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Dear Parents & Carers,

I must begin by congratulating all of our Year 11 students for their positive attitude and engagement in the Spring Exam series that finished today. Their maturity and determination shone through, so a highly deserved 'well done!' to you all, which I know that staff invigilating echo.

Last week we enjoyed a mufti day in support of Comic Relief, raising a sum of £820 in support of the fundraising event. Thank you for your support!

For parents of Year 9 students, aside of the technical glitches that may have hindered connection, we hope that the opportunity to meet teachers across virtual means was useful yesterday, to discuss progress and how we will be working together to address any gaps in learning, as a result of lockdown. We now move into the period where Year 9 students will be finalising their Pathways subject choices, so please do discuss this further so that submissions can be made. Dr Wood, Deputy Headteacher will be coordinating this process, so students will receive further information from him today via email.

We hope that the home lateral flow testing is going well and again thank you for supporting this measure to play our part in keeping others safe and students in school. A further supply of test kits have been issued to students today (other than Year 10 who have already received 4 boxes of test kits), so there should be sufficient to continue testing throughout the Easter break.

Next week is the last week of term and with a heavy heart, we will be saying farewell to 3 colleagues. After 21 years of service to the school, Mrs Young, Higher Level Teaching Assistant is taking a very well-deserved retirement, whilst Mrs Blount, also a Higher Level Teaching assistant leaves us after 13 years to begin a new and exciting post outside of education. Both Mrs Young and Mrs Blount have impacted positively on so many students' lives, supporting those in their care with compassion and dedication. Finally, we say thank you and goodbye to Mr Stevenson, school Janitor, who is also taking a very well-earned retirement. We will miss them all very much and I am sure you will join me in saying thank you and good luck!

Finally, may I remind you that we finish school on Thursday 1st April for the Easter holiday, with everyone returning on Monday 19th April.

With best wishes for a good weekend.

John Parr  
Headteacher



Congratulations to Alfie Lawton who was nominated for The High Sheriff of Shropshire's Outstanding Young Citizen Award by Captain Anthony Chwalinski who is Company Commander for Shropshire's Army Cadet Force. He said that Cadet Lawson epitomised the motto of the AFC 'Inspire to Achieve'.

### **Lateral Flow testing - Home testing kits**

The remaining two Home testing kits have been handed out to students this afternoon.. Please note that in a change to the letter sent home last week, we have been advised that testing is also required throughout the Easter Break. Therefore, we would ask that home testing is completed by students on the following dates: -  
Sunday 28th March. Thursday 1st April, Sunday 4th April, Thursday 8th April, Sunday 11th April, Thursday 15th April, Sunday 18th April, Thursday 22nd April and Sunday 25th April.

It is with great sadness that one of our former students recently passed away. George's family have set up a JustGiving page in his memory. If anyone within the school community would like to make a donation, please find the link below. [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/george-stephens-funeral?utm\\_source=whatsapp&utm\\_medium=socpledgemobile&utm\\_content=george-stephens-funeral&utm\\_campaign=post-pledge-mobile&utm\\_term=Rg744gJeJ](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/george-stephens-funeral?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=socpledgemobile&utm_content=george-stephens-funeral&utm_campaign=post-pledge-mobile&utm_term=Rg744gJeJ)

Due to Covid, the number of those allowed to attend the funeral is restricted, therefore, George's funeral will be live streamed on Saturday 27th March at 12 noon using this link, <https://youtu.be/DBYnvdUkxJM>



## Key Stage 4 Student of the Week



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

**Grace Martin** Nominated by Mr Wise for resilience in overcoming an adversity.

**Ed Nockolds** Nominated by Mr Clarkson for helpful contributions in class and ongoing effort.

**Charlotte Davies** Nominated by Mr Roberts for excellent preparatory work for the GCSE Spoken Language Endorsement assessment

**Amber Kempster** Nominated Miss Whitcombe for demonstrating good resilience to completing coursework.

### Back to Key Stage 3 again next week

This week's nominations:

Miss Whitcombe	Cody Price	Excellent focus and well produced coursework
Miss Whitcombe	Amber Kempster	Demonstrating good resilience to completing coursework
Mr Clarkson	Ruby Keeling	Outstanding work in lessons
Mr Clarkson	Ed Nockolds	For helpful contributions in class and ongoing effort
Mr Clarkson	Rhyanna Good	Great contributions to physics class discussions
Mr Mottram	Georgia Davies	Consistent effort and really good examples of work. Good resilience during lockdown.
Mr Roberts	Charlotte Davies	Excellent preparatory work for the GCSE Spoken Language Endorsement assessment
Mr Wise	Rosie Wilson	For being proactive in her exam preparation
Mr Wise	Katie Howard	For the quality of her revision resources
Mr Wise	Grace Martin	Resilience in overcoming an adversity
Mrs Davis	Zara Khan	Excellent effort in English Literature.
Mrs Mackechnie	Charlie Laslett	Excellent work on functions
Mrs Mackechnie	Harry Lawrence	Excellent work on functions
Mrs Mackechnie	Finley Carter	Excellent work on functions
Mrs Mackechnie	Grace Sansom	Excellent work on functions
Mrs Mackechnie	Reuben Peters	Asking questions and doing past papers
Mrs Mackechnie	Imogen Ingle	Asking questions and doing past papers



## Accelerated Reader



Once again well done to the following students for reaching their targets.

