 7:30pm | Presentation Block 2
- Forms: 11 London - 11 Sydney - 11 Vancouver
- Second round of awards presented

Award Categories:

- Attitude Towards Learning
- Subject Awards
- House Awards

CELEBRATE WITH US!



## Year 11 GCSE Evening



- Monday 13th April
- 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Main Presentation - S1
- English - Mr Scrivens, Senior Curriculum Leader
- Science - Mrs Robertson, Senior Curriculum Leader
- Maths - Mrs Caldwell, Senior Curriculum Leader

- London Breakout Space
- Following the presentation, families can visit:
  - Subject specialists offering specific subject advice for the final month of revision
  - Revision technique stations, led by the School Leadership Team

This event is designed to help students feel confident, organised, and fully prepared for their upcoming GCSE examinations.

We look forward to seeing you there.



## 🎓 Year 11 GCSE Final Preparation Evening 🎓

Year 11 students and parents are warmly invited to attend

**Monday 13th April**

**5.30pm – 6.30pm**

**Main Presentation 5.30pm- 5.50pm**

Senior Curriculum Leaders will share practical tips and guidance to support students in their final GCSE preparations:

- English – Mr Scrivens, Senior Curriculum Leader
- Science – Mrs Robertson, Senior Curriculum Leader
- Maths – Mrs Caldwell, Senior Curriculum Leader

📍 London Breakout Space 5.50-6.30pm

**Following the presentation, families can visit:**

- ✓ Subject specialists offering specific subject advice for the final month of revision
- ✓ Revision technique stations, led by the School Leadership Team



# Student & Parent information

## Exam stress resources

[Navigating exam season resources - Place2Be](#)  
[Help your child beat exam stress - NHS](#)  
[Info on exam stress - for 11-18 year olds | Mind](#)  
[Exam stress and pressure | Childline](#)  
[Exam Stress | How To Deal with Exam Stress | YoungMinds](#)

## Parental support...

[Help your child beat exam stress - NHS](#)  
[Exam Time & Exam Stress | Parents Guide To Support | YoungMinds](#)  
[Exam Stress Tips for Parents | GCSE Stress | Supporting your Child | Protecting Mental Health](#)  
[Exam Stress Tips for Parents | GCSE Stress | Supporting your Child | Protecting Mental Health](#)

**Year 11**  
**SCIENCE**  
**REVISION SESSIONS!**

**EVERY FRIDAY!**  
**3:30 - 4:15 PM**  
**Room 215**  
*With Mrs Robertson*

**BOOST YOUR KNOWLEDGE,  
ACE YOUR EXAMS!**

WILLIAM BROOKES SCHOOL

**PUNCTUALITY MATTERS**

**EVERY MINUTE COUNTS**

✓ Wake up and be prepared to start your day on time.

Did you know that in one school year, if your child is late everyday by...

5 minutes late =	a loss of approx 3.5 days from school
10 minutes late =	a loss of approx 7 days from school
15 minutes late =	a loss of approx 10 days from school
20 minutes late =	a loss of approx 14.5 days from school
30 minutes late =	a loss of approx 22 days from school

**WHAT TO DO THE NIGHT BEFORE**

- Get everything you need for school ready.
- Set your alarm with plenty of time to spare.
- If you bring your lunch - make it now.
- Turn off electronic devices 30mins before sleep.
- If you use your phone before bed download a blue light filter app to look after your eyes.
- Remember that people aged 11 - 16 need 8 - 10 hours of sleep!

**WHAT TO DO IN THE MORNING**

- Get out of bed as soon as your alarm sounds.
- Have a shower first thing - it will wake you up!
- Have a nutritional, but quick, breakfast. Fruit, toast and healthy cereals are perfect and will give you enough energy to last to lunch time.
- If you're late - don't make excuses - be honest!



# Student & Parent information



Telford & Wrokin  
Cooperative Council

Protect, care and invest  
to create a better borough

## Public consultation: Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site Management Plan

Your opinions matter to us. Share your views and help shape  
the Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site Management Plan.



