

THE TELFORD PARK SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2 - 2023



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Park School**

Message From The Headteacher

Dear families,

As we rapidly approach the summer break, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. In our last newsletter I mentioned all the summer term events that were due to take place. It has been wonderful to celebrate the successes of the academic year with both you and your children.

Here at The Telford Park School it is important to us to celebrate academic, personal, and social success across the year and these events allow our pupils to 'let their light shine'. Our summer concert, sports day, 'Oscars' style reading awards and rewards day trips are just a few of the events that have taken place. Seeing the smiles on pupils' faces is a wonderful reminder of the true meaning of education.

However, such events would not be possible was it not for the dedication of our brilliant team of school staff who are a dedicated team of professionals determined to ensure each child reaches their full potential and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work across this academic year also.

Looking to the future a reminder that the new school term will begin in September with pupils expected to return on the following dates:

Year Group Date to return to school

- ◆ 7 Tuesday 5th September
- ◆ 8 Thursday 7th September
- ◆ 9 Thursday 7th September
- ◆ 10 Thursday 7th September
- ◆ 11 Wednesday 6th September

As previously communicated, our school day will be changing to 8.30am-3.00pm. On their return to school all pupils will return at the new start time of 8.30am and need to be in school by 8.25am at the latest.

Once again, wishing you a restful, safe, and hopefully sunny summer holiday.

Best wishes,
Mrs Rigby
Headteacher

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PE

This summer term we have seen some amazing performances in PE. We have had the Yr. 7-11 Athletics competitions held at Oakengates stadium where we saw individuals excel as well as teams come together to secure fantastic overall positions.

- Year 7 finished 11th overall with the boys finishing 9th and the girls finishing 12th
- Year 8 finished 14th overall with the boys finishing 12th and the girls finishing 12th
- Year 9 finished 10th overall with the boys finishing 10th and the girls finishing 10th
- Year 10 and 11 finished 8th overall with the boys finishing 9th and the girls finishing 8th

The stand out performances from the events were the following:

Yr. 10/11

- Jack Hinton for Long Jump
- Daisy Halford for 100m
- Girls relay team

Yr. 7

- Dan Fletcher – High Jump and 800m
- Ruby Griffiths – High Jump



We also had an amazing turn out to the TWSAA Championships where we took 65 students from yr. 7-10. Despite a heavy downpour on the day it did not stop the athletes and again we saw some amazing performances. Most importantly all of our students demonstrated resilience and did themselves and the school proud.

The best day of the year took place on 5th July at Oakengates stadium. We took the whole school down to the track for sports day where we had an amazing day! Everybody embodied the spirit of sports day and whether the students were taking part or supporting, the atmosphere was phenomenal. We have had a record number of records broken and it was amazing to see so many happy faces when students were receiving their medals. A special mention goes out to Iris Ions who was fantastic in the 1500m running with her guide, Miss Champion. Daniel Fletcher who broke 4/5 records and Miss Marsh who got the crowd going! A special thank you goes out to all the helpers on the day as without you the events would not have run as smoothly as they did and to the parents who came along and supported, you really made it a special occasion for the students.

Next year we have some exciting opportunities where we will be selecting Sports Prefects to help out with house competitions and fixtures next year, keep your eyes peeled for the application forms. We will be hosting a race for life event as well as house competitions every term. A reminder that in September it must be Park PE kit in lessons, no hoodies of any kind will be allowed. We would also like to see every single student attending at least one sporting extra-curricular club in line with government guidelines to have at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day across the week.

Have a lovely break from the PE Staff

Prom

On the 7th of July, the Class of 2023 attended The Telford Park School prom! 75 Students attended looking amazing with their suits and dresses. A great time was had by all, it was a great celebration of how far our Year 11's have come. We wish them all the luck in the future and hope they keep in touch!

Here are some photos...



Performing Arts

Summer Concert

This year's summer concert consisted of a range of performances and celebrated the talents and achievements of students both in Performing Arts lessons and in extra-curricular activities. Audience members were treated to performances from Year 7 music lessons, African drumming, solo songs, choir numbers, rock school pieces, dance performances, drama performances and two pieces from our own school band comprising no less than 40 students of all abilities and instruments. These performances show how hard the pupils worked to give such a riveting show. Every one of these students have worked hard to put on this performance; there were many rehearsals in preparation for the show. All the students enjoyed performing in the summer concert.



Charltonbury

Rock School have gone from strength to strength this year and were invited to perform at the Charltonbury Music Festival held at Charlton School in Wellington in July. Many primary and secondary schools from the surrounding area are invited to perform and share their talents with others. Rock School performed 2 numbers, Riptide and We Will Rock You where we were joined by several students from Randlay Primary school in getting the crowd rocking. Our students conducted themselves in a very professional manner and performed extremely well, representing the school in a fantastic way.



