

Dear Parents and Carers,

An excellent week for students in school and very pleased that more and more students at home seem to be engaging via emails to teachers and work that is pasted on mrrscience.com.

We are continuing to track how students are getting on with the on-line learning and key staff in the school are continually making phone calls and even visiting students that we have not heard from.

In response to the directives from the Government we are publishing a plan later this week that will be sent to Year 10 parents/carers. This explains how we are going to provide face to face opportunities for Year 10 students.

Our top priority is the health and wellbeing of students and we look forward to seeing as many of our Year 10 students as possible during the week commencing Monday 8th June in school. Students will be invited in during this week, in small groups at various times. Following this we hope to be able to have some teaching sessions for Year 10 students in the coming weeks.

We are looking forward to seeing these students and hope that it might be the start of a journey that would see all students return to school in some fashion eventually.

My other top priority is the health and wellbeing of the staff at Shrewsbury Academy. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of the team for their dedication and commitment to our students in what has been a trying time for them and their families.

When staff return to school on a larger scale I am very conscious of the need to keep them safe in both body and mind. It feels like through adversity sometimes communities come together and the staff are an important part of our community. I hope that everyone can have a good rest over the May half term and be re-invigorated for learning in whatever form it takes at that stage.

Mr Jon Arnold
Headteacher



NOTICES

Ask the expert

We have uploaded information on how you can contact subject teachers to help support you whilst our students are learning from home. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Half Term

Please be advised that the school will be closed for all pupils over the May half term. This includes emergency childcare for children of key workers.

Website

We have updated our website with some new pages in order for you to find information about home learning, school return and FAQs. Please pop over to <http://www.shrewsburyacademy.co.uk/> for more information.

While We Can't Hug

We saw this lovely video and thought we'd share it with you. [Click here to view.](#)



Student Work

Congratulations to the following students for exceptional work:

Art

Paige King Year 7
Taya Richards Year 8
Chloe Nicholas Year 9

Photography

Grady Nicholls Year 9

Cookery

Courtney made cupcakes, Alex made tacos and Charlotte made pizza and dough balls with butter and garlic dip – delicious! Congratulations to Charlotte who Mr Arnold chose as the winner.



Daily Blog - Tuesday 19th May

This morning we were greeted by 3 wonderful teachers who then offered us some toast. We did work until break then we went for break and the girls sat and watched the boys play football. After break we went into the fitness suite for 45 minutes and the boys went into 2 different groups and went in the fitness suite at 12:00 and 12:30 all the way until lunch. Once we ate our lunch we all went and played a game of rounder's then we ended the day with games of cahoots. Thanks for a fab day Courtney Harding

Mental Health Awareness Week

It is important to look after our mental health now, particularly more than ever and as such we have created a new webpage for our site with a focus on wellbeing – [here](#). It contains a helpful collection of resources, support information and advice on who you can contact both in and out of school if you are struggling.

Trust Update

The Government have issued guidance that schools can return from 1st June 2020. Whilst we never closed any of our schools and have been providing extremely extensive home learning, we are now in a position to work with our communities initially to bring back those children in **Year 10 and Year 12** across the Secondary schools. We recognise as a Trust that this is a difficult time for staff, parents and children. We are committed to ensuring that we continue to work with our communities, maintaining the positivity. Each school is working on the safest way to bring students back to school and will communicate plans as they are available to the specific year groups. We appreciate your support and ask that you bear with us whilst we finalise our plans.

Macbeth refunds

Macbeth refunds are being processed and letters will be sent out. Please bear with us. Thank you.

Competitions & Challenges

History Competition: The Historical Association are running a 'Write Your Own Historical Fiction Competition 2020'. Winning students will each receive a cash prize, engraved paperweight and a year's free subscription to the Historical Association for their school. Entries close on Friday 26 June 2020, click [here](#) for more details.

History Competition: Focus Games Ltd are challenging all age groups to create a unique piece of work, drawing, poster, short story, video or artwork in order to celebrate 100 Great Black Britons and their legacy. Entries close on 30th September 2020, click [here](#) for more information.

Geography Competition: The Royal Geographical Society are running their Young Geographer of the Year Competition, asking students to submit entries based around the theme of 'the world beyond my window'. Full competition details can be found [here](#). **The deadline for receipt of all entries is Tuesday 30th June 2020 at 5.00pm.**

Marches Academy Trust Challenge: Professional boxer Tom Farrell is challenging students from across The Marches Academy Trust to complete as many burpees as they can in 30 seconds. Follow our [Facebook page](#) to find out more, take part and have the opportunity to win a medal.

Parent/Carer Survey

We really value your feedback and feel we have been working well with our pupils so hoping you can spare 5 minutes to complete the attached survey. Please click [here to take part.](#) Thank you in advance for your support.

KEEPING CALM

Feeling a certain amount of concern or worry is natural when we encounter difficult or unsettling times. [Click here](#) to view a video demonstrating an introduction to mindfulness. It explains how mindfulness can help rewire the brain to work in calmer and more positive ways. You can also listen to this guided [audio clip](#) alongside it, and take a look at this mindfulness [PDF](#) as supplementary resources.



USEFUL CONTACTS

Shropshire Public Health Nursing Service	0333 358 3654
Compass Early Help	0345 678 9021 https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/
Parenting Team	01743 250950
SEND Local Offer	https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/

WEBSITE QUICK LINKS

Please click on the following useful links to find out more.

- [News](#)
- [Home Learning](#)
- [Term Dates](#)



FACEBOOK

Please follow us on Facebook [@ShrewsburyAcademy](#) for supplementary home learning ideas, news and feel good stories. We also encourage you to share your ideas and interact with our posts!
For news from across the Trust, why not also follow [@MarchesAcademyTrust](#).



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