



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of Spring term after what we hope was an enjoyable half term break.

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day in school through a variety of activities including pupils and staff dressing up as their favourite literary character, with some fantastic outfits on display! Thank you to all for getting involved and in particular to Mr Balmer, Head of English for organising the day. Please do make use of the electronic World Book Day voucher that has been sent home for pupils to exchange for a book from stockists.

For year 11, there are now just 38 school days until the summer exam series begins. Pupils are now commencing their second round of mock exams, so it is vital that they are fully engaged in revision and are following the guidance of their teachers. More information about these exams can be found [here](#).

Next week, we look forward to welcoming parents, carers and pupils to the Pathways Evening. Mr Bird, Assistant Headteacher has shared details of this event in a dedicated letter, a copy of which can be found [here](#).

With best wishes for a good weekend

John Parr
Headteacher

Lunch Money

Please can you ensure that you top up your ParentPay account for school lunches. There is also a top up machine in the lunch hall where students can use coins or cash.

Appointments

We appreciate that pupils may need to have appointments during the school day, please could we ask that we have prior notice and a copy of the appointment card/letter. Thank you.

Next week is

WEEK A

School Uniform

Please can we remind students of the following:-

- Students are allowed natural hair colours only
- Nail varnish and false nails are not permitted
- Students are allowed to wear a watch but no other jewellery other than a single pair of studs - no smart watches
- Clear retainers must be used for nose piercing

Upcoming Events - March

3rd-5th - DofE Silver Practice Expedition

Mon 6th - Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Mon 6th - 10th - Year 8 Foundation Exams

Thurs 9th - Pathways Evening, 5-7pm

Friday 17th - Children in Need Red Nose Day

20th - 31st - Year 11 Spring Mocks

Tues 21st - Year 9 Army Elite Skills Team Building Day

Thurs 23rd - Year 9 Progress Evening

Thurs 23rd - Year 10 Navy Food and Nutrition Session

Fri 31st - 3rd April - Year 10 French Trip

Sporting News

PE Extra Curricular Timetable can be found [here](#)

The PE timetable can be found [here](#)

Please can students collect lunch passes for their PE lunch time clubs from the PE office at the start of the week. Students can then show this pass to enter the queue on first calling.

A reminder that students who cannot take part in PE should always bring a note and their PE kit to take part in other roles.

SWIMMING

The Shropshire County Schools Swimming Gala is on **Thursday 4th May** at Thomas Telford School. Warm up is at 5.30pm for a 6pm start.

If you wish to enter, collect a form from the PE office; fill in the form and give it to Mrs Hodnett **before Monday 10th April!**

You must have achieved the entry standard times. Check on the sheet.

Upcoming Fixtures

March

Weds 8th - Yr 7 Netball @

William Brookes

Thurs 9th - U13 Boys Football

@ Ludlow

Mon 13th - U16 Boys Hockey

- Trophy final @ Wrekin

Tues 14th - U12 County

Netball @ Wrekin

Mon 20th - U16 boys and

girls hockey @ William

Brookes

Tuesday 21st - U14 boys and

girls hockey @ William

Brookes

Mon 27th - 7,8,9, 10 Netball

@ Home

Weds 29th - U16 Football + 7

8 9 netball vs Bedstone

FREE TENNIS COACHING

Bishops Castle Tennis Club

Bishops Castle Tennis Club, Love Lane, Bishops Castle, SY9 8DW.

Saturday 25th or Sunday 26th March

You are invited to FREE coaching, drills & tips

All sessions are free of charge with an LTA Accredited coach

Saturday 9.30am – 10.30am ages 4 – 8

Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am ages 9 – 12

Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm Teens & Adults

Saturday 1.30pm – 2.30pm ages 4 – 8

Saturday 2.30pm – 3.30pm ages 9 – 12

Saturday 3.30pm – 4.30pm Teens & Adults

Sunday 9.30am – 10.30am ages 4 – 8

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BOOK ONLINE -

<https://wdtvenues.co.uk/bishops-castle>

CONTACT US:

01952 984 894

enquiries@wedotennis.co.uk

wedotennis.co.uk

Official equipment partner



Chef of the week



Grace Shaw



Fantastic chorizo and sweetcorn muffins!

