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## Newsletter

March 2018

### Dear Parents and Carers

Perhaps the most surprising and alarming recent news was Donald Trump's suggestion to arm American teachers with guns; the staple gun in the hands of some teaching staff is an unpredictable, dangerous weapon! Locally, I was disappointed with the inaccurate reporting of our plans for a multi-functional performing arts centre which has been granted planning permission. We have a unique design and planning permission, now we will attempt to secure funding for the buildings for the fourth time. There will be spaces that will benefit not only all our students but local schools and local businesses. I hope all will eventually see the positive benefits for the school and our community. Please visit the website if you wish to see plans and the rationale for this exciting project, which will hopefully answer any questions, any concerns: <https://www.oneltd.com/one-gets-planning-world-class-music-performing-arts-educational-facility/> Getting the best facilities, providing wide ranging experiences is what we aim to do and has been seen in some of the recent trips, fabulous experiences and events, with:

- Successful netballers remaining undefeated in Barbados against older students from four schools and the cricketers competing well in the heat, winning one and losing three matches.
- Year 10 FMSP Maths Feast Competition at the University of Worcester in February. Finishing in 2nd place and above a number of private schools such as RGS Worcester. The four students were: Alex Perrin, Jack Bunyan, Alessia Morris-Gouveia, Mia Marshall-Cox.
- Our celebration of the Chinese New Year, the year of the dog, where we hosted Queen Mary Grammar School and students who took part in a welcome ceremony, a lion dance workshop, two language and one cultural workshop.
- Art students visiting London to see theatre and make-up in action at Madame Tussauds and The Lion King.
- Molly Knibb and Julianna Karasowska participated in the 'Take Pride in Worcester'

celebration, to thank people of the city who have given up their time volunteering to help other people. Molly and Julianna are part of the Fortis Teen Champ programme and have been working to support homeless groups in the city.

- Years 7/8 going to the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham to see 'Blood Brothers'.
- Head Boy Isaac Fazez-Koven took part in the Worcester Interfaith Forum Holocaust Memorial Day commemoration and read a poem to promote the theme for this year, 'The Power of Words.' He and Max Sheehy will be representing the school in the 'Lessons from Auschwitz' project, visiting Poland and delivering year group assemblies.
- Tim Bowler, award winning author, including the prestigious Carnegie prize, the most important prize in children's fiction, spoke to years 7 and 8. He is the master of the psychological thriller, with 'River Boy' being a fabulous book, one of his 21 books.
- Y10 students visited Oxford University where they spent the day problem solving, testing the strength of metals in the materials department and calculating the age of the universe by looking at the light from distant galaxies in the physics department.
- 36 year 9 students visiting Ypres, the Somme's Battlegrounds and even standing on Newfoundland Canadian soil!
- Year 11 students celebrating their successful work experience with Mazak for an awards presentation in London as part of the Industrial Cadet Scheme.
- The lunchtime science club developing bath bombs, rockets and lava lamps. Awesome science in action with 30 plus students involved.
- The Sixth Form football team in their new designer kit, drew 1:1 with Worcester Royal Grammar School's first team but lost to the Chase 0-2.
- Sam Davey qualified for the National Cross Country Championships. Alex Perrin is first reserve. They finished sixth and ninth

respectively. Sam will now run for Hereford and Worcestershire in Leeds.

- Y7 students Sian Schofield and Ellie Attwood competed in the county cross country event where Ellie qualified for the nationals.
- Our gymnastics team went to Stoke and came away with 15 medals and three teams qualified for the National Finals in March.
- Ronni-Mae Morgan has been selected to compete for Great Britain in her first International Pony Dressage Competition in March, at Keysoe Equestrian Centre, Buckinghamshire. A total of 12 riders have been selected plus 2 reserves. She was the only rider selected to have never competed internationally before, a fantastic achievement.

### Sports Results

Girls' football continue their impressive form with:

U13 v Bishop Perowne, won 14-3

U15 v Bishop Perowne, won 6-2

Boys' rugby

Y7 v Chantry, lost 10-40

Y8 v Bishop Perowne, won 35-20

Boys' basketball continues to be a strength:

Y10/11 v Hanley Castle, won 59-30

Y11 v Bishop Perowne, won 54-30

Y11 v Blessed Edward, won 49-35

Boys' football

Y7 v Blessed Edward, lost 1-3

Y7 B team won the Tudor Grange tournament

Girls' netball is our traditional strength

Y9 v Tudor Grange, won 23-15

Y10 v Tudor Grange, won 23-21

Sixth form, who remain unbeaten v Hereford College, won 63-20, v Ludlow College, won 58-10 at the main court, Worcester Arena.

### Sixth Form News

A variety of visits have taken place, including:

- Anatomy Lab Live for a dissection and discussion.
- Bishops Wood to thaw the ponds and discover bio diversity in the snow.
- Birmingham Repertory Theatre to see Brief Encounter.
- Debating philosophical ethical issues with Oxford University.
- Classics trip to Birmingham University, speaking at a conference in front of 1,000 people.

### House Competitions Update

Seacole claimed victory in the World Book Day competition and continue to lead Shakespeare in the overall standings.

World Book Day best characters: Alexander Grant, Seacole and Ronni-Mae Morgan, Shakespeare.

### House Charity Update

Pankhurst House – £255.00 for St Richards Hospice

Shakespeare House – £173.00 Cancer Research

### General Charity Update

- NSPCC (Maths Department) £150.00
- Sixth Form for Footsteps £173.91
- Girl Guiding Association £20
- 15,000 tins Food bank: non-uniform day
- Maggs Day Centre personalised packages for RAK week from all students

**Y7 – Y11 Current School Attendance is 95.1%**

## PLEASE HELP US RAISE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS

Join easyfundraising and you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online. It won't cost you a penny extra and will benefit all in our school – It's as easy as 1, 2, 3:

1. Whenever you want to buy something online, be it groceries or getaways, go to easyfundraising first - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cwlc/>
2. Search for the shop or site you want and easyfundraising will take you there, so you can shop as normal.
3. When you check out you'll collect a free donation. It doesn't cost a penny extra!

### Dates for your Diary

Mon	26-Mar	Hair & Beauty Show Arts Block Hall 6.00 – 7.30pm, £2 Adults £1 Children
Thu	29-Mar	Last day of Spring Term
Mon	16-Apr	Summer Term Starts
Thu	19-Apr	Y9 Parents' Evening
Thu	3 May	Y7 Parents' Evening