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SHINING A LIGHT ON OUR AMAZING SCHOOL

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Dear WBS families

This edition of our WBSpotlight is filled with numerous wonderful events and achievements at the school. These range from sensational sporting successes to the Year 7 Careers Day held on Wednesday. Our Year 7 students were extremely excited to embark on their careers journey, exploring the possibilities available to them and understanding how education can transform their dreams and aspirations into reality. Pictures to follow.

Within this WBSpotlight, you will find a wealth of information regarding upcoming visits and opportunities for students. Additionally, we are appealing for donations to support our new upcycling business initiative. We aim to foster entrepreneurial skills in our young people and prepare them for a bright future.

Exciting times lie ahead!

Mrs Mincher Deputy Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this edition of The WBSpotlight finds you well. Yet again, this edition is full of incredible opportunities that our young people have available to them. Last weekend was a huge weekend of sport for the school with netball matches and a Rugby match trip. The children had a phenomenal time and I want to personally thank the PE department for giving up their weekend to organise and supervise this.

Your children may have come home with early information about potential changes to the school uniform. In line with the school curriculum changes, I require a more relaxed-style school uniform that will facilitate this. As part of the consultation process, I will be in touch with you before half term to share my ideas and to give you the opportunity to have your say.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Shaw Headteacher

The WBS potlight



The Edge

BOOK ONLINE:

WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/EDGEARTSCENTRE



Paul Kerensa: An Evening of (Very) Old Radio:

The Edge Arts Centre Much Wenlock Sat 8 Feb 2025, 7:30PM



Classic Film Night: Casablanca

The Edge Arts Centre Much Wenlock Mon 10 Feb 2025, 7:30PM



Primary Dance - Musical and Film: Night 1

The Edge Arts Centre Much Wenlock Tue 11 Feb 2025, 6:00PM



Primary Dance - Musical and Film: Night 2

The Edge Arts Centre Much Wenlock

Wed 12 Feb 2025, 6:00PM

Extra-curricular





William Brookes School PE Department After School Clubs (15:20-16:30) *unless stated Starting Mon 9th Sept 2024 until Easter 2025



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I	Outdoor Space MUGA, Grass, Astroturf		Sports Hall	Swimming Pool
Monday				Performance Swimming Clul (Lane Swimming)
STATE				Mrs. Bagnall
Tuesday	Y/ 11 Netball	Y7-9 Boys Rugby	Y/ 11 Hasketball	Improvers Swimming Club
STAFF	Mrs Jardine	Miss Johnson	Mr Wilson	Miss Bagnail & Ms Coloing.
Wednesday	Y/&8 Football	Girls Rugby	Badminton *Y788 3.20 - 4.10pm *Y3-71 4.10 - 3pm	
STAF	Mr Boek	Mas Johnson	Mr Sourton	
Thursday	Y7-11 Girls Football	Y10-11 Rugby		Beginners Swimming Club
STAFF	Mr Boak	Miss Johnson		Miss Bagnail & Ms Colging
Friday	Y9-11 Football	Y7-11 Hockey	Wenlock Lightning Netball Club "Y7-9 5.00 – 6pm "Y20-13 6.00 – 7pm	
STAFF	Mr Parkes	Mr Wilson & Mrs Hennessy	Mrs Jardine	



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	Studio 2	3:20-4:20
	Rehearsal/Revision		
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!



Primary Dance Show

Monday 10th February: All Day rehearsals.

Please note the following WBS students will be off timetable on Monday 10th February for Rehearsals.

Show times/dates

Primary Dance: Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February

Evening performances (6pm-8:30pm). Please come along and support out students

Tuesday: Primary Dance – Musical and Film: Night 1 at The Edge Arts Centre event tickets from TicketSource

Wednesday: Primary Dance – Musical and Film: Night 2 at The Edge Arts Centre event tickets from TicketSource

New closing date for Music, Speech and Drama entries: 10th February 2025



Wenlock Olympian Games Live Arts Festival



A chance for young people of all abilities to perform in a supportive and friendly environment

Music competitions for Primary (Years 1 - 6) and Senior (Years 7-13)

- Singing Solo
- Singing Solo Musical theatre
- Instrumental solos:

Novice All Instruments

Woodwind

Brass

Strings

Piano

Duets and Trios:

Singing

Singing - Musical Theatre

Instrumental

- Singing Group (Choir)
- · Instrumental Group

Speech and Drama competitions for Primary and Secondary

- Choral speaking (primary)
- Verse Speaking
- Reading for Performance
- Creative Poetry Writing for Performance
- Acting (solo)
- Acting (duologue)



Online entry forms, further details and contact details:

https://wenlock-olympian-society.org.uk/wenlock-olympian-society-arts/

At the Edge Arts Centre, Much Wenlock, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th March 2025



Copy of the Letter sent to parents this week regarding the Music Visit – Mrs Adams and Mrs Mincher are so looking forward to taking students to this! What a fantastic experience!

