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The WBSpotlight

SHINING A LIGHT ON OUR AMAZING SCHOOL

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Dear WBS families

This week at school has been notably different. Home Learning through live lessons has progressed smoothly as students become more adept with Microsoft Teams. Mrs. Shaw will update parents in due course regarding the return date for our students. We are eager to welcome our students back into the classroom.

We have been diligently organizing the career event scheduled for next Wednesday. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to Mr. Boak and Mrs. Jones, in particular, for their exceptional efforts in this regard.

The History Department has produced an outstanding assembly for Black History Month. For those students engaged in Home Learning, please ensure they have viewed it. Additionally, there have been a series of Year 11 masterclasses on English. The parent seminar on revision and exam preparations was also successful. The strategies shared should assist Year 11 students in making the necessary preparations for the upcoming exams in November.

I urge parents to read the reminder of next week's arrangements.

Mrs Mincher, Acting Deputy Headteacher

Dear WBS families

It's been another challenging week for those in school, and also for those students studying from home and the family members supporting them. I appreciate entirely how difficult this set up has been for families and children and I hope never to find ourselves in a situation such as this again.

Last week, I asked you to keep everything crossed for a return to school for all students on Tuesday 5th November. We are still working towards having a full school reopening on this date, immediately after the October half term. I hope to be able to email and text you in the half term holiday to confirm the school reopening, as soon as the necessary approvals are in place that ensure everybody's safety.

We have decided to proceed with the interim measure of having scaffolding fitted to reinforce the current balcony walls. The scaffolding will result in the walls being stronger and therefore safe. There will of course be inconvenience to the school community caused by the scaffolding, but this temporary measure will mean that we can reopen our doors and allow the permanent building work to be completed during school holidays, or at such a time that it will not interrupt the running of the school.

The scaffolding will be panelled with sheets of steel and there will be additional corridors created by the scaffolding and cladding. The areas significantly affected by the scaffolding will be the two London breakout spaces. The larger break out space is currently used at break and lunch for those students who overflow from the dining hall. This lack of capacity, will be addressed and we will share any changes to the way in which the day to day school will be run, with you and your children as soon as plans are in place.

Due to the building work, Tokyo and Rio Hubs will be running from the Wellbeing Hub area. This will mean that the children that normally access Tokyo Hub for line up, lessons and at social times will need to access the Wellbeing Hub via the stairs or lift. Following the half term holiday, the children will return to the normal Hub provision.

I want to personally thank every member of the school community for their patience and resilience during this time. Whether you are a student, a parent, a grandparent or a member of staff, you will have made compromises and sacrifices to make the best of this situation.

Thank you for your support and loyalty.

Mrs Shaw, Acting Headteacher

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Cinema



Fremont (12a)

Thu 17 Oct | 19:30 | £6 (5)

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Vindication Swim

Mon 21 Oct | 19:30 | £6 (5)

Comedy

**THE EDGE
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The Edge Comedy Club

Sat 26 Oct | 19:30 | £15

Theatre



**Supernatural
Shropshire**

Thur 31 Oct | 19:30 | £10

Cinema



The Bikeriders (15)

Mon 4 Nov | 19:30 | £6 (5)

Cinema



**Exhibition on Screen: Van
Gogh: Poets & Lovers (PG)**

Thur 7 Nov | 19:30 | £12 (10)

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Extra-curricular



We are still running after school clubs for students, despite the partial closure. If you would like your child to participate in an after-school club, please book via Arbour as normal. Year 8, 9, 10 students should then be dropped off to complete the club.

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	<u>Lunchtime</u>	<u>After-School</u>
Monday	Rehearsal/Practice time	
Tuesday	Rehearsal/Practice time	Music Theory
Wednesday	Singing Diva's	Rock-Bands
Thursday	Rehearsal/Practice time	Choir
Friday	String Group	

All years welcome.