[www.telford.gov.uk/IronbridgeManagementPlan](http://www.telford.gov.uk/IronbridgeManagementPlan)

Paper copies are also available from Broseley and Madeley Library,  
Ironbridge Post Office and Ironbridge Co-op

Complete the survey before midnight 15 March 2026



**Ironbridge  
Gorge**



# Student & Parent information

## **At the Rainbow's End by Clare Summerskill**

Coming to Shrewsbury on Sunday 26th April 2026

(3pm and 7pm performances) at The Hive, 5 Belmont, Shrewsbury SY1 1TE.

A new verbatim play addressing homophobic and transphobic abuse of older LGBTQ+ people in care and receiving care in later life.

At the Rainbow's End by Clare Summerskill will be presented by members of Artemis Theatre Company at The Hive, Shrewsbury on 26th April 2026. Artemis was formed in 2002 with the aim of producing professional theatre particularly for marginalised communities within society who are not served by more mainstream and commercial areas of theatre.

Clare's latest piece is based entirely on interviews with older LGBT people who have experienced homophobia and transphobia in care settings and when receiving care in their own home. It tackles an extremely important issue concerning older LGBT people who, having perhaps been out for their whole adult lives, are faced with the possibility of having to go 'back into the closet' at the point of accessing care in later life. Each script in hand performance will be followed by a Q&A with the writer, the audience and informed panellists.

Excerpts from At the Rainbow's End were presented by Clare (a named supporter of SAND: Safe Ageing No Discrimination) at the 2024 Small Steps Big Difference Conference in Shrewsbury and since that time, her theatre company has secured a grant from The National Lottery Community Fund to present script-in-hand performances in Shrewsbury, Manchester, and Sheffield.

The UK has a growing elderly LGBTQ+ population (along with the general growth in population of older people) and there are tens of thousands of carers whose jobs will be to provide them with care and support in one form or another. It is therefore imperative and timely to not only increase awareness of the specific needs and lifestyles of older LGBTQ+ people but also to expose homophobic and transphobic incidents of prejudice and even cruelty towards members of this population.

This hard-hitting piece of theatre is intended to raise general awareness about 'real life' situations occurring where members of the LGBTQ+ population, who are vulnerable as older people needing care, can suffer at the hands of carers who may be inexperienced, ill-informed or even, at times, blatantly cruel. Since this play is based on real people's narratives, it makes for an extremely powerful dramatic impact on the audience.

Both performances are FREE and we welcome audience members who work in any capacity with older people, including health & social care sector workers, care home managers and carers, voluntary sector staff, housing officers, Council staff.

Members of the LGBTQ+ community (groups and individuals) are also invited to attend. The performances (at 3pm and 7pm on 26th April at The Hive) last approximately 50 minutes each followed by a Q&A session. Total length 1 ½ hours.

Booking links - [Book Here](#)



# Student & Parent information



## Haycop



## Conservation Group

*Mrs L. Miles  
(Secretary)  
The Downs  
3 Dark Lane  
Broseley  
TF12 5LH  
thehaycop.org*

February 2026

To whom it may concern

We are a local conservation group with a 9-acre Nature Reserve based in Broseley.

We are looking for more people to join us as either volunteers or on our committee, who are enthusiastic about wildlife, conservation, plants, the environment, birds, mammals, habitats, aquatic life, moths and butterflies...the list is endless. Do you want to give back to the local community, do you have spare time to fill, do you want to meet like minded people, do you want to help save wildlife and protect their future, then The Haycop needs you as much as you need us.

Please see our attached poster for our upcoming A.G.M. If you know anyone who has skills or knowledge or is just a keen amateur in any of these areas, who might be interested in helping us, please ask them to attend or contact us via our Facebook page or our website.

We hold working parties for our volunteers to come along and tackle various jobs around the site each month throughout the year (less in the winter months) you do not have to commit or attend every time. Our committee meets once a month, usually on a Wednesday evening, and would welcome any new members and fresh ideas for the future and the next generation.

