

### Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been fantastic to welcome back so many of our Year 10 students this week.

We were so pleased to see everyone and hear about their experiences during the lockdown. The learning experiences have moved on since March and have taken a different form. So many of the Year 10 students are regularly emailing their teachers and have enjoyed our initial experiments with on - line lessons.

We look forward to holding lessons in person during next week.

Watching the first few matches of the returning Premier League season has been very interesting. In the two matches so far there seems to have been quite a few muscle injuries that have either taken place in the game, or as a result of the game. Lots of this will be down to the extended break from elite level competition. Sportspeople often refer to the training and conditioning as building up 'muscle memory'. I liken this to what all students need to be doing in order to try and hit the ground running when they return. Keeping tuned in to a working pattern and regularly testing the brain are very important parts of preparation.

Whilst students have been away, we have been having some extensive work done in school and the new doors throughout the school have really improved the look inside the building. We are also really pleased that all of the displays in the school are being changed and new display cases are being installed throughout. It will be nice for students to have a fresh look when they return.

Mr Jon Arnold

Headteacher



### Trust News

Operation Encompass is now up and running in Shropshire and The Marches Academy Trust is part of this fantastic scheme.

The initiative will see West Mercia Police working closely with schools and Shropshire Council to ensure the welfare of children who may have witnessed domestic abuse incidents. Members of school staff will receive special training enabling them to provide emotional and practical support for students experiencing domestic abuse.

Full information regarding the initiative can be read in this article compiled by West Mercia Police – [click here](#).

### Moving Forward

As we move forward with our ever-changing educational landscape, here at Shrewsbury Academy, we are moving onwards and upwards with the way in which we provide remote learning. Our staff and students have worked incredibly hard to adapt to a new way of working and we are immensely proud of everybody for their hard work and commitment in these challenging circumstances. In order to enhance our ongoing educational provision, throughout the remainder of this academic year, we are excited to be starting with the delivery of live lessons for Year 10 students. The feedback that we have received so far has been very positive and we look forward to seeing students both in the flesh and virtually.

#togetherwegrow

## NOTICES

### Student work

Well done to the below students for excellent work last week:

Year 9 triple Science group held their first Teams discussion this week to enable them to get used to using Teams app ready for using it for lessons in the future.

Special mentions to Callum Boffey, Millie Williams, Chloe Tomley and especially Josh Moore who helped with the practice session the day before.

Ella O'Sullivan for completing all her science work to an amazing standard.

### Online Learning Certificate and Voucher

Each week we have an online learning certificate and a £5.00 amazon voucher to be won for 5 individual students. Each HOD is given a designated week and this week, MFL awarded these certificates to 5 outstanding students – very well done. #excellence.



### Daily Blog

#### Wednesday 17th June 2020

This morning we came into school and were greeted by Miss Frederick, Mr Boughton and Miss Kovacs. We spent up until lunch completing work set by our teachers and attending video call classes and then went out to lunch. At lunch some of us played football and the others spent it enjoying the good weather. After lunch we were split into three groups and each teacher was assigned a subject. Miss Frederick had PSHE, Mr Boughton had English and Miss Kovacs was given ICT. Each group of seven went to their lesson and spent 40 minutes studying their subject. We then rotated around so every child had the opportunity to study each subject.

### Charlotte Upton

#### Saturday morning sessions

Year 10 Design and Technology students can now book places for Saturday morning sessions, each Saturday throughout the summer holiday with 6 students per session. Students can book their date and place by emailing Mr Jones on [m.jones@sa.sat.coop](mailto:m.jones@sa.sat.coop)

Dates available are:

Saturday 25th July  
Saturday 1st August  
Saturday 8th August  
Saturday 15th August  
Saturday 22nd August  
Saturday 29th August

Mr Jones will confirm your place via email. Sessions will run from 9.00am-1.00pm.

### E-Safety – PS4

Gaming has always been a big favourite with children of all ages. This week's article looks at the very popular PS4 PlayStation and its services. The console is very similar to other platforms in that it no longer just offers game playing, but a full entertainment experience. This includes gaming online with other users, chat, watching movies and purchasing of 'add-ins' for existing games. For parents there are a number of safety features that can be utilised to help provide a safe entertainment system for your children. The National Online Safety organisation has released a guide which explains how to use the master account and parental controls to limit play time, spending on extras, age limit on content and the communication features. [Click here](#) to view the guide.

## Competitions & Challenges

**MAT competition:** Do you see yourself as a future leader – an MP, a member of local government or someone with world-shifting ideas that need to be shared? SJT have created a competition, inviting short video submissions from young people across the county on the topic of 'improving the lives of young people in Shropshire'. We want to hear your views. How can we make our county an even better place to be? The competition will be judged by Karen Bradshaw Acting Chief Executive of Shropshire Council. Guidelines:

- Videos should be one to two minutes long so think very carefully about the messages you want to share. Film in landscape if possible.
- We suggest you deliver your speech/presentation in a formal style.
- You could consider issues you are passionate about such as: the environment, education, health or facilities for young people.
- Videos should be emailed to [barnett.c@mmt.co.uk](mailto:barnett.c@mmt.co.uk) and [campbell.c@mmt.co.uk](mailto:campbell.c@mmt.co.uk)

Closing date: Monday 22 June.

**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 June 2020, click [here](#) for more details.

**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 30 June 2020 at 5.00pm.**

**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 30 September 2020, click [here](#) for more information.

## Charity Golf Day

Charity Golf Day - postponed from July but now booked as follows:

**Date:** Sunday 11th October

**Location:** Arcscot Golf Club, Pontesbury

**Time:** 10am arrival and breakfast 11am start

**Information:** Informal meal / prizes and raffle from 3.30pm

Tees can be booked via Mark Jones

[m.jones@sa.sat.coop](mailto:m.jones@sa.sat.coop)

**Cost:** £35 per player / £30 junior

## USEFUL CONTACTS

<b>Shropshire Public Health Nursing Service</b>	0333 358 3654
<b>Compass</b>	0345 678 9021
<b>Early Help</b>	<a href="https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/">https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/</a>
<b>Parenting Team</b>	01743 250950
<b>SEND Local Offer</b>	<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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