

THE TELFORD PARK SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Park School**

Message From The Headteacher

Welcome to our 'new look', rebranded school newsletter for parents and carers.

At the time of writing this we are preparing for the two hottest days of the year and potentially the hottest two days ever recorded in the United Kingdom. At such poignant times I reflect on the year that has passed - what a year it has been. This newsletter highlights just some of the brilliant work that taken place this term.

I am extremely proud to serve and lead our school community and enjoy most working alongside, staff, parents, carers and most importantly pupils. It is important that everyone has a voice and can impact change. We successfully hosted parent/carers drop-ins this half term and this is something we will continue with next year.

We do our very best to support all pupils in being the best they can be and want pupils to achieve the very best exam results they can. We don't always get it right, but like our pupils we will keep trying to get better. If you have any feedback for us, please contact: info@telfordparkschool.co.uk.

A reminder that pupils return to school in September on the following days at the usual start time of 8.25am.

Year Group	Date to return to school
7	Tuesday 6 th September
8	Thursday 8 th September
9	Thursday 8 th September
10	Thursday 8 th September
11	Wednesday 7 th September

Wishing you all a wonderful, healthy, happy and sunny summer holiday.
Best wishes,

Mrs H Rigby
Headteacher

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Year 11 Leavers Day

On Thursday 23rd June we said a final goodbye to our Year 11 pupils by holding a leavers assembly. Tears and laughter were shared as we travelled down memory lane for one last time.

The assembly was followed by a procession through school where all pupils and staff 'clapped' our leavers to give them the send-off they deserved.

Here are some pictures of our Year 11 Leaver's Day:



Prom 2022

The first prom for 3 years took place on the 24th June 2022 at The Holiday Inn. It was a fantastic turn out by staff and pupils. The students didn't stop dancing all night from start to finish. It was a pleasure to spend time with the students seeing them having such a good time together.

A big thank you to Mrs Pearson for organising the prom and also Mr Rowlinson and Mrs Radford for decorating the venue. It was lovely to see Mr Hylton with his smooth moves on the dance floor!



STEM festival at The University of Wolverhampton.

On Friday 8th July, 46 Year 7 & 8 pupils attended a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and maths) festival at the University of Wolverhampton. The day was spent attending talks and workshops on engineering and medical science careers as well as visiting different stands linked to STEM subjects and careers. At the stands pupils were able to take part in a number of activities including changing the tyre of a race car in the fastest time, examining owl pellets (vomit) to find bones and skulls, monitoring their heart rate and lung capacity, solving a crime using forensic techniques and extracting iron from breakfast cereals.



Jubilee Day

On Friday 17th June we commemorated the Queens Platinum Jubilee. The celebrations took place in conjunction with Grange Park Primary School and included the planting of a time capsule. Pupils were able to wear smart-mufti and enjoyed a picnic lunch followed by an ice cream. All pupils and staff members received a commemorative badge and bookmark to mark this special occasion.



Success, Growth & Remodelling

As a result of our continued growth, Telford Park School will be undergoing some exciting remodelling works this summer to provide space for an additional 30 pupils above our published admission numbers.

For those who aren't aware, Telford Park School has been on a significant journey since opening its doors in 2015, with pupil growth almost doubling from 342 (September 2015) to a forecast number on roll of 663 in September 2022. This is a huge success story, though of course brings operational challenges. Our amazing Operational Team will be working hard with colleagues at Telford & Wrekin to ensure a seamless launch for September 2022.

Below are some 3D images of the outcome of the construction work that is currently taking place.



Purpose built intervention room
for SEND (Ground Floor)



Purpose Built General Classroom
(Floor 1)



Purpose built IT suite
(Ground Floor)

SEND Department & Pastoral Bases

Additionally, our SEND department and Pastoral Bases will be moving to a new home ready for September:

- SEND relocated to the ground floor inclusive of two classrooms (link and nurture) and a brand-new, purpose-built intervention room and our new SENCo office
- Year 7 Pastoral base (Mrs Kerr and Mrs Bailey) will remain as current
- Year 8 Pastoral base (Mr Dolphin and Mrs Watson) will move to offices on floor 3
- Year 9 Pastoral base (Mrs Perry and Mrs Jones) will move to the ground floor next to pupil reception
- Year 10 Pastoral base (Mr Philips and Miss Marsh) will move to the ground floor next to pupil reception
- Year 11 Pastoral base (Miss Hipkiss and Mrs Barton) will move along the corridor on floor 3

The Oscars

Every year we hold an Oscars style ceremony to recognise the achievements of students engagement and progress in Reading/Literacy and English.