Regards

Louise Miles  
Secretary



## Haycop



## Conservation Group

# A.G.M.

## Wednesday 18th March

### At 7.00pm

Join us for our

## Annual General Meeting

in the upstairs room at Broseley Social Club  
Bank House, High St, Broseley TF12 5EZ

Come along and see what we are all about,  
discuss our plans for the year ahead.

Do you have any skills or knowledge to share,  
maybe become one of our volunteers or even  
join the committee.



**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

GambleAware (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 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)

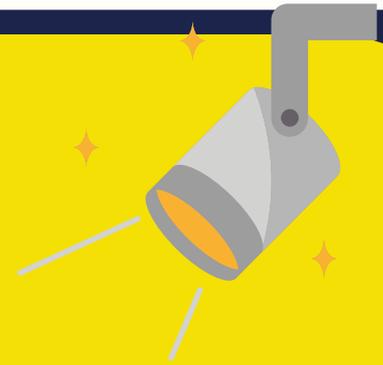


Online entry forms, further details and contact details:  
<https://wenlock-olympian-society.org.uk/wenlock-olympian-society-arts/>

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

# Amazing us!

## Spotlight on ... **SPORTS**



So proud of Siôn, who represented Shropshire at the indoor athletics regional championships last weekend. It was a seriously tough competition, but he absolutely rose to the challenge and was amazing from start to finish. What an achievement!

[#healthybodyhealthymind](#) [#respectexcellencefriendship](#)



# Amazing us!

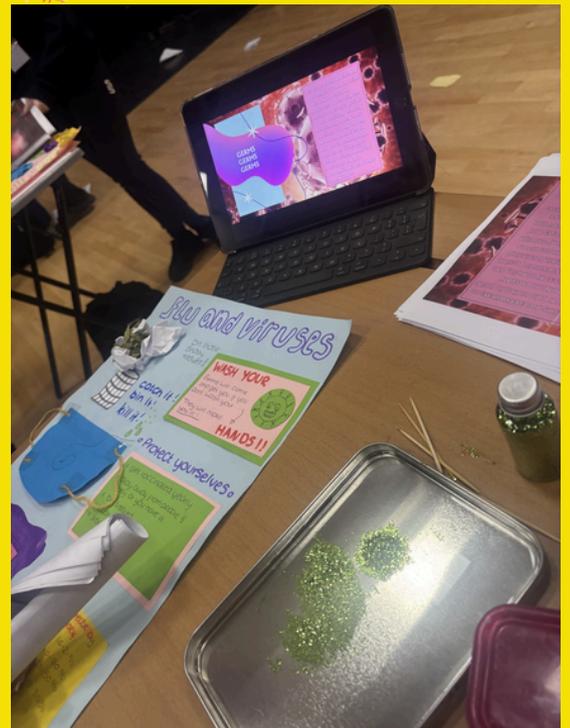
🦠 A Huge Well Done to Our Year 10 & 11 Health & Social Care Students! 🦠

We are incredibly proud of our Year 10 and 11 Health and Social Care students for delivering their Health Campaign presentations with such confidence, professionalism and maturity.

Our external audience were full of praise, commenting on how well every student represented themselves and the school. Your knowledge, creativity and communication skills truly shone.

A special thank you also to our Year 7 audience, who were engaged throughout and took away valuable lessons about how to protect themselves and others in school from the spread of viruses.

Well done to all involved, you showcased teamwork, leadership and the true spirit of our school community. 🙌👏



# Amazing us!

## World Book Day and Book Fair 2026

A huge thank you to our librarian Miss Harrison for organising a fantastic book fair and world book day with lots of involvement from students and teachers! Look out for more content on this next week .....



