

### Dear Families,

I hope this bulletin finds you all well this week. The weather is on the turn, and it feels like winter is on the way! This week, I thought I would share with you our rationale for Parents/Carers' Evenings.

The government allows a school to "direct" a teacher for 1265 hours a year, this does not include a teacher's planning, marking and work at home etc. Parents' evenings, along with teaching, tutoring, reporting and training are all examples of Directed Tasks, and so the time available is not unlimited to have multiple evenings dedicated to each year group or appointment slots longer than the 5 minutes, in the three hours each evening is given.

Our aim is that if there are concerns about learning for a child, we do not wait for parents' evening – a teacher or Head of Academic Progress will get in touch.

We know that conversation trumps any other feedback and so in Years 11, 12 and 13, there are two evenings for conversation with your child's teachers. These are your child's key exam years and so they are always placed well to lead to actions from mock exams and before the May/June external exams.

Year 7 also have two evenings. The first in October with the tutor to check in and end the transition process. The second, with each subject teacher, giving about 40 minutes of conversation face to face.

The Year 9 evening is linked to the Options process and so is in school in February.

Years 7 and 8 subject evenings are both placed to have time left in the year for students to act on any feedback.

Have a great week!



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Amy Hughes, 53k in 53 days

Last Friday, the new Year 7 students were lucky enough to have a visit from local girl, Amy Hughes, who is completing this amazing challenge for charity and Year 7 joined her on a lap of the school field!



### Whole School Assembly

It was lovely to gather our school community together to celebrate the start of the new academic year. Having everyone together was a special moment and we welcomed the Year 7 students into our school.



Lottie Seaborne-Davies sang beautifully in the assembly and Freya Howes played a stunning piece of music on the piano – well done to both.



### Year 7 Social Time Activities

In The Shore, we are proud to offer lots of activities for our Year 7 students to get involved in at social time. They can meet new students, try a new skill or have some quiet time in our Heart Space.



### The Shore games club.



Action shot of ball games in The Shore.



## FOCUS



**Kate Hotchkiss in Year 12**, celebrated a double success at the England Athletics West Midlands Regional Awards Ceremony held in Birmingham. Kate, a member of Oswestry Olympians, was shortlisted for the 'Newcomer to Volunteering' award, having been nominated by the Shropshire Athletics Association. Kate was shocked and delighted when she was announced as the winner.

There were awards presented for other categories before the evening concluded with the Room to Reward prize for the person the judging panel felt most deserving from all the winners - this too was presented to a stunned Kate.

*We are very proud of Kate and her achievements.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Open Evening  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September - Year 12 Parents Evening & Welcome to Sixth Form  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Welcome to GCSE - Year 11 Parent Learning Event

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## NEWS

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