

Welcome to the School Bulletin!

I hope you have had a lovely week and are looking forward to the weekend. This week I want to share with you information about Martyn’s Law.

As part of a national initiative to improve public safety, schools are preparing to meet the requirements of **Martyn’s Law**, named in memory of **Martyn Hett**, who tragically lost his life in the Manchester Arena attack in 2017. This new legislation encourages schools to strengthen emergency procedures such as evacuation, lockdown, and communication plans. While our school is not required to make major physical changes, we are committed to ensuring our site is secure and our community feels confident and prepared. You may have noticed changes to gate timings and the introduction of routine safety drills. These are not about creating fear — they are about building familiarity and reassurance. This year, we will be practising the following each term:

- Fire alarm procedures
- Lockdown during lessons
- Lockdown during social time

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to keep our school a safe and welcoming place for everyone. Please find attached with this bulletin details of the next lockdown practice.

Student Support Focus: Tackling Cyber Bullying Together

Cyber bullying is a growing concern for young people across the UK, with many experiencing harmful behaviour online through social media, messaging apps, and gaming platforms. At school, we are committed to promoting our Ready Respectful Safe culture, both in person and online. We encourage families to talk regularly with their children about their digital lives, check privacy settings, and remind them that they can always speak to a trusted adult if something online makes them feel uncomfortable. The following NSPCC advice is for families to help keep children safe online: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/> Our Pastoral and Safeguarding team are situated in Student Services. If a child has any concerns, they MUST report it to a member of staff who will ensure that it is directed to the correct person to deal with it.



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Open Evening success in Photography

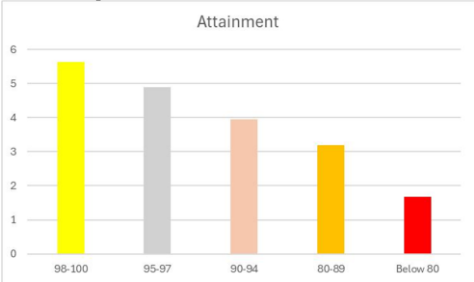
What a fantastic Open Evening, some fabulously creative photographs were taken in the Photography and Art room by our visitors supported by our talented Year 8, 10, 11 and 13 helpers! A huge thank you to you all!



Attendance = Achievement

Our analysis of last year’s GCSE results shows a clear link between attendance and average GCSE grades.

- ✔ The higher a student’s attendance, the higher their average grade.
- ✘ Even a small drop in attendance can make a big difference. Every lesson counts. Everyday matters. See for yourself...



% attendance along the bottom, average GCSE grade up the side.

Did you know?

We can only authorise a leave of absence in term time for Exceptional Circumstances. These are defined as ‘one-off’ occasions where an absence is unavoidable. We are unable to authorise family holidays.

Oliver Pierce entertaining visitors at Open Evening



Marches Rock Bands

Our rock bands came in for a recording session in preparation for Band Night on Tuesday 14th October.



**LIVE MUSIC CONCERT**

Featuring:

**Marches Bands**

**Talented Soloists**

Tuesday 14th October 2025

Doors open 6:00 PM | Show starts 6:30 PM

Venue: Drama Studio

Tickets: £5 each

Come and enjoy an evening of unforgettable live music!

SEND Meet and Chat Family Drop-In Sessions - Organised by Early Help

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SEND MEET & CHAT FAMILY DROP-IN SESSIONS

RAVEN HOUSE

Tuesday 23rd September 2025
2:00pm-4:00pm

Raven House,
129 Cheshire Street,
Market Drayton, TF9 3AH

BRIDGNORTH LIBRARY

Tuesday 14th October 2025
1:00pm-3:00pm

Bridgnorth Library,
Listley Street, Town Centre,
Bridgnorth, WV16 4AW

THE LANTERN

Thursday 13th November 2025
10:00am-12:00pm

The Lantern,
Meadow Farm drive,
Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG

OSWESTRY LIBRARY

Thursday 4th December 2025
1:00pm-3:00pm

Oswestry Library,
Arthur Street,
Oswestry, SY11 1JN

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Year 7 End of Transition Evening – Thursday 9th October
Last day of half-term - Friday 17th October
Return to school for all year groups – Tuesday 4th November

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

NEWS

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



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