



Dear Parents & Carers,

It was pleasing to welcome students back to school on Monday after what we hope was a restful and safe half term break.

The very late decision regarding national lockdown and even later information to schools with revised guidance about required changes to ways of working has again been a challenge for us. However, we have worked hard to ensure that we have followed the guidance carefully. During the period of national lockdown, the Government has instructed that students and staff who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable, should work from home. Thank you to parents/carers who have indicated that this is the case for their child and for providing the relevant copy of the document received from health professionals to indicate that this is the case. This evidence enables us to code student absence correctly as authorised. Please note that the Government have stated that children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend school. The Government have indicated that parents of clinically extremely vulnerable children will be receiving a letter (from themselves) shortly confirming this advice.

The Government have also stated that students who may be in the clinically vulnerable group (not clinically extremely vulnerable) should still attend school. For help in understanding the definition, this document (section 9) may help.

We are aware that some other schools nationally and locally are being impacted upon with cases of Covid-19, meaning some students, year groups and / or staff having to self-isolate. This is hugely disruptive of course, but the necessary action to try to keep others safe. Whilst we have not yet had to respond to such incidents, we are feeling the impact of students and staff absence due to precautionary measures (the need to isolate whilst awaiting test results of others for example). We are pleased to have been able to provide cover staffing through external supply agency,

or internal cover, but it does come at the cost of disruption to the flow of teaching, which is unfortunately impossible to overcome. Our main aim is to remain open to all students, providing a safe environment, therefore having sufficient and suitable staff available to call on in supply terms is critical to us being able to do so.

During this week, we have held assemblies with each year bubble to update students with the very late changes associated the full national lockdown. This included the requirement for all students, along with adults to wear a face covering in school communal areas. Pleasingly, this is as a measure that we already largely had in place, so students and staff are being reminded. During the assemblies, students were reminded that:

- Following the letter that Mr Longhurst sent home, we expect students to be in full school uniform. Students who are not will be spoken with and given the opportunity to remedy incorrect uniform asap.
- From Monday 09th November, teachers will be returning to their normal teaching room, where they have access to their specialist resources and can manage their own space. This will mean that students in Year 7-9 will be collected and escorted to their teacher's room and then escorted to their outdoor marshalling point, ready for their next teacher to collect them. As currently, Year 10 and 11 students are permitted to go straight to some specialist rooms.
- It remains very important to be keeping suitable distance from each other, washing / sanitising hands and ensuring that they are not compromising the safety of other year groups.
- Mobile phones must remain switched off and in school bags.

Please do talk to your child/ren about the messages given in assembly, as they are very important.

With best wishes for a good weekend

John Parr

Headteacher

Telford and Wrekin Office 365 account questionnaire results

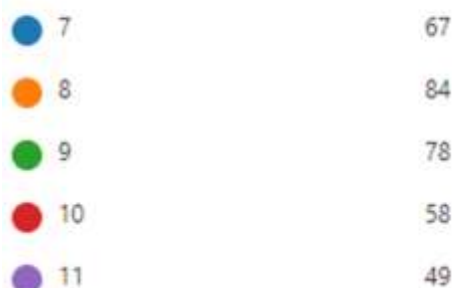
We are in the process of migrating our IT systems to Telford and Wrekin IT services, which will provide the school with a greater level of IT support, making sure our computer systems are always available for the students to use. Part of the migration process involves providing students with a new Telford and Wrekin Office 365 account, which also allows you to download Office on up to 5 different devices at home for free.

We have been supporting the set up of these new Office 365 accounts in Computer Science lessons, many thanks to Mr Mottram for helping with this and recently carried out a questionnaire to gauge how many students have been able to successfully set up their accounts.

So far, we have had 336 responses to the questionnaire, as can be seen below there have been more responses from students in KS3 and we would encourage more Year 10 and 11 students to respond. students can still respond by using this [link](#).

Year group

[More Details](#)



The vast majority of the students who have completed the questionnaire have been able to find the email Mr Morgan sent them during the week beginning 28th September. This email was sent to their @cssschool.co.uk email account and also to Parents email addresses, it contains their @taw.org.uk username and password.

I have found the email from Mr Morgan with my Telford and Wrekin Office 365 account details in my CSS email inbox.

[More Details](#)



Many of the respondents have been able to access their new Office 365 account and have set up their 3 memorable questions, which will allow them to reset their own password if they forget it.

I have used my Telford and Wrekin account details to login to Office 365 account and set up my 3 security questions.

[More Details](#)



Fewer Students have been able to change their temporary password to a more memorable password, which must be at least 8 characters long, containing at least 1 capital letter and 1 number. A video guide on how to do this can be found [here](#).

I have changed my password for my T & W Office 365 account to a more memorable password.

[More Details](#)



Some students are yet to log in to their new Teams accounts and check that they have access to all of their classes, which is an important thing to do as this will be one of the main ways we will deliver lessons in the event of a full or partial lock down. Please encourage your child(ren) to log in to Teams and carry out this check, we have already added missing classes to the accounts of the students that have done so.

I have logged in to MS Teams using my T & W logon details.

