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NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS 2022



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Message From The Headteacher

As we come to the end of our Autumn Term, I would like to wish you a safe and happy Christmas. Having worked hard all term, our pupils (and staff) will be ready for a break and the opportunity to recharge their batteries. We have had a busy and productive term as demonstrated within this newsletter.

A special well done to all of our Year 7 pupils for completing their first term in secondary school. They have made an excellent start to their time at Telford Park School, and we are so very proud of them. I would also like to congratulate our Year 11 pupils who completed their mock examinations recently. They demonstrated maturity and resilience with exemplary conduct. There will be a parents evening on Wednesday 25th January where parents, carers and pupils will be able to discuss their results with their teachers.

We pride ourselves on positive relationships throughout the school with the pastoral team at the heart of this. If you would like any support for your child do not hesitate to contact us:

Mr Tryhorn – Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral care)

Ms Kerr – Head of Year 7/Transition Lead

Mr Dolphin – Head of Year 8

Mrs Perry – Head of Year 9

Mr Phillips – Head of Year 10

Miss Hipkiss – Head of Year 11

Mr Clark – Behaviour Manager/Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

A reminder that our return to school dates are as follows:

Wednesday 4th January 2022 - All pupils to start at the usual time of 8.25am.

I would like to thank all pupils, parents, staff, and governors for their ongoing support and wish you all a very happy, healthy, and peaceful Christmas.

Best wishes,
Holly Rigby
Headteacher

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Food

Well the first term is done, I feel like I've blinked and all of a sudden there's snow on the ground and Christmas music blasting out of the stereo. Our feet have hardly touched the ground in food. Our KS3 students have been learning all about food safety and hygiene, these essential life skills will ensure they are able to prepare and cook food safely. We have also been studying healthy eating by exploring the Eatwell guide. Practical wise we've churned out numerous tasty dishes including pasta salad, stir fry, omelette, fajitas and bread rolls. We saved the best till last and made some deliciously naughty Christmas rocky road treats. Enjoy everyone!

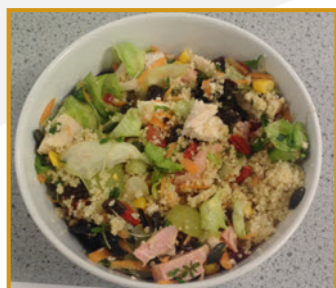
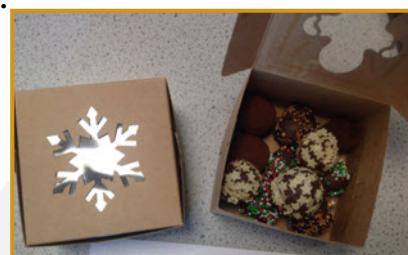
Our KS4 chefs have produced some amazing food this term, in BTEC we have made pasties, pasta Bolognese, pizza, lamb kebabs and soup to name but a few. On the BTEC Christmas menu were shortbread biscuits decorated with chocolate, icing sugar and sprinkles, Delicious!



Year 10 have built up so many skills this term, the progress they have made is fantastic. So many students are able to come in and start independently and show real problem-solving skills, its really lovely to see. They have made some beautiful dishes including Quiche, Bacon and Pea pasta and sticky toffee pudding. My favourite has to be our Christmas bake though, students made yule logs this year and the handmade sugar paste decorations were gorgeous. Well done all.

Our Year 11 students have been working hard completing their coursework, their food science investigation is almost complete, I think most Year 11's will agree that they never want to make a cheese sauce again! Our next coursework is fabulously exciting as students get to explore American cuisine and design a menu reflecting authentic American dishes. Our GCSE Christmas menu included home made truffles, delicately hand shaped and decorated to perfection. I would also like to say a special thank you to Mrs Ducommun our wonderful technician, without her hard work and dedication our practical lessons wouldn't run as smoothly. Have a lovely Christmas and New Year Mrs Ducommun, thank you for all you do!

And to the students, well done little chefs, have a safe and restful Christmas ready to hit the ground running again in the New Year.





