



William Brookes School
and Sixth Form

NEWSLETTER



MR JONES NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Old Tractor Tyres wanted! Mr Jones will be working with some students to design our next show garden at this Summer's Shrewsbury Flower Show. We would be grateful for any old and unwanted tractor tyres - that we plan to use as planters. Very large versions would be especially welcome. If you have any that you would be willing to donate we would be very grateful. Mr Jones can be contacted via mark.jones@wbs.318education.co.uk

ART CLUB

There will be NO Wednesday after school Art Club January 10th, 17th, 24th or 31st. This is due to exam moderation.

FROM STAFF AT WBS





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**WILLIAM BROOKES
SCHOOL**

Awards achieved

Well done to all the participants who have been working hard to complete their DofE Awards. If you have put evidence on eDofE it will be reviewed by Miss McCombie before your Award can be sent for verification. Once verified we will then print and distribute certificates. If you haven't heard anything about your Award please check your emails, as if we find any issues you will be emailed telling you how to rectify the problem.

Registration

All new Bronze and Silver participants have now been processed. All new participants need to ensure that they have activated their eDofE accounts and have inputted their programme plans. DofE sends Welcome packs out via post to participants home addresses once the account is activated.

Expeditions: Bronze and Silver

The deadline for signing up to do the expedition section with school is 7th January 2024. Please ensure the deposit is paid on school gateway, and the online form is completed.

Completing DofE Awards

The expedition section is only one quarter of a DofE Award. In order to complete their Award, participants must also complete volunteering, physical activity and learning a skill. Each section must have a report written by an assessor at the end of timescale, which must then be uploaded to the participants eDofE account. If participants are having any problems with completing their Award, please contact Miss McCombie.

If a participant is struggling to find suitable activities for their programme, many ideas can be found at www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/activities

Please remember that program plans need to be entered into eDofE for approval before starting the activity. Once the required time has passed, assessors need to write an assessor report which needs to be uploaded as evidence to eDofE. This can be done at www.dofe.org/assessor

eDofE App

Participants can access their eDofE account via the DofE App. Participants can now set their activities, record evidence and submit programmes for approval at any time, no matter where they are. The DofE App is currently available for participants to download on Android and iOS. You can download the App by going to the Google Play Store or Apple App Store and searching 'The Duke of Edinburgh's Award'.

Open expeditions

If your child is unable to attend the school organised expeditions, then they can join an open expedition run by an Approved Activity Provider (AAP). School uses Chase Training Solutions as their AAP, and the dates of their open expeditions can be found on their website here

<https://chasetrainingsolutions.co.uk/dofe-expeditions/>

Other opportunities can be found by searching <https://www.dofe.org/opportunity-finder/>

<p>College /6th form</p>	<p>Open days</p> <p>Always Check Prior to attending. Most now require you to book online prior to event.</p>									
<p>Shrewsbury Colleges Group 01743 342342 www.scg.ac.uk</p> 	<p>Open Evenings</p> <p>A levels and Arts Tasters (English and Welsh Bridge) 6th February 2024 4.30pm – 6.30pm</p> <p>Vocational and Technical Tasters (London Road Campus) 22nd February 2024 4.30 – 6.30pm</p>									
<p>Telford College 01952 642200 01952 642237 (Student Services team) www.telfordcollege.ac.uk</p> 	<p>Open Events</p> <p>Book online</p> <table data-bbox="774 750 1300 862"> <tr> <td>31 January</td> <td>2024</td> <td>5pm- 7.30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20 March</td> <td>2024</td> <td>5pm- 7.30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19 June</td> <td>2024</td> <td>5pm- 7.30pm</td> </tr> </table> <p>VIP personalised tours can be booked online at a time to suit you.</p>	31 January	2024	5pm- 7.30pm	20 March	2024	5pm- 7.30pm	19 June	2024	5pm- 7.30pm
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<p>Shrewsbury Town College & University</p>  <p>https://www.stfccollegeanduniversity.co.uk</p> <p>01743 289177 EXT 8 Recruitment@foundationstfc.co.uk</p> <p>Shrewsbury Town Football Club (Media Suite), Oteley Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ST</p>	<p>Practical Taster session and Open Events</p> <p>Awaiting more dates – see website for details</p> <p>Further Education Level 2 & 3 Courses in Sport, Physical Activity and Business</p> <p>Higher Education Degree in Sports Development, Coaching and Business</p>									
<p>South Staffordshire College (Rodbaston Campus) 01785 712209 www.southstaffs.ac.uk</p> 	<p>Saturday Open Events Saturday 20 January 2024 Saturday 9 March 2024 Saturday 18 May 2024 Saturday 22 June 2024</p> <p>All open events are from 10am to 1pm on all sites – please book your attendance on the website!</p> <p>Hands on taster days during February 2024 half term – see details on website nearer the time.</p>									

