



Dear Parents & Carers,

I will begin with a thank you to the NHS team and colleagues in school, especially Miss Morgan, Mr Thomas and Mrs Owen for their hard work on Monday to ensure the Covid-19 vaccinations ran smoothly and efficiently. Next week we will once again see health professionals on site to administer the HPV vaccinations to year 8 and 9 pupils, where consent has been provided.

With only one week to go until the half term break, we have now been able to access the awaited information regarding GCSE exams this year. A summary of the Government's approach to the exams can be found [here](#). Where there is specific information for our pupils, we will be ensuring they are made aware of it to help them prepare for their exams.

On Wednesday next week our year 10 geography pupils head off to Birmingham for their fieldwork component of the GCSE course. This will see them investigate the impacts of urban regeneration on Birmingham. We hope that they enjoy a productive day!

With best wishes for a good weekend

John Parr  
Headteacher

### Request

If anyone has any empty chocolate tubs please can you donate them to Design Technology, they can be dropped off in Y2. Thank you



## Accelerated Reader

Well done for reaching your  
Accelerated Reading Targets



### Year 7

Madisyn Baron

Millie Carter

William Kennaugh

Izy Lowe

Rares Nemes

Vea Ongsit

Erin Skelly

Toby Westall

### Year 8

Archie Norval

Lily Whitfield-Turner

### **Congratulations to the newest members of our Millionaires Club**



Toby Westall  
1,073,082



William Brown  
1,034,867



William Parr  
1,023,587

A reminder that if you would like to take part in DofE, please make the payment on Parent Pay this week please.

### Important dates for your diary

#### **BRONZE AWARD**

Bi-Weekly sessions starting Week B Wednesday 11th March  
3.30-4.40

Practice expedition Saturday 21st May - Sunday 22nd May  
Main expedition Saturday 11th June - Sunday 12 June

#### **SILVER AWARD**

Bi-Weekly sessions starting Week A Wednesday 16th  
February 3.30-4.30 in B4  
Practice expedition Friday 25th, Saturday 26th, Sunday 27th  
March  
Main expedition Friday 8th, Saturday 9th, Sunday 10th July



Late last year Freddie Westall (y9) and Alex Berry (y9) applied to be part of the 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. It is a massive event which occurs every 4 years, 40,000 scouts from across the globe meet up in the chosen country for that year. We are very proud to have been chosen to be 2 of the 36 scouts and guides from Shropshire and Wales who are fortunate enough to be going. To go to this wonderful event, we have to fundraise all the money ourselves. The jamboree is happening in the summer of 2023 and we have until then to raise the money, £4,500 in total. The Scout association is a charity so a portion of the money we raise will be given to disadvantaged Scouts across the world to give them this opportunity too.

One of the initiatives we have to raise money is to sell fudge on a regular basis, which the school has very kindly agreed to support. Every other Monday at break time and lunch, Freddie will be selling his homemade fudge outside the library. The fudge costs £1 per bag but there is limited availability so come ready to buy! The first date is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb and it will continue after half term starting on the first day back.

If anyone, business or individual, wishes to sponsor us directly to go on this journey we would love to hear from you and can be contacted on this email

[Emily.westall@btinternet.com](mailto:Emily.westall@btinternet.com) or through school.

## Cross Country

Last weekend four of our students, Ruari Frankel, Rosie Frankel, Elsa Lovelock & Isaac Hall went to Oswestry to compete in the South Shropshire Cross Country Championships. In what were rather treacherous conditions all four students performed fantastically, producing great times for their age groups.

Elsa Lovelock finished the junior girls race within the top 5, which means she has now qualified to represent South Shropshire in the English Schools Championships in Kent. Alongside this Elsa and Ruari have both been selected to compete in the inter-counties cross country.

Fantastic effort for all involved, well done!



## Faraday Challenge

On the 3rd February, we went to the Faraday challenge, hosted by Mary Webb Science College, in Pontesbury. The Faraday Challenge is an annual competition where students can experience what it is like working with a team of engineers. We were a team of 6 students from Year 8 and the brief was to design something that could be used in a children's hospital, by either patients or staff. It had to have at least one electrical component. With this information, we created an LED system and buzzer, to indicate whether a patient did not want to be disturbed or if they were happy to have visitors. This would make patients feel more comfortable and private because hospitals are one of the many places where privacy may be sparse.

