



Dear parents & Carers,

As we reach the end of the first half term, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support in sending your child to school in correct uniform with the required equipment and therefore ready to learn. It makes a huge difference, so that the conversations we have can be about learning rather than the other things that cause a distraction.

Wow! What a fantastic Sponsored Walk event on Friday. This amazing event is difficult to describe if you aren't part of it, so a huge thank you to year 10 Finley Middleton and also Mr Fox, music teacher for his drone footage which resulted in this fantastic video that Finley put together - [Sponsored Walk Video](#). I am sure you will agree that it is a very professional and accomplished piece of work!

All year groups are now firmly on their route through their respective curricula. The journey should not be (and is not) a mystery for pupils. Teachers have provided tracker sheets for pupils to stick in their books at the start of each unit of work which tells them where the learning will be taking them. Also, at the start of lessons, pupils have been re-visiting prior learning through 'retrieval tasks', encouraging them to think back and embed key knowledge in their long-term memory. Please do talk to your child/ren about these aspects of their lessons to find out what they are learning about and what they can remember!

Thank you to parents & carers of year 10 pupils for attending the Progress Evening yesterday. We hope that the opportunity to talk to subject teachers about the start that your child has made to their key stage 4 courses was useful.

Meanwhile, year 11 pupils have been attending the fantastic 'how to' revision sessions that staff have been offering across this week at lunch times. I have heard pupils talking positively about techniques that they have found out about and are going to try. Revision for the mock examinations which commence in November should certainly now be under way!

Enjoy the half term break and we look forward to welcoming pupils back on Monday 31st October.

John Parr

Headteacher

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
- Clear retainers must be used for nose piercing

Could you support the P.T.A. by volunteering your help?

The P.T.A is looking for new members to join them. If you would like any further information please email csschoolpta@gmail.com

Thank you

Appointment Reminder

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.

When we return after

Half Term it is

WEEK B

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.

Whole School Attendance

from 7th - 14th October

Caradoc 93.2%

Hazler 93.6%

Ragleth 93.4%

Lawley 89.7%

Revision Techniques

Finding the right revision technique takes some practice. To help decide what the best method is for individual students we have put together a menu of short revision technique sessions at lunchtime next week and for two weeks after half term. You can see the timetable below. Some techniques work best for all subjects, and some lend themselves more to certain subjects, but there is one thing that is true for all subjects: you will have to recall and write down what you know. Your revision should therefore consist of trying to write down what you know from memory.

If you had your driving test next week you would want to practise driving as much as possible rather than reading about it, wouldn't you? Watching someone else drive or finding reasons to do anything other than driving until the night before wouldn't help either, you would likely get the keys and start looking for the car only to find it had no fuel in it. Too late, it is now down to chance.

Please help your child to revise by providing a space that is warm and quiet to work in. Ask them what they are doing and when. Encourage them to be active in their revision, reward them for revising. Revising a little and often is scientifically proven to be the best approach. For this reason, we will be talking to them about how to plan their revision in PSHE lessons before half-term as well as showing them how to revise. Unfortunately, we can't do the revision for them.

There is more information on the school website (in the 'Students/Revision' section) about revising and dealing with exam stress and blank revision timetables amongst other things. We will publish the exam timetable and the topic lists in this location too as well as sending them electronically to each student.

Lunchtime Revision Tip Sessions

31.10-4.11	MON B:	TUE B:	WED B:	THU B:	FRI B:
12:25 – 12:35	Learning Styles G1 Mrs Dixon	Working with Past Papers Y2 Mr Williams	Novelty and Story Memory Drama Studio Mr Wise	Examiner reports B5 Mr. Cox	Key Terminology B9 Mr Fox
	Retrieval Techniques G6 Mrs Proffitt	Retrieval Techniques G6 Mrs Proffitt	How to interpret the question B4 Mrs Gajny	Retrieval Techniques G6 Mrs Proffitt	Reading and Decoding Questions R5 Mr Seager
12:40 – 12:50	Interpreting graphs and charts B8 Mr Clarkson	Graphic organisers B5 Mr Cox	Summarising / Note taking B3 Dr Fairlie	Flashcards PE Classroom Mrs Hodnett	Mind Maps R6 Mr Balmer
		Effective use of the internet B2 Mr Lowe		Condense your notes B2 Mr Lowe	Overcoming Exam Stress B7 Mrs Carr

Autumn Term Mock Exams 2022 - Year 11 Timetable

(F = Foundation, H = Higher, bracketed timings are for students with extra time in exams)

Week B

Date	Period 1 9.05 – 10.05	Period 2 10.05 – 11.05	Break 11.05 – 11.20	Period 3 11.20 – 12.20	Lunch 12.20 – 13.10	Period 4 13.10 – 14.10	Period 5 14.10 – 15.10
Monday 28 th November	English Language 1 hr 45 mins (2 hrs 12m)			Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons	
Tuesday 29 th November	DT 2 hrs (2 hrs 30m) RE Christianity 1 hr (1 hr 15m)			Normal Lessons		Maths Non-Calculator 1 hr 30m (1 hr 53m)	
Wednesday 30 th November	History 1 hr 40 mins (2 hrs 5m)			Normal Lessons		Spanish Writing F 60m H 1 hr 15m	
Thursday 1 st December	Geography 1 hr 30m (1 hr 53m)			Normal Lessons		Drama 30m (38m)	
Friday 2 nd December	Biology 1 hr 45m (2 hrs 12m) Combined Science 1 hr 10m (1 hr 28m)			Normal Lessons		French Writing F 60m H 1 hr 15m (1 hr 15m H 1 hr 34m) RE Judaism 1 hr (1 hr 15m)	

