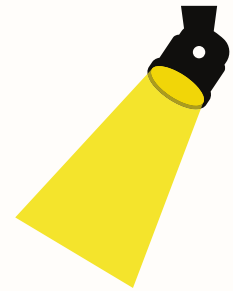
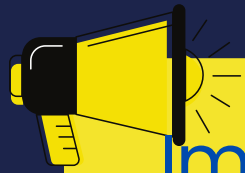


# WBSpotlight



w/e 22<sup>th</sup> May 2026



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## What a week it's been!

Dear WBS Families,

This week has brought some very exciting developments at William Brookes School, as work has officially begun on our new running track. We are thrilled to see this project underway and look forward to the impact it will have on our students and wider school community.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Miss McCombie and Mrs Aston, who accompanied our Year 9 students on their Duke of Edinburgh expedition. We are delighted to report that the trip went very well and was a fantastic experience for all involved.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and a restful and peaceful half term.

Mrs Mincher Deputy Head Teacher

## School calendar

- 8<sup>th</sup> June - Year 7 Parent consultation evening
- 13<sup>th</sup> June Shropshire Schools Athletics Championships
- 16<sup>th</sup> June Primary Sports day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June Primary Athletics Championships
- 25<sup>th</sup> June Year 11 Prom
- 6<sup>th</sup> July Enrichment week 3 / Year 10 end of Year exams
- 14<sup>th</sup> July Sports Awards Evening





# What's new!

UPDATE FOR PRIMARY HEADTEACHERS

KNOW  
SHARE  
SUPPORT



## WHAT'S CHANGED?

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS & PUPIL PREMIUM

New Government Guidance – Key Changes at a Glance

#### PREVIOUS GUIDANCE

(Until June 2025)

#### NEW GUIDANCE

(From September 2025)

NEW!



#### ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

FSM linked to income-related benefits and Universal Credit (UC) with an annual net earned income of £7,400 or less.



MEALS

#### EXPANDED FSM ELIGIBILITY

All children in households on Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of up to £15,000 are now eligible for free school meals (*meals only*).



#### PUPIL PREMIUM ELIGIBILITY

Linked to FSM (via benefits/UC threshold), looked-after children (LAC) and children of service personnel.



PUPIL PREMIUM

#### NO CHANGE TO PUPIL PREMIUM ELIGIBILITY

The FSM expansion for UC households up to £15,000 does **NOT** automatically entitle children to pupil premium. Pupil premium eligibility remains unchanged.



#### FUNDING IMPLICATIONS

Pupil premium funding based on existing eligibility criteria. FSM numbers reflect the narrower eligibility.



FUNDING

#### FUNDING IMPLICATIONS

More children will receive free meals, but this does not increase pupil premium funding unless they already meet the existing eligibility criteria.



#### WHAT SCHOOLS SHOULD DO

Identify eligible pupils, claim pupil premium and use funding to address disadvantage.



SCHOOLS

#### WHAT SCHOOLS SHOULD DO

- Encourage families who may be eligible for free meals to apply.
- Continue to identify pupils eligible for pupil premium.
- Use both FSM data and pupil premium insight to inform support.



#### THE KEY TAKEAWAY



More children will now get **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**, but **PUPIL PREMIUM** eligibility remains the same.



#### WHY IT MATTERS



Your continued focus on identifying disadvantaged pupils and using pupil premium strategically makes a real difference.



KNOW IT. SHARE IT. USE IT TO SUPPORT EVERY CHILD.

Together, we can close the gap.



# What's new!

## 🌿 Much Wenlock Open Gardens – Visit the WBS School Garden! 🌿

We are delighted to share that William Brookes School will be opening our school garden as part of this year's Much Wenlock Open Gardens afternoon.

### 💖 Supporting Local Charities

All proceeds from the event will go towards local charities, making this a wonderful opportunity to support the community.

### 📅 Event Details

Date: Sunday 5th July

Time: 12 noon – 5:00pm

### 🎫 Tickets

£7 grants access to around 12 private gardens in the village

Tickets will be available to purchase from The Penny Farthing shop in Much Wenlock (closer to the event)

### 🌿 Visit Our School Garden

Everyone is warmly invited to visit the WBS school garden and see the fantastic work of our student gardeners and City & Guilds students. Their dedication and creativity have transformed the space into something truly special!

