



Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Uniform is coming – school jumpers do not need to be brought into school in the summer term on hot days, a coat worn without a jumper however is not acceptable. **New for summer this year** – tights no longer need to be worn with skirts. Plain black, grey or white ankle socks with no embellishments or logos may be worn as an alternative. Tailored shorts are also a summer term option for all.

Thank you for your replies to our uniform survey focused on reducing uniform costs, from summer term there is only one compulsory item in our PE kit. Our students going into black in summer 2 will also keep the same tie. The website with the changes in full will be complete next week and a link shared in the bulletin.

Ram Leisure are offering **free uniform delivery** to school by the end of the months of April to July for orders placed before the 15th of each of these months.

Vape Education - This half-term has been focused on **Health Lifestyles** and we have grabbed the national rise in vaping in young people and delivered tutor materials and three lessons to all students in Years 7-10. Students have covered the health role and risks as they are known to date in Science and Humanities and we have explored the law, including the legal limit on a vape being 600 puffs (20mg) – which then led us to exploring how vapes are advertised online as legal, but with a massive 10,000 puffs in them, end up for sale in our shops and online.

We have calculated the nicotine content of vapes and explored what this does to us, being especially grabbed by the environmental impact of the boom in disposable vape use – with enough lithium thrown away every year to make 1,200 electric car batteries.

With the number of under 18's using vapes doubling in a year, we felt educating them to make informed decisions was a must.

Mrs Alison Pearson
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Year 12 Humanities students support their Year 11 Peers

The students have been spending Tuesday and Thursday afternoons mentoring Year 11's to give them an extra bit of preparation and support. Past papers, revision techniques and flashcards have all been covered and the students will be continuing with this in the run up to the exams.



More Maths Mastery

"I was chosen to take part in Expert Ed Maths for a month. After the first Zoom call, my confidence was boosted and I felt confident enough to send in my working out from one of the sessions. To my surprise, my working out was then chosen to receive an award and I was given a Maths book as a prize!"

Jazmin Wolstenholme



Year 10 Art students doing an outstanding job!

Students have researched ceramist, John Brickles, and are now creating their own clay slabs based on the artists' work using their photographs taken around Oswestry.



We have taken part in **Earth Hour** this week – look out next week for how we got on.

Student Shoutout - Pippa Birch

Pippa has been developing a photographic series of submerged flowers in inks. This shoot has been inspired by the work of Monet.



It's a Heist in IT

Computer Scientists took part in The Heist Escape Room Challenge today as part of their revision for their GCSE exams.



FOCUS The Health of Vapes – What do we know?



Students in Years 7 to 10 have been learning about the current understanding of the risks of vaping. We learnt that vapes were supported by the NHS to help adults give up smoking, they are 95% safer than smoking, and we looked at what that means. Vapes are meant for smokers to cut their health risks, not for young people who have never smoked.

"I did not realise vapes are illegal to buy or pass onto under 18's, I have learnt a lot".
Year 8 Student



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Alton Towers Rewards Trip – Saturday 25th March.
- Year 11 Parents' Evening – Thursday 30th March.
- Last day of term – Friday 31st March.
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