

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 9 Parents' Evening – Feedback. There was a strong theme of not wanting students making their own appointments, this might be in part because this has not been routine through the Covid years, as this has been the method for the last 20 plus years – we have tried using an online tool recently, but this also was not liked. You have set us a challenge and we will revisit this for the next face to face evening to trial something different again.

Giving students 2 option blocks plus a language, or 3 without a language was seen as not enough by a small number of parents – there is not the scope for more in a 25-lesson week, with the government compulsory element taking 20 lessons a week. I am not aware of any other school offering more options.

Some parents voiced a preference for an online evening – parent surveys regularly show a 50/50 split for preferring online or face to face evenings. There are benefits and drawbacks to both and therefore we take a blended approach. Through Year 7 to Year 13 there are three online events and six face to face.

Finally – **thank you for some lovely comments** – “Our child loves going to school.” “Some lovely relationships.” “Friendly caring staff.”...

I hope your child, if in KS3, engaged with the MATLITFEST today and has sent in their entries, there is still time.

We wish all our students a good rest next week, and that Years 11 and 13 are able to get into a good rhythm of revision and rest breaks as they move towards the final 10 school weeks before the exams.

As always, we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Tuesday 20th February** – Monday 19th February is a staff only PD Day.



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Year 8 Girls getting muddy in their Rugby lesson

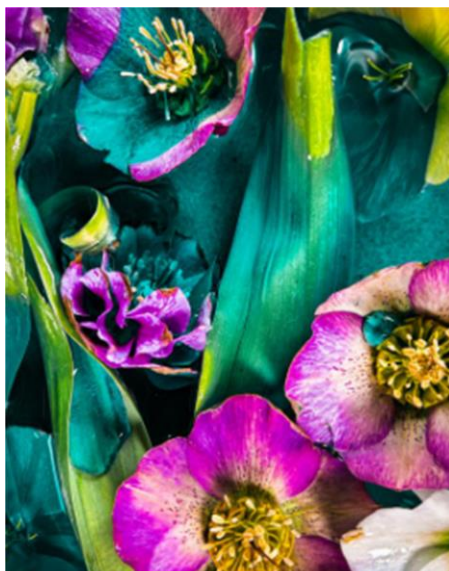


Ben Rothera – Thrilled with his place at the University of Liverpool to study Veterinary Medicine, he has worked so hard, and we are so pleased for him.

Mrs Boy



A Level Art and Photography



Hands on Organic Chemistry

The A Level Chemists have had their first experience of doing an organic chemistry practical. They have been using reflux to turn an alcohol into carboxylic acid.

Mrs Brown



FOCUS



North Shropshire Indoor Athletics Win Boys from Year 7 and Year 8 competed in track and field events across a range of distances and events. We won 9 of the 22 events and were second in 8. Highlights were Jayden Janicki winning the boys' 6 lap race at a canter and Daisy Cooke and Lucy Hughes who stormed the relay. Marches girls were second overall with Marches boys' winners and the combined team winning the whole event. Congratulations to all who took part!

Mr Martin



UPCOMING EVENTS



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

Tuesday 20th February – all students return to school

Thursday 22nd February – Year 13 Parent/Student Finance Talk

Thursday 29th February – Year 8 Parents' Evening (online)

Thursday 7th March – Years 12 & 13 Parents' Evening (online)

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