

Dear Families,

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day in lots of exciting ways. There was a treasure hunt for Macbeth quotes, a cake baking competition, and a book sale. Students in Year 7 were given the option to dress up as characters from their favourite books and Mrs Parker and Mrs James from English picked some worthy winners:

- 1st place - Alicia Prunier, dressed up as an Oompa Lumpa
- 2nd place - Jacob Ratcliff, dressed as Sherlock Holmes
- 3rd place - Jared Brown, dressed as the Incredible Mr. Fox.

The cake competition had some superb entries with cakes inspired by Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Harry Potter (to name a few)! Our winners were: 1st place – Maria Shah, 2nd place – Hannah McAllister and 3rd place – Lucy Davies.

Hosted by our Sixth Form a cake and book sale were held during social time and students raised a fantastic £116.10p towards enrichment. Mrs Leeke created a book quiz for reading time and our Early Careers Teacher (ECT), Miss Carter's students created videos sharing student book recommendations. Some of our students visited BookShrop in Green End where they chose their World Book Day books. All students can collect their World Book Day voucher from their English teacher and can exchange these for a free book at participating book shops and supermarkets (or use this towards money off other books). A fabulous day was had by all - well done Team SJT.

End of Year 11 Mock Exams & Keeping in Touch Evening – Thursday 21st March 2024

We are delighted with the attitude and application that has gone into the past two weeks of our Year 11 mock examinations. Students will be given their mock results on Thursday 21st March, and we look forward to having conversations with families in our final Keeping in Touch evening which takes place on the same evening. Details on how to book appointments have been shared this week.

Sixth Form Keeping in Touch Evening

It was great to welcome our Year 12 and 13 students to their KiT evening last night. For Year 13, this was the final opportunity for families to meet formally with teachers prior to the summer exam season starting. In addition to handing out top tips for revision success, materials and resources were shared to aid student preparation for their exams. Our careers advisor was also available to discuss destinations and future pathways and opportunities. For Year 12 it was a great opportunity to touch base with teachers about student progress and ways to move forward as many of these students now start to consider their future pathways including applications to university. As always, it was great to spend time with our supportive families and to make exciting future plans.



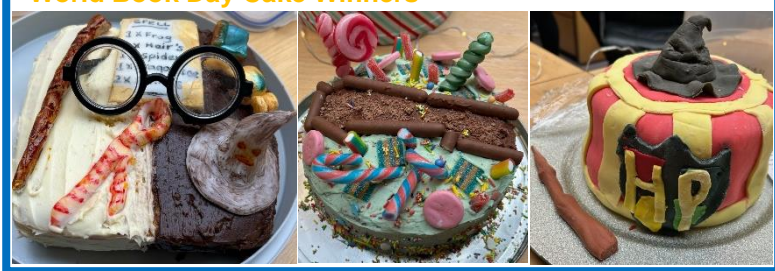
Mr Tim Stonall
Headteacher

Timetable w/c Monday 11th March 2024 – Week A

World Book Day Costume Winners



World Book Day Cake Winners



DofE Awards Evening

Mrs Morcumb, DofE Manager, would like to invite our Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award DofE students to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Celebration Evening on Monday 18th March 2024 at the Hill Valley Hotel. Details have been emailed to families on how to obtain ticket(s) for the event.

DofE Gold Training

It has been a busy week for the Gold DofE participants. Last Tuesday evening they were practicing their micro navigation skills on the orienteering course at Llanymynech. Then on the Friday evening they used those skills on a night hike in South Shropshire, in rather muddy conditions! On Saturday, while staying at Bridges Youth Hostel, students learnt to walk on a compass bearing and how to use pacing to help them navigate. All these new skills make them expedition ready! They are now all are looking forward to their training expedition in North Yorkshire in April. Hopefully it won't be in snow like this weekend!



Sixth Form Art & Photography Trip

Students had a brilliant day yesterday in Birmingham, we visited Digbeth to look at the amazing graffiti art, Digbeth Art Gallery, RBSA Gallery and Castle Fine Art. Students had some amazing photography opportunities around the city including at the Birmingham library, canals, Bullring and Museum. The sun shone and all we walked miles!



Student Support Week 21 Focus: Knife Crime

The law takes a robust approach to dealing with knife crime – adults charged with possession of a knife will automatically go before a court. In cases where the carrier is 10-17yrs, they will automatically be referred to the Youth Offending Team – a charging decision will be made by a multi-agency panel, based on a range of factors relevant to the incident. Read the following [Safe4Me](#) article to find out more about the dangers associated with carrying knives and how to respond if you have concerns that a young person has connections to or is involved in 'County lines' activity.

Our Pastoral and Safeguarding team are situated in Student Services. If a child has any concerns, they MUST report it to a member of staff who will ensure that it is directed to the correct person to deal with it.

Career of the Week – Recycling Officer

Recycling officers tend to work for local authorities (councils). They develop and implement policies to help people recycle more easily, give advice to the public and run events and schemes to promote recycling.

Preparing our students to be #realworldready

To find out more information about careers as a Recycling Officer or alternative pathways click on the link below: [Recycling Officer](#).

Events

- Work experience Y10 & 12 – w/c 1st July 2024

Post 16 and 18 Apprenticeship + Vacancies

- [Clinical Engineering Apprenticeship](#) at the Royal Wolverhampton Trust September 2024
- Apprenticeship Opportunities at [Barlows](#). For more information contact Pauline Elsley: pauline.elsley@barlowsuk.co.uk
- L3 Apprenticeship in Childcare. Contact: blossomchildminding@gmail.com
- [Apprenticeships with Airbus](#)
- [Apprenticeship in the army](#)
- [Apprenticeship in the RAF](#)
- [Apprenticeship in the NHS](#)

To find out more information about local and national apprenticeships visit: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Taylor Shaw Catering Menu – w/c 11th March 2024

Green Earth Monday

Homemade Macaroni Cheese, served with Crispy Fried Onions (V)
Mexican Bean & Roasted Vegetable Burrito (V)
Homemade Pasta Pot of the Day

Tuesday

Chicken Tikka Masala Curry served with Rice
Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Garlic Bread (V)
Homemade Wrap of the Day

Wednesday

Roast of the Day, Roast Potatoes & Gravy
Veggie Sausage Casserole served with Yorkshire Pudding (V)
Cajun Dirty Rice (Ve)

Thursday

Pork Sausages, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Veggie Bolognese served with Pasta (Ve)
Jumbo Hotdog, with crispy onions

Friday

Sustainably Sourced Battered Fish & Chips
Cheese & Onion Pastry Roll, served with Chips (V)
Popcorn Chicken & Chips

Click [here](#) to view our Vacancies

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 18th March – DofE Awards Evening
- 20th March – Year 13 Geography Revision Conference trip
- 20th March – Sixth Form Ball
- 21st March – Year 11 Keeping in Touch Evening
- 22nd – Students break up for Easter Half Term
- 8th April – Students return to school

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NEWS

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