

Dear Parents and Carers,

### War in Ukraine

We are all saddened by the events in Eastern Europe that began at half-term. To support students to try to process events and to have a space to ask questions, our Humanities team have run three lessons this week for students exploring the Geography, History and Philosophy surrounding the subject. One of the team shared, "I have been astounded by the level of knowledge of geopolitics, discussion, and empathy shown by students across the board." If you have any feedback for how these have been received, please do let us know.

The government have shared some useful resources and links to support families, as well as schools, in discussing the war and these can be found [here](#).

### Building Update

After a week away, both the new reception and the fitness suite and dance studio have gained their roofs and are really taking shape. In addition, preparation of the wider school entrance has taken place with the removal of a rotten tree – also allowing us to re-bark the Year 8 social space.

The new entrance will allow us to have gated access, making the school a safer site, with student footpaths protected from cars.



### Covid Regulations Update

We have now stopped supplying Covid LFT tests. Guidance for students is now with any of the three main symptoms for Covid to seek a PCR test and follow the guidance from the NHS when a test is positive. Students with Covid should avoid contact with other people.

*Mrs Alison Pearson*  
Headteacher



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Congratulations to Criftings Primary School



Winners of the KS1 Gymnastics event at the school last term, and well done to our Junior Leaders who took charge of the judging.



### Year 13 Offers Continue to Come in

Congratulations to Beth Pugh who has received an unconditional offer to study BA (Hons) Photography at Hereford College of Arts.



Enjoying our new Sixth Form study pods are Scholars students, Imogen Steel who has been accepted to study Veterinary Medicine at Nottingham, Evan Roberts who is joining the Royal Navy, Efan Smith who has had medical interviews at Sheffield, Cambridge, and Liverpool, Ben Mullock who has accepted a place to study Chemistry at Manchester and Owain Proctor and Timothy Bevan who have had interviews at Sheffield and Birmingham.



### Shropshire Young Health Champions

Student Leaders have completed their Young Health Champion training, run by Shropshire Youth Association. Students were involved in a range of self-reflection tasks and whole group discussions that covered topics such as 'ways to take a break', and practical tasks that required logical thinking and focus.

The training concluded with students designing projects of their own. All committed to having a positive impact on health in school or the local community looking at sleep, exercise and mental health.

We look forward to these projects developing over the coming weeks!

**Mr Pritchard – Student Voice**

### After School Homework Club

Students are welcome to join our popular club giving them the chance to access staff support and catch up on their work in a nice social setting. All school clubs can be found [here](#).



## FOCUS

### Pitch Up and Play Girls' Rugby Festival

The girls have been busy preparing for a North Shropshire Tournament next week. Any student interested in attending the girls training at Oswestry can turn up on a Monday evening at 7pm and the first three sessions are free! Training and squad selection is with Miss Bladen on Mondays after school. Everyone is welcome.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

- Week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> March - Years 11/13 Mock Exams
- Week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> March - Futures Week - Careers and Enterprise
- 31<sup>st</sup> March – Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening

Click [here](#) to view our term dates.



## NEWS

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