The last Oscars was done remotely, and prizes delivered to students at home during lock-down one, so it was refreshing to be able to hold it in the school on Thursday 14th July. Next year we intend to revert to our original Oscars format which takes place in the evening with food, drinks, and Parents/Carers in attendance.

KS3 Tutors were asked to nominate students from their tutor groups to receive an award for the students who have wholly embraced and exemplify our aspirational reading culture. KS3 Heads of Year then nominated one student for Year 7, 8 and 9. Students also won awards for progress in reading (which was identified from their STAR reading tests in September 2021 and June 2022).

The English Department selected one student from all years for their Student of the Year Award and one student from each year as their Homework Heroes.

The event culminated in the awarding of the TARA shield.



School Trip to The Making of Harry Potter, Warner Bros. Studios

There was such great interest in the trip we held a lottery to whittle down the 280 students who wanted to go down to the 46 who could. Volunteer Librarians were given priority access and on Friday 1st July some very excited students (and staff) headed off.

There are many, many memories from the day...

Professor Sprout's greenhouse had opened that day and our students were amongst the first people to extract screaming mandrakes! Year 9s undertook a casting spells master class and many students got their first taste of butterbeer. Some students flew a broomstick, got scared witless by Dementors, rode the Nightbus, visited Privet Drive, caught the golden snitches, collected all embossing stamps in their HP passports, met Buckbeak and rode Hagrid's motorbike. One student was flabbergasted by the price of a tiny rucksack, they thought it was £20.00.

It transpired it was actually £60! Handy tip for anyone planning on visiting in future, the gift shop is very expensive.

On the way back we stopped for food and a comfort break to find the service station solely serving KFC when no one wanted a KFC. An unexpected hump, but some Year 7 girls soon got over that with their mega bucket order!

The one overwhelming takeaway (and no not the party sized bargain bucket) that sticks with all the staff is the pure unadulterated, joyful looks on all the attendees faces as each new experience revealed itself. Priceless.

Our bus driver, James was so impressed with the exemplary behaviour of our students he took the time that evening to email the school to praise them.



Sports Day 2022

On Wednesday 13th July we held our annual sports day and it was great to be back at Oakengates Stadium! We were very lucky with the weather, with the sun shining all day.

It was a fantastic day with the students performing brilliantly. They displayed determination, perseverance, and a great amount of effort.

The morning kicked off with the 1500m runners taking to the track and the yr 7 boys and girls beginning on the field events. We saw some amazing runs, throws and jumps. A special mention goes out to Ami Roseblade who now holds the Yr 7 Girls Javelin record with a throw of 11m 95cm beating the old record by 35cm!!

The morning was in full swing and we saw some phenomenal performances on the track, as well as on the field. A special mention goes out to Addy Astley who broke the yr 7 girls 800m record with a time of 3.10 breaking the record by 24 seconds!!

As the sun continued to shine we witnessed fantastic performances and support from all the students. The standout performance of the day was from Emmanuel Osei who smashed the 100m in a time of 11.81 meaning another record was broken as the previous time set in 2017 was 12.06 seconds... Usain Bolt, Emmanuel is coming for your time!



Sports day 2022 really was a phenomenal event, made even better by the brilliant MC Kerr who rocked the mic and gave the day that extra buzz!

Thank you to every single student who made the day what it was, the brilliant TP staff and the friends and family who came to support our fantastic students!





Year 7 & 8 Careers Activities

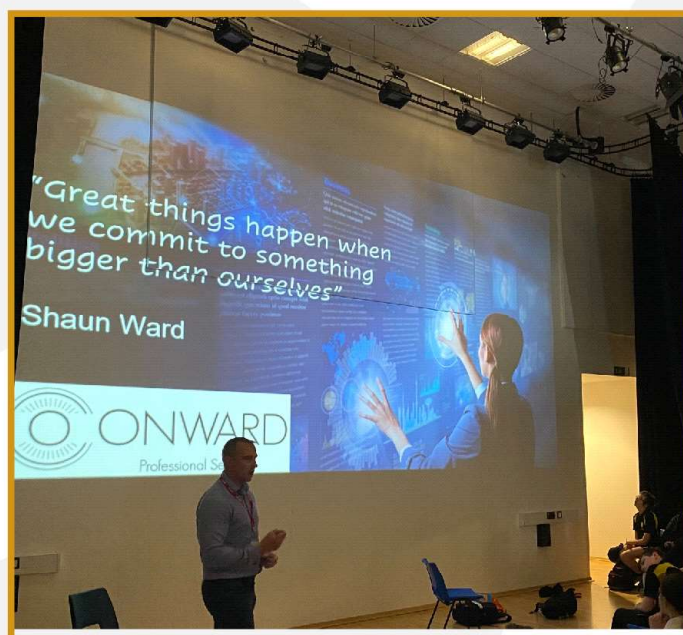
On Thursday 14th and Friday 15th July, year 7 and 8 pupils took part in careers activities provided by Life Ready Work Ready from Telford and Wrekin. Business volunteers from across the borough visited the school to support with our Year 7 “Guess my Job” and Year 8 “World of Work” programmes.

