

# THE TELFORD PARK SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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**The Telford  
Park School**

### Message From The Headteacher

It has been a busy half term here at the Telford Park School. I would like commend our new year 7 pupils (all 153 of them!) on the brilliant start they have made. During October we held our open evening and over the last four weeks we have been showing around potential new pupils and their parents and carers. It is always a pleasure to welcome parents and carers into the school. If you would like to come for a tour or to speak to me personally, please contact: [info@telfordparkschool.co.uk](mailto:info@telfordparkschool.co.uk). We also recently welcomed to school Mr Gibbons, Headteacher of Windmill Primary School and Mr Thorpe, Headteacher of Grange Park Primary School. Here is what they had to say:

#### Mr Gibbons



**Windmill  
Weekly**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022

A highlight from last week...

For Year 6 and Mr Gibbons, a big highlight was visiting The Telford Park School (separate visits). Here's what they said:

'Miss Rigby seems really nice and a good headteacher.' (Harley)

'The food was good and there were encouraging words on the walls.' (Joshua)

'The artwork was very realistic and a high standard.' (Isabel)

'I am always so impressed with Telford Park because every class I walk into is calm and every child is focused on their learning.' (Mr Gibbons)

**Lead Lines**



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

It was a wonderful first six weeks of the school year it

#### Mr Thorpe's Telford Park Visit

I had the pleasure of visiting the Telford Park School this morning. I was totally blown away again by the positive, calm atmosphere! The children were an absolute delight, and every member of staff I met was warm and welcoming. It was great to see so many former Grange Park pupils looking so happy and focused on their learning.

I have visited numerous secondary schools over the past few terms, and I have to say Telford Park was an absolute stand out in the culture and atmosphere that clearly runs through every level at the school. By visiting a school during the working day, you get a true reflection of its values and principles. Freddie accompanied me on the visit, and he was equally impressed! I think the Telford Park pupils and staff would have quite liked to kidnap him!

Mrs Rigby and the whole team at Telford Park clearly go above and beyond for their pupils and it was an absolute pleasure to see that in action today.

Mr Thorpe

Wishing all of our families a lovely half term break. We look forward to welcoming back our pupils on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October at the usual time of 8.20am.

Thank you as always to parents, carers, pupils and staff for their ongoing support.

Mrs Rigby

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## Arts Mark Gold Status

Telford Park School are celebrating after being one of the 247 West Midlands schools to have been awarded Artsmark status. We achieved *Artsmark Gold Status* in July this year after a three year journey. The Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. It supports schools to develop and celebrate arts and cultural education, putting creativity and wellbeing at the heart of the curriculum. Artsmark ensures every young person can be creative and access a diverse, high-quality cultural education.

In order to achieve their Artsmark Award, we had to develop our arts and culture provision to embed a broad and ambitious curriculum. This was achieved by creating an overall plan that was committed to and delivered across the whole school.

We were supported by Arts Connect in planning and developing their objectives. Arts Connect worked alongside the school at various stages to support their Artsmark Award achievement and together created and delivered many opportunities to our students such as dance workshops, particularly targeted at encouraging boys, fashion workshops where students learned new skills and developed creativity. Both of these opportunities were in partnership with local professional artists.

The Artsmark assessor commended Telford Park School on the “significant development of the Arts at your school. You have appointed a designated senior leader, added to your specialist staffing, increased your arts budget and adjusted timetabling to allow KS4 students to study multiple arts subjects. Numbers opting for arts qualification have increased with many opting for 2 or more 'arts' subjects and tracking data shows that many students continue their arts studies Post 16. You have extended your range of offer and it is notable that all students are now able to access fully funded instrumental lessons. You have forged some stronger cross-curricular links with other departments in the school... Students have engaged with a range of professional artists including drama workshops, a fashion and textiles project, author talks, a combined dance and photography project for year 7 boys, a community Steampunk project, and a photography competition.” The assessor continued to compliment the work staff and pupils completed during the pandemic, especially our COVID 19 memorial wall and how the arts offer was adapted and maintained. The report concluded with “you have made strong progress”.

We are delighted with this award and look forward to continuing on this journey of development and creativity.



**Artsmark  
Gold Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



## Art

Year 10 GCSE artists have settled into the course well and have been leaning about portraiture. Pupils have produced some fantastic pencil drawings and mono prints and will now go on to develop work on the theme of Self Identity.

