



Dear Parents & Carers,

I will start with a 'well done' to Year 11 students for their focus and hard work towards their GCSE mock exams. Whilst we absolutely hope that students will get to sit their summer external exam series, the results from these mock exams may be called upon, should we face another year where teachers need to draw on assessment results to award a teacher assessed grade. A recent survey of the year group has provided some useful feedback from students, with three things that they said stand out as most useful in preparing: using Seneca Learning; use of past exam papers and use of published revision guides. Pleasingly, all of these are available through school or, in the case of revision guides, also available to purchase from shops/online.

Thank you to the NHS team, the volunteers and staff in school who worked so efficiently on Tuesday to ensure the vaccination process for students ran smoothly. Please note that we are unable to facilitate access to vaccinations for students who did not have one in school as the process is managed by the NHS.

Finally, this week in school Mr Bird, Assistant Headteacher has led Remembrance Assemblies, followed by a 2 minute silence yesterday at 11:00am. As usual, our students were fantastic and highly respectful as we remembered those who served (and currently serve) to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life.

With best wishes for a good weekend

John Parr
Headteacher

Please can we remind you that school doesn't open to students until 8.20am, as we are not able to supervise them before this time.

Please can we remind students that only water should be brought into school, no squash or cans of fizzy drinks. Thank you for your support with this.

Accelerated Reader

Well done for reaching your Accelerated Reading Targets

Year 7

William Brown
Anthony Cheadle
Sam Cornehl
Leia Davis
Adella Drakeford
Harry Pope

Year 8

Alex Costa-Veiga
Charlotte Hale
Will Jackson
Elsa Lovelock
Morgan Spender

Congratulations to the
newest member of our
Millionaires Club -
Harry Pope
(1,154,672)



Nut Free School

We aim to be a nut free school. If your child brings packed lunches or snacks in from home please ensure (even if your child is not allergic) that they do not contain nuts or nut-products, in order to protect those in school with severe allergies. Our kitchen doesn't knowingly use nuts, however nut traces can be found in many products especially when manufactured in a factory alongside nut products. Many thanks



Student of the Week



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

KS4 Winner - David Jones Nominated by Mrs Colburn for Fantastic effort with GCSE coasts assessment

KS3 Winner - Thea Morgan-Jones Nominated by Mrs Hough for Outstanding result in her first French assessment with a score of 93.87%. Well done Thea!

KS4 Nominations

Mrs Proffitt	Rosie Carr	Resilience and perseverance when mastering different past tenses in Spanish
Mrs Proffitt	Jodie Shelton	Resilience and perseverance when mastering different past tenses in Spanish
Mrs Colburn	Tai Adams	Fantastic effort with GCSE coasts assessment
Mrs Colburn	Cody Price	Fantastic effort with GCSE coasts assessment
Mrs Colburn	Taylor Challinor	Fantastic effort with GCSE coasts assessment
Mrs Colburn	Ruari Frankel	Fantastic effort with GCSE coasts assessment
Mrs Colburn	David Jones	Fantastic effort with GCSE coasts assessment
Mrs Colburn	Marnie Solomons	Fantastic effort with GCSE coasts assessment
Mrs Colburn	Flynn Solomons	Fantastic effort with GCSE coasts assessment
Mrs Colburn	Lydia Naylor	Fantastic effort with GCSE coasts assessment
Mrs Colburn	Sioned Morris	Fantastic effort with GCSE coasts assessment
Miss Sollars	Isobel Devey	Outstanding History work
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Miss Sollars	Rosie Carr	Outstanding History work
Mr Barham	Sam Flack	Completing above and beyond the amount of work within BTEC Sport. Completed 6 session plans in one lesson, as well as being consistently good within circuit training.
Mrs Mackechnie	Catherine Parry	Outstanding work on angles
Mrs Mackechnie	Mackenzie Williams	Great focus and effort in work on angles
Mrs Scott	Annabelle Kirkwood	Superb work in Maths on cones and spheres
Mrs Scott	Daisy Collinson	Superb work in Maths on cones and spheres
Mrs Scott	Delphine Hurrell	Superb work in Maths on cones and spheres

