

Dear Families,

Welcome back! It is hard to believe we are already halfway through the academic year—it feels like Christmas was only five minutes ago.

We ended last half-term on a real high with our annual school production. If you were able to see it, you will know just how impressive it was. Our students (and staff!) put in an enormous amount of hard work to create such a professional, high-quality show. One member of the public even said, *“I’ve seen School of Rock three times in the West End, and yours was better.”*

We couldn’t be prouder of what they achieved.

Over the last week, our staff have taken part in two important training days that have given the whole school a real lift. Monday focused on practical ways to improve teaching, including how AI can help save time and support learning. In the afternoon, staff explored the Science of Reading and how to strengthen students’ reading skills across all subjects.

Tuesday gave teams time to plan how to put these ideas straight into classrooms, so students will feel the benefit immediately. The energy, enthusiasm and teamwork from staff were fantastic, and we are excited to see the impact in lessons over the coming weeks.



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Careers Fair in Full Swing

38 fantastic exhibitors meeting 1400 students in a day!

It is so lovely seeing our community coming together. Our students really appreciate Oswestry local businesses giving up their time to talk to them.



After the Careers Fair, many students will want to discuss what they discovered. Some may feel a bit bamboozled by the sheer number of roles available, so a quick conversation at home about their interests can really help them prioritise next steps.

Year 9 North Shropshire Netball

The Year 9 team put in a strong performance at the North Shropshire Netball Tournament. They secured impressive wins against Lakelands, St Martins, and Adcote, showing great teamwork and determination.



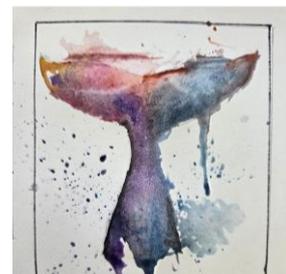
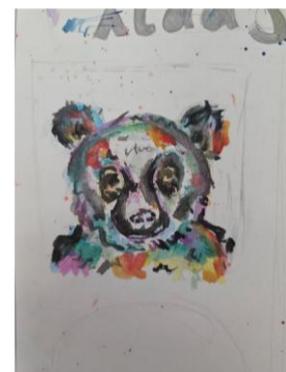
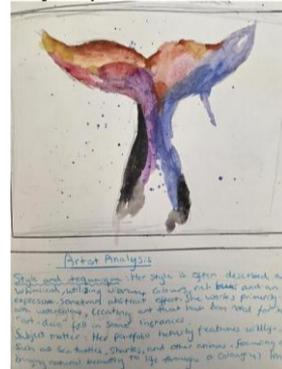
200 Sixth Form students came together for a thoughtful discussion about cancer. It is a difficult topic, but our students approached it with maturity, empathy and respect.

We are incredibly proud of how they supported one another and engaged so openly. ❤️



Year 8 Art (Artist pages)

There are some fantastic Artist pages developing for Year 8 students, the level of skill keeps on improving, the time and effort spent learning about the artists style and techniques is paying off! We are very impressed!



FOCUS

Student Spotlight: Joel Shines at TNS Commentary Debut!

During the half-term break, **Joel Milner** was invited to join the commentary team at **TNS**—a fantastic opportunity from the club! The match was streamed **live on YouTube**, and Joel absolutely rose to the occasion - he was brilliant!

Both **Jack**, the match commentator, and **Sam**, TNS’s Head of Media, were incredibly impressed with Joel’s confidence and natural ability—especially given that this was his **first ever** experience behind the mic.

A huge well done to Joel for representing himself and the school so professionally. We can’t wait to see where this talent takes him next! You can watch the broadcast featuring Joel’s superb supporting commentary here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VdqP04962_Y



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Thursday 19th March – Sixth Form Families Evening
- Tuesday 24th March – Silent Disco – Rewards Event
- Thursday 26th March – Year 11 Families Evening

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