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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Education, quite rightly, became a key debate in the national election. Are we providing the skills for young people to survive in the 21st century? The Chamber of Commerce narrowed down the key skills for future successful employment to eight main characteristics:

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| • Leadership | • Digital Literacy |
| • Communication | • Emotional Intelligence |
| • Entrepreneurship | • Global Citizenship |
| • Problem Solving | • Teamwork |

I do believe that our broad, balanced, challenging curriculum, allied to our wide extra clubs experiences ensures our students can be invaluable, productive citizens of the future. However, I would add one extra key characteristic that is necessary for lifetime success – resilience. To meet the many challenges our young people have got to be resilient and accept that failure will occur and learn from it, after all, ten major jobs/careers is the current average for a school leaver. One of my better assemblies highlights that success is not always immediate and that failures have to be overcome:

- J K Rowling did not write Harry Potter until she was 30 and that 12 publishers turned the book down as they thought it would not sell.
- Morgan Freeman got his first major film role aged 52.
- Richard Branson started Virgin at 34.

Yet, 49% of young people in a recent Prince’s Trust 16-25 survey are worried about not being good enough in general, the lowest return in a decade. We are therefore supporting ‘Project 84’. This is a campaign that highlights that in the UK, each week, 84 men take their own lives, a tragic figure. A key aim is to get our boys talking, talking properly, not hiding behind ‘inane banter’!

A good, successful school will provide as many opportunities and challenges as possible. I was delighted with:

- Year 10 work experience, with 209 out of 224 allocated a placement and fifteen students offered part time jobs or apprenticeships.
- Year 9 undertaking an invaluable STEM skills day at Qinetiq.
- Duke of Edinburgh’s Award continued success with 150 participants, the largest in Worcestershire, with recent ventures seeing staff and students negotiating Long Mynd, North Wales and Wyre Forest.
- Various invaluable trips took our Classics students to the Vatican and Colosseum in Rome over the Easter weekend.
- A productive ‘Curry and Quiz’ night organised by the Sixth Form Charity Committee, raising over £600 for Acorns Children’s Hospice.
- Sporting success seeing:
 - Y8/9 girls’ football reaching the county finals.
 - Boys’ football - Y7 v Chantry, won 9-1, Y8 v Bishop Perowne, won 5-2, Y11 v Tudor Grange, lost 0-3.
 - Y7 netball v Chantry, won 15-9.

Summer sports clubs to consider are:

Lunchtime

Monday	Yrs 7 / 8 Summer of Touch Rugby – Mr Stokes (sport ctr astro) Girls Cricket – Mrs Burgess (Front astro) Sky club – Mrs Glass
Tuesday	Yrs 9, 10 & 11 softball – Mr Helme (Front astro) Tennis Club (Juniors) – Mrs Glass
Wednesday	Yr 9 Summer of Touch Rugby – Mr Stokes (sports ctr astro) Badminton Club (sports ctr) – Mrs Watmore
Thursday	Yrs 10/11 Summer of Touch Rugby – Mr Stokes (sports ctr astro) Yr 9 Cricket – Mr Cosh (Front astro) Tennis Club (Juniors) – Mrs Glass
Friday	Senior Tennis, yrs 10 & 11 – Mr Stokes

After School

Monday	Badminton Academy – Mr Ingram (sports ctr) Yr 8 cricket – Mr Helme (Front astro)
Tuesday	Yr 10 Cricket – Mr Stokes (Front astro) Yrs 7 & 8 Rounders – Mrs Reeves / Mrs Glass
Thursday	Yrs 9, 10 & 11 Rounders – Mrs Burgess / Mrs Pugh Yr 7 Cricket – Mr Cosh (Front astro)

However, as much as schools do, the biggest factor in a student's success remains the parents. Your support, encouragement and valuing school as worthwhile is essential, even if your son or daughter appears to be 'grown-up'. The national curriculum 100 words that year 3 pupils should spell correctly includes February, business and believe and with GCSE season occurring, resilience, good food, sleep, support, daily revision and spelling correctly will be necessary for short term success. A hard term for Year 11/13 awaits and your help and advice will be appreciated one day. Good luck to all and remember, the sun will appear whatever!

Multi Academy Trust (MAT)

The government is directing all schools to become part of a multi academy trust. We have been working with Woodrush High School with a view to beginning our MAT journey with them. We will keep you posted as things develop but as always we want to decide our future rather than have that decision forced upon us externally.

Fundraising and how you can help

Our first donations for the building of the £5 million Performing Arts facility have arrived via Parent Pay. Thank you!

We have set up three different ways for you to consider, to help with our fundraising:

1. Donation via **Parent Pay**
<https://www.parentpay.com>
2. **Easyfundraising** - shopping online to generate funds, which won't cost you anything.
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cwlc/>
3. **Buy a Brick Appeal** – £25 per brick
We need 100,000 bricks. If you wish to have your name identified as a supporter of Performing Arts and Christopher Whitehead please feel free to buy as many bricks as you wish. Please buy via [Parent Pay](#) or email your request to buyabrick@cwlc.email

An additional 25p per £1 can be claimed by the school if you are a current UK taxpayer. Please download the **Gift Aid Declaration**, fill it in and return to the finance department – thank you.

4. Lettings

School rooms can be hired for one off events or regular activities. Our gym is currently available on Fridays between 5pm and 9pm for £30 per hour. Enquiries to lettings@cwlc.email

We need to raise a significant amount of money privately, which is a sad state of affairs. Schools are now businesses and to provide the opportunities and experiences required of a twenty first century citizen, money has to be raised. The ambitious timeline for this exciting unique project is:

- March 2018 Planning permission agreed.
- May 2018 RIBA 4 costings.
- June – November 2018 allocation of funds to each section of the build.
- March 2019 start building.

Your support for your school is essential.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

This is a piece of EU-wide legislation which will determine how people's personal data is processed and kept safe, and the legal rights individuals have in relation to their personal data. The regulation will apply to all schools from 25 May 2018, and will apply even after the UK leaves the EU. To comply with the new regulation we will be issuing an updated Privacy Notice to all students to take home. The notice is also available from our website.

Y7 – Y11 Current School Attendance is 95.4%

Dates for your Diary

Sat	19-May	Y9 DofE Bronze Practice W/k to Upton Warren (ret. Sun 20th)
Mon - Fri	28-May - 1-Jun	Half Term
Thu	21-Jun	Sports Presentation Evening
Fri	22-Jun	Y11 Leavers' Assembly
Fri	29-Jun	Valedictory Ball
Mon	02-Jul	Y12 Work Experience Week
Mon	02-Jul	New Intake Day – Y6 Transition
Tue	03-Jul	New Intake Day – Y6 Transition
Thu	05-Jul	New Intake Evening – 6.30pm start
Thu	12-Jul	Awards Evening
Fri	13-Jul	Alumni Experience
Fri	20-Jul	End of Term