Here are some of the mono prints:

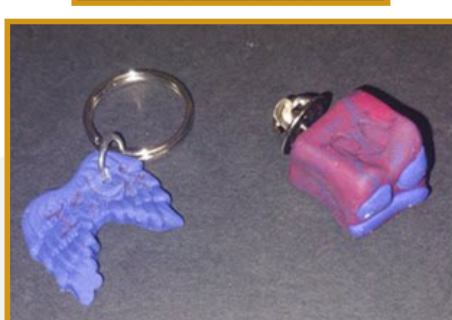




## Art Club

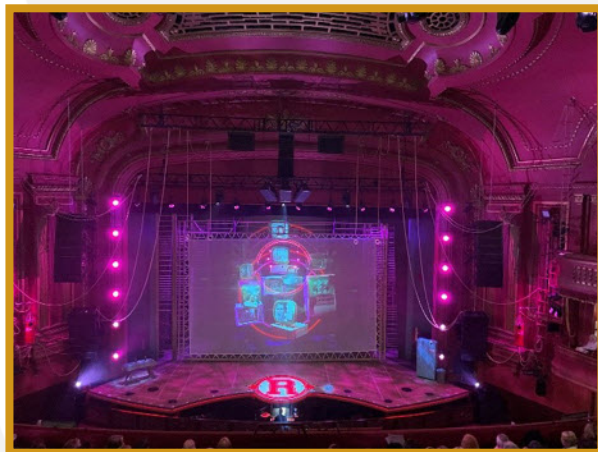
The art club have been working hard this term producing a variety of earrings, badges, key rings and clay jewellery dishes. Art club takes place each Thursday after school.

Here are some examples of their hard work;



## Grease - The Musical

It is exciting times in the Performing Arts department at Telford Park! On our return after the summer we were thrilled to announce to a crowd of eager students that our next whole school performance in February 2023 will be 'Grease-The Musical'! This year our choice seems to be particularly fitting due to the sad passing of Olivia Newton John whose iconic Sandy alongside John Travolta's Danny in the 1978 film version will never be forgotten and gave rise to the cult status the musical has reached over the years. Grease is about the Rydell High School's high spirited class of 1959 where hotrod-loving boys in leather jackets and wise-cracking girls in hot rollers and pedal-pushers capture the sound and look of the 1950s in a rollicking feast of toe-tapping song and dance that salutes to the rock'n roll era!



We were absolutely thrilled to have an amazing turn out of almost 70 students who attended our two audition workshops where students got introduced to the show and learned a dance choreography and a song. We had a lot of fun and it was fantastic to see the energy and enthusiasm from so many of



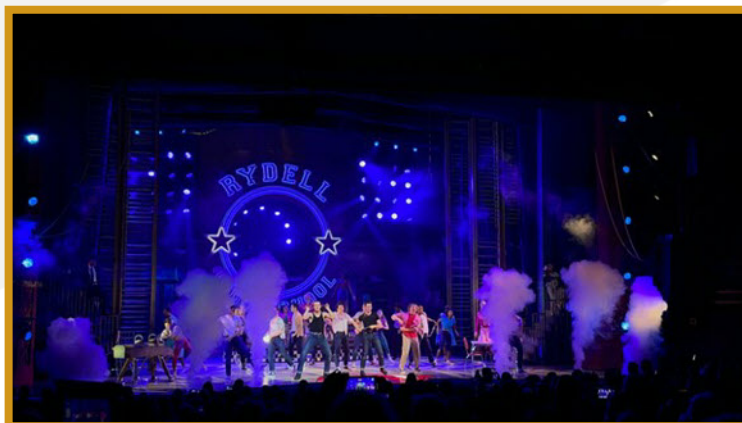
our students across all year groups. Those students who wanted to, then signed up for their individual singing auditions which helped us to choose our lead cast for the show. This was a tough choice but we feel that we now have a strong lead cast and an excellent ensemble to work with and during our first rehearsals this week, we were blown away by everyone's commitment and hard work!



## Grease - The Musical (Continued)

As a special treat, possibly guided by fate (?) we also managed to organise a trip to London where the show is currently in the very final weeks of their west end revival! On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October, a buzzing group of 62 students boarded the coach to London to catch a phenomenal cast of young professional performers, flanked by Peter Andre and Jason Donovan, dance and sing their hearts out! The energy in the theatre was electric and our students were excitedly singing show tunes. Charlie, who is in the ensemble was really impressed with the level of confidence all the performers showed on stage and Sophie who plays Nancy said that watching the show made her realise how important every single member of the ensemble was in keeping the energy up throughout the performance. We all agreed that this show is a great opportunity to develop confidence and team-spirit and we are so excited to create something truly spectacular with an amazingly talented group of students!

Buckle up y'all, it's gonna be a hell of a ride!



