Headteacher’s Message
As we come to the end of our Autumn Term, I would like to wish you a very peaceful and happy Christmas. Having worked hard all term, the students will be ready for a break and the opportunity to recharge their batteries.

We are extremely proud of our students who continue to take advantage of the many opportunities provided by the school. This newsletter celebrates a very busy and productive term with a great deal of academic achievement, along with some significant success in terms of sport, drama and music.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you an enjoyable holiday and remind you that the new term begins on Tuesday, 7th January at 8.25am for all students.

Steve Carter, Headteacher

Christmas Concert
Pupils from Years 7 – 11 performed in the concert. Our vocal group, rock band and soloists also performed a matinee concert for our local primary schools. The students have worked exceptionally hard to make the concert a success and have been attending regular rehearsals after school. We would like to commend them for their commitment and enthusiasm.

Health Champions
On Tuesday 12th December, 18 pupils from years 8 to 11 took on the role of ‘Health Champions’. They visited two primary schools, Newdale and Old Park, to help educate year 2 pupils about their health. The particular focus of this first session was to help pupils learn more about how to look after their teeth.

Our pupils presented information, put on dramatic performances and demonstrated the correct way to brush teeth. ‘Flossie’ and ‘Derek’ the two puppets also made an appearance to add some humour and support the demonstrations.

The pupils had worked hard to make their presentations engaging and informative with plenty of activities to help educate the year 2 pupils. It was a very interactive event and the primary schools are already looking forward to our next visit.

Remembrance Assembly
Pupils from the Year 9 Drama class participated in a performance for Remembrance Day as part of a whole school assembly. The theme was a Soldiers Memoire with the performance exploring a soldier who had Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and having flash backs to his old life. It was a very moving and thought provoking piece. Well done to all pupils involved.

Performing Arts News
Our Arts Ambassadors for 2019-20 are Freya Honey Davies, Jake Pearson, Kai Platt, Emily Tarr, Ruby Weston and Sophie Serjani. Well done to each and every pupil. These pupils will now have a key role in promoting the ‘Arts’ within the school. During the year they will be working with Mrs Williams in the Performing Arts department to develop work towards attaining the ‘ArtsMark’ status for The Telford Langley School.

Instrumental Lessons
Instrumental lessons started this year in the music department for those pupils who were keen on learning an instrument. Working in partnership with Telford Music Service lessons were provided in the following instruments piano, keyboard, strings, guitar, any brass or woodwind, drums and singing. There has been great success so far with the uptake in this area and there is now a waiting list to learn some instruments. The waiting list will be reviewed for the Spring Term and your child will be informed if a space has become available in their chosen instrument.
Year 8 students from both The Telford Park and Telford Langley School visited the World Skills Live exhibition at the NEC Birmingham. This is the largest work and education exhibition in Europe and it provided an opportunity for pupils to experience many different career opportunities in different sectors of work.

Prior to the event students completed a questionnaire to find out which careers would be most suited to them giving an indication as to where they should focus their efforts on the day.

At this exhibition there was a focus on 4 sectors each with different activities and competitions for students to engage with:

- Health, Hospitality & Lifestyle
- Construction & Infrastructure
- Engineering & Technology
- Digital, Business & Creative

It was an amazing experience for all of our students, who learnt so much in such a short space of time, we’ll definitely be returning next year.

Thank you to ‘Reassure’ for providing this great opportunity.

If you had a child who went on the visit we would love to hear feedback from you. [http://bit.ly/parkcareersurvey](http://bit.ly/parkcareersurvey) (case sensitive).

Local Career Market Information
Telford and Wrekin have produced an excellent digital resource about careers and training in Telford. We will be sharing this with students in school but thought it would be useful for you to have access to talk through this with your children at home: [http://bit.ly/LMITELFORD](http://bit.ly/LMITELFORD) (case sensitive).

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**PE at The Telford Langley School**

**Football**
It has been a busy term for sport at The Telford Langley School. The boys’ football teams have had a number of fixtures in the district cup competitions, Shropshire Cups and Presidents Plate.

The Year 10 boys were unfortunate to be beaten 2-1 in a very close match against Shrewsbury School in the Presidents Plate.

The Year 9s had a great victory in the Presidents Cup beating Grove 4-2 and the year 7s beat Shrewsbury Academy 5-1.

The Year 11s are through to the next round of the Telford District Cup after beating Burton Borough 6-2.

**Netball**
The Girls have also had a very busy term of fixtures in both football and Netball.

The under 13s team played a very exciting game against Meole Brace School but were unfortunately beaten by a very strong team. The under 15s played exceptionally well and beat Ercall Wood in the County Cup 5-0.

The under 13s netball team have been taking part in the Telford Netball League with fantastic performances and are in line to be crowned league champions.

**Badminton Interhouse**
We have also started an inter-house competition where Webb and Springwell were joint winners of the badminton competition.

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**We would like to say a big Thank you to Baker and Sons for the fantastic new kit they have given the Key Stage 3 football team.**