### Year 7

Reuben Cowley  
Poppy Flanagan  
Isaac Hall  
Archie Norval

### Year 8

Sophie Allison  
Beth Perry

### Year 9

Ayaat Green

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

Emma Burke (1,201,082), Olivia Whiting (1,188,737), Jack Cornehl (1,183,507), Issac Hall (1,124,502), Scarlett Hurrell (1,117,204), Elsa Lovelock (1,026,930) and Alex Costa-Veiga (1,002,967)



Congratulations to last week's winners

Student:

Aiman Soussi Dahdouh Year 11

Staff : Mr Wright



### Newsround Project

The Year 7 key worker group that had been working in school during the period of closure participated in a Trust wide project creating news reports. These news reports have been selected to become part of a showcase assembly that was delivered virtually last week. Well done to year 7 students Jack Raine, Brandon Hall and Charlie Warburton as their report was selected to feature in the report that has been featured on The Shropshire Star. The report can be seen in the link below. Well done!

Mr Wise

# ONLINE RESOURCES

A list of websites & apps that are helpful for managing mental health

### **NHS Every Mind Matters**

[www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters](http://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters)

This website offers a range of mental health advice as well as an interactive quiz that's designed to help you feel more in control of your emotional/mental wellbeing.

### **Kooth**

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

This site contains free mental health support with their online counsellors. It is a free sign up service that has resources such as discussion boards, helpful tips/articles written by young people and an option for them to write mood journals & set positive goals.

### **Childline**

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

A mental health charity for children & young people that has a wide variety of helpful videos, games and articles. They have a free telephone helpline (0800 1111) and message boards where young people are encouraged to share experiences and support each other in a positive way.

### **Papyrus**

[www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.papyrus-uk.org)

A mental health charity dedicated to preventing young suicide by providing support and resources for young people and their families. They have their "Hopeline" (Call: 0800 068 4141 / Text: 078600 39967 / Email: [pat@papyrus-uk.org](mailto:pat@papyrus-uk.org)) for children and young people who are experiencing thoughts of suicide, or for anyone concerned for a young person that could be thinking about suicide.

### **Calm Harm**

An app to help teenagers manage/resist the urge to self harm by providing a wide range of distraction techniques.

### **Combined Minds**

This app contains psycho-education for parents, families & friends with practical advice on how to provide mental health support to children & young people.

### **Cove**

A relaxing musical app that helps people try to capture their mood and express it by making music within the program and capturing it in a journal format. Note: you do not need to know how to play an instrument to use this app.

### **Stem4**

[www.stem4.org.uk](http://www.stem4.org.uk)

A charity that promotes positive mental health in teenagers as well as encouraging them to build resilience and manage difficult emotions via online resources.

### **YoungMinds**

[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

A mental health charity that gives help and advice for young people, as well as encouraging them to get involved in fundraising/campaigning to raise awareness for children & young people's mental health.

### **Samaritans**

[www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

A charity that offers mental health support & information online for everyone. Their helpline is free and available to all ages. Call 116 123 or email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org) 24/7.

### **Child Bereavement UK**

[www.childbereavementuk.org/young-people](http://www.childbereavementuk.org/young-people)

A site which has resources for young people who are grieving, as well as providing information & advice to families/professionals on how to best support a young person who is bereaved. A helpline is also available on 0800 028840.

### **Clear Fear**

An app to help children & teenagers manage anxiety through distraction & helpful activities.

### **Calm**

A mindfulness app that includes various relaxing sounds to listen to as well as "sleep stories" & some guided meditations.

### **Headspace**

A mindfulness app that has more of a "podcast feel" to it with various talks, guided meditations and helpful videos available.





# Virtual Careers Live!

**Take part in an online event packed with career ideas and gain access to our series of Live Employer Talks.**

Open to pupils and students aged 13 to 18, our virtual exhibition hall is now open for you to start exploring stands from local and national employers, universities and training providers. Visit our dedicated Advice & Guidance Zone for fun and interactive help on finding your way into a career.

Register just once to gain access to all of these fantastic events. Each event will specialise in specific sectors such as engineering, professional services and many more. And don't worry if you can't make any of the dates - all the talks will be available on-demand afterwards for you to watch whenever you're ready.



## Service Industries

Hospitality, Tourism/Events,  
Hair/Beauty, Leisure/Sports, Retail  
Live Talk, Wednesday, 6pm 31 March



## Medical Sector

NHS & Science / Research  
Dates coming soon



## Professional Services

Finance, Law, Business & Admin,  
Leadership & Management, Prison Services,  
Uniformed Services, IT & Computing, HR  
Live Talk, Tuesday, 6pm 20 April



## Social Work

Health & Social Care  
Dates coming soon



## Care & Education

Teaching and Childcare  
Live Talk, Wednesday 6pm 28 April



## Engineering

Motor Vehicle, Medical Engineering,  
Transport /logistics  
Available On-Demand



## Land, Food & Agriculture

Farming, Livestock and Cultivation  
Live Talk, Tuesday, 6pm 4 May



## Built Environment

Construction Trades, Civil Engineering,  
Architecture, Landscaping  
Available On-Demand



## Creative Industries

Digital, Art, Fashion, Music,  
Theatre & Marketing  
Live Talk, Wednesday, 6pm 12 May

Additional to the above is available On-Demand now: **Introduction to Careers Planning**

*All dates are subject to change but once you have signed up, we will be sending you reminders to keep you up to date.*

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