

### Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fun festive week this week, full of opportunities for our students. A trip to Cadbury World and the second rewards trip, along with the I'm a Celebrity Food Challenge which has raised over £500, thank you for your generosity. OsNosh will make good use of this. There was also Christmas Lunch, the Carol Concert and the whole school assembly with the House Reveal.

I am so grateful for the staff we appoint here. They join us because our vision of **Achievement through Caring** resonates with their own values. The enrichment beyond lessons only happens because our staff choose to put these events on and volunteer to take part in their free time. Five coaches went to the cinema last week, with another five travelling to Cheshire Oaks this Monday.

Next term there is much more to come, we are looking forward to a good break and a recharge to come back full of energy to give the students the education and all-round care they deserve.

Well done to Shannon Wilson in Year 10 for her winning Christmas Card entry.

A very safe and Happy Christmas to you all and thank you for this term. We only get the best out of the young people of Oswestry with your support and it is valued.

### Year 11 – Date for the Diary - Parent Event: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 5-6pm

A very engaging and worthwhile parent workshop delivered by Enlighten Education to explore how you can support your child with their revision at home.



Mrs Alison Pearson  
Headteacher

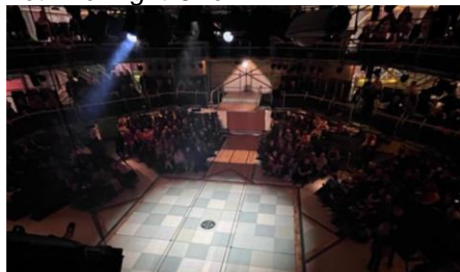
## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Halle Orchester Trip



### Exchange Theatre Trip – Manchester

Drama students got to experience live theatre for the first time since COVID! They had an amazing experience and were buzzing on their way out. A brilliant/terrifying performance of *Let The Right One In!*



**Well done to Jeslie Nang-Bayi** who has been selected to play football for Shropshire following an extensive trial process. Jeslie got straight to work, scoring the first goal as Shropshire beat Staffordshire 4-1 in his first match.



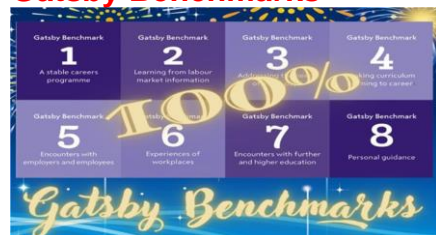
### Year 9 Netball Champions



At a tournament at Oswestry School, we won the first match 5-2, lost our second match 5-3 but then we won the last match 8-1. Nominated for players player were Lily-Mae Owen who played WA and Emily Parry who played GS. They both played really well and Emily did some amazing shots. Overall, we played as a great team and came out on top. Well done girls!

Abbie Osborne (Captain)

### Proud to have reached all Gatsby Benchmarks



The eight benchmarks are a framework for good career guidance developed to support secondary schools and colleges in providing students with the best possible careers education, information, advice, and guidance. The Careers Department are excited to report that we have achieved 100% for ALL benchmarks on external review!

### Python Programming

8W5 had a fun game of rock paper scissors to start their ICT lesson with a serious focus to develop their understanding of IF statements to code their own game in Python. Students were up for the challenge and enjoyed practising their python coding skills.



## FOCUS

**Christmas Celebrations** Thank you to Reverends John Chesworth and Yin-an Chen for their wonderful hospitality last night. St Oswald's Church was full of family, friends, and song.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- **School opens for all students – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**
- Book Look week – from 3<sup>rd</sup> January
- Reports home – from 3<sup>rd</sup> January
- Year 11 Resilience Day - 12<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 11 Parent Event - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 5-6pm

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## NEWS

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