Dear Parent/Carer

Music Trip: City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra concert at Symphony Hall We can confirm your child's place on the above trip.

Students will have a break from 10.45am in which they will be expected to eat their lunch in school and will be transported to Birmingham by coach leaving at 11.30am. They will enjoy the concert, and be transported back to school after the concert, leaving Birmingham by 3pm. We anticipate arriving back at school after 4pm, and by 4.30pm at the latest. Students will be supervised throughout the visit and are expected to attend in school uniform.

I have been sent a link to the programme, which I will print off for the students. If any of them would like to peruse this beforehand, the link is: https://cbso.co.uk/take-part/schools/schools-concerts

If you have any further questions about this activity please email Ms V Adams.

Yours faithfully

Victoria Adams
Teacher of Music

Reminder Year 10 Students / Parents Munich March 2025:



Information Meeting – Monday 10th February in CLT at 5pm. See you all there!



William Brookes School - Kenya Scuba / Summer 2026

Students in year 9 & 10: Come along to our Parents Presentation evening to find out more









William Brookes School

Kenya Scuba Expedition 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

COMING SOON - AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR SON/DAUGHTER

We are very excited to announce that we are partnering with Camps International to offer students the opportunity to go on a life-changing, 4-week expedition to Kerrya, during the summer of 2026. Students will work on a variety of meaningful and sustainable projects as well as undertaking the personal adventure challenge of a PADI Open Water Scuba Diving Course.

SAVE THE DATE TO COME ALONG AND FIND OUT MORE:

Wednesday 5th March at 6pm

Meeting at William Brookes School (studio 1)

During our Parents Presentation you and your son/daughter will be able to hear more about Camps, the expedition and fundraising, as well as how to join the team.

In the meantime, to get an insight into the expedition, you can see photos from previous teams on the Camps Instagram page: https://www.instagram.com/campsint/

As students are encouraged to raise the funds for this expedition themselves, why not get started straight away with some helpful tips and advice: https://www.campsinternational.com/fundraising-for-your-expedition/

We look forward to letting you know more about the expedition soon.

Kindest regards,



William Brookes School











William Brookes School in the press!

8 NEWS

SHROPSHIRE STAR | MONDAY FERRUARY 3 2025

Lloyds submits plans to replace branch doors

Lloyds has submitted plans to re-place doors at one of the Shropshire banks that is set to close.

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T&D, working on behalf of the banking giant, said that the proposal is to replace some doors at the Bridgnorth site with new ones, while others will be upgraded with new ironmongery.

"The primary concern is the condition of some of the internal doors on the ground and first floors" "said to be compared and first floors" "said to contain the ground and first floors" "said the ground and first floors" and the ground ground

dition of some of the internal doors on the ground and first floors," said Harvi Paul, from T&D Group.

"The issue on the doors includes inadequate ironmongery, previous damage, and compliance upgrade via fire door specification. This is required to improve any security and health and safety issues."

The amplication was received and

The application was received and validated by Shropshire Council on Thursday – a day after it was announced that the branch is set to

The High Street site is one of The High Street site is one of 136 banks that Lloyds Banking Group plans to shut as it focuses on its digital services. A date of May 20 has been earmarked for the closure, along with the Lloyds bank in Ludlow. It means that only branches left in the county will be in Shrewsbury and Telford.

However, Telford will lose its Halifax branch on October 22.

A Lloyds Banking Group spokesperson said: "Over 20 million customers are using our apps for on-

tomers are using our apps for on-demand access to their money."

Former kennels and cattery go under hammer

A former kennels and cattery in Telford is going up for auction, with planning permission to

with planning permission to build nine new homes. Plans to build nine houses on the site of the former Haven Boarding Kennels & Cattery in Lightmoor were submitted in July 2023. The site had been used for the bearding of cats and does

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One five-bedroom detached home was planned for the site, along with eight three-bed-room homes made up of a mix of detached and semi-detached

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The application attracted a number of objections from neighbours and from Dawley Hamlets Parish Council who raised concerns over highway safety. safety.

safety.

But the plans were ultimately given the green light by Telford & Wrekin Council the following April after planning officers found "no technical issues" with the proposals.

Now, the undeveloped site is going up for auction with a guide price of £660,000.