Written by Elsa Lovelock, Emily Kirkwood, Molly Jeffries, Isaac Hall, Archie Norval and Jack Cornehlis."

The students demonstrated exceptional team work, creativity and determination. The event ended with students presenting their product to their peers, judges and fielding questions from IET (institute of engineering and technology) specialists. The group spoke with confidence and had no difficulty with the challenging questions that came their way. The day was a learning experience for those involved and we eagerly await to hear the results of the event. Wish us luck!







## Student of the Week



**Winners and nominees for this week are listed below....**

### KS4 Winner

**Catherine Parry** Nominated by Mrs Mackechnie for Achieving her target grade in Maths assessment

### KS3 Winner

**Alex Berry** Nominated by Mr Overton for Saved Basketball Club!. Brought in his own pump to make sure all the balls were usable for the group. Always an enthusiastic and reliable member of the club.



**This week's nominations:**

### KS4 Nominations

Al Elkins	Aman Raza	Outstanding progress in mock exam
Miss Sollars	Jacob Bennett	Contributions to class discussion in history
Miss Sollars	Ryan Lloyd-Overton	Contributions to class discussion
Mrs Mackechnie	Lydia Naylor	Working amazingly hard to overcome tricky area from her Maths mock
Mrs Mackechnie	Louis Goode	Great work and contributions on recent geometry topic
Mr Balmer	Bonnie Kinsey	Excellent written work.
Mrs Mackechnie	Liea Andrews	Achieving her target grade in Maths assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Beatrice Hadwen	Achieving her target grade in Maths assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Alisa Kovaleva	Achieving her target grade in Maths assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Amelie Northwood	Achieving her target grade in Maths assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Catherine Parry	Achieving her target grade in Maths assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Hanae Soussi-Dahdouh	Exceeding her target grade in Maths assessment
Mr Clarkson	Madison Young	Excellent written work
Mrs Mackechnie	Ty Clark	Consistently high levels of engagement in Maths
Mrs Scott	Erin Robinson	Outstanding effort on factorising hard Quadratics
Mrs Scott	Delphine Hurrell	Outstanding effort on factorising hard Quadratics

### KS3 Nominations

Mr Elkins	Zac Crumpton	Outstanding result in Map Skills Assessment
Miss Sollars	Roman Borowik	Outstanding attitude towards learning
Miss Sollars	Skyla Stovold	The way you have settled into 8X1 and the contributions made to class discussion
Mr Overton	Joel Berry	Saved Basketball Club!. Brought in his own pump to make sure all the balls were usable for the group. Always an enthusiastic and reliable member of the club.

Mrs Colburn	Morgan Thomas	Exceptional achievement in map skills assessment
Mrs Colburn	Matthew Cooper	Exceptional achievement in map skills assessment
Mrs Colburn	Cordy Angell	Exceptional achievement in map skills assessment
Mrs Colburn	Jayden Barrett	Exceptional achievement in map skills assessment
Mrs Colburn	Dexter Crippin	Fantastic achievement in year 9 geography exam
Mrs Colburn	Zarabeth Boccacci	Great progress shown in year 9 geography exam
Mrs Colburn	Bella Atherton	Exceptional achievement in year 9 geography exam
Mrs Colburn	Ellie Bill	Exceptional achievement in year 9 geography exam
Mrs Colburn	Rosie Frankel	Exceptional achievement in year 9 geography exam
Mrs Colburn	Daisy Jones	Exceptional achievement in year 9 geography exam
Mrs Colburn	Aris Kokkinos	Exceptional achievement in year 9 geography exam
Mrs Colburn	Lucy Ockenden	Exceptional achievement in year 9 geography exam
Mrs Colburn	Beth Perry	Exceptional achievement in year 9 geography exam
Mrs Colburn	Freddie Westall	Exceptional achievement in year 9 geography exam
Mrs Colburn	Thomas Smith-Wright	Exceptional achievement in year 9 geography exam
Mrs Colburn	Martha Wynne	Exceptional achievement in year 9 geography exam
Mr Balmer	Ruby Wright-Smith	Excellent attitude to work.
Mrs Colburn	Fin Middleton	Excellent achievement in year 9 history exam
Mrs Colburn	Adnan Khalid	Excellent achievement in year 9 history exam
Mrs Colburn	Joe Evans	Excellent achievement in year 9 history exam
Mrs Colburn	Matilda Booth-Gillett	Excellent achievement in year 9 history exam
Mr Barham	Matthew Cooper	Stand out leader at the leadership event with local primary schools. Great levels of enthusiasm and commitment.
Mr Barham	Zac Crumpton	A stand out leader at the leadership event on Monday. Displayed professional and clear instructions to students involved.
Mr Clarkson	Anya Angell	Great flowchart designs
Mr Clarkson	Chloe Selley	Great flowchart designs
Mr Bird	Lucy Ockenden	100% in her most recent chemistry test
Mr Bird	Olivia Miller	Above target in their most recent chemistry test
Mr Bird	Toby Nicholson	Above target in their most recent chemistry test
Mr Bird	Aris Perantinos	Above target in their most recent chemistry test

