



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

It is not failure that defines us but how we deal with failure. Most successful people have failed, many spectacularly:

- J K Rowling had 'Harry Potter' turned down by 12 publishing houses before a 'chance' was taken on the greatest selling book.
- Doncaster Rovers turned down Kevin Keegan due to him being 'too small'.
- David Bowie was described as devoid of personality by a BBC talent spotter.
- Decca Records turned down the chance to produce 'The Beatles'.

"I can't do maths" is an often heard cry from students who give up before they enter the lesson. Life is hard and how the young cope with difficulties presented to them is the key. They need to grasp the many opportunities that are on offer.

We have all been moved by the need to find a life saving stem blood cell transplant for the five year old Pitmaston pupil Oscar Saxelby-Lee. Many of us took part in the donor registration event at Pitmaston School. Thank you to our sixth formers who assisted in the harvesting of cells.

Extra Curricular (opportunities for all)

- Football continues to be a strength:
Year 7/8/9 boys – county cup semi finalists
Y7 'A' v Hanley, won 3-0
Y7 'B' v Hanley, drew 2-2
Y9 v Woodrush, won 4-2
Y11 v Chase, won 7-2
Girls' football – unbeaten for two years!
U13 v Pershore, won 9-3
Sixth form football – county cup winners beating Prince Henry's 3-1 in the semi final and Haybridge 2-0 in the final. These are stunning results for a sixth form in



only their fourth year of entry, with the girls continuing the excellence in sixth form netball – Midlands League winners for second year.



- Further results and competitions have seen:
Rugby:
Y7 v Bishop Perowne, won 25-20
Y10 v Bardsley, lost 10-34
Y10 v Bewdley, won 45-10
Y8 boys win the county indoor athletics.
Netball, Y8 3rd out of 6 in city tournament
Gymnasts competing in the national finals in Stoke – thank you to W Burgess for giving up another Saturday. Well done to the U19 team winners.
Y8 and Y10 girls' cricket teams won the county completion. Defeating many of the private school. A fitting tribute to the work of Mrs Burgess and Mr Birt our much beloved coach.
Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme supports 300 students – bronze to gold
Monday dance club has 60 Y7/8 students
- A variety of trips have seen opportunities to visit:
Y11/12 The Tempest at University of Worcester
Y9 St John's Sports Centre: to run indoor athletics festival
Y12/13 Aristophanes Frogs performance at University of Warwick
Y11 x 7 HOW College to look at foundation learning courses and tour
Y7 The Hive: Anne Frank Exhibition guided tour for History Society
Y10/11 Peter Vardy 'Creation' conference at Worcester Cathedral
Y11 GCSE Geography fieldwork, Birmingham
Y7/8 China Town supermarket and restaurant, Birmingham
Y7-13 House Competition winners to Gymshark HQ, Solihull

Dance Department Update

Dance students in years 7-11 attended the world renowned 'Move it' exhibition in London.

Year 12 dance students attended a workshop in Gloucestershire led by Jennifer Hayes, a company member from Richard Alston Dance Company. Students learnt professional repertoire from work currently being performed by the company on their national tour.



Drama Update

Well done to the drama group whose fabulous performance, over two evenings, of 'Stuff' by Tom Wells was wonderfully supported by friends, family, staff, governors and local councillors.

They will be performing at the Theatre Royal Bath on Wednesday 1st May 2019. Tickets are available: <https://www.theatreroyal.org.uk/event/new-college-swindon-christopher-whitehead/>

Maths Department Challenges

Krishan Bassan, Ellie Gee and Joseph Mills Y11 and Matilda Donlan in Y10 achieved Gold certificates in the UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. Krishan qualified for the next round.

Matilda Donlan, Caitlin Jones, Freddie Costello and Matthew Butler who all participated in the AMSP Y10 Maths Feast and came 3rd.

Lucy Plant, Isabel Moore Y9, Emily Barklam and Freya MacPherson Y8 took part in the regional final of the UKMT Team Challenge and finished in 12th position.

Author Visit

We had another fantastic author visit with award winning author Sally Gardner. Sally signed 70 books for students and talked about her books and her struggle with severe dyslexia.



Holocaust Memorial Day

The V&E and history departments took part in Holocaust Memorial Day, sending over 1,000 postcards to survivors of atrocities via The Holocaust Memorial Trust. Y8 students sent personal messages to Harry Spiro, Holocaust survivor, after they had watched the live broadcast.



This is an excerpt of the eloquent reply from survivor Renee Bornstein: *'Thank you so much for taking the trouble to write, it means so much to me. I hope by learning about my experiences during the Holocaust that you appreciate that even in the midst of untold evil there is an opportunity to be courageous and to do good. There is always a choice between good and evil. Whenever you have a choice or decision to make in life, don't take the easy one - take the right one.'*

Please help us with our Fundraising

• 5K Colour Run Worcester

Get fit! Get messy! Have fun! To register online: <https://www.entrycentral.com/Colour-run-Worcester>

• Worcester Community Lottery

<https://www.worcesterlottery.org/support/christopher-whitehead-language-college>

Top prize £25,000 – first draw on 27th April

• Easyfundraising – shopping online to generate funds, which won't cost you anything. Thank you for the £424 raised so far.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cwlc/>

• Buy a Brick Appeal – £25 per brick.

• Buy a Block (6 bricks) - £150 per block.

We need 100,000 bricks for the new build. Please buy via [Parent Pay](#) or email your request to paf@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](#) from our website, fill it in and return to the finance department – thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Thu	04-Apr	Hair & Beauty Show Arts Block Hall 6.00 – 8.00pm
Fri	12-Apr	Last Day of Spring Term
Mon	29-Apr	Summer Term Starts
Mon	29-Apr	Y9 Internal Exam Fortnight begins
Mon	6-May	Closed – Bank Holiday