Herefordshire, Ludlow and North
Shropshire College - WALFORD COLLEGE



www.nsc.ac.uk

Walford Campus (Near Baschurch,
Shrewsbury)
0800 032 1986

Land based Courses

Access Sport (Formerly Coaching
Connexions) (Telford ADC)



access sport

01952 640064

Contact:

sam.simmonds@accesssport.ac.uk

Mobile: 07879770950

<https://accesssport.ac.uk/>

Saturday Open Events

- Saturday 3 February - 10am -12.30pm
- Saturday 15 June – 10am-12.30pm

For enquiries please contact:

info@nsc.ac.uk

For aspiring young people with a desire to work in
the sport and active leisure industry. BTEC L2
and L3 courses in Sport based at AFC Telford
United Football Ground.

Apply here for place and/or open day invite (same
form)

<https://accesssport.ac.uk/applying-for-a-course/>

- 7 February 2024 5-7pm interview evening
- 12 February 2024 1-3pm practical event
(Half Term)
- 20 March 2024 5-7pm interview evening
- 25 March 2024 1-3pm practical event (Half
Term)
- 22 May 2024 5-7pm interview evening
- 27 May 2024 1-3pm practical event (Half
Term)

The interview Evenings will be at the Telford ADC
football club and the practical events at the 4G
pitch in Madeley, by the ski slope.



Armed Forces Careers Offices

01743 232678 (Shrewsbury Army Careers Office,
RAF and Navy initial contact point)

01902 423892 (Wolverhampton Army Careers
Office only)

Both open 9am - 5.30pm Monday to Friday and
open in school holidays. - make an appointment
first.





Training Providers (Apprenticeship support and study programmes to improve confidence, self-esteem, employability skills, Maths and English retakes)

Further apprenticeship support is also available at Enable (once left School) 01743 276900 and all the local Colleges. Others Below.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> - The National Apprenticeship Website.

<p>SBC Training</p> <p>01743 454810 (Shrewsbury)</p>  <p>info@sbc-training.co.uk Amanda.carpenter@sbc-training.co.uk</p> <p>Apprenticeships, in Construction, Engineering, accountancy, Digital Marketing, ICT and Business at Level 2 and 3 and Careers Support.</p> <p>www.sbc-training.co.uk/vacancies</p>	<p>Apprenticeship Support</p> <p>Contact SBC for further information and support. Workshop dates throughout the year – dates to be announced.</p>
<p>Juniper Training</p>  <p>01952 299016 (Telford)</p> <p>Enquiries@junipertraining.co.uk kayley.pinches@junipertraining.co.uk Adam.Richardson@junipertraining.co.uk</p> <p>16-18 study Programme and vocational pathways, traineeships and apprenticeship support.</p>	<p>Open Day</p> <p>Wednesday 17 January 2024 3.30pm – 6pm Tuesday 13 February 2024 3.30-6pm Wednesday 27 March 2024 3.30-6pm Wednesday 29 May 2024 3.30-6pm</p> <p>Contact Juniper for further information and support and individual visits can be arranged.</p>
<p>Nova Training</p> <p>01952 243380 07951744289</p>  <p>www.novatraining.co.uk SharonHumpherries@novatraining.co.uk</p>	<p>Visits can easily be arranged by phoning Sharon Humpherries 07951744289</p> <p>Study programme, Apprenticeship support, Construction Motor Vehicle workshops</p>

