

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first charity event this year takes place next week, with Year 11 picking up the baton to raise funds. They have chosen to do a Fun Run – have a look at the flyer in the newsletter below and use this QR code to vote for the fancy dress you want Miss Richards to wear for the run.



Year 11 have begun the next phase of their exam preparation with mock exam results day, a key event in the year and there was a palpable atmosphere in the room. Please ask your child to show you their “Golden Ticket”.

It is a good motivator to put on the fridge door or somewhere it can be seen – it will be a useful focusing point in the weeks ahead when you child may be feeling the challenge ahead is beyond them. You are that key support for our young people, and we value your partnership.



Covid 19 Update – We continue to wear masks in communal areas and our social year group spaces support low levels of mixing beyond year groups. Ventilation, cleaning of desks and the use of hand gel all continue. Students should be in school unless they have symptoms or have tested positive for Covid 19.

The January start back will include one, on-site Lateral Flow Test before students return to classrooms.

This government initiative means that there will be a staggered start to term, which we will keep to a minimum. We will share the schedule early next week to support your planning. Year 9 exams will not be affected.

Mrs Alison Pearson
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Year 9 History



Year 9 have been studying The Battle of Britain and enjoyed the chance to become familiar with original artefacts from World War Two which included an Air Raid Warden’s helmet and gas mask, civilian gas mask and soldier’s helmet.

Miss Griffiths

Coding Club off to the stars

We entered the European Astro Pi Mission Space Lab Competition to run an experiment on the International Space Station. The team have made it through to the second stage of the competition and as a result have won an **Astro Pi kit** for school to help them program their experiment.



Online Parents’ Evening Feedback

Login problems – we do now have a support line. 6 calls were supported for Sixth Form.

Not being able to log in – Please use the account used to make the appointments.

More time – this is an issue that we cannot solve, as shared in our consultation for parents’ evenings last year. 5-minute slots give 36 slots – which is still not enough for some teacher’s class lists.

Staff that are ill look like they have missed the call – we will now send a reminder email on the day and share the names of staff who are not able to join calls.

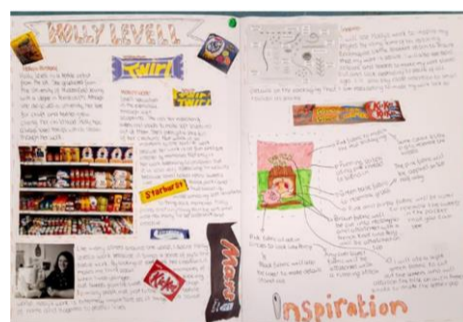
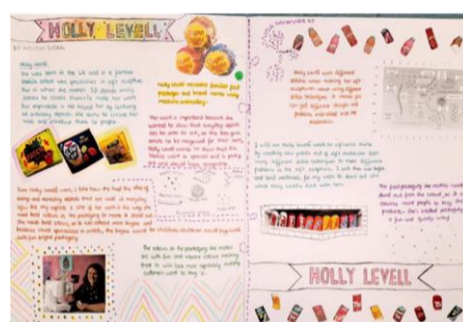
76% of respondents prefer online evenings, 14% felt there was no difference and 10% prefer face to face.



Christmas Fun Run
organised by Year 11

- Run, jog or walk 1 mile for our charity- U&I Counselling
- Friday 17th December (Xmas Jumper Day in school)
- £1 donation to enter or spectate
- 1.15pm start on the school fields
- Xmas fancy dress encouraged!
- Prizes for any runners who can beat Marathon running legends Mr Holmes and Mr Pritchard.

Year 9 Textiles



Two incredible pieces of work produced by Year 9 Students Carys Hughes and Kashina Chong for our current Textiles Packaging Project.

Ms Gray-Jones

Cinema Thanks

Last week, we took over 300 students to the cinema in Wrexham for our first reward trip in 2 years. Students thoroughly enjoyed themselves watching Encanto or Home Alone, with popcorn and treats.

Harry in Year 10 said: "It was a great time, I really enjoyed the film and spending time with my friends, thank you to the staff for taking us."



FOCUS

Shropshire Consultation on Admission Arrangements 2023/24



Please find attached to this newsletter, a letter from the local authority. The Local Authority wish to notify all parents/carers that the consultation will begin on **6 December 2021** and continue for more than 6 weeks until **21 January 2022**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- **Carol Concert at The Marches** – Thursday 16th December – 4.00pm
- Last day of term – Friday 17th December 2021.
- Year 9 Options Exams start – Wednesday 5th January 2022.

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



NEWS

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