WBSpotlight

w/e 27th November 2026

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What a week it's been!

Dear WBS Families,

Another busy week at WBS!
Our Year 7 Rewards Evening preparations are well underway, with School Parliament doing a fantastic job helping to organise this special event. Year 11 students are eagerly awaiting their mock results, and bookings are now open for the Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening. Finally, a huge thank you to our Year 10 students and parents who attended our GCSE Success Evening. It was wonderful to see so many of you there!

Mrs Mincher Deputy Head Teacher

School calendar

8th Dec - Year 7 Acedemic reward evening
9th Dec - Year 11 PCE
16th Dec - School Christmas Lunch
18th Dec - last day of term / Christmas fair in school

What's new!



🎄 Join Our Christmas Choir! 🎶
Students are invited to join Mrs Shaw's Christmas Choir for festive performances at Much Wenlock and Broseley on 14 and 16 December. Rehearsal will take place on Friday 13 December.
🎤 No choir experience needed, just enthusiasm and plenty of Christmas spirit! Sign up via the Arbor App.



Academic Rewards Evening – You're Invited!

Dear WBS Families,

We are delighted to invite you to the **first of our five Academic Rewards Evenings** this year.

Following feedback from our **School Parliament and Student Voice**, students told us they wanted more formal recognition and celebration of **academic achievement, progress and hard work**. We listened, and now it's time to celebrate!

⏳ **Your son/daughter has received an award**, and we would love you to join us to watch them receive it.

🗓️ **Tuesday 8th December**
🕓 **4.00pm–5.00pm**
📍 **Studio 1**

We are incredibly proud of how hard these students have worked. Their **commitment, determination and positive attitude** deserve to be recognised and celebrated, and we are delighted to share this special moment with their families.

Our School Parliament students will also be helping to host the evening, **presenting awards and running a refreshment stall**. They are very excited to put on this special event!

✅ **Please respond**

Could you please complete the short questionnaire to let us know whether you will be attending the evening and to give consent for your son/daughter to attend and take part in the event.

Year 7 Academic Rewards Evening – Fill out form

We really hope you can join us to **celebrate your child's success and achievements**.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Claire Mincher

Deputy Head Teacher



Dear WBS Families,

We are delighted to invite you to a special evening celebrating the contribution of our **School Parliament members**.

Your son/daughter is a valued member of our School Parliament and will be taking an active role in our **Academic Rewards Evening**, helping to **host the event, present awards and celebrate the achievements of other students.**

As part of the evening, our School Parliament members will also be **officially presented with their School Parliament badge.**

We are incredibly proud of these students and the commitment they have shown to representing their peers and contributing positively to school life. Their **leadership, enthusiasm and willingness to get involved** deserve to be recognised and celebrated.

We would therefore love to invite families to join us and watch them receive their badge as we formally recognise their important contribution to our school community.

🗓️ **Tuesday 8th December**
🕓 **4.00pm–5.00pm**
📍 **Studio 1**

We hope you can join us for what promises to be a lovely occasion, celebrating both **academic success and student leadership**.

✅ **Please respond**

Could you please complete the short questionnaire to let us know whether you will be attending the evening and to give consent for your son/daughter to attend and take part in the event.

School Parliament and Year 7 Academic Rewards Evening – Fill out form

We are really excited to celebrate our students and hope that as many families as possible can join us.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Claire Mincher

Deputy Head Teacher

Look out for your invite!

Extra Curricular

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

	Lunchtime (meet in sportshall)	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 boys football	Year 9-10 boys 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 15th September*	HSM Lead cast – Singing 222 Week A Year 7 Choir Week B *Starting 15th September*
Wednesday	NO CLUBS	NO CLUBS	NO CLUBS
Thursday	HSM Musical Full Cast *Starting 10th September in DS2 3:30-5pm*	HSM Musical Full Cast *Starting 10th September in DS2 3:30-5pm*	HSM Musical Full Cast *Starting 10th September in DS2 3:30-5pm*

WILLIAM BROOKES SCHOOL

Performing Arts After School Clubs

2026/2027

Disney HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR

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

These sessions will continue right up to May 2027!

Year 11 PCE





Dear Year 11 Families,

RE: Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening

Wednesday 9th December 2.30pm–6.30pm

Our Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening will take place on **Wednesday 9th December from 2.30pm to 6.30pm**. We have extended the evening to ensure that all families have the opportunity to meet with teachers and discuss their child's academic progress.