KS3 Nominations

Mrs Proffitt	Freddie Westall	Excellent effort made catching up missed work
Mrs Proffitt	Daisy Jones	Excellent effort with catching up missed work
Mrs Hough	Leia Davis	Outstanding result in first assessment in French, 91.49%. Well done Leia!
Mrs Hough	Thea Morgan-Jones	Outstanding result in her first French assessment with a score of 93.87%. Well done Thea!
Mrs Proffitt	Zac Crumpton	Scoring 100% in his recent French Assessment
Mrs Colburn	Jayden Barrett	Excellent fantastic places homework
Mrs Colburn	Jack Heath	Excellent fantastic places homework
Mrs Colburn	Toby Nicholson	Excellent fantastic places homework
Mrs Colburn	Aris Perantinos	Excellent fantastic places homework
Mrs Colburn	Isaac Huxley	Excellent fantastic places homework
Mrs Colburn	Sylvie Booth-Gillett	Excellent fantastic places homework
Mrs Colburn	Morgan Thomas	Excellent fantastic places homework
Mrs Colburn	Lola Wise	Excellent fantastic places homework
Mrs Colburn	Lexie Bland	Excellent fantastic places homework
Miss Sollars	Elsa Lovelock	An exceptional answer on witchcraft in the 17th century
Mrs Hough	Dean Harvey	Outstanding piece of writing in French for his Module 1 assessment. Well done Dean!
Mr Basnett	Oliver Friswell	Really positive start to his Year 9
Mr Basnett	Aisha Raza	Really engaged with the work we are doing.
Mrs Scott	Lily Gibbons	excellent work in maths on scales
Mrs Scott	Charlie Gregg	excellent work in maths on scales
Mrs Scott	Abbi Williams	excellent work in maths on scales

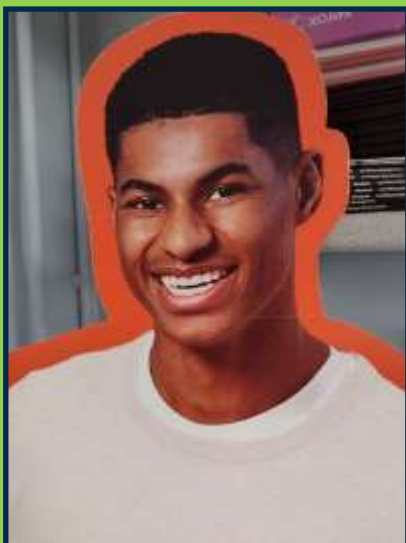
AR Congratulations



Well done to William Kennaugh who was our Accelerated Reader winner for this half term. Hopefully he will spend his Amazon Voucher wisely on some new books.



Also Leia Davis and Zac Crumpton who were our first Year 7s to reach a million words.



And finally congratulations to Thomas Woodhouse who is now the proud owner of a six foot cardboard cut-out of Marcus Rashford...I'm sure his parents are delighted.

Thank you to Burway Books Church Stretton who donated Marcus as a way of promoting reading but also to help to educate the students against Online Hate.



Year 11 Mock Exam revision questionnaire

We have been busy helping Year 11 prepare for their upcoming Mock Examinations fortnight, which is due to start the week beginning 29th of November. Before half term departments compiled a list of the content that will be examined in the Mock Examinations. Dr Wood has since held a revision assembly, explaining the different revision techniques and the importance of producing a revision timetable. This was followed up by providing every student with a paper copy of a revision timetable and a reminder of where they can find the [revision planning resources on the school website](#), as well as information on how to stay calm, motivated and reduce stress. Departments have been producing and collating revision resources, sharing them through OneNote and Teams, and sign posting them on Go4Schools to ensure they are at the Year 11's fingertips when they need them.

To gauge whether students had started revising, which revision resources they valued highest and give them a chance to let us know what else we could do to support their revision we carried out a Year 11 Mock Exam revision questionnaire. The key findings of which were:

80% of students have started revising, and Mr Wise, Mr Bird and Mr Overton will be working with the remaining 20% to help them get started and ensure they are motivated to achieve the absolute best marks they can.

