

### Dear Parents and Carers,

To increase biodiversity on The Marches site and the storage of carbon dioxide responsible for climate change, linked to global wildlife populations declining by 69% since 1970 ([WWF Living Planet Report 2022](#)) and warming by 2.8°C this century ([UN Environment Programme, 2022](#)), we have been planting new trees.

As well as planting the trees themselves, students have learnt about carbon sequestration and biodiversity, supporting their learning in Geography and Science.

As part of their community tree scheme, in conjunction with DEFRA's Trees outside wood's project, Shropshire Council donated 210 hedgerow saplings and The Woodland Trust gave 420 large wild harvest saplings. Students have filled gaps in rows of trees between sports fields, around the site and a new double layer hedge. With Oswestry Town Council donating trees as part of their ambition to plant 17,000 trees (1 for each resident).

Thank you to our Mayor, who joined us to help dig and plant trees and to Graham Mitchell from Oswestry Life for coming to photograph our event.



Mrs Alison Pearson  
Headteacher



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Girls' Development Football

Eight Year 9 girls attended the event at Shrewsbury School and loved the day, with respect and great sportsmanship. Grace Thomas, Captain said, 'It was great to play some high-quality teams and to represent girls sport.' The girls got to meet Manchester United player Aofie Mannion and England Legend Laura Basset.

Even better – we won 2 games!



### Anti-Bullying Week

Kindness has been our theme all half-term and our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors who are all Diana Award trained have been busy. The Ambassadors delivered assemblies and tutor time activities, which have focused on being an Upstander not a bystander and making personal pledges to not tolerate any unkind behaviour in our community. On Friday, staff and students came together to stand in solidarity against bullying making a chain, stretching across the site.



### Year 11 Night Club begins

Students are focused on doing their best.



Year 11 Health and Social Care revision before the mocks – which are now well underway.



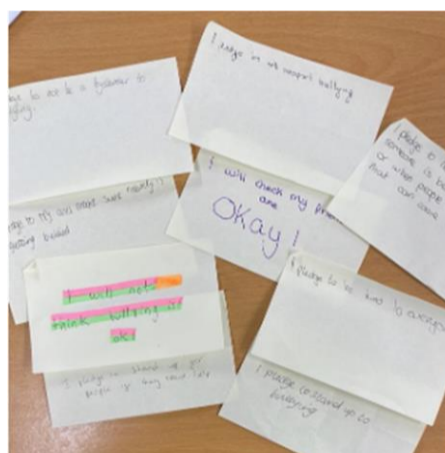
### Sixth Form Boys V Girls Netball

An 11/7 win for the girls!



### Out of this world!

Well done to Poppy and Evie who have recorded a question about going into space to be sent to Spaceport Cornwall prior to the launch of the first ever rocket satellite from UK soil.



## FOCUS

### GCHQ Hopefuls

Good luck to the Year 9 students who are competing in the GCHQ National Language Competition. Along with students from across the UK, they have been set a variety of exciting, language-themed challenges on an online platform. The winning team will be invited to the GCHQ Headquarters in Cheltenham – fingers crossed!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Futures Theme – Kindness
- Year 11 Parents' Evening online – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Carol Concert – 15<sup>th</sup> December
- Term ends - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

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