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



William Brookes School PE Department After School Clubs (15:20-16:30) *unless stated



Starting Mon 9th Sept 2024 until Easter 2025

For more live information please subscribe & download the squad in touch app <https://app.squadintouch.com/register>

	Outdoor Space MUGA, Grass, Astroturf		Sports Hall	Swimming Pool
Monday				Performance Swimming Club (Lane Swimming)
STAFF				Miss Bagnall
Tuesday	Y7-11 Netball	Y7-8 Boys Rugby	Y7-11 Basketball	Improvers Swimming Club
STAFF	Mrs Jardine	Miss Johnson	Mr Wilson	Miss Bagnall & Mr Cole
Wednesday	Y7&8 Football	Girls Rugby	Badminton *Y7&8 3.20 - 4.10pm *Y9-11 4.20 - 5pm	
STAFF	Mr Book	Miss Johnson	Mr Bourton	
Thursday	Y7-11 Girls Football	Y9, 10-11 Rugby		Beginners Swimming Club
STAFF	Mr Book	Miss Johnson		Miss Bagnall & Mr Cole
Friday	Y9-11 Football	Y7-11 Hockey	Werlock Lightning Netball Club *Y7-9 5.00 - 6pm *Y10-13 6.00 - 7pm	
STAFF	Mr Parkes	Mr Wilson & Mrs Hennessy	Mrs Jardine	

Extra-curricular



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Dance Clubs

2024/2025



Day of the Week	Year Group	Where	Time
Monday	Year 9-11 Dance Club	Studio 2	3:20-4:20
Tuesday	Year 11 GCSE Dance Rehearsal/Revision	Studio 2	3:20-4:20
Wednesday	Year 7-8 Dance Club	Studio 2	3:20-4:20
Thursday	Elite Dance: Y7-13	Studio 2	3:20-4:20

Please come and join us at one of the WBS Dance Clubs this year.

Primary Dance and Summer Dance 2025 are coming up! Come along and be a part of our shows!

For those students who are not learning in school at the moment but who would like to attend after school clubs, we will be running a mini bus which will do a pick up from the petrol garage in Broseley, village hall at Cressage, bus stop at Cross Houses, The Mill at Leighton and Buildwas Village Hall.

We will also run a separate mini bus, picking up at Lightmoor Village Primary School, Horsehay Fish and Chip shop and Coalbrookdale Primary School. If you would like to book your child onto one of these buses, please complete Microsoft Forms for [Performance](#) and this one for [PE Clubs](#). Please complete these at the latest by 9.00am on the morning of the day you need transport. Many thanks.

Next Weeks Arrangement

	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y13
Monday 21 st October	In school – sports all day	Online learning/ Live lessons	Online learning/ Live lessons	In school	In school	In school

Can year 7 parents ensure students are sent dressed in PE kit and bring a waterproof coat with them please.

Year 10/11/13 Face to face teaching in school

	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y13
Tuesday 22 nd October	In school – activities day	Online learning/ Live lessons	Online learning/ Live lessons	In school	In school	In school

Year 7 will be doing a 'Stand Together Event' working on the Christmas market



Year 10/11/13 Face to face teaching in school

	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y13
Wednesday 23 rd October	Online learning/ Live lessons	Online learning/ Live lessons	Careers event in school	Online learning/ Live lessons (careers fair in the afternoon)	In school	In school

Year 9 back in school for the big careers event.

Year 11/13 Face to Face teaching.
Year 11 will also be visiting the careers event during the course of the day.

Year 11 Academic Learning

After school revision lessons are up and running for Year 11.

DAY	After-school session
Monday	STAFF MEETING
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maths: Higher GCSE in 007/8• Further Maths: 004• English: (Literature) in 109
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art: 112• History: 110• Business: business room• Food: food room
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maths: Foundation/higher GCSE crossover - invite only 007• Psychology: 203• Product Design: Mr Colborn's room• Computer Science: Code Club (Mr Jeffries room)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maths: Foundation GCSE - 009/breakout)• Sports Science: room tbc (Mrs Jardine)• Product Design: Mr Colborn's room• Business: business room• Computer Science: Mr Jeffries room

ILM begins on Tuesday 22nd October. Location CLT at 4.15pm – 4.50pm

GCSE Master class seminar:

Teaching, Learning & Effective Revision

- Make a start
- Revision timetable
- Revision techniques
- Know your exams
- Improve your memory

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The Science of Learning

In recent years, there has been lots of research around the science of learning and how we learn and retain information.

In summary, if we think of the learning process using the following diagram, it will help us have a greater awareness of the most effective revision strategies based upon the available research.

Effective revision strategies such as those in this booklet will help to transfer knowledge into the long-term memory.

We have a certain amount of attention to pay and this can be limited and can deteriorate very quickly as the individual's interest wanes. In the original diagram, whatever process we acknowledge that information and this is then transferred into our working memory.