Have you started revising for your November GCSE Mock Examinations?

[More Details](#)



Well over half of students have made a revision timetable and we will be encouraging all students to make use of the [tips on how to produce a revision timetable](#) over the next week, so that all students have a balanced and manageable revision schedule.

Have you made a revision timetable?

[More Details](#)

[Insights](#)



Most students know where to find the revision resources and the [knowledge organisers](#) that staff have worked hard to produce for all Year groups, which are an excellent resource to use as part of an active revision activity such as producing a mind map or revision cards.

Do you know where to find the revision resources Dr Wood spoke about in Thursday's assembly?

[More Details](#)

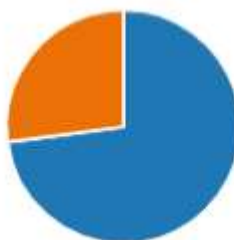
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Do you know where to find the knowledge organisers for the subjects you are studying?

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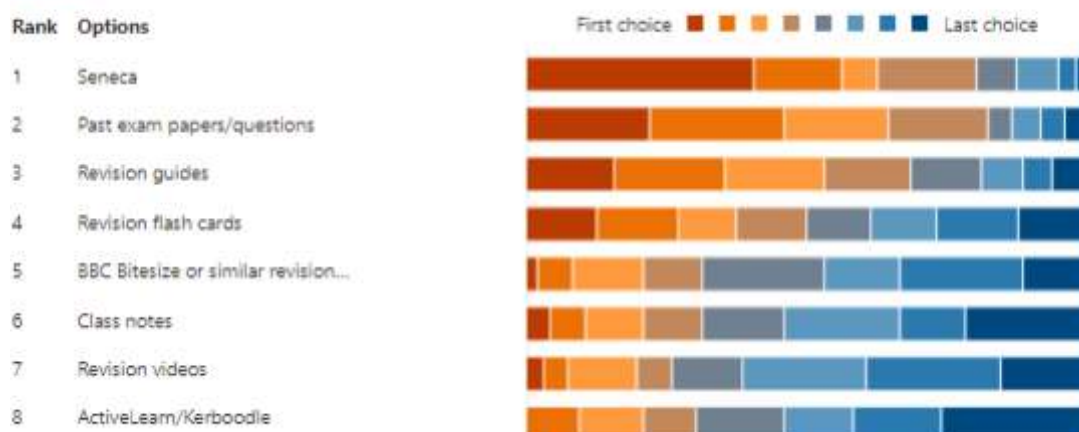
 Insights



We asked students to rank the different revision resources in order of how likely are to use them as part of their revision. Seneca Learning, a revision app that the school has purchased a premium package for all students to use came out on top. Seneca's smart learning algorithm helps students remember topics better. When students get a question wrong, the content will be repeated in different formats a few questions later. Past exam papers and questions came second, departments will be making past exam materials available and revision guides third. Departments still have some guides available, please contact Heads of department if you would like to purchase them for your child (if you have not already done so).

Place the following revision resources in order of how likely you are to use them as part of your revision.

[More Details](#)



We finally asked students to let us know what else we can do to further support their revision, with the main theme being to ensure all departments are sharing similar resources.

Sharing activities on Seneca, past exam materials and another chance to buy revision guides. These suggestions and ideas have been shared with Heads of department so that they can add to the array of revision resources that they are already making available to Year 11.

The staff remain fully committed to helping all students to achieve their full potential.

A good performance in the Mock Examinations is vital and attendance is compulsory. We may be asked to provide a Teacher Assessed Grade for students who are unable to sit the GCSE exams in the Summer of 2022, as happened last year. The outcome of these Mock Examinations (raw scores) may be used to inform that judgement, so it is important to do as well as possible. We have already started a comprehensive intervention strategy and we will analyse the results of the Mock Examinations to further identify those students who need enhanced support to do so. You can support your child by encouraging them to complete a revision timetable, monitoring that they are following their plan and ensuring they are prepared for each of the exams on the Mock Examination timetable.

We wish all of Year 11 the best of luck in their Mock Examinations, although they will not need it if they fully prepare themselves with a carefully planned and well-balanced revision plan!

