

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a great **Democracy Week** last week – the student parliament of elected members from each tutor group raised some interesting motions including a wish for solar panels. The motion with the most support was to ensure free sanitary products are more widely available around the school. The motion was passed to the House of Lords (the Leadership Group's weekly meeting) where it was agreed to action this. We pledge to ensure every toilet block has a basket of free products in an office nearby, for students to take what they need without having to ask. We will also add posters to the inside of the toilet doors to share the locations of these baskets – what a brilliant outcome of our democratic process in the school.

Year 11 are now, along with Year 13, deep into their exam period, but before they left – all Year 11 had the opportunity for a **mock interview**, and the feedback from our visitors has been great. "It has been a real pleasure to take part in the mock interviews during the last 9 years and, during that period there has been a continual year on year improvement in the standard presented by your pupils." Robin Sinclair.

Time for an **equipment check** – please take the half-term opportunity to ensure your child has a pencil case with the expected equipment. We regularly check students are ready for learning with everything they need, there are a number of students who need a trip to the shops. Thank you for your support on this, the minutes not wasted on making sure all students have all they need to get on with learning really can add up. All students need – black pens, pencils, ruler, protractor, colour pens, a white board pen and a scientific calculator.

Enjoy the long bank holiday and we look forward to welcoming the students back on Monday 6th June.

Mrs Alison Pearson
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Alumnus visit – Health and Safety Survey

We were delighted to welcome back to school Katrin Georgieva who now works for ICE Creates – behaviour change specialists. Katrin came to involve students in some research funded by the general medical council focusing on the students' GP experience – earning them £20 each for their time!



Katrin Georgieva
Insight Researcher



Are you an Alumni of the school with skills, a life story or work experience to share? Please get in touch [here](#)

Sixth Form Scholars



Our Year 12 Scholars students met our Chair of Governors for their "3 minute presentations" - sharpening their oracy and debating skills. They were all impressive and shared a diverse range of topics from Roe V Wade through to the impact of SARS on Hong Kong's response to Covid 19 to Feminism in 19th Century Literature and off to the Fermi Paradox exploring if we are the only life form in the Universe!



For an opportunity for our youth of Oswestry to have a local voice, please see the flyer attached with this bulletin from Shropshire Youth and Oswestry Town Council – with the first opportunity on the 30th May.

Sports Superstars

Jake Aplin is pictured with the trophy after winning the U13's SJFL Consolation Cup final with his club team Shrewsbury Up and Comers Eagles.

Jake has also been selected to represent Shropshire U13's Cricket. Well done Jake!



"My medal was achieved by winning all my matches in the Play Your Way to Wimbledon Tournament at Oswestry Team Tennis Club."

Maisie Anderson

Maisie is now off to the county finals, with the prize of playing at Wimbledon – good luck Maisie.

FOCUS

Youth Market



Year 8 students experiencing the life of a market trader, including a special visit from the Mayor. Our stalls sold ribbons to support Ukraine, sweets and cakes. The students enjoyed chatting to the local community out for a bargain.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Monday 6th June – Return to school after the half-term break.
- 16th June – Year 12 UCAS Parents' event.
- Week commencing 20th June – Futures Week – Living in a Diverse Community (British Values).

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



NEWS

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