<p>Landau</p>  <p>01952 245 015 (Wellington, Telford)</p> <p>https://www.landau.co.uk/ gail.smallman@landau.co.uk hayley.foley@landau.co.uk</p> <p>Study programmes/work tasters</p>	<p>Contact Landau for further information and support</p>
<p>County Training</p>  <p>0345 6789023 j.hackett@hlnc.ac.uk apprenticeships@hlnc.ac.uk enquiries@countytraining.ac.uk</p> <p>Website https://hlnc.ac.uk/apprenticeships/county-training/</p>	<p>Contact County Training for further information and support (September starts only)</p> <p>Delivering apprenticeships and work-based training across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin (September start only)</p>
<p>JTL Electrical Apprenticeships</p>  <p>Joseph Lo 07760554035 0808 5990856</p> <p>https://jtltraining.com/about-us/location-centres/telford/</p>	<p>Electrical Apprenticeships</p> <p>At JTL Telford most courses run from September until July, on some occasions, there is the opportunity to join a group during the year.</p>

<p>Wolverhampton College 01902 836000 www.wolvcoll.ac.uk</p> 	<p>Open days</p> <p>13 January 2024 10-2pm 24 April 2024 4-7pm 15 June 2024 10-2pm</p> <p>For taster sessions please book/organise through Danielle Jones. JonesD@wolvcoll.ac.uk</p>
<p><u>Incomm Engineering Apprenticeships (formerly MCMT)</u></p>  <p>Jayne Guest Recruitment Manager M: +44(0)7391015415 E: jayneg@in-comm.co.uk W: in-comm.co.uk</p>	<p>Engineering Apprenticeship Training Centre</p> <p>Open day dates.</p> <p>14 February 2024 10-2</p>
 <p><u>Telford Apprenticeship Show</u></p> 	<p>What University? & What Career? Live</p> <p>Birmingham NEC</p> <p>Saturday 2 March 11-3pm</p> <p>https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/events/birmingham/directions/</p> <p><u>The Telford Apprenticeship show should be in March 2024 – awaiting dates.</u></p>



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Dance Clubs



Day of the Week	Year Group	Where	Time
Monday	Year 9-11 Dance Club	Studio 2	3:20-4:20
Wednesday	Year 7-8 Dance Club	Studio 3	3:20-4:20
Wednesday	Elite Dance: Y7-13 (Audition Only)	Studio 2	3:20-4:20
Thursday	Year 11 GCSE Dance Rehearsal/Revision	Studio 2	3:20-4:20

Please come and join us at one of the WBS Dance Clubs this year.

Lots of exciting show opportunities coming up!

Bike maintenance club,
Open for those whom want to learn how to fix and maintain their bikes.
In DT, on Wednesday 1515-1600
Any questions, ask Mr Thursz 😊





Allelujah (12a)	Mon 8 Jan
Indiana Jones And The Dial Of Destiny (12a)	Mon 15 Jan
Winter's Bone (15)	Thu 18 Jan
My Sailor, My Love (12)	Mon 22 Jan
National Theatre Live: Dear England	7pm Thu 25 Jan*
A Man Called Otto (15)	Mon 29 Jan
Book Club – The Next Chapter (12a)	Mon 5 Feb
La Fille Sur Le Pont (15)	Thu 8 Feb

Bar opens 6.30pm

Movie begins 7.30pm

Tickets £5 (Concessions £4)

*** National Theatre Live Tickets £10 (concessions £8)**

in advance from

www.ticketsource.co.uk/edgeartscentre

or pay on the door

**William Brookes School, Farley Road, Much Wenlock
01952 728911**

Broseley Family Information Drop-In

Free information, advice and support

Broseley CofE School
Dark Lane, Broseley TF12 5LW

Thursday 25 January 2024
Anytime from 2pm–4.30pm



You can chat, have a coffee and see how we can help you with:

- Housing support
- Children's health and wellbeing
- Healthy living advice
- Family life
- Home fire safety
- Domestic abuse support
- Drug & alcohol support
- Financial advice

and lots more!



