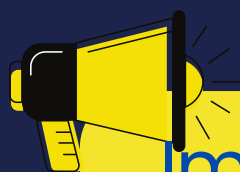
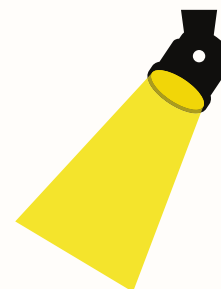


WBSpotlight

w/e 9th October 2026



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What a week it's been!

Dear WBS Families,

This week has seen our hugely successful Open Evening, and it was wonderful to welcome so many prospective students and families into our school. A huge thank you to all of the students and staff who helped make the event such a success.

There are a number of important letters and updates included in this week's Spotlight, so please take the time to read all communications carefully.

Year 11 Mock Examinations Year 11 mock examinations begin during the week commencing 9 November. If your child is experiencing any difficulties accessing resources on the GCSE Hub or is unsure how to revise effectively, please be reassured that these topics have been covered, and continue to be covered, in our recent Year 11 assemblies. In addition, the topic lists and revision planners that have been shared with students contain a range of key revision strategies to support effective preparation.

Target Setting Evening Our Year 11 Target Setting Evening will take place on Wednesday 14 October. We strongly encourage all parents and carers to book an appointment through Arbor. Tutors will send out the relevant Teams meeting invitations on Monday.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure every student achieves their very best.

Mrs Mincher Deputy Head Teacher

School calendar

14th October – Setting in evening
16th Oct – break up for October half term – school
returns on 3rd Nov
9th Nov – Enrichment week Ks3/Yr 10 Work Experience/
Year 11 Mocks
25th Nov – Year 10 GCSE Preparation evening
8th Dec – Year 7 Academic reward evening
9th Dec – Year 11 PCE





What's new!



Dear WBS Families,

Following feedback and communication from many of our families, we have now switched off the automated Arbor email notifications that are sent when a behaviour incident is recorded.

We have listened carefully to parents who told us that these emails were not always helpful and, as a result, have made the decision to discontinue them.

We remain fully committed to maintaining strong relationships and effective communication between home and school. Parents can continue to monitor their child's behaviour, achievements and rewards through the Arbor Parent App, which provides up-to-date information at any time.

We would strongly encourage parents to regularly discuss behaviour, attitudes to learning and conduct with their child at home. These conversations play an important role in reinforcing our school values of Respect, Excellence and Friendship, helping us to work together to support every child's success.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Kind regards,
William Brookes School

Congratulations to Julie Johnson!

We are delighted to announce that Julie Johnson has been successfully appointed as Assistant Headteacher and SENCO at William Brookes School. Julie will be joining us full-time from 1st November and brings with her a wealth of experience and expertise. Having previously worked as both a Headteacher and SENCO, she has an extensive background in school leadership, inclusion and supporting students to achieve their full potential.

We are very excited to welcome Julie to both the Senior Leadership Team and the wider William Brookes School community. We know that her knowledge, experience and commitment to young people will be a tremendous asset to our school.

Please join us in welcoming Julie to William Brookes School.

#WelcomeToWBS #TeamWBS #Inclusion #Leadership

#RespectExcellenceFriendship ❤️





What's new!



Dear WBS Families,

We are writing to advise that our Year 7-11 Settling In Evening - Online Parent Consultations is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 14th October remotely via Teams between 15.30hrs and 17.30hrs.

This will be an opportunity for you to book one single five-minute appointment to speak with your son/daughter's Tutor. Please note that if you have siblings in school, you will be able to book a separate appointment for each child to speak with their Tutor. We very much value your attendance so that you can be kept up to date with your child's progress and how further improvement can be achieved.

The appointments will be online virtual appointments and not face to face in school. Please book your appointment/s by logging into your Arbor Parent Portal. (The appointment booking system will become 'live' this evening at 1800hrs for you to book your appointment/s. It will remain open for you until Sunday 11th October at midnight.