Our working memory's finite and we can only absorb a limited amount of information at a given time. This may be up to 20 seconds, but normally, it can only absorb long number and to work remember it every 20 seconds, you will be required to re-read this to do so.

Attention is concentrated on being better remembered through 'spacing'. This has been proven to effectively absorb and use our revision information from time to time. This is our working memory as opposed to a given moment. Also remember, the right to your phone number or address, the more it will be remembered about the less things you are aware of. The idea of it is that long term memory needs to be used and retained when needed.

Information is not being learned merely to be remembered and linked with prior knowledge.

If students undertake enough **retrieval practice**, generating the information over long term memory to become a small of choice with the class.

Practice makes perfect!

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We are pleased to report another successful evening focused on GCSE success. The resources distributed to Year 11 students this evening should be utilized to support the creation of a comprehensive revision plan. This preparation is in anticipation of the upcoming practice exam papers, which will commence the week of 18th November. Please remember that the revision strategies, such as flashcards and blurring, covered during DEAR time are essential for effective preparation. We extend our gratitude to all who attended.



HISTORY REVISION

PAPER ONE

CRIME & PUNISHMENT

REVISION GUIDE

Every topic broken down into small sections, with short question quizzes to revise key facts and practice exam questions.

INTERNET...

BBC Bitesize has videos and revision quizzes to support this unit.

WATCH...

There are so many great films telling stories that relate to our course – of course films aren't always historically accurate but can really help give you the context of the times and places. We recommend...

PETERLOO – Poverty and unrest lead to a massacre in the 1800s when policing a demonstration goes horribly wrong...

'LET HIM HAVE IT' – One of the most controversial cases in British criminal history – leading to society questioning the Death Penalty...

ANY ROBIN HOOD FILM! He might be a fictional character but the story is a useful point of reference to learn about real outlaws.

READ...

For something a bit different – why not read Alan Moore and Eddie Campbell's graphic novel about the Ripper murders? Not for the faint hearted!

VISIT...

Take a guided tour of SHREWSBURY PRISON!



Much Wenlock Primary School opening mornings 14th and 28th November 2024

Looking for Reception places for 2025 or a school place for your child in other year groups?



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Amazing Us!



Congratulations to the U14 girls' netball team who qualified for the regional tournament. They were second in the tournament, drawing to the eventual winners and will therefore go on to represent Shropshire next February. This is the first time that an U14 netball team from William Brookes have ever made it to the regionals and we wish them lots of luck!

U13 State school County Champions

Well done to our U15 & U 13 hockey teams. Both teams competed in the first hockey tournament of the year at Telford and Wrekin Hockey Club in the State Schools County Competition. Our U15's battled hard and worked their socks off to defend against strong opposition. Coming away with a win and 2 losses.

Our U 13's, won all their games and can officially be call U13 State School County Champions!! Well done to all who played, Mr Wilson and Mrs Hennessy are proud of you all!



Amazing Us!



Mrs Crowther received some lovely photos from Charlotte, year 9. Its great when we receive these such things – it showcases excellence! Keep up the photography Charlotte.



Tutor of the Week



**Excellence is the name of the game with year 11.
Some outstanding ATL scores from these students!**

Amazing Us!



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Amazing Us!



What is Black History Month and why does it matter?



We extend our sincere gratitude to Mr. Roche from the History Department for designing this assembly, which has provided all students with the opportunity to learn more about Black History Month. It was extremely informative.

Careers and Destinations

The Principal from Shrewsbury College came into school on Monday to talk to Year 11 students about, Where Next? James Staniforth spoke about the various courses and opportunities on offer for September 2025. He shared information about the College.

Post 16 Open Events next week

Herefordshire, Ludlow and North Shropshire College - **WALFORD COLLEGE**



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Walford Agricultural College Saturday 19th October 10.00am – 12.30pm

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For those thinking of Engineering then a note for your diary is 31st October in half term at Incomm Training

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Friday 29th November Taster Day 2024