Shropshire
Council

**FREE
DISCOVERY
DAY**

10
JANUARY

**William
Brookes
School**

CALL OR EMAIL TO ENROL

**Stagecoach Shrewsbury
DRAMA SCHOOL
OPENING SOON
IN MUCH WENLOCK
PROFESSIONAL
SINGING,
ACTING, AND
DANCE SCHOOLS
LED BY TRAINED
PERFORMERS**

Location: William Brookes School

Date: Wednesday 10th January, 2023

4:15 pm: Early Stages (4-6 years)

4:30 pm: Main School (6-18 years)



Contact Us

+44 (0) 1743 540123

shrewsbury@stagecoach.co.uk



More Information

www.stagecoach.co.uk/shrewsbury



A PLACE TO



SING YOUR HEART OUT

DISCOVERY DAY

Much Wenlock Stagecoach

Explore the world of performing arts through our free taster sessions in singing, dancing and acting for 6 - 18 year-olds.

Date / Time: 10 Jan 2024 04:30 - 07:30

Venue: William Brookes School, TF13 6NB

<https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/shrewsbury> 07718892738

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Be a part of the 138th Wenlock Olympian Games!

Do you love to either sing, play a musical instrument, act, read or dance, or perhaps all of these wonderful things?

If you are 18 or under on 31st August 2024, why not take part in Wenlock Olympian Games Live Arts Festival?

The Live Arts Festival is a vibrant, family friendly programme of competitions in the classes of Music, Speech & Drama and Dance

All details and entry forms are on the WOS website

www.wenlock-olympian-society.org.uk/wenlock-olympian-society-arts

Closing date for Dance entries is Monday 15th January

Closing date for Music, Speech and Drama entries is Friday 26th January



**Wenlock Olympian Games
Live Arts Festival, March 9th, 10th, 16th
and 17th March 2024**

Much Wenlock, Shropshire

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Do you have a few hours to spare in March?
Could you act as a steward or helper at our
friendly, inclusive festival for young people?**

If so, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact: Sue Hayward

liveartschair@gmail.com, 01746 785615

The annual Live Arts Festival is a well-loved event for young people aged 18 years and under. It has taken place since 1979, and is organised by the Wenlock Olympian Games Live Arts Subcommittee. The festival celebrates skill in performance as well as creativity, within a friendly and encouraging environment. The adjudicators are professionals in their field and winners are awarded Wenlock Olympian gold, silver, and bronze medals.



Walford
College



Taster Days & Events

Taster Days:


Taster Days will need to be booked via your current place of education.

 **1st December 2023**

Introduction Day:

 **6th June 2024**

Open Days:

 **14th October 2023**
10:00am - 12:30pm

 **3rd February 2024**
10:00am - 12:30pm

 **15th June 2024**
10:00am - 12:30pm



For More Information:

E: info@nsc.ac.uk
T: 0800 440 2281
hlpsc.ac.uk

Walford College, Baschurch
Shrewsbury, Shropshire
SY4 2HL

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VISIT OUR OPEN EVENTS

▶▶▶ YOUR CAREER STARTS HERE

With lots of full-time courses, part-time courses, apprenticeships and university courses on offer at South Staffordshire College, there are options for everyone. Come and meet the tutors and have a look around your local college in Cannock, Tamworth, Torc, Lichfield or Rodbaston in Penkridge.

▶ SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER 2022	10AM – 1PM
▶ SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2022	10AM – 1PM
▶ SATURDAY 14 JANUARY 2023	10AM – 1PM
▶ SATURDAY 11 MARCH 2023	10AM – 1PM
▶ SATURDAY 20 MAY 2023	10AM – 1PM
▶ SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2023	10AM – 1PM

To find out more and book your place, scan the QR code or visit: southstaffs.ac.uk/open-days



0300 456 2424

enquiries@southstaffs.ac.uk

southstaffs.ac.uk





Your career starts here...