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Week A

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Monday 5 th December	English Literature 1 hr 45m (2 hrs 12m)			Normal Lessons		French Listening & Reading F 1 hr 20m H 1 hr 45m (F 1 hr 40m H 2hrs 12m)	
Tuesday 6 th December	Chemistry 1 hr 45m (2 hrs 12m) Combined Science 1 hr 10m (1 hr 28m)			Normal Lessons		Sport 1 hr (1hr 15m)	
Wednesday 7 th December	Maths Calculator 1 hr 30m (1 hr 53m)			Normal Lessons		Construction 1 hr 15m (1 hr 34m)	
Thursday 8 th December	Physics 1 hr 45m (2 hrs 12m) Combined Science 1 hr 10m (1 hr 28m)			Normal Lessons		Spanish Listening & Reading F 1 hr 20m H 1 hr 45m	
Friday 9 th December	Food Technology 1 hr 45 m (2 hrs 12m)			Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons	

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

Next Weeks Fixtures

Forthcoming fixtures after Half Term:

3rd Nov U13 girls football tournament

8th Nov Girls Basketball V BC Away

9th Nov Boys Basketball V BC @ home

9th Nov Girls Netball V BC @ Home

10th Nov U15 Boys Football @ Ludlow Stadium

Consent forms must be signed by parents for all students attending away sporting fixtures. Forms can be found on Parent Pay and students will only be able to attend if these forms have been completed.

All information regarding arrival/departure times will be given to participants individually.



HOLIDAY CAMPS

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DUNLOP

Sports leadership and primary outreach work

This half term Miss Beamond has started running a leadership club on Thursday lunchtime, these leaders are trained up to help run primary events organised by Mrs Dillon.

So far this term 7 of the year 10 leaders have helped in the primary Carding mill XC which in the year 5 /6 races over 210 pupils from 8 local primary schools took part in and the year 3 /4 XC race 12 primary schools and over 260 pupils took part – they did an amazing job of haring and supporting all pupils.

CSS has also hosted the KS1 invasion festival this half term again relying on the brilliant leadership skills of the year 7-9 pupils, 17 leaders who all worked hard all afternoon to make sure that the 195 reception – year 2 pupils all enjoyed their experience at CSS and learned something.

Next half term we are hosting both a primary football tournament and High 5 netball league as well as a year 7 transition day.



Year 11 Mock Exams – Mathematics.

Following on from the year 11 assembly on Friday 21st October, I would like to provide you with important information regarding the mathematics mock exam.

Students will sit 2 papers: 1 non-calculator paper, and 1 calculator paper. Each paper will be 80 marks and last for 90 minutes (plus 25% for students with extra time).

The papers will closely replicate a proper GCSE mathematics paper. They will cover a full range of topics, as specified in the national curriculum, including topics not yet covered in mathematics lessons. We have aligned ourselves with other local schools who will also be sitting full GCSE papers. Although there are topics not yet covered, every student is in the same situation (including year 11s from local schools). We are giving our students every opportunity to succeed; they have been issued with a full list of topics on the mock papers, and on the day, they will be issued with a formula sheet to use in their exams.

I have put extensive revision resources on Teams/OneNote, in the students' maths area. These are links to videos, exam-style questions, and revision techniques. If students purchased a revision guide and workbook, these are also great revision resources.

Students are expected to have ALL essential maths equipment for their mock exams:

Pens (blue or black), pencils, ruler, eraser, pencil sharpener, scientific calculator (paper 2 – calculator only), pair of compasses and a protractor.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Mr Williams.

Thank you

The science department would like to thank local company, **Euro Quality Lambs**.



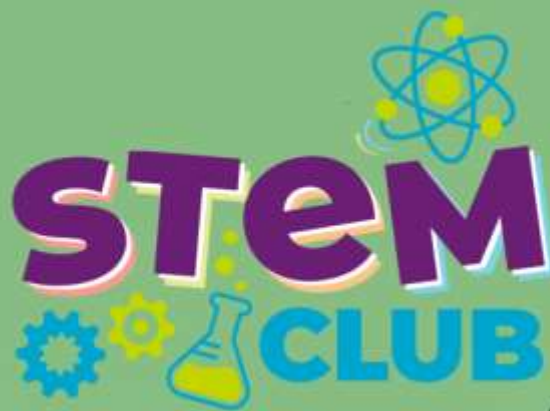
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[Home - Euro Quality Lambs](#)

In KS4 Separate Science Biology, students study the eye; identifying the main parts of the eye, how our eyes allow us to see, and common eye defects - this provides a great opportunity for students to perform an eye dissection.

Euro Quality Lambs, based in Craven Arms, were very happy to help and kindly donated eyes to the school so our students can complete this practical work.

Thanks once again,
The science department





STEM CLUB

Monday 
B4^{lunch} Key Stage 3
12:35 - 13:05pm



<Coding Club>

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All the books have been chosen by young people, health professionals and library staff

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This week, as part of our "World Mental Health" assembly we looked at ways of evaluating and improving our mental health and wellbeing.

Here are a couple of the activities we looked at and links to resources we used.

[Mental Health Resources For Children and Young People | YoungMinds](#)



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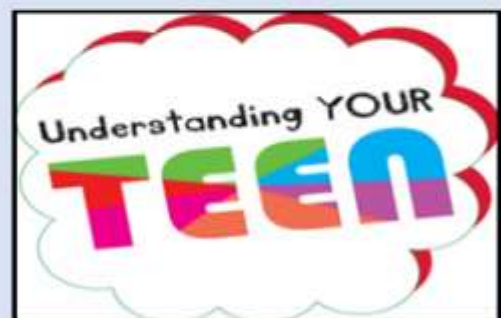
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