Please note that the school will close to all students at 2.00pm on Wednesday 9th December. School transport will operate at this time to take students home. If your Parents' Consultation Evening appointment is later in the afternoon or evening, your child will be expected to go home at 2.00pm and return to school with you for the appointment.

This is a particularly important parents' evening as it is the **final formal opportunity of this kind before the GCSE examinations**. We strongly encourage all families to attend.

During the evening, you will receive:

- **Teacher Diagnostic Forms** outlining the common misconceptions identified through the November mock examinations. These will help students focus their revision on the areas where further improvement is needed.
- Your child's **Mock Reflection Form**, completed following the release of their mock examination results. This identifies the actions they need to take to **achieve or exceed their GCSE target grades**.
- A selection of **GCSE examination papers** will also be available in Reception for students to collect and complete as part of our **10-Week Challenge to Mock Exam 2**.

10-Week Challenge to Mock Exam 2

The 10-Week Challenge is our countdown to the final series of mock examinations. We are challenging every Year 11 student to use this period effectively and aim to **exceed their Mock 1 results**.

Students who collect and complete the examination papers should submit them to **Mrs Hennessy** by **Friday 8th January**. Every student who meets the deadline will be entered into a **prize draw to win an Amazon voucher**.

Booking Window:

Appointments can be scheduled from Monday 23rd November 2026 at 6pm until Friday 4th December11.59 PM.

To book your appointment, please use the following link: Log in to your School | Arbor

Need Help Logging In or Booking?

For step-by-step guidance, please refer to the following support articles:

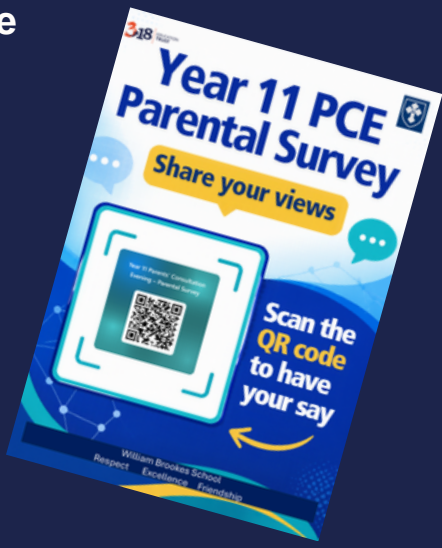
Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App – Arbor Help Centre (arbor-education.com)

Booking Guardian Consultations (Parent's Evenings) on the Parent Portal or Parent App – Arbor Help Centre

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday 9th December and working together to ensure that every Year 11 student is fully prepared for the months ahead.

Kind regards,
Mrs Mincher

🏆 **Year 11: 10-Week Exam Paper Challenge!**
Pick up your exam papers on 9 December, complete the 10-week challenge, and submit your work for the chance to win an Amazon voucher! 📚🎉



⏰ **Early Finish Reminder**
A reminder that school will finish at 2:00pm on Monday 9 December. Please ensure appropriate arrangements are in place for your child.

William Brookes School

Attendance Matters

Every school day counts. Don't miss out on the education you deserve.

How much learning do you lose?

190 school days a year - 175 days for holidays, visits and appointments

190 days of education	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
0 days absent	10 days absent 50+ hours lost	19 days absent 95 hours lost	29 days absent 142.5 hours lost	38 days absent 190 hours lost	47 days absent 235 hours lost
100% attendance	**95%** attendance	**90%** attendance	**85%** attendance	**80%** attendance	**75%** attendance
GOOD: aim for 94% or more		WORRYING: poor attendance		SERIOUS CONCERN	

Report an absence

Every day of absence must be reported, tell us by **8.30am**.

Call **01952 728900**, option 1

Email **wbs-attendance@wbs.318education.co.uk**

Give the real reason, e.g. "sickness, thrown up", not just "unwell".

Too ill for school?

Not sure whether to send your child in? Check the NHS guidance first.

nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school

Away for 4+ days?

A **Safe and Well check** must be completed for any absence **longer than 4 days**.

We need to know every child is safe and well, so please respond when we get in touch.

Medication in school

Parents and carers can bring medication into school to support their child to access school.

Medication form: collect from reception

Win a £10 voucher!

£10

Every fortnight, in every year group, we hold a prize raffle for students with **100% attendance** and for the **most improved** attender.

You need to be in it to win!





🍫 **Chocolate Donations Needed!**

We would be really grateful for donations of chocolate for our Chocolate Tombola at the Much Wenlock Christmas Fair on 5 December. Please send any donations into school.