Extra-curricular activities Spring term 2022-23

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	<p><u>Yr 7/8 STEM Club (YG)</u> B4</p> <p>SCHOOL CHOIR – ALL YEARS</p> <p><u>KS3 Netball (HAH)</u></p> <p><u>Yr 11 Further maths Club (LSC) R7</u></p> <p>Debate Club</p>	<p>DT catch up Y5/Y6</p> <p><u>Table Tennis (HAH)</u></p> <p><u>Fitness Club (RB)</u></p> <p>Year 8 and 9 Drama Club</p>	<p>French Club (NP) G6</p> <p>KS3 Coding Club (DC) B8</p> <p>Film Club (PW) W5</p> <p><u>KS4 Netball (HAH)</u></p> <p><u>Squad Basketball (RB)</u></p> <p>Rock band (TR) Music room</p>	<p><u>Sports Leadership club (AB)</u></p> <p><u>Badminton KS3 (PW)</u></p> <p>Year 7 Drama Club</p> <p>Art Workshop B10</p>	<p>Y11 GCSE Spanish Listening Practice</p> <p><u>Badminton KS4 (PW)</u></p> <p>Sign Language Club L5 W6</p>
After school 3.20 start	<p>Monday night noise (Rock band)</p> <p><u>Rugby Club (RB)</u> All years</p> <p><u>Girls Rugby (HAH)</u></p>	<p>Homework Club (JG) W1</p> <p>Years 9, 10 & 11 Boys Football (RB)</p> <p>Running Club All Years (YG)</p>	<p>Chess Club (EH) W2</p> <p><u>Years 7 + 8 Boys Football (MN)</u></p>	<p>Homework Club (JG) W1</p> <p><u>Dungeons & Dragons Club Y1</u> <u>KS4 Drama Workshop</u></p> <p><u>Basketball all years (RB)</u></p>	<p>KS4 Art Portfolio Workshop TBC</p> <p><u>KS4 Drama Rehearsal</u></p>

PE Activities

Drama Activities (Studio)

Art Activities (B10)

Music Activities (B9)

Other Activities

THANK YOU!

WORLD BOOK DAY

CHURCH STRETTON
WORLD BOOK DAY
THURSDAY 2ND MARCH 2023



A massive thank you to the students, staff and parents who really got into the spirit of World Book Day! We were impressed by the wacky costumes and imaginative entries into the World Book Day Challenge. The winners are:

- Eleanor Merrill, H3
- Scarlett Marais, H2
- Lucy Ockenden, C4
- Elsie Morgan, C2
- Tom Ockenden, C2

Each student won 10 House Points and a £10 Book Token!



Please find attached a picture of my cake that is inspired by *Swallows and Amazons* by Arthur Ransome. It is my favourite book!

Kind regards,
Eleanor Merrill



This is a cake I made based on one of my favourite books 'Tracks of the Tiger' by Bear Grylls.

Scarlett Marais



Please find the below entry for world book day (reading something different)

From,
Leo Bell, Year 7, Harker





Student of the Week



Winners and nominees for this week are listed below....

KS3 Winner

Pippa Pledger – nominated by Mrs Pugh for Excellent result with her English assessment

KS4 Winner

Lucy Ockenden – nominated by Mr Balmer for World Book Day Winner! Lucy wrote a wonderfully crafted piece of fan-fiction. She is a very talented writer who I'd love to see one day in print!



This week's nominations:

KS3 Nominations

Student Name	Nominated by	Reason for Nomination
Tom Ockenden	Mr Balmer	World Book Day Winner! For a stupendously, dangerous bit of reading on a bike!
Eleanor Merrill	Mr Balmer	World Book Day winner! Eleanor baked and decorated an incredibly tasty looking cake inspired by her favourite book 'Swallows and Amazons' by Arthur Ransome
Scarlet Marais	Mr Balmer	World Book Day Winner! Scarlett went the extra not only extreme reading in a beautiful location, but also baking a yummy cake as well!
Elsie Morgan	Mr Balmer	World Book Book Day Winner! Elsie baked a mouth-wateringly, tasty cake inspired by 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' written by Roald Dahl. Well done!
Evie Vaughan	Mrs Pugh	Excellent result with her English assessment
Amelia Tooth	Mrs Pugh	Excellent result with her English assessment
Holly Collett	Mrs Pugh	Excellent result with her English assessment
Ashley Holdsworth	Mrs Pugh	Excellent result with her English assessment

KS4 Nominations

Student Name	Nominated by	Reason for Nomination
Delphine Hurrell	Miss Evans	Working exceptionally hard- both in class and at home. Being an all round lovely and mature student who is committed to succeeding.
Shannon Sutton	Mrs Fletcher Tyrie	Excellent art development work.
William Deane	Mr Hughes	For a great effort and a real gain in ability. What a 5* student!
Macauley Williams	Mrs Pugh	Excellent progress with his Q4 assessment.