### ✉ Further Information

For any enquiries, please contact:

Mark Jones

✉ [mark.jones@wbs.318education.co.uk](mailto:mark.jones@wbs.318education.co.uk)





# What's new!



## Ready to Learn

### 👉 Ready for Learning – Student Equipment Reminder 🖋️

We are increasingly concerned that some students are arriving at school without the essential equipment needed for learning, such as a school bag or a pen.

#### 📖 Why this matters:

Having the correct equipment is a vital part of being ready to learn and enables students to fully participate in lessons.

#### 🛒 What we ask of parents and carers:

Over the half term break, please take time to:

- ✓ Check your child has a school bag
- ✓ Ensure they have pens and basic stationery
- ✓ Restock any essential items needed for daily learning

#### 💬 Working together:

Your support in ensuring students are equipped and prepared each day makes a significant difference to their success in school.

Thank you for your continued support.





## Sport Clubs



*Health body  
Healthy mind*



## William Brookes School PE Department Clubs Summer Term 2026 – Starting after Easter holidays

	Lunchtime	After-School		Dance
Monday	Basketball	Staff meetings		
STAFF	Mr Boak			
Tuesday	Badminton	Athletics	Cricket – outdoor gameplay	Year 9-11 Dance
STAFF	Ms Johnson	Mr Parkes/Ms Johnson/Ms Hennessy/Mr Wilson	Mr Boak	Hannah Oldham
Wednesday	Basketball	Cricket nets – Sportshall		Year 7-8 Dance/Musical
STAFF	Mr Parkes	Mr Wilson		Ms Leason/Kieran Howorth
Thursday		Rounders		Elite Dance
STAFF		Mr Boak/Ms Johnson		Ms Leason

All lunchtime and after-school clubs – report to PE changing rooms area / sportshall

Lunchtime clubs – you must arrive within 10 mins of start of lunch if you wish to take part (see club leader if you need a note for the canteen queue)

All are welcome at every club. No need to sign up, Join at any time through the term



## Music Clubs



	Lunchtime	After-School
Monday	Rehearsal/Practice time (week A)	
Tuesday		Choir
Wednesday		Rock Bands
Thursday	Rehearsal/Practice time	Jazz Band
Friday	Rehearsal/Practice time	

All years welcome.

See Ms Adams in advance if you would like to sign up for an activity.