The listing, from agents Nick Tart, reads: "A development opportunity to purchase a site of approximately 0.9 acres with planning for five detached houses and four semi-detached houses."





A 'go-to' school for talented sporting stars of the future



There is excitement for the future of William Brookes School in Much Wenlock which is under new leadership from previous students who have a clear vision to make this school one of sporting excellence.

The secondary school is very proud of its history and background, being the only Coubertin school in Great Britain.

ground, being the only Coubertin school in Great Britain.
William Brookes School was awarded the status in 1997 when it was asked to become a founder member due to its strong links with the modern Olympic Games.
Creator of the modern games, Pierre de Coubertin, visited Much Wenlock in 1890 as a guest of Dr William Penny Brookes. The French philosopher believed in educating the whole body and mind, and after seeing the very place at the school where the Wenlock Olympian Games took place, he went on to create the place, he went on to create the

place, ne went on to create the modern games that are held every four years.

As you enter the modern school, situated within a beautiful loca-tion in the historic market town of Much Wenlock, you are greeted by smiling faces, but also an Olympic torch from the 2012 London Olym-pic Games after students were se-lected to be Olympic torchbearers as it travelled its way around the

country.

Elsewhere, there is also the entrance and box office for The Edge' - the school's state-of-the-art theatre that is run by the school and volunteers in the com-



Deputy Head Claire Mincher and Head Ruth Shaw outside William Brookes School



Ruth Shaw with her photo from when she was a pupil



Oscar Dangerfield, Harry Burrows and Joe Wright

exceptional offerings alongside its swimming pool and gym, and more recently its new 'Wellbeing' classroom which features some rabbits.
"Be the best that you can be", is

country.

Elsewhere, there is also the entrance and box office for The Edge' - the school's state-of-the-school and volunteers in the community.

There are dance and music studios which add to the school's on the up as they have high ambi-

tions. "I was acting head for about six months so I have had lots of time to think about changes that I would like to make," said Ruth. "It has been a great start and staff have been positive about the appointment. The children are re-ally nositive they know me quite

appointment. The children are re-ally positive, they know me quite well now and know what they are getting, firm but fair, approach-able but I have really high stand-ards as well.

"For those who know the school, they will know we have really

strong olympic link. William Penny Brookes met with Pierre de Coubertin and the story is that he then went and used what was happening in Wenlock to form the modern Olympic Games.

"It is a really important narra-tive to the school but I think it has

tive to the school but I think it has got a bit lost recently so it is some-thing I am keen to get back. "I want William Brookes to be the go-to school for children who are talented sportsmen and wom-

IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO HIGHLIGHT YOUR SCHOOL, PLEASE CONTACT ISABELLE.PARKIN@MNAMEDIA.CO.UK



DONATIONS NEEDED

Students at William Brookes School are very excited to start a brand new furniture upcycling business as a part of their school curriculum!

We would be extremely grateful for any donations!



Mrs Moran's Tutor Group have excelled this week – look at this beautiful presentation:



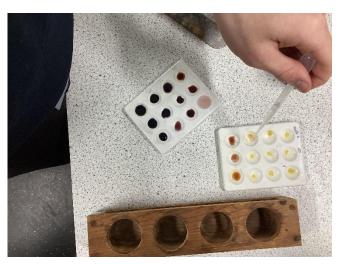


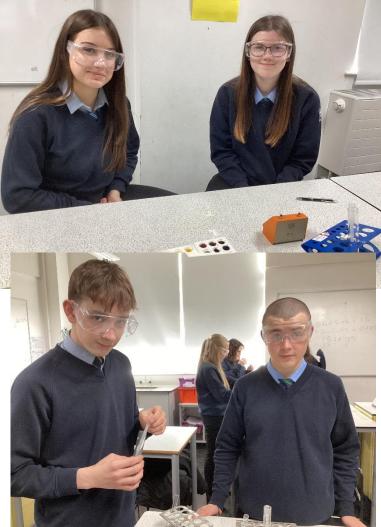
Students have completed two group reads in the last week and made various items that are now on display.

Mrs Moran stated "The students have worked really hard and put a lot of time and effort into their work. It has also shown some real character as we have had older students working with some high SEND need students to create this."

Year 7 Career's Day was held on Wednesday 5th February. The Year 7s were treated to six workshops from external speakers from a range of industries, from crop science to personal training and cyber security. As well as this, they received a presentation from the Army and the Navy at the end of the day. The aim of the day was to broaden the students' horizons by introducing them to careers they may not have considered yet. The day was a huge success, with a full report to follow in next week's WBSpotlight.