Mr Bird	Lola Vesayaporn	Above target in their most recent chemistry test
Mr Bird	Cordy Angell	Achieved their target in their most recent chemistry test
Mr Bird	Isaac Huxley	Achieved their target in their most recent chemistry test
Mr Basnett	Dexter Crippen	A real improvement in the amount he writes.
Mr Basnett	Ruby Jammaz	A clear and consistent attempt to improve her work.
Naomi Proffitt	Freddie Westall	Excellent participation in class discussion
Naomi Proffitt	Eleni Ward	Excellent participation in class discussion
Naomi Proffitt	Jake Jones	Excellent effort and work ethic in French
Naomi Proffitt	Charlie Hatton	Excellent effort and work ethic in French
Naomi Proffitt	Vinnie Taylor	Excellent participation in class discussion
Naomi Proffitt	Beau Salisbury	Excellent participation in class discussion
Naomi Proffitt	Holly Hodgkiss	Excellent participation in class discussion
Naomi Proffitt	Isabelle Taylor	Excellent participation in class discussion
Mrs Mackechnie	Roman Borowik	Huge improvement to attitude and behaviour
Mrs Scott	Jess Whilding	Outstanding work in maths and assessment result
Mrs Mackechnie	Joey Taylor	Having double Maths for 3 days and being awesome every time!



# SAVE THE DATE

## Easter Craft & Gift Fair

**Date:** Saturday 9th April 2022 **Time:** 10:00-16:00  
**Location:** Silvester Horne Institute, Church Stretton

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# Medical Futures Virtual Conference

**Saturday 5th March 2022, 9am – 5.30pm**

## *Considering a career in Medicine?*

Our annual conference, free to all Year 11-12 students in the West Midlands and Welsh Borders remains online for 2022 due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Last year the event was fully booked within 3 days, so we are extending our capacity to offer **250 places** available to external students on a first come, first served basis.

The day will cover all aspects of the highly selective admissions process to enable you to make a competitive application. In addition to this there will be the opportunity to hear from current medical students and a variety of health care professionals and experts in the admissions field.



### **Keynote Speaker: Dr Benji Waterhouse**

**Award-winning comedian, writer and  
NHS doctor specialising in psychiatry**

Dr Benji Waterhouse is a frontline NHS doctor specialising in psychiatry. He is also an award-winning stand-up comedian whose material provides a fly on the padded-wall account of the mental health world and bust myths along the way (spoiler: there are no padded walls).

His writing has been published in The Guardian and The Independent and his first book, a psychiatric memoir entitled 'You Don't Have To Be Mad To Work Here', is being published by Vintage in Spring 2023 and adapted for screen by House Productions.

Originally graduating from Leeds Medical School where he also achieved a First-Class Honours BA in Medical Ethics, he has featured in a list of 'Inspiring Psychiatrists' by the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 2019.