# Year 11 Exam Arrangements and Time table

Important update



## Week Commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June exam Timetable

Week 3 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

		Tuesday 2nd June		Wednesday 3rd June		Thursday 4th June		Friday 5th June	
11D/Pd, PAC 11D/PE, JBO 11D/Hs, LDH 11D/Im, SWB 11D/Hi, JOA 11/Ch4, RNI	PE 1hr	11B/MA2, JKC 11A/EN3, SMW 11B/MA1, LAH 11B/MA3, WBR 11A/EN1, ESC 11A/EN2, TJW	Combined Sci Physics P1 1hr 15 Physics P1 1hr 45	11B/EN1, ESC 11A/MA2, JKC 11B/EN2, SMW 11B/EN3, MJL 11A/MA3, WBR 11A/MA1, LAH	Maths P2 (Calculator) 1hr 30	11A/Gg, LYB 11A/Hi2, JOA 11A/Hi1, ACL 11A/Bs, AVA 11A/RS, ANB 11A/HC, VSR	History P2 1hr 50	11C/Ar, LAA 11C/Bs, AVA 11C/Fr2, RAH 11C/APC, REB 11C/Pd, PAC 11C/PE, AAP 11C/Fr1, CC 11C/Sp, LEF	English Language P2 1hr 45
11B/HC, VSR 11B/CS, AJS 11B/Ar, LAA 11B/Hi, ACL 11B/Gg, LYB 11/Ch1, RNI		11D/Pd, PAC 11D/PE, JBO 11D/Hs, LDH 11D/Im, SWB 11D/Hi, JOA 11b/Ph4, JEM		11a/cbs2, JEM 11a/cbs3, JWI 11a/cbs1, NTA 11a/cbs4, VRO 11B/PE1, JBO 11B/PE2, AJ		11A/PE1, AJ 11A/PE2, JBO 11A/PE3, LDJ 11A/PE4, DPS 11/Bi1, GKT 11b/Ph4, JEM		11D/Pd, PAC 11D/PE, JBO 11D/Hs, LDH 11D/Im, SWB 11D/Hi, JOA 11/Bi4, JWI	
11B/MA2, JKC 11A/EN3, SMW 11B/MA1, LAH 11B/MA3, WBR 11A/EN1, ESC 11A/EN2, TJW		11B/HC, VSR 11B/CS, AJS 11B/Ar, LAA 11B/Hi, ACL 11B/Gg, LYB 11a/Ph1, JEM	Geography Revision (LYB in CLT)	11C/Ar, LAA 11C/Bs, AVA 11C/Fr2, RAH 11C/APC, SBE 11C/Pd, PAC 11C/PE, AAP 11C/Fr1, CC 11C/Sp, LEF	French Revision History Revision (JOA in CLT, LAA to take JOA art)	11A/Gg, LYB 11A/Hi2, JOA 11A/Hi1, ACL 11A/Bs, AVA 11A/RS, ANB 11A/HC, VSR		11B/MA2, JKC 11A/EN3, SMW 11B/MA1, SOL 11B/MA3, WBR 11A/EN1, ESC 11A/EN2, TJW	
11B/EN1, ESC 11A/MA2, JKC 11B/EN2, SMW 11B/EN3, MJL 11A/MA3, WBR 11A/MA1, LAH	Maths Revision (JKC, WBR & LAH in CLT/maths rooms)	11D/Pd, PAC 11D/PE, JBO 11D/Hs, LDH 11D/Im, SWB 11D/Hi, JOA 11/Bi4, JWI	Health & Social Care Revision (LDH in 100)	11C/Ar, LAA 11C/Bs, AVA 11C/Fr2, RAH 11C/APC, SBE 11C/Pd, PAC 11C/PE, AAP 11C/Fr1, CC 11C/Sp, LEF	Health & Social Care 1hr 15 Geography P2 1hr 30	11B/MA2, JKC 11A/EN3, SMW 11B/MA1, LAH 11B/MA3, WBR 11A/EN1, ESC 11A/EN2, TJW	French P3 F - 1hr 15 H - 1hr 20	11a/cbs2, VRO 11a/cbs3, JWI 11a/cbs1, CCR 11a/cbs4, NTA 11/Bi1, GKT 11/Ch4, RNI	Biology Revision
11A/Gg, LYB 11A/Hi2, JOA 11A/Hi1, ACL 11A/Bs, AVA 11A/RS, ANB 11A/HC, VSR	Science Revision JM in CLT, 11A1 - JW 11A2 - VRO 11A3 & A4 - NT	11a/cbs2, JEM 11a/cbs3, JWI 11a/cbs1, SCO 11a/cbs4, VRO 11B/PE1, AAP 11B/PE2, AJ		11B/MA2, JKC 11A/EN3, SMW 11B/MA1, HUP 11B/MA3, WBR 11A/EN1, ESC 11A/EN2, TJW		11B/EN1, ESC 11A/MA2, JKC 11B/EN2, SMW 11B/EN3, MJL 11A/MA3, WBR 11A/MA1, LAH	English Revision	11a/cbs2, NTA 11a/cbs3, VRO 11a/cbs1, JWI 11a/cbs4, CCR 11/Ch1, RNI 11b/Ph4, JEM	Biology Revision

### Revision Sessions & Lesson Consolidation

Revision sessions (shown in green) and lessons (shown in white) are both important opportunities for consolidation.

These sessions are designed to support students in strengthening their understanding and preparing effectively for assessments.

#### ✓ Expectations:

The behaviour and attitude shown during these sessions are crucial to success. We encourage all students to approach this time with focus and commitment.

#### 👪 Parental Support:

Please take a moment to speak with your son or daughter about the importance of using this time productively and making the most of the support available.

# Year 10 End of Year Exams

## Year 10 Revision Support

This chart will guide Year 10 students to key topics and revision materials, helping them begin their preparation early for their upcoming exams.

### Why it matters:


Revision is an essential part of the learning process, allowing students to:

**Strengthen their understanding**


**Identify gaps in knowledge**

**Build confidence ahead of assessments**

 **Starting revision early will help students feel more prepared and achieve their very best.**



**AGCSE Revision Hub - Information for Year 10 Students**

 [GCSE Revision Hub](#)

The GCSE Revision Hub has been carefully crafted to support all students at William Brookes School throughout their GCSE journey. It provides a central place to access high-quality revision materials, knowledge organisers, practice questions, and subject-specific guidance across Years 10 and 11.