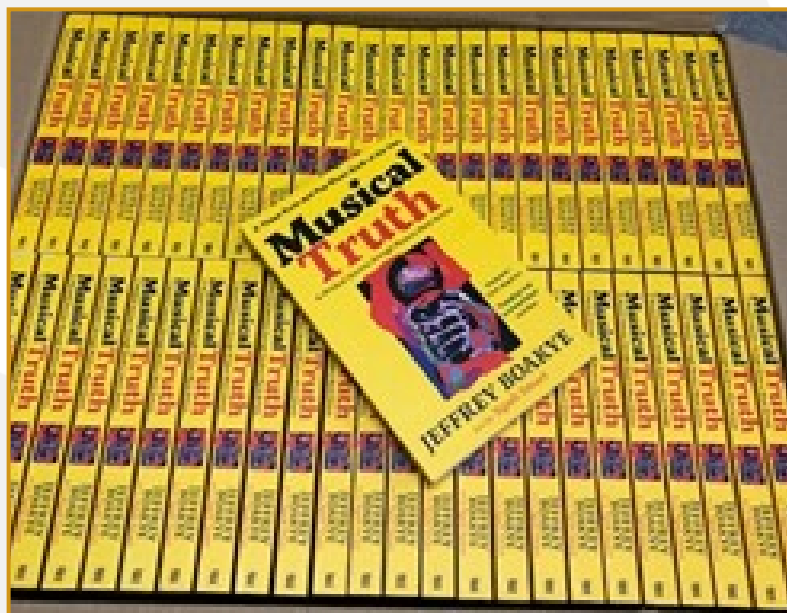
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In English lessons this half term, students in Year 7 have been studying poetry and had the opportunity to take part in a virtual author visit with Jeffrey Boakye, the author of, *Musical Truth: A Musical Journey through Modern Black Britain*.

We were super lucky to receive a surprise delivery of 100 free copies of his new book, which we are giving out as prizes for a poetry competition this week.



Telford Park Rewards Team

We have been working hard (just like Santa's elves!) putting together changes to the rewards system here at Telford Park School. We really want to have a system that rewards everyone for all the wonderful things that are done every day at school. The new system will be launched after Christmas but in the meantime, we have a fantastic incentive on for the last couple of weeks of term. All students have the chance of winning a £100 prize! To be in with a chance to win all you have to do is turn up on time, follow the school rules and always do your best. The winner will be announced in the Christmas end of term assembly on Friday. Good luck everyone!



Year 8 Poetry Anthology Awards

Year 8 have been studying *Animal Farm* this term and have written beautiful poems to accompany Chapter 8.

Well done Year 8, we are so proud of your hard work and outstanding creativity in creating these.

Below are extracts from the poems that received The Mr Bullough Award for outstanding poetry.

Mrs Wells



Narcissist Napoleon by Dylan M

**Enemy of the animals!
Waterfall of blood!
Kidnapper of the swill bucket! Oh, how my
Heart turns to stone when I see you.
Like the flames of hell!
Narcissist Napoleon**

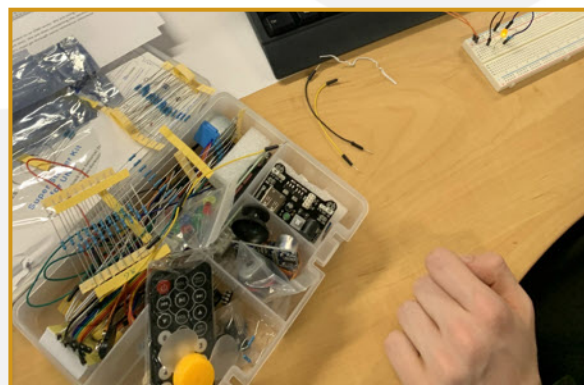
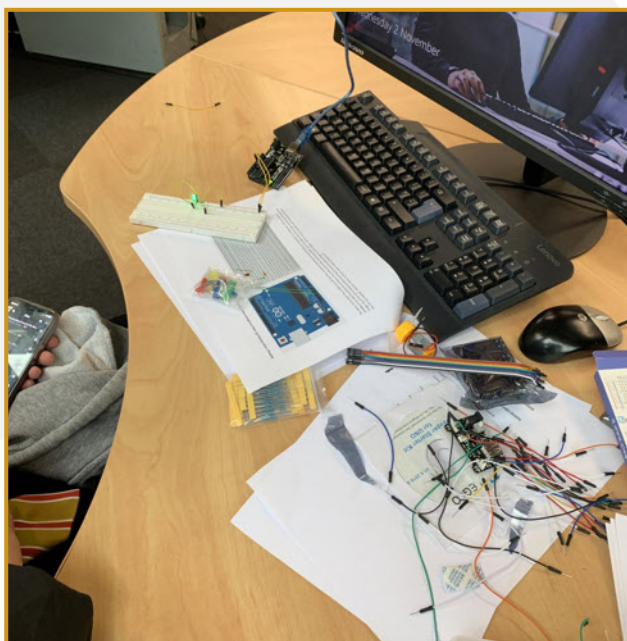
MURDERER NAPOLEAN KILLER OF THEE