## Performing Arts Extra Curricular Activities

This half term has been very busy as many students have attended a variety of Music clubs. Students attending *Rock School* on Tuesdays have begun learning new pieces and skills in preparation for a concert at the Oakengates Theatre and our own Christmas Concert. 3 different *choirs* are running this enabling students and staff, to enjoy making music together. Again, we are working towards performances for Remembrance Day and Christmas. Students in Year 7 also have the opportunity to join the *African Drumming club*.

### DRAMA CLUB

It has been lovely to see a growing number of students join the Year 7 and 8 Drama club that runs on a Thursday lunch time! We feel that there is so much talent at Telford Park and this is a great opportunity for all those budding performers who want to boost their skills and their confidence! This is a fun club where we play games to grow confidence, practise acting skills and work on short performances. At the moment we are working on an ensemble piece of a Michael Rosen poem which is great fun! We are definitely always open to new students. So come along and give it a go-you won't regret it!

### INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

We have seen a large interest from pupils wanting to receive instrumental lessons this year with over 70 students now learning guitar, drums, violin and keyboard. We are now operating waiting lists for lessons, but as a reminder, these lessons are free to you and offer an opportunity for students to develop extra musical skills outside the classroom. If you would like to sign up for instrumental lessons please register using this link [Telford & Wrekin Music \(telfordandwrekinmusic.co.uk\)](http://telfordandwrekinmusic.co.uk) or see Mrs Bradburn for more details.

### Performing Arts Extra Curricular Timetable

|                 | MONDAY | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  |
|-----------------|--------|---|---|---|---|
| Lunch           |        | Singing Group<br>(3:08)<br><br>year 7 week 1  |   | Drama club<br>(2:04)<br><br>year 7: 12:35 – 1pm | African<br>Drumming (3:08)<br><br>year 7 week 1                                 |
|                 |        |   | Year 11 & Staff<br>Choir<br>Week 2 only<br><br>12:05-12:30pm                    | Drama club<br>(2:04)<br><br>year 8: 1:05-1:30pm |   |
| After<br>School |        | Choir<br>all years (2:04)<br><br>2:35-3:30pm<br>week 1 only   | School Production<br>Rehearsals<br>(Theatre)<br><br>2:35 – 4:30pm<br>Every week |   | School Production<br>Rehearsals<br>(Theatre)<br><br>2:35 – 4:30pm<br>Every week |
|                 |        | <br>Rock School<br>all years (3:08)<br>2:35 – 3:30pm<br>Every week |   |   |   |



## Food

Hello there Foodies! Well, it has been full steam ahead in our kitchen, Year 10 have been cooking up a storm. We have focused on pushing the high-level skills this term and the students did not disappoint. They have made choux buns, a very tricky pastry to make, however we had well risen buns which were filled and decorated beautifully. I also set them a gastro pub task where they had to mould and shape their own burgers and serve them with homemade chips, salad and some of our high achievers even made their own sauce dips. Impressive! We have also made some pasties and a crème patisserie custard which were all smooth and delicious, no lumpy custard here thank you very much. I can honestly say they presented me with dishes I would happily pay for in a restaurant, so I want to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to my Year 10 food students because your hard work and enthusiasm makes it an absolute pleasure to teach you and I am so proud of you all. Let us keep this momentum for next year ready to start our first piece of assessed coursework in September, we've got this!





### Year 10 Pastoral

Mr Philips and Miss Marsh have been truly blown away by how well Year 10 have settled into the new academic year. It is lovely to see all students in their option classes developing knowledge and skills with their chosen subjects.

Mr Phillips has handed out over 100 certificates so far this term, from attendance to subject awards. Miss Marsh has also handed out praise postcards to students who have behaved impeccably during this half term. We are hoping to hand out even more next half-term!

It is fantastic to see so many year 10's partaking in extra-curricular activities, as well as auditioning to be part of the cast for this year's school production "Grease".

Mr Phillips and Miss Marsh hope you all have a safe and restful half-term and we will see you all for another fantastic half-term.

### GCSE Geography Field Trip To Shrewsbury

Year 11 GCSE Geography students visited Shrewsbury to complete one of their fieldwork experiences. The pupils looked at how tourism has impacted the town of Shrewsbury and how any negative impacts have been managed. Pupils conducted a number of different surveys, had the opportunity to draw field sketches and identify what the town has to offer tourists. Pupils were impeccably behaved and conducted their work with pride, politely asking members of the public for answers to their questionnaires. One member of the public was overheard saying how smart their uniform looked. Well done Year 11!

