

## WEEKLY 'HEAD'-LINES

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week of lockdown has flown by and we have once again been delighted with the efforts from students in school and at home.

This week we have carried out an audit of student's on-line learning and there are many of our students who are accessing every lesson and working diligently. We do have some concerns over some students however who do not seem to be accessing work at home.

A reminder, there are two ways of accessing work from home.

1. Log into mrrscience.com by typing it into the address bar.
2. Log onto your student e-mails ([click here for instructions on how to do this](#))

In Addition to this, last week we launched 'Ask the Expert'. You can see the details of how to use this facility by clicking on the 'Ask the Expert' logo on the front page of the Shrewsbury Academy home page and there are also instructions on [mrrscience.com](http://mrrscience.com). This facility is to help give students and parents an opportunity to get quick feedback to help them with any work that has been set that they might be struggling with.

I hope that all families are pulling together and are staying strong throughout this experience. I have found exercise and music especially useful in trying to reach some sort of equilibrium with how our world has changed and I am hopeful that we have many better times ahead of us.

As a keen music fan there are many lyrics that help me and in particular of late I have been drawn to a Smiths tune 'There is a light that never goes out' It is a love for learning that never stops for me and a belief that this will always be with me.

Let's keep learning together through this difficult time everyone and we will emerge from this situation with a new belief that we can achieve more.

Mr Jon Arnold  
**Headteacher**



### Competition

Well done to Harry Thomas who won English challenge week 4:

#### The Deer in the Woods

The pack of deer slowly make their way through the tall and vast land of trees around them, making sure to listen out for any movement by any predators that might be lurking around and through the forest.

The ground breaks under their feet as it gets trampled by the hooves. The leaves snap and crumble in a soft crunch as they tip-toe through the forest.

The mild sun glints off the watery trees that tower over them, making the hollow seem small. The tall and tightly-packed trees were like a fortress, holding you still. The light orange leaves fall from the giant trees, landing on the heads of the deer and alerting them, yet nothing is coming... Suddenly, the deer stop in their tracks. They spot a fox crouching in the bushes, ready to pounce. The fox moves closer and springs up, ready to attack. Just as he vaults up and heads for the deer's neck, it leaps and sprints away. Once it has reached a safe space, it takes time to breathe.

### 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.

### Student Work

Congratulations to the following students who have completed work to an extremely high standard:

#### IT and Business Studies:

Chloe Tomley  
Cary's Binnion  
Georgia Serplet  
Freddie Blundell  
Holly Moore  
Erica Caswell  
Archie Hall  
Leila Abbass  
Ella O'Sullivan  
Bethan Price

#### Maths:

Bobby Jones and Thomas Hawes-Dulson for their amazing effort in maths. Please also congratulate Imogen Hanna for her excellent Maths.

#### Science:

Year 8 tutor group (8H1) have made a little jar of smiles for a loved one. There's a kind message for every day of the month.



**Excellent effort** from: Liam Binnion Year 7 and Brett Gee Alex Grange, Josh Jones and Erin Oliver all Year 10

### Star Struck

Well...can you actually believe that we secured David Walliams to send you a very special message...we are still in shock and honored that he's taken the time to say hi - don't forget he has some amazing books out and you can see him each week on Britain's Got Talent. Visit his page by clicking [here](#). Click [here](#) to watch our video.

### Daily Blog - Tuesday 5th May

This morning we were greeted by Mrs Howells and Miss Lewis on reception, we then hand sanitized our hands and entered the dinner hall which we then got asked if we wanted toast. We waited for all the pupils that were meant to be attending school today and then we went down the corridor to ICT2 where we sat for an hour and a half and done online work in silence. After that we went for break until 11am and then we split into two teams and played rounders. We played rounders for a good hour and went into the fitness suite and gym which we did more sports. The staff that were leading us today let us go to lunch at 12:15pm and we finished at 13:00pm. After lunch we went back to the ICT classroom where we did another half an hour of work, which we then went and played more sports and ended on hand sanitizing our hands just before we went home.

Thanks to the staff for coming into school for us today!!  
**Courtney Harding**

### Competitions & Challenges

**Drama opportunity:** The National Theatre are providing an online free streaming of four live productions which you would normally pay around £10 per ticket for. They are streaming every Thursday in April from 7pm. It is a chance for pupils, parents and staff to watch some prestigious theatre from home. Visit [here](#) to view the offering.

**D&T competition:** Rolls-Royce are running a fantastic competition, encouraging aspiring designers up to the age of 16 to design their dream Rolls-Royce of the future. Entries close at 12.00 on Monday 18th May 2020. Click the link [here](#), to find out more.

**PE challenge:** Gold medallist and British and European sprint record holder Mickey Bushell MBE will be setting pupils within The Marches Academy Trust a press-up challenge! Follow our Facebook page to find out more, take part and have an opportunity to win a medal.

**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 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020, click [here](#) for more details.

### 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.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

### 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.



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Parenting Team	01743 250950
SEND Local Offer	<a href="https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/">https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/</a>

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