**READ  
MORE**





# What's on at The Edge

## What's On at The Edge Arts Centre



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



Monday Night Cinema:  
Wild Mountain Thyme (12)  
Monday 9 March 7.30pm  
£6 (concessions £5)



Exhibition on Screen:  
Turner & Constable (12A)  
Thursday 12 March 7.30pm  
£12 (concessions £10)



Monday Night Cinema:  
Lee  
Monday 16 March 7.30pm  
£6 (concessions £5)



Monday Night Cinema:  
Downton Abbey - Grand Finale  
Monday 23 March 7.30pm  
£6 (concessions £5)



Wenlock Extravaganza 2026:  
Band on the Edge &  
The Orchestra of Folk  
Friday 27 March 7.30pm £15



Mishra  
Global Folk Music  
Tuesday 31 March 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](https://ticketsource.co.uk/edgeartscentre)

Ticket line 0333 666 3366 during office hours

Join our mailing list at [edgeartscentre.com](https://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](#)

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**Derwen  
College**

A not-for-profit organisation

[Open Days - Derwen College - Register for our open day events](#)

We are  
Dedicated  
Diverse  
Dynamic  
Derwen

# 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: [stfcollegeanduniversity.co.uk](http://stfcollegeanduniversity.co.uk)



**SCL** SHREWSBURY TOWN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY

## Post-16 Options: Shrewsbury Town College

We know that Year 11 is a busy and important time for families, with lots of information coming through about post-16 choices. As you explore the next steps for your child, we encourage you to consider Shrewsbury Town College as a potential pathway for them to continue their studies and develop new skills.



## FULL TIME, VOCATIONAL & A-LEVEL COURSES THROUGH SPORT

### 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

\*We recommend you have five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, one being in English or Maths, to be best suited for this programme. You may also hold a relevant Level 2 qualification, plus an ability to operate at Level 2 in either English or Maths.

### 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

SCL holds a direct contract with the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), the government agency accountable for funding education and skills for children, young people and adults. UKPRN: 10043208

# SPORT



# Careers and Destinations

ATTEND OUR  
APPRENTICESHIP  
OPEN DAY



## LEAVING SCHOOL IN 2026?

Kickstart your career  
with an apprenticeship



In-Career  
Training Approach  
With Us!

- Take a tour of the Training Academies
- Meet and chat with our recruitment team
- Learn about our fantastic vacancies
- Apply using our online and easy application form
- Speak with tutors, opportunities, and potential employers recruiting with us



In-Career  
Training Approach  
With Us!



Scan me for an invite  
to our Open Days



Harper Adams  
University

2026

Saturday 13 June  
Saturday 15 August  
Saturday 3 October  
Saturday 7 November

## OPEN DAYS



1st - 2nd July 2026

This two-day residential  
for 16-17-year-olds helps  
you decide if Harper  
Adams is right for you.

## THE HARPER ADAMS EXPERIENCE

Hands-on Experience Days  
across Animal Sciences, Food,  
Agriculture, Land & Property  
Management and more.

Explore facilities, gain practical  
insight, and experience your  
subject in action.

## EXPERIENCE DAYS

For more info, please email

[events@harper-adams.ac.uk](mailto:events@harper-adams.ac.uk)

## Leading Futures Open Day

Are you supporting learners who need a different approach?

- Join us for an informal open day to explore how our provision supports young people with **SEND**, including **ASC, ADHD and EBSNA**.
- Learn how we **re-engage** young people through **personalised** and **therapeutic** education.

Join us on Wednesday 18th March | 1pm-4pm

Don't miss the opportunity to:

- Tour our **therapeutic** and **nurturing** setting
- Meet our **experienced** team
- Learn about our **trauma-informed, relationship-based, holistic** approach
- Explore our **personalised** support packages
- Learn about our curriculum pathways and **preparation for adulthood** focus
- Hear our **success** stories
- Understand our **referral** process
- Discuss **commissioning** options



Please click the link below to register your attendance via Eventbrite:  
[Leading Futures Open Day | Tickets, Wednesday, Mar 18 from 1 pm to 4 pm | Eventbrite](#)

Leading Futures Education Services  
Contact Number: 01902 599886  
Email: [enquiries@leadingfutures.uk](mailto:enquiries@leadingfutures.uk)  
Website: [www.leadingfutures.uk](http://www.leadingfutures.uk)  
UKPRN: 10097453

Aspire  
for  
excellence

Belong  
to a  
community

Connect  
to  
thrive



# Advice, Guidance & Community



## Spring Holiday Fun and Food in Shropshire **Book Now!**

Over the spring / Easter holidays, HAF eligible children and young people aged 4 (reception class) to 16, are invited to attend free clubs happening across the county. Food and drink will be provided at all the clubs.