by Danni

**Fountain of blood,
Lord of the graves.
Oh, how you set my soul down under
When I gaze into those dimmed eyes,
All I see is pain inside like a volcano
torn inside.**

Year 10 Computing Trip

This term Year 10 Computing students went on a fantastic trip to Wolverhampton University to experience Computer Science like never before! Students worked with university lecturers to understand what university life is like for budding computer scientists, what code it takes to get code to run, and they even got to do some electronics! All agreed it was a fantastic day out and a real eye opener for what career paths are available when students leave Telford Park. All students were a credit to the school and even received a free gift of an Intel Galileo circuit board - all in a days work for Telford park's Computer Scientists.



Careers Update - Year 11 Mock Interviews

On 13th December, Year 11 students were given the opportunity to practice their interview technique in our first ever mock interview day at the school. Business volunteers from all over Telford gave up their time to come and put the students through their paces and give them first hand experience of what it is like to be put on the spot with a completely new person. Thank you to the volunteers from the following companies: Telford and Wrekin Council, Telford College, Capgemini, In-Comm training, Micosoft and ProYu. James Dunne, Director of Prosperity and Investment at Telford Wrekin Council said “I’m not sure I expected to meet an aspiring Astrophysicist but he certainly convinced me that is exactly what he will become.” Students coming out of their interview said “It’s not really about the company, it’s about you as a person. Don’t take yourself too seriously!” and “I think all go in there anxious but came out smiling as it went really well!”. Organiser Andriana Usherwood-Brown of The Marches Careers Hub commented “Seeing the absolute joy and sense of achievement that the students felt on completion of the interviews was fantastic! Well done to all our certificate winners, you have bright futures ahead of you!



Year 10

Students have settled extremely well into Year 10. Some students have been involved in rehearsals for the school production 'Grease', others have been on educational trips and all have been researching about work experience and the organisations and business that they would like to go to for one week next year.

Mr Phillips and Ms Marsh would like to express their huge gratitude to all Year 10 students who were involved in the Remembrance Assembly, from those who represented their Platoon to those who performed and sang. Also, a huge well done to members of the rock band and their performance at the Christmas Concert.

Many Year 10 students have been attending homework clubs, sports clubs and extra-curricular interventions. Over 75 certificates have been handed out to Year 10 students, these have been for 100% attendance, outstanding behaviour and subject awards. This is a fantastic achievement and all students should be extremely proud of themselves. With a special shout out to Stefania, Ella and Oliwier who were presented multiple certificates.

We hope that all Year 10 students have a safe and Merry Christmas and New Year.





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Rock School Band Night

This term saw our Rock School performing on the stage at The Place theatre in Oakengates as part of the Telford and Wrekin Music service Band Night. The evening showcased many bands from across the Telford Schools and each band took to the stage to perform two numbers. The 14 members of the Rock School filled the stage, confidently performing *Seven Nation Army* by the White Stripes and *Riptide* by Vance Joy.





