



Dear Parents & Carers,

I will begin by saying well done to our fantastic year 7 pupils for their hard work and positive approach to their year 7 exams this week. Having not done formal exams very much (if at all) before joining our school, they have coped admirably and are to be congratulated. Of course, the end of the year 7 exams brings us ever closer to the start of GCSE exams based in the exam hall. Year 11 also have been working hard in school and should be engaged in revision at home to ensure they are making the maximum use of time to prepare for their exam series.

We are pleased to be able to continue making improvements to our school site, buildings and resources for our pupils and staff. Indeed, reflecting on just some of the work completed this year, it makes an impressive list:

- We started the year with an upgrade to classrooms with the installation of 7 state of the art screens and over Easter, completed the job of replacing old projection equipment in remaining classrooms with another 8 such screens.
- We have replaced the windows across the front elevation of the school, now more energy efficient and modern.
- Following the renewal of all computers in an ICT suite at the start of the year, we have enhanced ICT resources with 4 trolleys of Chromebooks, each with over 30 devices which are used on a daily basis to enhance learning.
- A further 8 'fit for purpose' dining tables were added to the restaurant area, making better use of space and creating a better environment for our pupils.
- Over Easter all of the carpeting in school entrance ways and some corridors has been replaced.
- Energy efficient LED lighting has been installed in the vast majority of spaces in school.
- And last but not least, visitors will note that we have had the remaining emerging potholes in the car park filled in!

Further investment is on the horizon and we are excited about the future possibilities for school improvement for our pupils and staff.

With best wishes for a good weekend

John Parr

Headteacher



Accelerated Reader



Year 7

Marwa Aoufi

Year 8

Tilly Carter

Seth Richards

Lost Property

If your child/ren have lost any items of clothing, please ask them to check lost property in **W1**.

Enrichment Week

Please can parents check their payment schedule for enrichment week as there are a few overdue payments. This is for Preseli, London and Bushcraft.
Thank you.

Appointment Reminder

We appreciate that pupils may need to have appointments during the school day, please could we ask that we have prior notice and a copy of the appointment card/letter. Thank you.

Girls PE Fixtures

Yr 10/11 Rounders @ Ludlow 10th May

Yr 9 Rounders @ Ludlow 11th May

Yr 9 & Girls Basketball @ Stretton 17th May

Date for your Diary

There will be a school PTFA meeting at 7.30pm on 17th May. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.



Book Amnesty



Calling all pupils, staff and parents

WANTED

Your overdue library books.

Do you have any school library books languishing in your locker?

Gathering dust under your bed?

Sitting aimlessly on your shelves?

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT

BOOK AMNESTY: Bring your overdue library books back.

No questions will be asked, and any fines will be waived!

For one week only 9th - 13th May 2022.

Library fines will resume after this date!

PE

Extra-Curricular Timetable

Lunch-Time Activities

Early-lunch passes can be obtained from the club / activities.

Packed lunches are encouraged to make the most of your time.

Check with the activity leader what kit will be required.

After-school Activities

Activities start at 3:20. Check the finish time with the activity leader.

Ensure that parents / carers are aware of finish / collection times.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
LUNCHTIME	<p>Table Tennis Club Mr Barham</p> <p>KS3 Girls Rounders Miss Whitcombe</p>	<p>KS3 Fitness Club Mr Wise</p> <p>Year 7+8 5 a-side football</p>	<p>KS4 Girls Rounders Miss Whitcombe</p> <p>Years 7+8 Dodgeball Mr Barham</p> <p>Years 9,10 and 11 Basketball Mr Wise</p>	<p>KS3/4 Badminton Mr Wright</p>	<p>KS4 Badminton Mr Wright</p>
AFTER SCHOOL	<p>Cheer KS3 Miss Whitcombe</p> <p>KS4 Boys Football Mr Barham</p>	<p>KS3 Basketball Mixed Girls/Boys Mr Barham</p> <p>KS3 Boys Football Mr Davis</p> <p>Walk and Talk Miss Whitcombe</p>	<p>Girls Football Mr Barham</p>	<p>All year's girls Rounders Miss Whitcombe</p>	



What's on Kooth in May

May 6th

Live Forum: Emotional: Alternative ways to express and manage

Our first Live Forum of May is all about emotions. Join our conversation about all the feelings and how to manage if it gets overwhelming.