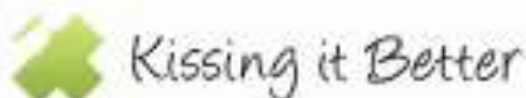
### Programme to include:

- How to make a competitive medical school application (including work experience, admissions tests, interviews etc).
- Choosing the right medical school,
- Excelling in your medical school personal statement.
- Life as a medical student.
- Gaining meaningful virtual work experience.
- Meet the professionals – an opportunity to hear from a Junior Doctor, General Practitioner and doctors working in a range of medical specialities.
- Using reflective journals to support your application.

Concord College Medical Society has nearly 200 members and supports over 40 medical applicants every year with a weekly programme of workshops, presentations and peer-led sessions, plus monthly lectures and focus days on key aspects such as UCAT, BMAT, interview practice and medical ethics.

We support applicants in gaining work experience and are a key partner in the **William Farr Academy**, working in partnership with the **Royal Shrewsbury Hospital** and **Keele University Medical School** to provide expert advice and guidance to talented Shropshire pupils from eligible schools to become outstanding doctors of the future.

Participation in the day will give you access to a huge range of support materials from the society. In addition to this you will also be invited to further support events running later in the year on interview preparation, work experience and special interest lectures.



### Booking

To apply for your free place on the conference please follow the link on our website to the booking form:

<https://concordcollegeuk.com/news/mfvc22/>

If you have any queries, please email Barry Brown (Head of Science) at:  
**b.brown@concordcollege.org.uk**



## **Autism West Midlands Update**

If you would like to be added to our professionals mailing list, please email your details to [emmah@autismwestmidlands.org.uk](mailto:emmah@autismwestmidlands.org.uk)

### **FREE Webinars**

For parents, carers and professionals throughout the region, watch “live” or via an automated link to watch a replay. Click on the links to find out more including registration details.

**Understanding Autism – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am-10.30am**

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/understanding-autism-webinar-west-midlands-18feb22/>

**Autism and Anxiety – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am – 10.30am**

Bookings open soon – please check the “events” section of our website

**How Autistic People Process Information – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am-10.30am**

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/how-autistic-people-process-information-webinar-18mar22/>

### **HALF TERM FAMILY EVENT**

**Attingham Park - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 10am – 12pm**

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/attingham-park-walk-for-shropshire-families/>

**WEEKLY Zoom Advice slots – every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**

For those would like some face-to-face contact we are offering this virtually via video appointments. Zoom works well on mobile phones. To book a 45 min advice appointment with a specialist autism advisor please book via our shop

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/online-autism-advice-shropshire/>

**Virtual Support Group for Parents - Wednesday Mornings 10am-11am & Wednesday Evenings 8pm-9pm – NOW 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds of each month**

From the New Year we moved our online support groups to twice a month via the Zoom platform. This is an opportunity to talk with other parents, share ideas, and offer support.

If you are working with a parent/carers who would like to join either of the support groups, please ask them to email the team here [shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk](mailto:shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk)

### **Advice and support**

We continue to offer advice and support over the phone and via email. Parents/carers and professionals can contact our small team directly to arrange an appointment please call:

Mon, Wed, Fri	- Wendy Cowton	07900784186
Weds, Thu, Fri	- Emma Hegenbarth	07881109480
Tue, Wed, Thu	- Dawn Lewis	07706309382
Email : <a href="mailto:shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk">shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk</a>		

**Helpline - 0121 450 7575**

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Due to the situation with Covid 19 places at all of our events will need to be booked in advance.

\* Subject to COVID social distancing protocols allowing

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## Open Evenings

**10 February 2022 ♦ 5pm - 7pm**

A Levels and Arts Courses

*English Bridge & Welsh Bridge Campus\**

**3 March 2022 ♦ 5pm - 7pm**

Technical and Professional Courses

*London Road Campus\**

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## Virtual Events

**Post 16 Options Roadshow**

Available to explore now

**Year 11 Subject Tasters**

Available to watch now

**Virtual Campus Open Evening**

Available to explore now



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All Stretton Village Hall

**7.30pm 24/25/26 February 2022**

**2pm on Saturday 26th February**

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