

Dear Parents and Carers,

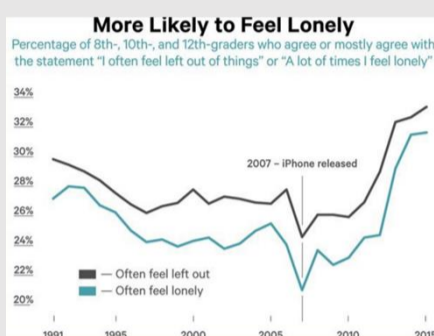
A big thank you to all families who took the time to fill in the **Ofsted** questionnaire this week. We are not able to share the outcomes until the report is published – however, we are very pleased with how the two days, with 5 inspectors, went and will share our news as soon as we can.

One Voice – a cross-Trust project took place last week with students joining those from all other 10 schools in the Trust. Students enjoyed speakers from Environmental areas and mental health and have decided they wish to focus on a mental health project this year – watch this space.

You may know that we are reinforcing our **phone policy** in school – with checks to support the habit of turning phones off before they go into the school bag. We have shared with students the evidence of the impact to wellbeing that social media use has on us all, but especially young people.

Our aim is to make the 6 hours in school a phone-free haven to support the students and focus on learning. There are no changes to policy and the students are responding brilliantly.

New clubs are up and running – help your child to increase their phone free time by encouraging them to come and have a go at something new.



REMINDERS & NOTICES



There are many reasons why young people decide not to talk about incidents of unkindness that can progress to bullying, not feeling comfortable talking face to face, peer pressure or feeling scared in case someone sees them talking in the school office.

That is why our anti-bullying ambassadors chose to launch the SHARP Anti-Bullying System in school.

SHARP stands for **Student Help Advice Reporting Page**.

The SHARP System lets anyone share any incidents or information for themselves, or for a friend, without fear.

SHARP is anonymous if students choose not to include their name – but we can only go and support them directly if we know who they are. The SHARP System can be used on any device with an internet connection 24 hours a day.

Students can visit SHARP, read advice on the site and submit a report [here](#).

A Level Art Projects



Parent Event – Year 10 Your Child's GCSE Journey

Please join us for an hour in the hall at 5pm next Thursday 5th October to find out how you can support your child through the next two years. We would love to see you there.

Shropshire Youth

Students have been supported with a project called 'Heads Up' funded by Oswestry Town Council. The project involves two youth workers, Lynne and Adie, visiting the school every Thursday and providing a safe space for young people to chat and find support. These sessions have proved to be invaluable for the young people of Oswestry. Students report the impact of these sessions:

'Knowing I'm not alone. Having the opportunity to talk about what's been bothering me'.

'I have been able to be more confident in lessons'.

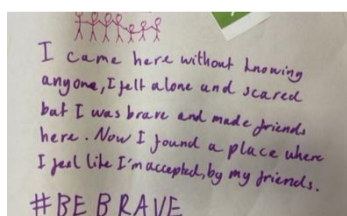
'I have found it's helped a lot, especially when I've had a hard week or when something bad has occurred'.

'It has made me feel that I can talk to someone about all of my incidents in and out of school'.



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Youth Mental Health Day #BeBrave



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 5th October- Parent Learning Event "Welcome to GCSE"
- 12th October in school - Year 7 End of Transition – with the Tutor
- 20th October – Last day of term

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



NEWS

Click [here](#) to view our latest news articles.

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