Log in to your School | Arbor

If you have any problems logging into your Arbor Parent Portal or Arbor App, please click here for assistance Troubleshooting login issues - why can't I login to my school's Parent Portal or Parent App? – Arbor Help Centre

Once the appointment booking system has closed on the 11th October, further instructions on how to access your virtual appointment/s in Microsoft Teams will be sent to you.

Our intention is to ensure that all parents/guardians can attend but we understand that there may be exceptional circumstances that sometimes prevent this. If this is the case please contact school on email: wbs-info@wbs.318education.co.uk giving your son/daughter's name on the email.

Should you need any further assistance with booking your appointment, please don't hesitate to contact school.

Kind regards
William Brookes School

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TARGET SETTING EVENING

WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Online - Microsoft Teams

AN IMPORTANT EVENING FOR PARENTS & CARERS.
This is a valuable opportunity to speak with your child's form tutor about their progress and wellbeing at school.

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT

- ACADEMIC PROGRESS
- BEHAVIOUR IN SCHOOL
- ATTENDANCE & WELLBEING

INFO: Your child's form tutor will contact you directly

APPOINTMENT: with a Teams link & appointment time prior to the meeting

EMAIL: info@willambrookes.com

Extra Curricular

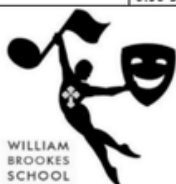


William Brookes School PE Department Lunchtime and After-School Clubs Autumn Term 2026



	Lunchtime (meet in <u>sportshall</u>)	After-School (meet at back of PE changing rooms)			Dance
Monday	Basketball	Year 11 GCSE revision			Elite Dance
STAFF	Mr Parkes	Mr Boak – room 220			Ms Leason
Tuesday	Badminton – GCSE PE students	Netball	Year 10 GCSE revision		Year 7-11 Dance
STAFF	Mr Boak	Ms Johnson	Mr Boak – room 220		Hannah Oldham
Wednesday	Badminton – all years				
STAFF	Ms Johnson				
Thursday		Year 7-8 <u>boys</u> football	Year 9-10 <u>boys</u> football	Girls football	
STAFF		Mr Parkes	Mr Boak	Ms Hennessy	
Friday					
STAFF					

Day	Dance – Mrs Leason	Drama – Mr Henson	Music – Ms Adams
Monday	Elite Dance – DS2 (Start Date to be confirmed)	KS4 Drama Rehearsal	Jazz Band - 222
Tuesday	All Years Dance Club – DS2 Hannah Oldham	HSM Lead cast – Drama DS3 Week B KS3 Drama - Week A Starting 15 th September	HSM Lead cast – Singing 222 Week A Year 7 Choir Week B Starting 15 th September
Wednesday	NO CLUBS	NO CLUBS	NO CLUBS
Thursday	HSM Musical Full Cast Starting 10 th September in DS2 3:30-5pm	HSM Musical Full Cast Starting 10 th September in DS2 3:30-5pm	HSM Musical Full Cast Starting 10 th September in DS2 3:30-5pm



Performing Arts After School Clubs 2026/2027



All Clubs run from 3:20pm-4:20pm

Music Lunchtime Rehearsals (13:40-14:10): Rock Bands – see Ms Adams for further details

HSM Full Cast Thursday rehearsal runs 3:30pm-5pm

High School Musical Shows – Week commencing 8th February 2027!

Extra Curricular

Monday	1. Homework Club – book place via Arbor 2. Breakfast Club Library (20 places) book place via Arbor	1. 3:20pm - 4:20pm 2. 8.00-8.30am
Tuesday	1. Homework Club – book place via Arbor 2. Breakfast Club Library (20 places) book place via Arbor 3. KS3 Design and Technology Club	1. 3:20pm - 4:20pm 2. 8.00-8.30am 3. 3.20 – 4.00pm
Wednesday	1. Homework Club – book place via Arbor 2. Breakfast Club Library (20 places) book place via Arbor	1. 3:20pm - 4:20pm 2. 8.00-8.30am
Thursday	1. Homework Club – book place via Arbor 2. Breakfast Club Library (20 places) book place via Arbor	1. 3:20pm - 4:20pm 2. 8.00-8.30am
Friday	1. Breakfast Club Library (20 places) book place via Arbor	3. 8.00-8.30am