Join us for an open event

5pm - 7.30pm

~~11th October 2023~~

~~15th November 2023~~

31st January 2024

20th March 2024

19th June 2024

or book a 1:1 tour



New bus routes starting September 2023

- Ironbridge - Bridgnorth - Broseley - Ironbridge - Madeley - Stirchley - Dawley - Horsehay - Lawley
- Shifnal - Priorslee - Wrockwardine Wood - Trench
- Newport - Muxton - Donnington - Hadley

info@telfordcollege.ac.uk
01952 642200



- *Would you like to know more about your child's development?*
- *Do you need support to understand your child's behaviour?*
- *Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers?*



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS

The groups are delivered Virtually via MS Teams or Face to Face at a venue in Shropshire.
All you need for the virtual groups is an email address and an electronic device, and we will talk you through the rest.

SEND groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities.
No formal diagnosis is needed.

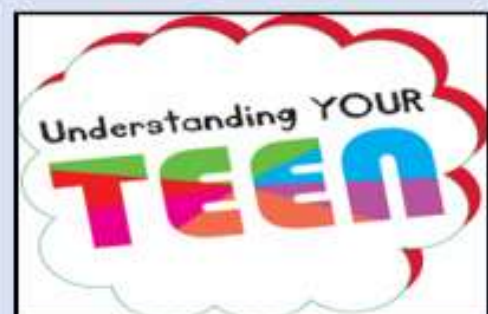
**Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Monday 15th January 2024 until 18th March 2024
from 12.30pm to 2.30pm in Shrewsbury, venue to be confirmed.**

**Understanding Your Child starts Wednesday 10th January 2024 until 20th March 2024
from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams**

**Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Thursday 11th January 2024 until 21st March 2024
From 12.30pm to 2.30pm Virtually via MS Teams**

There are no sessions during the school holidays.

To book a place on one of our groups or for further information on the groups we run please contact the Parenting Team by:
Emailing: Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk
Telephone: 01743 250950





- *Would you like to know more about why sleep is important for our health and emotional well-being?*
 - *Does your child struggle with their sleep?*
- *Would you like to access support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines?*
 - *Would you like to meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences?*

SLEEP TIGHT WORKSHOP

The workshops are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shrewsbury. All you need for the virtual groups is an email address and an electronic device, and we will talk you through the rest.

Our workshops run for 5 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

**Starts on Friday 12th January 2024 from 09.30am to 11.30am
in Shrewsbury, venue to be confirmed.**

**Starts on Friday 12th January 2024 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Virtually via MS Teams**

**Starts on Friday 23rd February 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am
in Shrewsbury, venue to be confirmed.**

**Starts Friday 23rd February 2024 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Virtually via MS Teams**

To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by:

Emailing Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

Or call us on 01743 250950



We are delighted to inform you that our school is currently working with Crossroads Together to raise awareness and support young carers within Shropshire. Crossroads Together are the commissioned service in Shropshire to support young carers.

Who are Young Carers?

A young carer is a young person aged between 6-18 who care for a family member such as mum, dad, brother, sister or grandparents who suffer with a physical disability, poor ill health, learning disability, mental health, or substance and alcohol misuse.

What do young carers do?

- Practical tasks, such as cleaning, cooking, shopping, general upkeep of the housework
- Personal care, such as helping with toileting, washing, showering/bathing, and getting dressed
- Sibling Care
- Emotional Support

What are the impacts?

- Lower grades than their peers if young carers miss time in school
- Poor confidence and self esteem
- Emotional impacts, worry and stress
- Stigma of being a young carer may result in bullying
- Isolation



Who to talk to?

Anita is the dedicated Young Carers Support Worker in our school, come and chat with her if you are a young carer or think you may be a young carer. She will be in the lunch hall at 1.15pm on 2nd Oct

Contact your local Young Carers team:

Phone: 07801576326

Email: shropyc@crossroadstogether.org.uk

www.crossroadstogether.org.uk