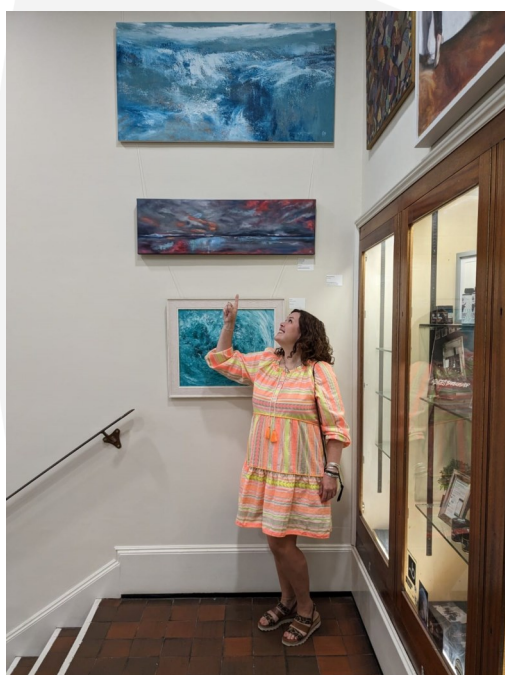
Arts Ambassadors

Currently we have 4 Year 9 Arts Ambassadors who work collaboratively in a team to promote the Arts across our school. They represent the school at evening events, design and produce posters and tickets, write articles for the newsletters, plan their own events and help shape the Arts at Telford Park School. Most recently Hollie, Sam, Veronika and Keaton visited the Year 7 tutor groups and organised a presentation for a Year 8 assembly where they spoke confidently and enthusiastically about their roles as Arts Ambassadors and invited students in both Year 7 and Year 8 to apply to become Arts Ambassadors and join their team. Application forms began appearing the day after the assembly and grew to quite a number. Year 9 Arts Ambassadors joined Mrs Bradburn in a meeting whereby new Arts Ambassadors have been appointed. The first meeting and training will take place in the new Autumn term where we are sure many innovative ideas will be discussed. Well done to all!

Art

One of Miss Metcalfe's abstract oil paintings has won a place in this year's Shrewsbury Arts Trail exhibition alongside internationally renowned artists, including works from Salvador Dalí, Picasso, Banksy, Matisse, Barbara Hepworth, Damien Hirst, Miró, LS Lowry, Jacob Chandler and many more!

Miss Metcalfe's painting called 'Tempestuous Light', is a moody and evocative depiction of Barmouth, capturing the beautiful West Wales coast. It is on display at The Parade shopping centre in Shrewsbury throughout July and August and she would very much like you to see it (and get a selfie!) if you get the chance.



The Arts Trail is a wonderful opportunity to explore Shrewsbury with work on display at Shrewsbury Castle, The Quarry Park, Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery, Theatre Severn and The Parade with a host of exhibitions and events taking place at other participating venues.

Go to www.shrewsburyartstrail.com for more info.



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The Shrewsbury Arts Trail is a free public event held around the town from the start of July to the end of August.
www.shrewsburyartstrail.com

Food

Well that's all folks, another successful year complete. Its been a pleasure working with your children this academic year, I hope you've enjoyed sampling your child's food, if it made it home! I want to say a huge congratulations to my Year 11's who worked so hard right up until the very last day, I really hope the results reflect your commitment and determination, good luck.

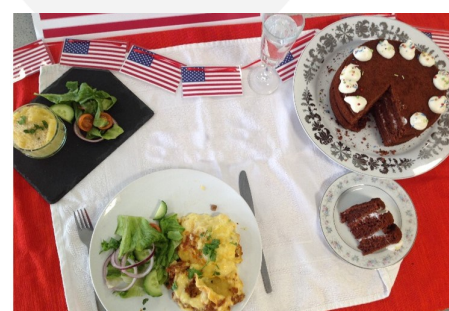
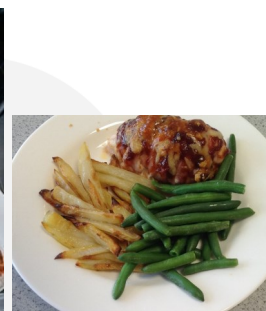
Year 10 you have shown real talent and drive this year, lets keep this momentum going in to next year, I think were all ready to hit the ground running with the coursework next, let's do this!