As you prepare for your Year 10 Mock Examinations, taking place during the week commencing 6th July, please use the resources on the Hub to guide your revision and strengthen your understanding of each subject.

These mock exams are an excellent indicator of your academic attainment and progress. They help you identify what you know well, where you need to focus next, and how to build strong habits ahead of Year 11.


Success at GCSE comes from consistent preparation over the full two-year course. The most effective revision methods include:

- Using practice exam papers** - Completing past papers helps you understand the style of questions, practise timing, and apply your knowledge under realistic conditions.
- Creating flashcards** - Flashcards are ideal for learning key terms, quotes, formulas, and definitions. Short, frequent recall sessions help strengthen long-term memory.
- Using the blurring technique** - This involves writing down everything you know about a topic from memory, then checking what you missed. It is one of the most powerful ways to identify gaps and improve retrieval.

Make sure you check the Revision Hub regularly for:

- Subject-specific revision materials
- Knowledge organisers and topic lists
- Practice questions and exam-style tasks
- Teacher guidance on how to prepare effectively

Your teachers will continue to add resources to the Year 10 Revision for Mock July folder, so please revisit it often.



**Timetable Link: Y10 exams 2026 (1).xlsx**

Subject	Topics to revise	Link to revision
English	Three practice attempts at one of the focused papers, concentrating on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading non-fiction closely and carefully</li> <li>How to analyse a quotation fully</li> <li>How to explain the writer's message</li> </ul> Writing: for the three suggested topics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning and ideas</li> <li>The overall structure of an answer</li> <li>Sentence structures to maximise marks</li> </ol>	<a href="#">Year 10 English Revision Pack 2026.docx</a> <a href="#">Year 10 English Revision Pack 2026.pdf</a>
Maths	See revision sheet	<a href="#">Revision Guides and places to go for materials</a> <a href="#">Year 10 End of Year Exam Maths</a>
Science separates	<b>Biology - Units 1 to 4</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cell Biology</li> <li>Organisation</li> <li>Infection and Response</li> <li>Bioenergetics</li> </ol> <b>Required Practicals (Paper 1)</b> You must know the method, variables	All Revision and Links will be on Teams <a href="#">AQA Paper 1 QR code revision.pptx</a> <a href="#">Physics-paper-1-stretch-and-challenge.pdf</a> <a href="#">Chemistry-paper-1-stretch-and-challenge.pdf</a>

**Visit the GCSE Revision Hub now!**

**<https://318education->**

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# Amazing us!



## Sports News Round-Up

It has been a fantastic week of sport at William Brookes School, with several teams representing the school with pride.

### ⚽ Boys' Football Success

We were delighted to have three boys' football teams reach the Telford Plate finals, held at the impressive AFC Telford Stadium. It was a memorable occasion for the players and their families. The Year 8 and Year 9 teams narrowly lost their matches but delivered excellent performances to be proud of.

A special congratulations to our Year 7 team, who triumphed in a brilliant game against HLC to bring home the silverware! 🏆



### 🏃‍♀️ Year 10 Girls' Athletics

Our Year 10 girls' athletics team also performed superbly at Oakengates track, finishing an impressive 4th out of 10 Telford schools.

A standout achievement came from Lacey E, who secured victory in the Shot Put.

Well done to all students involved for their effort, determination and sportsmanship! 🏆



# Amazing us!



## Student Achievement – Karate Success

We are delighted to share some fantastic news about one of our students, following correspondence from the Shropshire Goju Ryu Karate Academy.



Honor D has shown exceptional dedication to her training over the past nine years and is a valued member of the academy. Last weekend, she represented her club at the UK Martial Arts Show – Hall of Fame Awards in Doncaster, performing as part of the demonstration team. Honor confidently showcased a range of karate skills on stage in front of an audience of over 500 people.

This prestigious event attracts leading martial artists from across the world, including well-known figures from the film industry. In recognition of her commitment and excellence, Honor was awarded a UK Martial Arts Hall of Fame Top Student Award.