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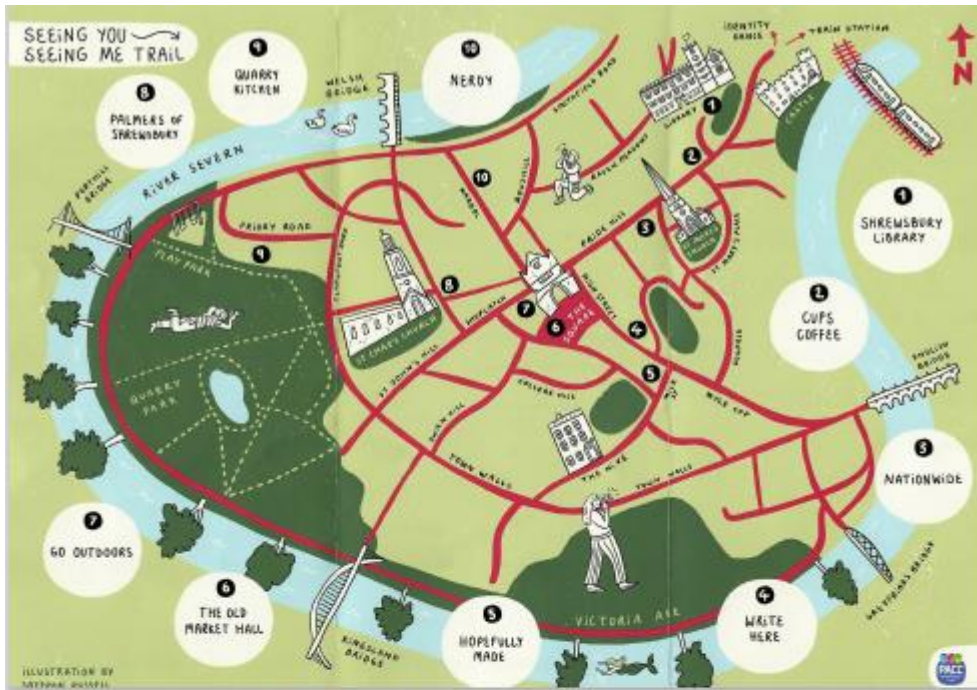
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Come along and experience college life at our **Taster Day!** This is a great opportunity to explore different subjects, meet new people, and get a feel for what studying at college is like.

The day will run from 9:45 AM to 2:45 PM, during which you'll participate in sessions across **TWO different course areas.**





Seeing You Seeing Me

This ground-breaking exhibition and photographic trail celebrates young people with SEND having fun together in Shropshire. The images and their words highlight how important this is to them and their well-being.

All the photographs were taken during the PACC Healthy Lives programme, which provides much needed support to SEND families during holiday periods.

Follow the trail in town all week!

Visit PACC at St Mary's Church to see the exhibition.

Mon 28th - Thurs 31st, 10am - 4pm. Fri 1st, 10am - 12pm.

Join us at the Church from Mon 28th to Thurs 31st, 10am - 1pm for board games, arts and crafts, singing and story telling. Pop up cafe or bring a packed lunch. No cost, just donations to the Save the Hive Campaign.

Parent Carer Council (PACC) Shropshire

PACC is a local charity lead by Parent Carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) 0-25 years.

We provide information, support and opportunities for SEND families to use their experience to improve the SEND system.

To find out more visit: paccshropshire.org.uk

Thanks to our Funders:

- Shropshire & Telford Integrated Care System
- Shropshire Council
- Inclusive Communities Fund

Thanks to St Mary's Church and everyone on our trail:

- Shropshire Libraries
- CUPS Coffee
- Nationwide
- Write Here
- Hopefully Made
- Old Market Hall
- Go Outdoors
- Palmers
- Quarry Cafe
- Nerdy Coffee

Thanks to all the young people and families who supported PACC's Healthy Lives Programme and let us share their photographs.

Thanks to Ming de Naaly for curating this project.

SEEING YOU SEEING ME

CELEBRATING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE SHROPSHIRE SEND COMMUNITY

Photographic Exhibition & Trail

St Mary's Church & around Shrewsbury Town Centre

Saturday 26th October until Friday 1st November

WBS - IMPORTANT INFORMATION Regarding Arriva Bus Route 894

For the attention of Parent/Carers of students who travel on the Arriva 894 bus

We have been advised by Arriva that due to the flood barriers being deployed there is a road closure in place in Ironbridge. This has an impact on the Arriva route 894.

Arriva have provided a shuttle bus this morning but from this afternoon, all students who normally embark/disembark at Dale End Carpark should use the Waterloo Street stop whilst the closure is in place.

Many thanks