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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

For the last 10 years, the UK Youth Parliament has made their number one priority the lowering the voting age from 18 to 16, which is the age at which you can become a parent, serve in the army, pay tax and make lifetime choices. Without re-igniting the complex Brexit case this was a decision that affected/will affect so many people yet excluded those who would have to live with the decision. Scotland amended their voting age to 16 for the Scottish referendum, the result was the largest poll in their history. There are many areas I would change about our country and trusting in our young people would be an immediate change. I have the daily privilege of seeing some of their fantastic work that goes unreported and uncelebrated. As we hurtle towards Christmas, I have been proud to observe:

- Mrs Johnson's food technology team work with Worcester Street Café on a weekly basis, in their own time producing puddings for some of the most vulnerable in society. Favourite dishes have been sticky toffee and bread and butter puddings.
- Our whole school Remembrance Day tribute and the display of poppies which were made by year 7 design & technology students, using wood, paper and fabric on the '100' centenary sign. This was made during the school citizenship day in September and has been on display for the local community in St. John's Church. The year 8 students made the metal poppies which accompany the '100' sign in their design technology product design lessons, which are now displayed in the arts block centre.

- The production of our student led, year 12/13 magazine 'IRIS', with fabulous opinionated articles which give hope that our young people have a good moral compass. Please see website under sixth form section.
- The Christmas Fayre and raffle, which raised over £5,000, much needed funds towards the new minibus. This was a lovely, annual community event supported by the Worcester Ukulele group, the St John's Choir and the Mayor. Thank you to all who supported in any guise.
- The thirtieth year of Mrs Burgess organising Llanrug week, which saw 30 year 8 students climb Snowdon, Y Garn and Afon Ddu Gorge. They went down the flooded mine and made rafts to paddle across the lake. An amazing experience.
- A variety of successful trips such as the 24 hour, weekend trip to Boulogne Christmas Market.
- The business studies and maths students who are doing very well on the 'Student Investor', investing in stocks and shares. Students are now beating both Mr Callaghan and Mrs Moyes.
- The year 9 and year 11 drama showcase, which performed for two nights to a packed, appreciative audience.
- 90 dance students producing an afternoon of dance, food and music for 90 appreciative grandparents and two residential nursing homes with mince pies and tea produced by our year 10 food technology students and music produced by our musical students.

We say thank you, good bye and good luck to: Mrs Gillam, who after six years departs for pastures new. Her support of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and all areas in maths is appreciated. Likewise, Mrs Macpherson who after nine years leaves for new adventures. She has quietly worked in the background producing documents, coordinating awards evenings, citizenship days and the student and staff bulletins. Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Ward depart the maths department with our grateful thanks for covering absence.



LRC Update

2,000 books were issued from the LRC during the first half term this year. The top six were:

- Charlotte Says by Alex Bell
- Death Cure by James Dashner
- The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
- Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made by Stephen Pastis
- Vicky Angel by Jaqueline Wilson
- War Dog by Chris Ryan

House Competitions Update

Numeracy Competition Round 1:

1st	Seacole	99 points
2nd	Shakespeare	95 points
3rd	Brunel	85 points

Top Learning Mentor groups so far:

15 points: SCHCE, SCRGC, SCKBA, SIGG, CDKP

14 points: BGL, SCMD

Sporting Successes

Sixth Form Netball v Halesowen – Won 42-13

Sixth Form Netball v King Edwards – Won 44-19

Sixth Form Football v Chase – Drew 1-1

U16 Rugby v Bishop Perowne – Won 35-14

U16 Rugby v Tudor Grange – Drew 25-25

U16 Basketball v Droitwich – Lost 57-58

U14 City Basketball Tournament – Won 3, lost 1

U13 Football v Tudor Grange – Won 1-0

U12 Netball v Tudor Grange – Won 9-4

U12 Rugby v Dyson Perrins – Won 50-5

County Trampolining Competition

A brilliant achievement from all 32 competitors. An amazing total of 22 medals. It's the first time we have won all 4 team competitions:

Beginners

1st Lucy O'Connor

Team Winners CWLC

Intermediate 1

1st Alice Adcook

Team Winners CWLC

Elite

1st Hollie Biggerstaff

Team Winners CWLC

Intermediate 2

2nd Gina Smith

Team Winners CWLC

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

A cause for celebration – at least 41,000 hours of volunteering from DofE students across Worcestershire. 300 CWLC participants.

Careers Week

Held during November, Careers Week saw two major events take place with:

- **Mock Interviews** for year 11 students. Feedback from our business advisors has been extremely complimentary about year 11 students attending mock interviews (only 7 out of 222 students away ill - 97% attendance).
- **Careers Fair** for students from years 11 – 13. Vocational colleges, apprenticeship providers and universities including Oxford University and University of Birmingham.

More information about our careers department can be found on our website:

<https://christopherwhitehead.co.uk/subject-careers/>

Sixth Form Applications

We are pleased with the progress of applications for sixth form entry in September 2019. Don't miss your chance to apply, (54 interviewed so far!), there is still time to complete the application form at:

<https://christopherwhitehead.co.uk/sixth-form-application-form/>

Part of the success of the sixth form is that we try to ensure all students go onto the correct course or apprenticeship and have proper life skills.

Sixth Form Impetus Programme

This programme of visiting speakers has seen:

- Speaker from Universities of Birmingham, Worcester and Oxford share course requirements.
- Entrepreneurs from Titanium and Business Start Up share their expertise.
- Specialists in the field of journalism and medicine try to capture enthusiasts for the future.

Uniform – please can we start the new year with correct uniform. Students may wear **ONE** plain stud in each ear, no rings or overt necklaces. School shoes should be traditional school style, not trainers, canvas pumps or converse leather shoes. Skirts should be an appropriate length: knee height.

Dates for your Diary

Fri	21-Dec	End of Term – depart APPROX 1.10pm
Mon 24 Dec – Fri 4 Jan Christmas Holiday		
Mon	07-Jan	Spring Term Starts 8.35am
Thu	17-Jan	Y8 Parents' Evening
Thu	24-Jan	Ski Trip Meeting in the Bromwich Road building, 7.00-8.00pm
Thu	31-Jan	Y9 Parents' Evening
Thu	07-Feb	Y12 Parents' Evening (+ invited Y13)