

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Our annual survey is now open** – we would love your feedback – see the link in the article below.

**Holocaust Memorial Day** was observed with Year 9 students this term, after studying the Holocaust and its significance, the day itself included a live webcast with survivor Eva Clarke. Students learnt about Eva and her family's persecution during the Holocaust, including how Eva was born into Mauthausen concentration camp and only managed to escape with her life as the camp was liberated just a week after her birth.



"It has been fantastic to have staff and students comment on how fascinating and heartbreaking Eva's story was and it was brilliant to see Year 9 engaging with such a significant event from the past in a way that will not be possible in the very near future." **Mr Richards – Head of History**

**The build update** – and this week the new reception's frame is up ready for the brickwork. At the top of school – some store buildings that are in the way have been demolished and recycled and the digger has been busy working on the foundations.



*Mrs Alison Pearson*  
**Headteacher**



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Annual Parent Survey

Every year in the spring term, we ask parents/carers (and students) for their feedback on various areas of school life.

Please follow the link below to share your thoughts about the school. Parents and carers views are always incredibly valued and often drive positive change for the students in the school. The survey will take no longer than 5 minutes and your results will remain confidential. Please click [here](#)

### Duke of Edinburgh Award - back in a big way



Over 150 Years 10 and 11 students have signed up for the Bronze Award and are now working towards completing the 4 sections - Volunteering, Skills, Physical and the Expedition.

7 Year 12 students are also taking on the DofE Gold Award.

George Chapman said: "I have taken part in Duke of Edinburgh because I am interested in developing my teamwork and social skills as well as adventuring through nature. I am keen to push my limits and help local communities with volunteer works."

### Geography Fieldtrip to Oswestry and Morda River

Students went out last week to collect data to support their GCSE exams - everyone got involved and really impressed all the staff. Despite it being a very cold couple of days, students were incredibly positive, even if a little wet at the end! Well done Year 11 Geographers!



### IT – Mystery at the Museum

This week in Computer Science, students took part in a Mystery at the Museum revision lesson where they interviewed suspects to find the correct suspect to solve the crime by answering revision questions. Barry D. Hatchett was correctly identified by our Year 11s!

**Mr Frances – Computer Science**



### Year 10 Body Language Workshop

Mike Carter, Film Director and body language expert spent two hours with the students discussing the power of body language, how to spot emotion from body language and how to use your own body language to convey confidence on the outside as well as how to boost inner confidence.



## FOCUS



**Year 10 Rugby** The team faced their first opponents in the County Cup, Abraham Derby, standing up to the test well in the first half, holding out wave after wave of attack with some crunching tackles from Charlie Painter and Seb Hughes.

Down by 3 tries at the break, the boys could have put their heads down, but they came out fighting and went on the attack with great runs from Jac Williams and Harry Heard.

The final score of 42-0 did not reflect the flow of the game and given that we were playing a weekend Rugby team, the boys need to be proud of their resilience under adversity.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening
- 17<sup>th</sup> February – Parent Forum
- 18<sup>st</sup> February – Last day of this half-term
- 1<sup>st</sup> March – Return to school for all students

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