Autumn Term Mock Exams 2021 - Year 11 Timetable

(F = Foundation, H = Higher, bracketed timings are for students with extra time in exams)

Week A

Date	Period 1 8.50 – 10.05	Period 2 10.05 – 11.05	Break 11.05 – 11.20	Period 3 11.20 – 12.20	Lunch 12.20 – 13.10	Period 4 13.10 – 14.10	Period 5 14.10 – 15.10
Monday 29 th November	Geography Human 1 hour (1 hour 15 mins)		Break	Music 1 hour	Lunch	Maths 1 hour 30 mins (1 hour 53 mins)	
Tuesday 30 th November	English Language 1 hour 45 mins (2 hour 11 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons
Wednesday 1 st December	Computer Science 1 hour 30 mins (1 hour 53 mins) French Writing F 1 hour (F 1 hour 15 mins) H 1 hour 15 mins (H 1 hour 34 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	History 1 hour 35 mins (1 hour 59 mins)	
Thursday 2 nd December	French Listening & Reading H 1 hour 45 mins (H 2 hours 11 mins) F 1 hour 20 mins (F 1 hour 40 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Maths 1 hour 30 mins (1 hour 53 mins)	
Friday 3 rd December	Biology Combined – 1 hour 10 mins (1 hour 28 mins) Triple - 1 hour 45 mins (2 hours 11 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons

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Week B

Date	Period 1 8.50 – 10.05	Period 2 10.05 – 11.05	Break 11.05 – 11.20	Period 3 11.20 – 12.20	Lunch 12.20 – 13.10	Period 4 13.10 – 14.10	Period 5 14.10 – 15.10
Monday 6 th December	English Literature 1 hour 45 mins (2 hours 11 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	RE 1 hour (1 hour 15 mins)	
Tuesday 7 th December	Chemistry Combined – 1 hour 10 mins (1 hour 28 mins) Triple - 1 hour 45 mins (2 hours 11 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Drama 1 hour 30 mins (1 hour 53 mins)	
Wednesday 8 th December	Geography Physical 1 hour (1 hour 15 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Construction 1 hour (1 hour 15 mins)	
Thursday 9 th December	Physics Combined – 1 hour 10 mins (1 hour 28 mins) Triple - 1 hour 45 mins (2 hours 11 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Sport 1 hour (1 hour 15 minutes)	
Friday 10 th December	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	DT 1 hour 30 mins (1 hour 53 mins)	

Lest we forget...

On Thursday at 11:00, we held a 2 minute silence in remembrance of the end of the First World War and to remember and honour those who have paid the price for our freedom. In recognition of this, a group of students helped staff in the school library to create a remembrance display. I would like to thank Miss Green, Mrs Mullins and some of our year 7 students for their hard work in doing so.



Autism West Midlands Update – November 2021

FREE Webinars for parents, carers and professionals running this term

- Rising to the Challenge for the Early Years Friday mornings from 5th Nov into Dec
<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/rising-to-the-challenge-winter-2021/>

- How Autistic People Process Information Wednesday 15th December 10am-11am
<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/how-autistic-people-process-information-webinar/>

WEEKLY Zoom Advice slots – every 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

We are running our weekly online support groups via the Zoom platform. This is an opportunity to talk with other parents, share ideas, and offer support.

If you would like to join either of the support groups, please email Gemma at gemmae@autismwestmidlands.org.uk

Advice and support

We continue to offer advice and support over the phone and via email. Parents and carers 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	shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk	

Helpline 0121 450 7575

***Please note we **no longer have our landline number** of 01743 236193, for professional consultations/ enquiries please contact shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk to arrange a call back or call one of the mobile numbers above ***

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

with Rotary Tree of Light

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27th

11am to 3pm Santa's Grotto, teas & cakes
in Silvester Horne Institute

From 3pm Music, Food & Drink in The Square
compered by Robbie Tooth

3.15pm St Lawrence's Singing Club

4pm Christingle Service in St. Laurence's

4pm Loft Arts Drama Group

4.45pm Children's Competition

5.15 pm - Lights Switch-On by child
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