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Christmas Concert 2022

The Telford Park students had been working extremely hard to bring parents and carers our Christmas Concert 2022. Performances varying from poems to drama to singing and even a sneak peek of what is upcoming in 2023 were shown with the audience thoroughly enjoying it all. This all came together by pure arduous work and dedication by all participants, who have offered many hours of their time to ensure that the performance can run smoothly and make it as enjoyable as possible for the audience members; none of it could have been possible without the help and support of Ms Bradburn and Ms Labbé.

In addition, the variation of acts and performances which were shown emphasise how the school is all about diversity and difference, and how many things put together can create something great and big, for example the Christmas Concert. During this show, as a result of the sneak peek given of future events coming up in 2023 (Grease), it created an evident sense of excitement for what is yet to come. Furthermore, it makes people more eager to get involved and see what they could be part of.

Many pupils involved have taken up breaks, lunches, and lesson times to make this the best concert for both the audience and the participants in the Telford Park School history. When the concert had finished, we received a standing ovation for the first time, and we had sold a new record number of tickets (189). Furthermore, we had set a record of cast members to perform in a concert, exceeding numbers of over 60. This is the largest amount of students that have ever participated in any event held by the Telford Park School; and the school are immensely proud that an event such as this could happen.

Hollie and Veronika, Year 9 Arts Ambassadors

Dates for your Diary - Grease 15th & 16th February 2023





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Winter School - Happy Healthy Active Holidays

Following on from the huge success of our Summer School, Telford Park hosted a Winter School on 19th & 20th December for a number of our Key Stage 3 learners.

Our pupils benefited from a blended provision inclusive of Cooking, Minecraft, English and a Christmas Extravaganza!

Additionally, all attendees were provided with a free home Christmas Hamper to enable them to show off the cooking skills learnt on the programme!

A massive thank you to Mr Ward and our wonderful staff who provided support over the two days after a long Autumn term.

In case you missed it - Due to the amazing success of our summer provision and the hard work of Mr Ward and the Team, the BBC produced a news story celebrating our winter offer! To read the story please follow the link here - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-shropshire-64033868> and on our Twitter <https://twitter.com/telfordprksch>. We also anticipate video footage on BBC Midlands today this week, watch this space....

Bikeability

Our Year 7 learners recently had the exciting opportunity to benefit from Road Safety lessons and bike safety checks via our colleagues in the Road Safety Education Team at Telford & Wrekin and the Bikeability programme.

Bikeability is a national standard cycle training programme designed to give cyclists the skills and confidence to cycle in modern road conditions.

We hope that this will provide our pupils with the confidence and knowledge to remain safe on the roads and understand how to maintain their bike and associated equipment, well done all!



GOING OUTSIDE IN WINTER AND EFFECTS OF THE COLD

When going outside, the cold temperature and cold winds are two obvious hazards but before you go out, there are other tips to bear in mind:

Staying safe starts at home:

1. Before you go out to play make sure you've had something to eat and drink to fuel your fun.
2. Wrap up safe and warm
3. Tell an adult where you are going
4. Take some water to stay hydrated
1. WEAR LOTS OF LAYERS OF CLOTHES (not just a t-shirt and a big coat)
2. WEAR A BRIGHTLY COLOURED COAT - So that cars and other people can spot you easily.
3. WEAR A HAT TO KEEP YOUR HEAD WARM
4. DON'T FORGET YOUR FINGERS AND TOES - Wear some nice thick gloves and socks.
5. waterproof boots and coats will keep you dry

Always follow the WINTER SAFETY code

Whenever you are around water - STOP AND THINK
Look for the dangers. Always read the signs - STAY TOGETHER

In an emergency:

Shout for help and phone 999 or 112.

FLOAT - If you fall in, float or swim on your back. Throw something that floats to anyone who has fallen in the water.

What should you do if you fall into the water?

First, keep your mouth away from the water until you have your breathing back under control, you can do this by rolling onto your back and floating or paddling to stay at the surface.

Then, don't waste any time and swim towards an exit before your muscles start to cool, or swim towards something that will help you to stay afloat whilst you are calling for help.

Finally, once you are out of the water re-warm yourself as soon as you can to avoid hypothermia.

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