🎄 **We hope to see lots of you at the fair!**

Careers and Destinations

📣 **Year 11: Shrewsbury College Taster Days**
Just a reminder for students considering Shrewsbury College that you need to book your taster day online as soon as possible if you would like to experience your chosen courses or subjects.
📚 **A Level Taster Day: Saturday 21st November**

- **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



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)



Open Events

TELFORD COLLEGE TELFORD 6th

- Wednesday 7th October (Telford 6th)
- Wednesday 21st October (Wellington Campus)
- Saturday 21st November (Telford 6th)
- Wednesday 2nd December (Wellington Campus)
- Saturday 23rd January (Wellington Campus)
- Wednesday 27th January (Telford 6th)
- Monday 15th March (Telford 6th)
- Monday 19th April (Wellington Campus)

What's on at The Edge

What's On at The Edge Arts Centre



Front Row Comedy presents
Arthur Smith
Saturday 28 Nov 7.30pm
£16



Monday Night Cinema
Derek vs Derek (15)
Monday 30 Nov 7.30pm
£6 (concessions £5)



Thursday Night Cinema
I Swear (15)
Thursday 3 Dec 7.30pm
£6 (concessions £5)



Broad Band
Jazzy and Funky Big Band
Friday 4 Dec 7.30pm
£15



Total Rex
Marc Bolan tribute
Saturday 5 Dec 7.30pm
£16



Monday Night Cinema
Disclosure Day (15)
Monday 7 Dec 7.30pm
£6 (concessions £5)



Shrewsbury College presents
Jack & The Beanstalk
Thursday 10 Dec 6.30pm
£5 (concessions £2.50)



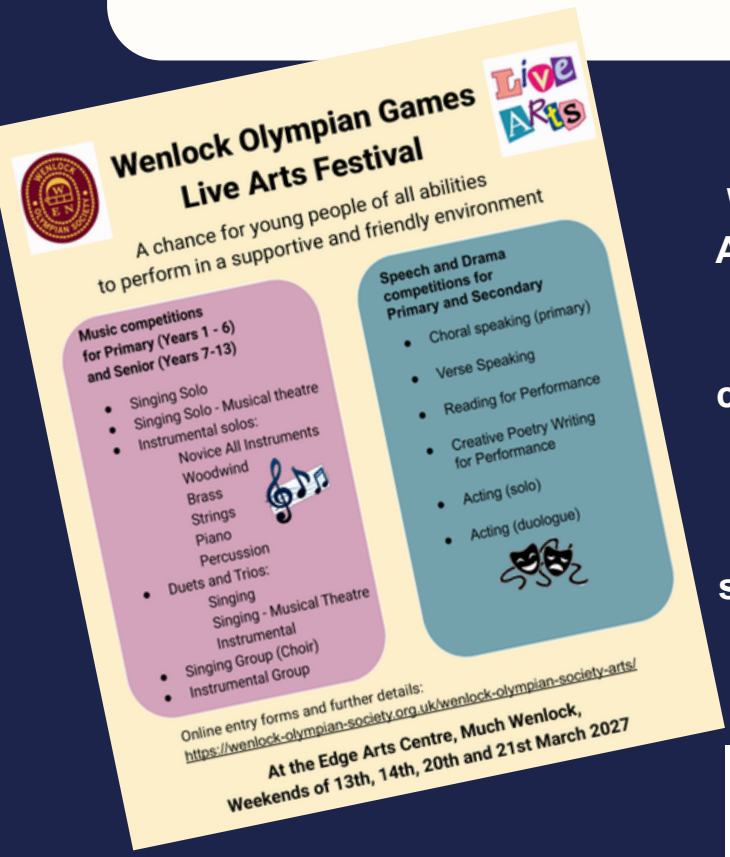
The Ghost of a Smile
Charles Dickens' Creepy Tales
Saturday 12 Dec 7.30pm
£15

The Edge Arts Centre

at William Brookes School

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

Community News



🎭 Much Wenlock Live Arts Festival 2027

We are delighted to share details of the Live Arts Festival, taking place at William Brookes School on 13, 14, 20 and 21 March 2027. The festival is a fantastic opportunity for children of all ages and abilities to showcase their talents and celebrate creativity and performance within our local community. Parents and carers are encouraged to support their children to get involved. Please see the attached flyer for further details.







🎄 **Christmas HAF Programme Bookings are now open for Shropshire's Christmas Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme, offering free activities and healthy meals for eligible children and young people.**