Year 11 Revision Masterclass Timetable

DAY	Lunch session ('Open Door')	After-school session
Monday	Religious Studies – Mrs Mincher's office/Meeting room 3 Further Maths 001 Mrs Caldwell Art – Mrs Abrahams Room 111	Business, Mrs Valentine. Room 206. 3:20 – 4pm Geography 205 Mrs Brooks 3:30 – 4:30pm Year 11 GCSE PE 3:20 – 4:15pm, Mr Boak, room 220
Tuesday	Science 13.45 - 14.15 Health and Social Care – Mrs Hennessy room 221 Maths 001 Mrs Caldwell	Science 3.30 - 4.00pm - Mrs Roberstons room Religious Studies – room 102 @4.20-5pm (After science) Year 10 GCSE PE 3:20-4:15pm, Mr Boak, room 220
Wednesday	History (Week B) 13:45-14:15 room 110 Miss Lane Geography 205 Break time Mrs Brooks	Staff meeting
Thursday	IMedia – Mr Beard room 221 Product Design, Mr Colburn. Room 011. Spanish, Ms Hayman. Room 226	Maths – London Breakout, Mrs Caldwell, Mrs Bright Product Design, Mr Colburn. Room 011. 3:20 – 4pm H&C – room 012 3:20 – 4pm
Friday	Geography – Ms Brooks room 205 Product Design, Mr Colburn. Room 011. French – Mrs Crowther. Room 227.	English – 3.30-4.30pm



Enrichment Week Announcement - KS3

Enrichment Week 1 w/c 9th November 2026

What is Enrichment Week?

Enrichment Week is a week dedicated to fun, friendship and learning beyond the classroom. It is your opportunity to try something new, spend time with friends, develop a healthy body and healthy mind, and take part in exciting experiences that you will remember for years to come.

With activities for everyone, Enrichment Week is all about getting involved, having fun and making memories. Don't miss out, sign up NOW and be part of an amazing week!

- ▶ What do we need from you?
- ▶ A deposit of £20 by Friday - pay on Arbor
- ▶ You can pay the rest in smaller instalments to spread the cost. If this is tricky, parents should email finance@wbs.318education.co.uk so we can help you out
- ▶ If a student receives a free school meals, you will receive a 10% discount - ask your parents to look at the letter that has gone home
- ▶ If you are not involved in Enrichment Week, you will be in lessons. The idea is for you to learn in a different way this week so sign up!
- ▶ This is your entire term's Enrichment and trips in one week!



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WHAT'S ON FOR YOU?

YEAR 7

- Shrewsbury Prison
- House sports
- Club taster sessions
- Go Ape
- Bowling
- Swimming

YEAR 8

- House sports
- Map skills at Preston Montford
- Attingham Park
- Worcester Commandery
- The Edge outdoor pursuits
- Coding
- Fun with languages
- Baking
- War poetry workshops
- Campfire ghost stories
- First aid

YEAR 9

- Aire 51 trampolining
- Swimming
- Local walk
- PGL Boreatton Park
- STEM activities
- House sports
- Take Your Child to Work Day



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Year 7



Year 7 Enrichment Week 1

Academic Year 2026/27

Dear Year 7 families,

We are very pleased to be launching our first Enrichment Week of the 2026/27 academic year.

Enrichment Week gives students the chance to enjoy a range of activities beyond their usual lessons, spend time with other students in their year group and develop new skills and interests.

During the week, Year 7 students will take part in:

- a visit to Shrewsbury Prison
- Year 7 house sports
- club taster sessions
- Go Ape
- bowling
- swimming

Payment and financial support

The total cost of these activities is £70 and covers the cost of the full week's activities. A £20 deposit is required by **Friday 2 October**. Families can then either pay the remaining balance in one payment or through weekly instalments of £10.

Students who are in receipt of Pupil Premium and would like financial support should complete the Pupil Premium and FSM financial support form. Completion of the form is required to be eligible for the 10% discount and/or a free packed lunch each day for children who receive free school meals.