Year 9, I am elated at the sheer volume of students who have opted for food this year. Its wonderful watching the subject grow. If you have been lucky enough to obtain a place on the course, I can't wait to start teaching you in September. If you want to get a head start, I have already ordered your revision guides and you can collect them on the food room, we start by studying macronutrients so if you want some summer reading this is a good place to begin.

Year 7 and 8, the progress you have made this year is fantastic, if you think back to the first lesson we had in September and look at where you are now its amazing how many skills you have learnt. You've gone from quite nervous little cooks to confident and competent budding chefs. Well done.

An absolute highlight of the year has to be the Oscars event, the students chose to follow a cultural theme and cooked some amazing dishes including jollof rice, burgers, mini naan breads with chicken tikka, pizza, tiramisu and shortbread. What they achieved was truly remarkable, I am so proud of them. Well done.

I hope you all have the most amazing summer, please stay safe and well. I look forward to greeting you back in the Autumn Term.



Maths

Super Sparx Success!

The Maths Department is proud to report that more and more pupils are engaging with our online homework platform - Sparx Maths. Our pupils have completed a massive 697,760 questions so far this year which is an amazing achievement. 291 pupils have improved their times tables scores. The Sparx homework club is buzzing – I'm sure this has nothing to do with the sweets and stickers that Miss Cotton gives out!

697,760

questions answered correctly in Sparx Maths so far this year

Students in your school have completed

6,047 hours

of personalised learning on Sparx Maths this year!

296 students

have already improved at their times tables this year. Great job!

[Download the report](#)



Your Star Pupils

These pupils have earned the most XP points in Sparx Maths in the last 12 months.



Well done to everyone who has improved and made progress this year!



Work Experience & Mock Interviews

Work Experience

Year 10 pupils had an excellent opportunity to go out on work experience in July. See what some of them had to say about it below.

**WHAT DID YEAR 10 PUPILS SAY ABOUT
WORK EXPERIENCE?**

DO THE DIFFICULT THINGS WHILE THEY ARE EASY AND DO THE GREAT THINGS WHILE THEY ARE SMALL. A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES MUST BEGIN WITH A SINGLE STEP

IT ALLOWED ME TO LEARN LOTS OF NEW SKILLS, BUT ALSO TALK TO EMPLOYERS ABOUT THE QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED FOR MY FUTURE CAREER.

YOU WILL NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU ARE CAPABLE OF UNTIL YOU TRY

I FEEL MY PLACEMENT WAS HUGELY BENEFICIAL FOR ME IN DECIDING MY FUTURE CAREER.

'RHIANNAN AND I GOT TO TAKE EACH OTHER'S BLOOD PRESSURE, OXYGEN LEVELS AND HEART RATE. IT GAVE US A REAL INSIGHT ON WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A NURSE

THE WORK ITSELF IS EXHAUSTING BUT BY THE END OF IT, YOU REAP THE REWARDS

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Work Experience & Mock Interviews (Continued)

In School Work Experience Week

Year 10 had a wide range of talks to listen to, from cyber security to tax and pensions. They have learnt about the wide variety of jobs available within the NHS, Channel 4 and in the army, as well as looking at what future course are available to them and what pathways they need to take. It was a lot of information for them to take in, but they all listened, and this was shown by the excellent questions being asked. Finally, there was some outstanding ideas and presentations to channel 4 for new T.V shows – so watch this space or should I say channel 4!



Mock Interviews by Andriane Usherwood – Marches Careers Hub

In June [Telford Park School](#) hosted mock interviews for Year 10 students. It was a great morning and the students were fantastic. [The](#) School is great at embedding careers education at key transition points and this was a really useful session for the students and employers in attendance.

Thank you to all involved, for actively supporting [#youngpeople](#) to develop their [#employabilityskills](#)



Shropshire Youth Association

Throughout the last term a group of Year 9 and 10 students have been taking part in the SYA (Shropshire Youth Association) Health Champions Project. The students volunteered to take part in a training day and then 6 weeks of planning and carrying out a community project to make a difference to their communities health. The students chose to focus on mental health awareness and coping strategies. They created an awareness board that will be displayed in school to help students who are suffering with their mental health.

The students involved were:

- Demi L (Year 9)
- Lakshmi N (Year 9)
- Lakiesha O (Year 10)
- Kye B (Year 10)
- Stafania P (Year 10)
- Samantha N (Year 10)

New Head of Year & Support Officer for Year 7

As we come to the end of the school year, we wanted to introduce ourselves. We are Miss Hipkiss (right) and Mrs Barton (left), we will be the new Head of Year and Student Support Officer for the current Year 7 when they return in Year 8. We can't wait to get to know each student individually and help them grow as they spend their time here at The Telford Park School.