[More Details](#)

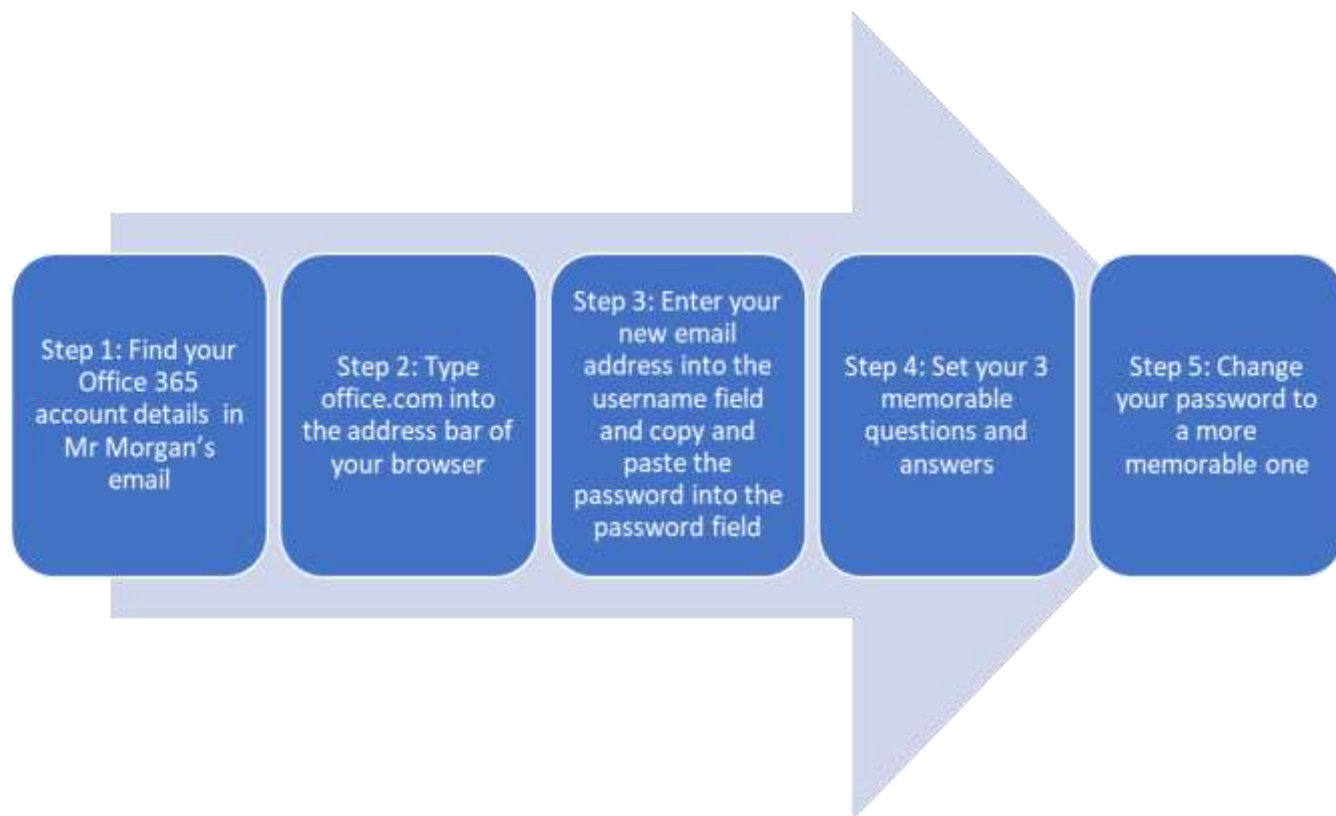


Over 90% of the Students are able to access Go 4 Schools at home, a video showing students how to reset their password and gain access to Go 4 Schools can be found [here](#). Students usernames for Go 4 Schools have not changed, so they should use their @csschool.co.uk username until we have completed the migration process.

How to set up your new @taw.org.uk Office 365 account and reset your password

To set up your account details for the new @taw.org.uk Office 365 account find the email that was sent to all students and their parents during the week beginning 28th September.

This [video](#) shows you exactly how to set up your new account and works through the 5 steps below. There is also a detailed how to guide included in the email sent by Mr Morgan.



- To stop your computer from retaining the details of your old Office 365 account, which may stop you from accessing your new account, follow the steps in this [video](#).
- To reset your password using your three memorable questions, follow the steps in this [video](#).
- It is vitally important that all students access their new Office 365 account as we will be using it to deliver online lessons in the event of a partial or full lock down and if they are unable to log in, they may miss some of their live lessons or lesson resources.
- If you continue to experience problems after carefully following the steps shown in the help videos please contact the School on tawe310.admin@taw.org.uk.



Coming soon!!!

Due to popular demand we will be offering another opportunity to purchase an Acer Spin 512 Chrome Book through Freedom Technology.

Acer Spin 512 Chromebook



The second portal will open as soon as Freedom Technology have delivered the devices purchased through the first portal, which we hope will be in the next week. We will provide details of how to order via the Link and email. So watch this space!

Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to the following students for reaching their Accelerated Reader target.

Year 7

Charlie Dean
Charlotte Hale

Year 8

Connor Gray
Isla Skelly
George Harrison

Musical Success

Here is a link to an album of music Caleb Richards in Y11 has composed and recorded and put on YouTube and Spotify. Definite hints of Pink Floyd! Prepare yourself for a psychedelic musical journey!

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=OLAK5uy_ke26lIRGBuvAA1oZkHmf9E-EuZWQsMLTQ

LUNCHES AND SNACKS - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you would like your child to have schools meals, please can you ensure that they have credit on their ParentPay account. We have several students who have built up a debt. We would very much appreciate it if these could be cleared. Thank you.



Open Events Colleges and Training Providers 2020-21

Shrewsbury Colleges Group

Booking essential

A levels and Vocational Art Courses @

English and Welsh Bridge Campuses

Wednesday 21st October 2020 4:15pm -8:00pm

Vocational courses@London Road Campus

Thursday 5th November 2020 4:15pm – 8:00pm

North Shropshire College

Physical tours outlined below. Virtual tours also available

Oswestry Campus

Wednesday 17th October 2020 5:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday 10th February 2021 5:00pm -7:00pm

Wednesday 16th June 2021 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Walford Campus

Saturday 17th October 2020 10:00am -12:00pm

Hereford 6th Form College

Physical open evenings will happen on the dates below. No booking required at the moment. No times have been announced as yet.

Wednesday 21st October 2020

Saturday 6th February 2021

Herefordshire College

Physical Tours on the following dates. No booking needed at the moment.

Hereford Campus

Tuesday 10th November 2020 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Wednesday 20th January 2021 4:30pm – 7:00pm

Hartpury College

Virtual Tours but on set days. Places need to be booked. Times to be announced. See website.

Saturday 17th October 2020

Saturday 14th November 2020

Saturday 12th December

Ludlow College

A virtual tour is on offer on the website but the following days are available for physical tours. No booking required at the moment.

Tuesday 12th January 2021 5:00pm – 7:30pm

Saturday 6th March 2021 10:00am - 12:00pm

Hereford College of Arts

Virtual tours at the moment. Places need to be booked.

Monday 9th November 2020 6:00pm

Tuesday 1st December 2020 6:00pm

Holme Lacy Campus (Land based)

Saturday 14th November 2020 10:00am -12:00pm

Saturday 23rd January 10:00am -12:00pm

Reaseheath College

Virtual open days at the moment. Go directly to the website.

Further Education College websites

Shrewsbury Colleges Group (Shrewsbury 6th Form College and Shrewsbury College) <https://www.scg.ac.uk/>

Hereford 6th Form College <https://www.hereford.ac.uk/>

Ludlow College <https://www.ludlow-college.ac.uk/>

Reaseheath College <https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/>

Hereford College of Art <https://www.hca.ac.uk/>

North Shropshire College (Oswestry and Walford Campuses) <https://www.nsc.ac.uk/>

Hartpury College <https://www.hartpury.ac.uk/college/>

Herefordshire College (Hereford and Holmes Lacy Campuses) <https://www.hlcollege.ac.uk/home>

Training and Apprenticeship providers

Marches Centre of Manufacturing and Technology <https://mcmt-bridgnorth.co.uk/>

County Training <https://www.ctapprenticeships.co.uk/>

SBC Training <https://www.sbc-training.co.uk/>

Marches Centre of Manufacturing and Technology

Apprenticeship centre for engineering and related trades based in Bridgnorth but working across the county.

A Virtual Pre Apprenticeship Week is happening during Autumn Half Term 26th -30th October 2020. This will give information about various roles as well as the work involved.

An email explaining this will go out to Yr10 and 11 students and families, along with the process for booking a place with them.

Useful websites

Start Profile – the website the school use for Careers investigation and logging of careers activities. Each student has a profile. Parents can also log in as a guest. <https://www.startprofile.com/>

Skillsbuilder – an education company working with the school to help students develop the 8 essential skills for work. Recognised by the Careers and Enterprise Company and major employers. <https://www.skillsbuilder.org/>

National Careers Service. A national government Careers Information, Advice and Guidance platform which, like Start helps with careers investigation. Personality profiles and really good links to professional and trade bodies for more information. <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Find An Apprenticeship. A national government service helping Yr11 students (and ages above) search for apprenticeship opportunities in the local area and beyond. Applications forms can also be completed through this platforms as well. <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Reed.co.uk
An independent private company. A search engine for apprenticeship opportunities nationwide <https://www.reed.co.uk/jobs/apprenticeships>

UCAS. The University and College Admissions Service. This service helps students apply to University. Though our students are a few off from needing this, UCAS will show what A levels and other qualifications are needed to apply for various degree course. There are also useful information about gap years and degree level apprenticeships. <https://www.ucas.com/>
Medical Schools Council. The professional bodies for medical schools across the UK. Details the process to enter medicine specifically becoming a doctor, the requirements at post 16 and additional testing and work experience needed for the profession. <https://www.medschools.ac.uk/>

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