If these payment arrangements are going to be challenging, please email finance@wbs.318education.co.uk so that we can discuss alternatives.

We want all children to be able to take part in these activities, so please reach out to us and we will work with you to make it possible.

We are really looking forward to a positive and enjoyable week for our Year 7 students.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Shaw
Headteacher



Year 8



Year 8 Enrichment Week 1

Academic Year 2026/27

Dear Year 8 families,

We are very pleased to be launching our first Enrichment Week of the 2026/27 academic year.

Enrichment Week gives students the opportunity to learn in different ways, enjoy experiences beyond their usual lessons and spend time developing new skills and interests.

During the week, Year 8 students will take part in a range of activities including:

- Year 8 house sports
- map skills
- a walk at Attingham Park
- a visit to Worcester Commandery
- The Edge Outdoor Pursuits
- coding
- fun with languages
- baking
- a war poetry workshop
- ghost stories around the campfire
- first aid



Payment and financial support

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We want all children to be able to take part in these activities, so please reach out to us and we will work with you to make it possible.

We are really looking forward to an enjoyable and memorable week for our Year 8 students.

Yours sincerely,

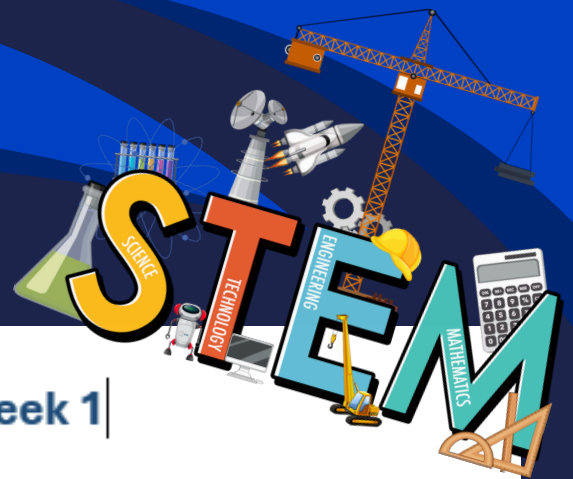
Ruth Shaw
Headteacher



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Year 9



Year 9 Enrichment Week 1

Academic Year 2026/27

Dear Year 9 families,

We are very pleased to be launching our first Enrichment Week of the 2026/27 academic year.

Enrichment Week gives students the chance to enjoy new experiences, work with others and develop skills outside their usual classroom lessons.

During the week, Year 9 students will take part in:

- a visit to Area 51
- a choice of swimming or a local walk
- a visit to PGL
- Year 9 STEM activities
- house sports
- Take Your Child to Work Day

Payment and financial support

The total cost for the week's activities is £70. A £20 deposit is required by **Friday 2 October**. Families can then either pay the remaining balance in one payment or through weekly instalments of £10.

Students who are in receipt of Pupil Premium and would like financial support should complete the Pupil Premium and FSM financial support form. Completion of the form is required to be eligible for the 10% discount and/or a free packed lunch each day for children who receive free school meals.

If these payment arrangements are going to be challenging, please email finance@wbs.318education.co.uk so that we can discuss alternatives.

We want all children to be able to take part in these activities, so please reach out to us and we will work with you to make it possible.

We are really looking forward to seeing our Year 9 students make the most of these opportunities.

Yours sincerely,

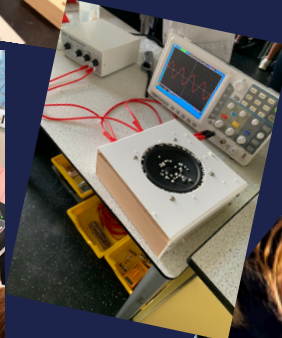
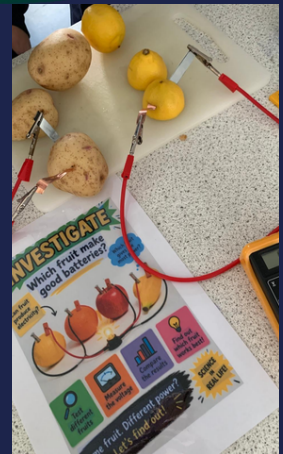
Ruth Shaw
Headteacher



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Open Evening





Amazing Us!