All eligible children will be given a unique code and booking information direct from school.

**"Safe, enjoyable, fun and great to have somewhere for children to be."** Parent.

Many holiday clubs have paid spaces available for those not eligible for HAF.

Web: [www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf)

Email: [HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk)



## 2026 HAF (Holiday Activities & Food)

### Who can access the Programme?

#### Core Eligibility:

There are free places available on the HAF programme for children and young people aged 4 (reception class age)\* to 16, who:  
Receive benefits-related free school meals  
Ukrainian guests staying in Shropshire

#### Wider Eligibility:

Local authorities have discretion to use some of their funding to provide free or subsidised holiday club places for children and young people who are not in receipt of benefits related free school meals.

#### In Shropshire this includes:

Children and young people who live in areas of high deprivation (top five tiers of deprivation, based on indices of deprivation/income) and/or from low-income households who are not in receipt of benefits related free school meals

There are a limited number of free places available for children and young people who meet the wider eligibility criteria of living in areas of high deprivation and/or from low-income households on the Shropshire HAF programme.

#### The tool used to identify areas of high deprivation is the indices of multiple deprivation

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/04a50f93dcff4902a3943ef3263937e3>

#### Referrals for Additional Eligibility:

Children and young people who meet the additional eligibility above can be referred onto the programme by a professional they are working with. E.g., school staff, social worker, early help officer, youth worker.

**Referrals unfortunately can't be made direct by a family/carer.**

# Advice, Guidance & Community

## Understanding Your Child

*From Toddler to Teen*

"I met others going through the same things. It really helped me feel less alone."

"The group boosted my confidence as a parent."

### Join our friendly, relaxed group!

Parenting can be full of ups, downs, big feelings and lots of learning — for both you and your child! Come and join us as we chat about what's going on for you and your family. Together we'll make sense of tricky moments and share simple ideas that can make life calmer and more positive.

**Upcoming Sessions** (once a week over 10 weeks, excl. half terms and bank holidays)

- 13th April 2026 - 12.45-2.45pm – Belvidere Primary School, Shrewsbury (SY2 5YB)
- 13th April 2026 - 1.00-3.00pm – Ludlow Primary School (SY8 1HG)
- 15th April 2026 - 9.30-11.30am – Pontesbury Primary School (SY5 0TF)
- 15th April 2026 - 1.00-3.00pm – Wilfred Owen School, Shrewsbury (SY2 5SH)
- 15th April 2026 - 5.00-7.00pm – Online via MS Teams

### What We'll Talk About

- Communicating and building connection with your child
- Routines like sleep and bedtime and any other routines you have as a family
- Understanding behaviour and big emotions
- Child development and how you can support it

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## Understanding Your Child with SEND

*From Toddler to Teen*

"I met others going through the same things. It really helped me feel less alone."

"The group boosted my confidence as a parent."

### Join our friendly, relaxed group!

Join our friendly, free group for parents and carers of children with SEND. Connect with others, deepen your understanding of your child, and explore what's going well and what you'd like to change. Small changes make big differences!

**Upcoming Sessions** (once a week over 10 weeks, excl. half terms and bank holidays)

- 13th April 2026 - 10.00am-12.00pm – Online via MS Teams
- 16th April 2026 - 1.00pm-3.00pm – St Lucia's School, Upton Magna (SY4 4TZ)
- 17th April 2026 - 9.30am-11.30am – Whittington Primary School, (SY11 4DA)

SEND groups are for parents/carers of children who may have special educational needs or disabilities. No formal diagnosis is needed.

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- Exploring routines such as sleep and bedtime
- Understanding behaviour and emotional regulation
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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](#)



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