

Dear Parents and Carers,

Vaping – some national disturbing developments. Vaping use is gaining a subculture, with online vape stores and social media using terms such as “hitting an android charger into a vape”. They are describing how to adapt an android phone charger into a tool to re-charge a disposable vape. Videos are circulating online [such as this one](#), which includes reference to feeling the battery getting hot and the risk of explosion.

A second term we are now aware of is “dripping” – where a lighter is used to heat the vape liquid tank, with the filter removed, to gain a large “hit” of the substance.

When searching a very small minority of students we have found some android charges that have been tampered with and lighters on their own – when in the past cigarette papers would be commonly found with these. This, and what students say, tells us that recharging and dripping are happening in our community of Oswestry.

Remember – vapes are a national issue that all schools are grappling with. We are very pro-active and write about this to inform and give you the hook to discuss this with your child.

On a lighter note, the staff dressed up for the students for World Book Day:



REMINDERS & NOTICES



Eco Club and Gardening Club Hosted a Weaving Workshop

Putting the Eco Dome to good use and welcomed Caroline Lowe and her skills.



A Level Art Beauties!!!

A Level students are embracing a recycling theme for their Art & Photography projects. After a visit to the local Ironworks in Oswestry, we are excited to share a photo of Ruby's creation.

Ruby has crafted an angular fish entirely from recycled fishing wire, drawing inspiration from both recycled materials and a passion for animal conservation. Take a look at how sustainability can transform into art!



Morda Year 5 STEM Visit

Year 5 STEM visits have begun with Morda School, with all Year 5's in the local area offered a visit in the weeks ahead. The students enjoyed a Science lesson exploring space in the planetarium, Food Technology - taking part in "The Teacake Challenge" and then an Art lesson working on some amazing celebrity portraits.



FOCUS



Sixth Form Varsity

The students had a brilliant time competing against the two other Sixth Forms in the Trust. Events were friendly, so no cup at stake for this one. We do like to win a cup! Thank you to Shrewsbury Independent School for hosting.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Thursday 21st March – Year 11 Parents' Evening (online)
- Friday 22nd March – Last day of term
- Monday 8th April – All students return to School

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

NEWS

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