🇫🇷 🇬🇧 Year 7 Pen Pal Project in Modern Foreign Languages 🇪🇸 🇬🇧

Our Year 7 students have been putting their language skills into practice by writing letters to their pen pals during their Modern Foreign Languages lessons. Using the vocabulary and phrases they have been learning in class, students introduced themselves, described their hobbies and interests, and shared information about life at William Brookes School. This exciting project provides a real-life purpose for language learning, helping students build confidence in communicating with others from different cultures and backgrounds. We are incredibly proud of the effort, enthusiasm and creativity shown in their letters and look forward to receiving replies from their pen pals soon!

#MFL #LanguageLearning #PenPalProject #Year7 #French #Spanish
#RespectExcellenceFriendship



Careers and Destinations



Roadshows

Shrewsbury

Cineworld
Mon 21 Sept
4 – 8pm

Telford

Voco Hotel
Sat 26 Sept
9:30am–12pm

Open Evenings

Autumn Term 2026

Academic

English & Welsh
Bridge Campuses

15 October

20 October

5 – 8pm

Vocational

London Road
Campus

22 October

5 – 8pm



Telford College

Open Events (5–7.30pm):

- 7th October – Telford 6th
- 21st October – Wellington Campus
- 21st November – Telford 6th
- 2nd December – Wellington Campus
- 23rd January – Wellington Campus
- 27th January – Telford 6th
- 15th March – Telford 6th
- 19th April – Wellington Campus

**Ludlow Sixth
Form Open
Evening on
Tuesday 13th
October, 5pm-
7pm.**



Other Providers

- **Haberdashers' Abraham Darby**
Thursday 12th November 6-8pm
- **Thomas Telford**
Applications open online from 1st October (invite to open evening, if successful)
- **Madeley Academy**
Wednesday 18th November
- **Shrewsbury Town Football College:**
15th October 6-7pm
12th November 6-7pm
14th January 6-7pm
18th January 1-4pm
- **Access Sport (Telford ADC)**
Wednesday 21st October 5.30-7.30pm
Wednesday 24th March 5.30-7.30pm
- **Incomm Training (Engineering Apprenticeships Telford)**
Half Term -Thursday 29th October
Half Term -Thursday 18th February
- **South Staffordshire College (Rodbaston):**
Saturday 7th November 2026
Saturday 30th January 2027
Saturday 17th April 2027
Saturday 19th June 2027
- **Walford College:**
Saturday 17th October 10am-12.30pm
Saturday 6th February 10am-12.30pm
Saturday 12th June 10am-12.30pm
- **BOA Academy (Creative, Digital and Performing Arts Academy) – Birmingham**
Thursday 15th October 2026 (5.30pm to 8.30pm).
Thursday 14th January 2027 (5.30pm to 8.30pm).
Details of how to book will be released w/c 16th September 2026.
- **Armed Forces Careers Offices**
01743 232678 (Shrewsbury Army Careers Office, RAF and Navy initial contact point) 01902 423892 (Wolverhampton Army Careers Office only)



What's on at The Edge

What's On at The Edge Arts Centre



Monday Night Cinema
The Christophers (15)
Monday 12 Oct 7.30pm
£6 (concessions £5)



Shakespeare on Screen
Julius Caesar (2017) (12A)
Thursday 15 Oct 7.30pm
£6 (concessions £5)



Much Ado About Jazz
A witty look at the jazz world
Friday 16 Oct 7.30pm
£15



911
30th Anniversary Tour
Saturday 17 Oct 7.30pm
£30



Monday Night Cinema
F1: The Movie (12A)
Monday 19 Oct 7.30pm
£6 (concessions £5)



The TADLOP production of
Disney's Frozen
Thu 22, Fri 23 & Sat 24 Oct 7.30pm
£17 (£15)



The Ultimate 70s Show
Slade, Bowie, Queen & Mud
Friday 30 Oct 7.30pm
£20



Front Row Comedy presents
Roy Walker
Saturday 31 Oct 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

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