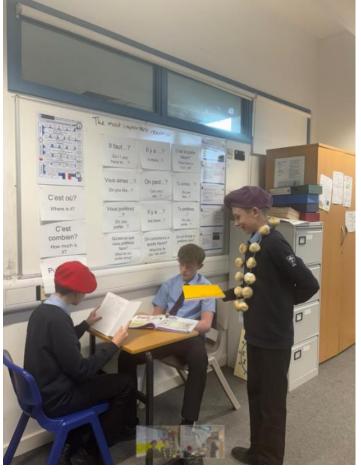
Mrs Bennetts Year 10 -Required practical: Effect of pH on enzyme activity:





Role plays to practice speaking. There is always such a energy buzz in the MFL department. Superb work!!







We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Four Paws Pet Shop & Grooming, located in Broseley, for their generous donation of supplies to the rabbits. Their kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated, and we are truly grateful for their support







Team of the month acknowledges students who have been working hard in PE lessons in terms of their attainment or progress, represented the school excellently at fixtures, or been committed to training and leadership activities. These are our

sporting stars who are our team of the month for January.

We would like to showcase more sporting success... Who is going to be nominated in February?





BOOK DAY

6 MARCH 2025

Following from our huge success last year – we are celebrating World Book Day again this year. There will be lots of fun activities for students to participate in. We are also holding a Scholastic Book fair!







U14 Regional Tournament

In October, the U14 netball team qualified for the Regional Tournament by securing second place in the County Netball Tournament. This achievement marks only the second time in a quarter of a century that a team from William Brookes School has qualified for this event.



Since then, the team has diligently trained to maximize their potential, and their efforts did not disappoint. During their first match, although they started slowly and were initially three goals down, they maintained their composure, gradually gaining

momentum to secure a comfortable victory. Their second match presented more challenges, and despite another slow start, the team remained calm, began overturning the opposition's centre pass, and clinched a narrow victory.

Unfortunately, one of the other schools withdrew from the competition, resulting in a two-and-a-half-hour break, which was not ideal for maintaining their readiness. The subsequent three matches were against tough opponents, and the prolonged break made it difficult to be fully prepared. Although the team struggled to overcome their slow starts, they consistently held their own and posed significant challenges for the opposition.

These girls have become the most successful team in recent history at William Brookes School, and I am immensely proud of their achievements. They exhibited tremendous effort throughout the day. While some results may have been disappointing, I hope they now recognize the areas they need to work on to reach the next level. Their potential is undeniable, and they are certainly capable of achieving even greater success.



Careers and Destinations



NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 10TH – 16TH FEBRUARY 2025

SKILLS FOR LIFE: IT ALL STARTS WITH SKILLS

Whether you're growing your business, changing your career or just starting out, it all starts with skills. Young people, if you're in education or just about to leave, you can get help working out your options.

What is an apprenticeship and how does it work?

In general, an apprenticeship is a paid role that combines hands-on work experience with off-the-job training. You'll usually do four days (or 80% of your time) at work and take one day a week (20%) to study. And you'll earn while you learn.

How do you get an apprenticeship?

You can find and apply for apprenticeships through the government websites and apprenticeship search engines, or through an employer or training provider, in England, Wales and Scotland.

Visit the website below for information on how an apprenticeship might be the right decision for you.

Become an apprentice: How apprenticeships work



GOV.UK

https://www.gov.uk > become-apprentice

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study. As an apprentice you'll: Apprenticeships take 1 to 5 years to complete depending on their level.

Find out more about your training options here

https://www.skillsforcareers.education.gov.uk/pages/young-people?utm_source=Toolkit&utm_medium=NAWtoolkit&utm_campaign=NAW&utm_id=YP&utm_term=NAW2025

National Apprenticeship Week 2025, 10 - 16 February 2025

Here is a list of Training Providers who can support with Apprenticeships:

Juniper Training



01952 299016 (Telford)

Enquiries@junipertraining.co.uk

Adam.Saunders@junipertraining.co.uk

Preparation for Success (SEND Provision) which includes/promotes independent living, community inclusion, health and wellbeing, employability, Maths and English. For ages 16-24 with an Education, Health and Care Plan.

Pre Apprenticeship Programme

16-18 Pre-Apprenticeship programme which includes vocational pathways, work experience, Maths and English Functional Skills and GCSEs.