The academy also shared how proud they are of all William Brookes students involved, praising their commitment, development and positive attitude.

We are incredibly proud of Honor's achievements—a wonderful example of dedication, resilience and confidence in action. 🙌

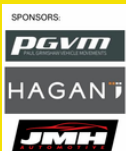
# Amazing us!



## Clay Pigeon, Round 2

### Practice:

It was a dry start to the day and I was 2nd quickest and about 2 tenths off the leader, towards the end of the day it rained and I was 5th quickest but on very old wets.



### HEATS

#### Heat 1:

I started 3rd on the grid and I got up into 1st straight away, I led for a couple laps and then I got overtaken and went on to finish 2nd, I didn't quite have the pace.

#### Heat 2:

I started 10th for this one, I had the 2nd quickest lap time of the session, I managed to finish 5th.

#### Heat 3:

I started 10th again for this one and it rained but this time I had a nice new set of wets, I really felt confident in this heat and managed to get up to 1st and set the fastest lap of the race, I made some great moves and really enjoyed myself!



## Student Achievement – Motorsport Success

We are delighted to be celebrating further success from Jack (Year 8), who is continuing to make great progress in his motorsport season. Following his second race of the season at Clay Pigeon, Jack has shared another positive update, demonstrating his growing confidence and commitment in a highly competitive environment.

We look forward to hearing more about Jack's achievements as the season progresses—what a fantastic example of determination and perseverance! 🙌

## The Final!

### The final:

I was set to start on front row of the grid but we were on inters and it started raining hard, so we made a last minute call to switch to full wets, which sent us to the back of the grid. It was the right call as with good tyres under me, I drove really well and I soon got up to 2nd place and was a second a lap quicker than anybody else on track. It looked like I was going to get by for the lead as I had the pace and the grip but the race was red flagged early as the conditions got very dangerous and lots of karts had started to aquaplane off, so I ended up taking 2nd place.

This result puts me 3rd in the championship, around 18 points off the leader which I'm happy with at this stage in the season, I will close that gap even more at GYG which is my next race.

Thanks to everyone for their support!



# Amazing us!



## \* Creative Design in Action – Year 8 D&T \*

Our Year 8 students have been hard at work this week developing some fantastic Automata design ideas in D&T. 🎨⚙️

It has been brilliant to see such a strong understanding of motion and mechanisms, with students demonstrating real creativity in bringing their ideas to life.

We can't wait to see their final moving models – well done, Year 8! 🙌



# What's on at The Edge

## What's On at The Edge Arts Centre



Miranda Sykes & Jim Causley  
Iconic Folk voices  
Friday 15 May 7.30pm  
£18



Monday Night Cinema  
Good Fortune (15)  
Monday 18 May 7.30pm  
£6 (concessions £5)



National Theatre Live  
The Playboy of the Western  
World (15) Friday 29 May 7pm  
£12 (concessions £10)



Monday Night Cinema  
Song Sung Blue (12A)  
Monday 1 June 7.30pm  
£6 (concessions £5)



Exhibition on Screen  
Frida Kahlo (12A)  
Thursday 4 June 7.30pm  
£12 (concessions £10)



Little Rumba  
Folk, jazz and blues  
Friday 5 June 7.30pm  
£15



Monday Night Cinema  
Eleanor The Great (12A)  
Monday 8 June 7.30pm  
£6 (concessions £5)



Ballet on screen  
Massenet: Manon (2023)  
Thursday 11 June 7.30pm  
£6 (concessions £5)

## 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)

# Advice, Guidance & Community

## Immunisation Update for Families

We are sharing the following information on behalf of Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust.

### Walk-In Clinic – Shrewsbury

A walk-in immunisation clinic will be taking place at:

Coral House, 11 Longbow Close, Harlescott Lane, Shrewsbury, SY1 3GZ

### Date & Time

Friday (afternoon)

1:00pm – 4:00pm

### Booking Information

This is a walk-in clinic – no appointment needed

Alternatively, you can call 01743 450855 (Option 5) to book a time slot

### Who is it for?

Open to all school-aged children

### Vaccinations available:

3-in-1 Teenage Booster

MenACWY

HPV

EHE

### Looking Ahead

The NHS Trust is also in the process of arranging further immunisation clinics over the summer holidays, and more information will be shared in due course.



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



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