Rural Households Survey on the Cost of Living



Do you live in a rural area and are you feeling the pinch?

The Rural Services Network and the Rural Issues Group of Citizens Advice are jointly running a survey to understand more about rural household budgets at, what is, a very difficult time for many.

Research commissioned by the RSN last year shows rural areas are suffering more acutely from the rise in the cost of living. Results from the survey will help us to engage more effectively with Government Departments, MPs and other policy makers.

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Rural_Households_Cost-of-Living



**Scan the QR code to
access the survey
and tell us your views**

The survey closes on 31 March 2023



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THE APPRENTICESHIP EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS SHOW is back!

16 MARCH 2023

The International Centre, Telford
12noon-7.30pm

If you're interested in attending the event,
please book via the Eventbrite link here:

www.telfordjobbox.co.uk/skillsshow2023



Scan me to book



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Autism West Midlands Professionals Update

****Reminder**** No diagnosis is needed to access the AWM Shropshire service and there is no formal referral route – parents/carers can self-refer by booking an advice appointment or contacting us directly. Details for both below...

Autism and anxiety – Friday 17th March

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/autism-and-anxiety-webinar-west-midlands-17mar/>

February Half Term events!

- **Teens Meet** – Monday 20th February 10.30am-1.30pm Shrewsbury (All In Short Breaks opportunity, young people need to be registered with All In to attend)

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/teens-meet-shropshire-20th-february-2023/>

- **Family Fun Afternoon** – Monday 20th February 1.30pm – 3.15pm Shrewsbury

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/family-fun-afternoon-shropshire-20th-february-2023/>

Teens online club

- **Teams Together** – Teens online meet up 1st March 6pm-7pm

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/teams-together-fun-sessions-for-shropshire-youngsters-1feb/>

- **WEEKLY Teams Advice slots – every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**

For those would like some online advice we are offering this virtually via video appointments. Teams works well on mobile phones. To book a 45 min advice appointment with a specialist autism advisor please book via our shop

<https://shop.autismwestmidlands.org.uk/collections/events/products/online-autism-advice-and-consultation-sessions-shropshire-county>

IMPORTANT – WE EMAIL YOUR TEAMS LINK TO YOU THE WEEK BEFORE YOUR SLOT, MAKE SURE YOU CHECK YOUR INBOX INCLUDING SPAM/JUNK TO GET YOUR LINK

- **Virtual Support Group for Parents - Wednesday Mornings 10am-11am & Wednesday Evenings 8pm-9pm – 1st and 3rd Weds of each month (term time)**

Our online support groups meet twice a month via Zoom. This is an opportunity to talk with other parents, share ideas, and offer support.

Please email: shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk

- **Dad's Group – Monthly on a Thursday 7pm-8pm**

This is an opportunity for dads to meet online, share ideas, celebrate their children's achievement's and offer support to each other with a member of Autism West Midlands present.

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/virtual-dads-support-group-west-midlands-mar31/>

- **Advice and support**

We also offer advice and support over the phone and via email. Parents/carers and professionals can contact our small team directly to arrange an appointment including face-to-face if preferable.

Shropshire office - 01952 454156 Email shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk

Weds, Thu, Fri - Emma Hegenbarth 07881109480

Tue, Wed, Thu - Dawn Lewis 07706309382

Thu - Nicola King Helpline 0121 450 7575

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS



How much school will you have missed in a year?

INCREDIBLE!

You have missed very little learning and stand the best possible change of success.

97-100%

Fewer than 5 days

GOOD!

You have met our school target – well done.

96%

6 days missed

NEARLY THERE

This is almost 2 weeks of school missed. That's 50 lessons!

95%

9 days missed

IMPROVEMENT NEEDED

55 lessons missed across the year.

94%

11 days missed

CONCERN

This is known as persistent absence and will involve school action. It is the same as missing half a day of school every week.

90%

20 days missed

SIGNIFICANT CONCERN

This is the same as missing a day of school a week. If you have 80% from years 7-11, you will have missed **ONE YEAR** of school.

80%

38 days missed