Wednesday 19th February 10am – 6pm

SBC Training

01743 454810 (Shrewsbury)



info@sbc-training.co.uk
colin.preece@sbc-training.co.uk

Nova Training 01952 243380



www.novatraining.co.uk

marj.hyde@novatraining.co.uk

Study programme (Maths, English functional skiils and employability). Apprenticeship support, Construction, Motor Vehicle workshops

Landau



01952 245 015 (Wellington, Telford)

www.landau.co.uk/

hayley.foley@landau.co.uk

Kirsty.welch@landau.co.uk

Study programmes/work tasters (hairdressing and Construction)

County Training



0345 6789023

j.hackett@hlnsc.ac.uk

apprenticeships@hlnsc.ac.uk enquiries@countytraining.ac.uk

Website

https://hlnsc.ac.uk/apprenticeships/county-training/

Contact County Training for further information and support (September starts only)

Delivering apprenticeships and work-based training across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin

(September start only)

You will need to register on the National apprenticeship website and keep looking for vacancies - from about March onwards...

https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

Incomm Engineering Apprenticeships



Jayne Guest | Recruitment Manager

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E: <u>jayneg@in-comm.co.uk</u> Or <u>keiras@in-comm.co.uk</u> W: <u>https://in-comm.co.uk</u>/facility/telford/

Engineering Apprenticeship Training Centre, Telford

Saturday 22nd February 2025 10.00am - 2.00pm



Exciting News for Apprentices

Applications are now OPEN for our UK 2025 Apprentice Opportunities!

Are you ready to craft your career path in a company committed to innovation and sustainability? Join us and become part of a team shaping the future of energy management and automation.

What We Offer: - Competitive salary and attractive bonus scheme - Employee Share Ownership Programme - 28 days of annual leave plus public holidays - Flexible working arrangements (role dependent) - Hybrid working arrangements (role dependent) - Volunteering opportunities - And much more!

Opportunities across 5 main Career Pathways: - Business & Functions - Marketing & Sales - Technical & Engineering - IT, Data & Software - Sustainability

Don't miss out! Apply now and take the first step towards an exciting career with us!

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Open Day/Evening events – Post 16 Destinations

For all events for 2025 – Please check on each website that the events are still going ahead.

Shrewsbury Town Football College & University



https://www.stfccollegeanduniversity.co.uk

01743 289177 EXT 8 - Recruitment@foundationstfc.co.uk

Shrewsbury Town Football Club (Media Suite), Oteley Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ST

Level 2 & 3 Courses in Sport, Physical Activity, Coaching and Business

Monday 10th February, 7pm - 8pm

Monday 24th February, 7pm – 8pm

South Staffordshire College (Rodbaston Campus)



01785 712209

joanna.simms@southstaffs.ac.uk

karen.burley@southstaffs.ac.uk

www.southstaffs.ac.uk

Land based courses

February half term tasters

Monday 17th February and Tuesday 18th February 2025

Herefordshire, Ludlow and North Shropshire College - WALFORD COLLEGE



info@nsc.ac.uk

0800 032 1986

Student Services Manager - Faye Bonner

01939 26216

Saturday Open Events

Saturday 8 February 2025 - 10.00am -12.30pm

Access Sport (Formerly Coaching Connexions) (Telford ADC)



01952 640064

Contact: Sam Simmonds sam.simmonds@accesssport.ac.uk

Mobile: 07879770950

https://accesssport.ac.uk/

Apply here for place and/or open day invite (same form)

https://accesssport.ac.uk/applying-for-a-course/

12 February 2025 5.00pm-8.00pm Open evening and interviews

17 February 2025 1.00pm-3.00pm Half term experience session

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Shrewsbury Colleges Group



www.scg.ac.uk

Please visit the website to book a time. Shrewsbury College Vocational Thursday 13th February - 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Event for WBS families to enjoy



Alderfest 2025, a fantastic family-friendly festival at Alderford Lake on 4th & 5th July 2025! With an incredible lineup headlined by Ella Henderson, it promises to be a weekend full of amazing live music, great food, and a brilliant community atmosphere.

To help make this event more accessible for families, we're offering an exclusive 20% discount for parents, students, and staff.

Discount code: SCHOOL20

Parents can use this code at checkout on our Website www.alderfest.com to receive 20% off all tickets.



Supporting ALL to Thrive BROOKES



RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

We are seeking families with children who have special educational needs, disabilities, additional learning needs, or support needs.







An online survey investigating educational experiences of schoolage children with additional needs.



The survey should take between 10 and 25 minutes, depending on your circumstances.



The survey closes on 14th February 2025.

Parents or carers of a child aged 4-18 with additional needs in UK education or in MOD schools overseas are eligble to take part.



This survey is part of a larger study focusing on children in Armed Forces families, but it's open to ALL families with children who need additional support.

- https://sattproject.org.uk/
- 01865 603398