5:30 pm - 6pm

May 9th

Health Podcast: How to Tackle Loneliness

For Mental Health Awareness Week we're chatting all about tackling loneliness. Since lockdown, it's been difficult for a lot of us to connect with our friends and family so we're going to talk about how loneliness can affect our mental wellbeing as well as offer some of our tips for restoring connections.

Find it on Apple podcasts and Spotify.

May 10th

Discussion Board: Mental Health Awareness Week - Loneliness

The theme of Mental Health Awareness Week for 2020 is loneliness, and it's something that we can all experience. This is a space to share experiences of feeling alone, and think about how we can connect with others to improve our collective wellbeing.

May 11th

Live Forum: Support Friends - After a Crisis

Step by our Live Forum about how to support a friend after they've experienced a crisis. Share stories if you'd like, or learn about other organisations and spaces that can be helpful for someone who's gone through something tough.

5:30 pm - 6pm

May 16th

Discussion Board: Accepting our Body

Join our discussion about all the brilliant things our bodies can do! As the sun comes out, we can sometimes struggle with body image worries, so we're creating a space to challenge some of those body 'rules' in the media, and focus on accepting ourselves, exactly as we are.

May 18th

Discussion Board: Foster Care Portraits

This week we are talking about foster care. Maybe you've heard with a foster family, perhaps you have a foster sibling, or maybe you'd like to learn more about what it means to live in foster care. Step by our discussion where you can share experiences, thoughts and questions about foster care.

May 21st

Discussion Board: A Moment for Meditation

It's World Meditation Day and we'll love to know your thoughts, questions and tips about meditating. Maybe you like breathwork, listening to guided meditations, or being in nature. Or perhaps it's not something you've tried. Tell us your experiences, and it's time to hear from you in the comments.

May 23rd

Live Forum: Misrepresentation in the Media

This Live Forum is a space to talk about the impact of misrepresentation in the media, how to spot 'fake news', and how to manage if you've been impacted by unhelpful news stories.

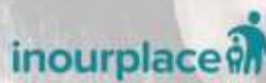
5:30 pm - 6pm

May 24th

Discussion Board: National Epilepsy Week

Did you know that over 600,000 people in the UK have been diagnosed with epilepsy? Step by our discussion to share your thoughts, experiences and questions.

Find all of this & much more on [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)



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Online course Understanding your relationships

Relationships can be difficult, complicated, fun, satisfying, exciting, annoying, bring out the best in us, bring out the worst in us. We are often in one, but we don't often spend much time on them. So here's the chance!

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Open to
Key Stage 3

Venue: B8

Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30pm

'Understanding your relationships'

An online course for adults, young people, and older adults.

This course is for anyone who is in a relationship.

Relationships include couples, friendships, neighbours, family relationships, work colleagues.

You may want to celebrate it, you may want to give it a bit of an MOT or you may feel your relationship is in need of some attention. Maybe you feel you are drifting, or perhaps things have been difficult lately. You're looking for a way forward.

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Features:



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15-20 Minutes
(per Module)



Integrated
Notebook



Quizzes



Certificate

This course covers:

- Our feelings
- Understanding how the other person is feeling
- Reading behaviours
- Responding
- Communicating feelings
- The rhythm of interaction
- Self-regulation and anger
- Coping with anger
- What we learned from our parents
- Rupture and repair

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Further details:

If you like this you might also like **Understanding your child** and/or **Understanding your child with additional needs** and/or **Understanding your teenager's brain**.

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Next Generation Fair

Sustainable Living Expo

Saturday 28th May 11am - 4pm

FREE ENTRY

For all the family for the whole day

At Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre

Craven Arms, SY7 9RS



- Displays and demonstrations about sustainable living and protecting Shropshire's biodiversity.
- Electric bike and vehicle expo
- Grow Cook Learn
- Sapa dancers
- Climbing tower
- Virrelli's Ice Cream
- The Strummers
- Bouncy castle
- Sunflower Pizza Landrover
- Samba band
- Children's activities
- Play area

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Dog Show 2pm - 4pm



Classes include pedigree,
best fancy dressed dog,
waggiest tail and more.

£2.50 per entry.
Entry on the day.