Year 7s were tasked with asking a series of questions to our guests to find out what their job was having been told nothing about them. They could only see what the volunteer looked like and needed to guess from there. The idea of this was to dispel myths and stereotypes about what people who with certain occupations look like. Careers ranged from Chief Executive Officers in construction and technology, to HR officers and Organ Transplant specialists! Year 7 learnt a lot and it got quite competitive!

Year 8 heard from visitors from apprenticeships provider In-Comm, the University of Wolverhampton, as well as guests from across different sectors such as technology, medicine, accountancy and pensions. They heard all about what it takes to access different careers in terms of pathways and qualifications and that you might have some ideas about what you want to do when you're older but this might change along the way and this is fine! It also doesn't matter if you don't know now, you have plenty of time to make your mind up.

Xello is our careers platform which most students have been introduced to in school. Please encourage your child to log on to the platform and have a go at one of the numerous activities on the platform. We will be visiting this in lessons throughout the academic year.

Students can log on here: [Xello on the school website](#)



Other News and Information

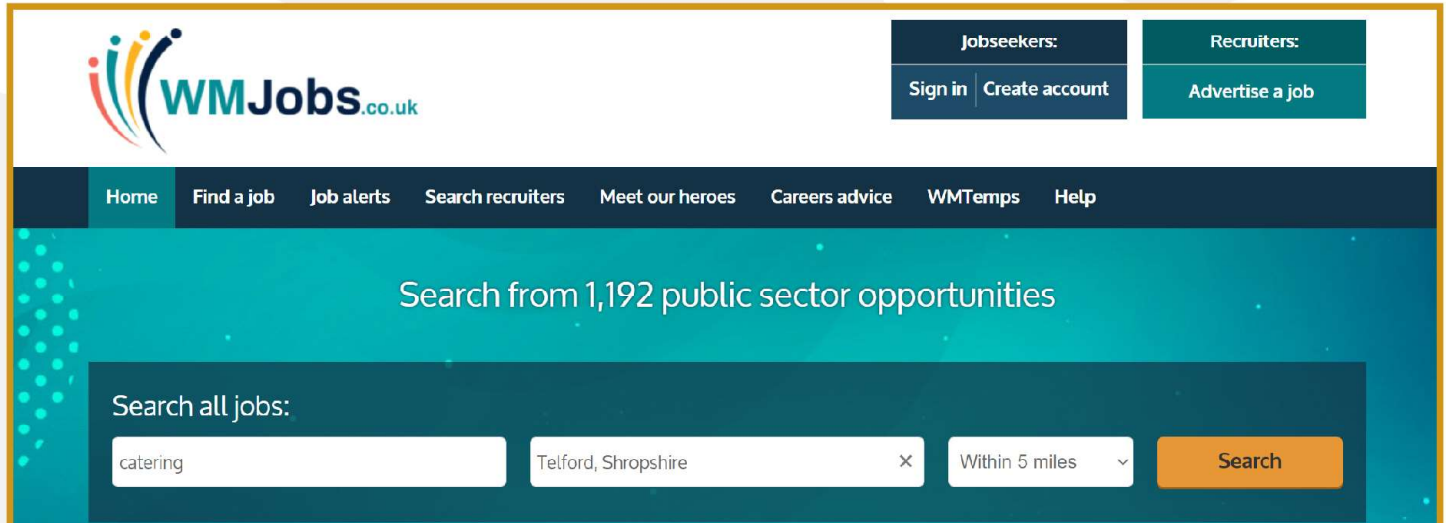
Telford & Wrekin Catering Jobs

There are currently vacancies available within the Catering services for Telford and Wrekin.



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To browse jobs available and apply, please go onto www.wmjobs.co.uk and search for 'Catering' within 5 miles of 'Telford'



The screenshot shows the WMJobs.co.uk website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home, Find a job, Job alerts, Search recruiters, Meet our heroes, Careers advice, WM Temps, and Help. Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar with the text "Search from 1,192 public sector opportunities". The search bar has three input fields: "Search all jobs:" with the value "catering", "Telford, Shropshire" with a clear button (X), and "Within 5 miles" with a dropdown arrow. To the right of the search bar is a blue "Search" button. In the top right corner, there are two buttons: "Jobseekers: Sign in | Create account" and "Recruiters: Advertise a job".