

### Dear Parents and Carers,

**Thank you** to all our families for your support this half-term, it has been a busy seven weeks with a lot to celebrate and for exam groups, a big step forward to the summer. I am sure that the students are ready for a break to recharge and spend some time doing things they enjoy at home.

Our highlight to the end of half-term has to be **the performance of Matilda**. The cast and staff were in school all weekend and have then dug deep through two matinees to local primary schools and three evening performances, thank you to everyone who came and supported this key area of our curriculum. It was a wonderful show – we have some top talent being nurtured in our school.



As shared earlier in the month – a **second day of industrial action** by the National Education Union is taking place on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> March, unless this is called off in the week ahead. To allow you to plan, a letter is attached with this bulletin for our plans for the day – which will mirror the plans for the first day of strikes.

*Mrs Alison Pearson*  
**Headteacher**



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Spotlight - Sophie Morris

Sophie has shown great confidence in her mark making skills, reproducing the work of Oswaldo Guayasamín. She has successfully produced these two portraits in just 45 minutes. Well done Sophie and Year 9, what a great start to a new project.



### Respiration in Magots – Year 13 Biology - it's alive!



### Sixth Form retain the Varsity Trophy

This time the sport was Tennis against Grove School at Shrewsbury Tennis Dome. Both schools played their doubles matches well and the sportsmanship displayed on both sides was to be applauded. After winning all their matches, the Sixth Form retained the Varsity Trophy from the previous Varsity Cricket Competition.



### Oxford Place for Agata

We are so pleased that hard work has paid off for Agata Bakalorz who has been successful in getting a place at Oxford University, St Johns College to read Philosophy and Theology BA.



More than 70 of our 97 students have applied for a place through UCAS for a variety of universities including Warwick, Bangor, Aberystwyth, Birmingham and Bristol for courses as diverse as Wildlife Conservation, Archaeology, Biochemistry, Engineering and Business Management.

Students have been working with their tutors on applications. Evie Stones said "I've had a lot of support from my form tutor and have attended the **Scholar's programme** where we were able to work on my application and submit for an earlier deadline."

### Teme Valley Tractors

Check out the video from the visit of a brand new Holland T7.270 – for those who don't know – they are big, blue, and this one was spotlessly clean - [here](#)

## FOCUS

### Super Swimmers Success

Craig Stovin, Fin Morris, Chloe Downes, Meg Evans, Amy Downes, Macie Seddon, Emily Parry and Lexi Roberts recently took part in the ASA Shropshire County Championships. Collectively, the swimmers achieved 29pbs and brought home 16 medals, a number of them have now secured entry times to the Regional championships in May. Well done everyone – we are very proud.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Return to school for all year groups on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.
- Year 8 Parents' Evening – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.
- NEU Strike Action – students remote learning - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

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