

Personal Development Newsletter



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Personal development is supporting pupils to grow in their confidence, to be kind and well-rounded people. This is supported through experience like school trips, sporting events, productions, enrichment and special events that build confidence, teamwork and real-life skills.

Enrichment

This term has been especially busy in supporting our pupils' personal development. Did you know that pupils have had the opportunity to take part in 49 enrichment clubs this term, including 10 focused on extra support and intervention?

National Careers Week

Year 7 and 8 pupils enjoyed a STEM theatre production, *The Material World*, delivered in partnership with BAE Systems, the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy. Through the performance, pupils learned how materials shape the world around us, why they are used, and how this links to a wide range of careers in science, technology, engineering and maths. This production supported personal development by helping pupils build curiosity and confidence, broaden their understanding of the world, and see how what they learn in school connects to real-life careers. It also encourages them to think about their future aspirations, develop their communication and listening skills, and feel inspired by opportunities within science, technology, engineering and maths.



Student Spotlight

A group of Year 11 pupils recently visited Adcote School, an award-winning independent school in Shropshire, known for helping students build confidence and develop their talents. We are incredibly proud to share that, following the visit, Lai Kay Yau has been awarded a scholarship place to join the school next year for post 16. Well done Lai Kay!

National Careers Week

During tutor time, pupils explored a wide range of career options and took part in a live, interactive "Step into the NHS" session, where they spoke directly with NHS staff and asked questions about careers in healthcare. They also learned how their lesson topics link to future career pathways, helping them understand the purpose behind what they study. Pupils enjoyed trying foods from around the world including Italy, China, Mexico, the USA and Great Britain while discovering how interests like food and culture can connect to different careers. Staff also shared their own career journeys, giving pupils a real insight into the paths they took to reach their roles today.



Year 9 and 10

This term, Year 9 pupils took part in option taster sessions to help them make informed choices for their GCSEs. Year 10 launched their work experience through the Grofar portal, and pupils have begun securing placements for the week of 6th–10th July 2026. They also attended sessions on planning their next steps, including what they need to achieve to progress to college, sixth form, apprenticeships, or other training opportunities.

Careers

For Year 9, 10 and 11, there have been numerous post-16 next step meetings and visits with our Future Focus Advisor, who is in school two and a half days each week to support pupils with their future planning.

A total of 220 Year 10 and 11 pupils attended the Skills Show at the International Centre, where they explored a wide range of apprenticeships, employment opportunities, and skills careers. Pupils took part in hands-on activities across many different professions, and several Year 10 pupils were even able to secure work experience placements during the visit—well done to them!



Aberdovey

This term, Year 9 pupils enjoyed a full, action packed week at Aberdovey. During their visit, they developed important skills such as teamwork, resilience, confidence, and the ability to push themselves to achieve things they never thought possible.



Performing Arts

This term, our Performing Arts Department put on an incredible production of Dare to Dream. The cast delivered fantastic acting and vocal performances while developing teamwork, communication, and resilience. The show was a real highlight of the term, with all pupils working extremely hard to bring it together whilst enjoying an unforgettable experience. Pupils who supported with lighting and sound also gained confidence and boosted their self-esteem through their important behind-the-scenes roles.



Physical Education

Our KS3 Boys' Badminton team took part in the Shropshire School Games at Shrewsbury Sports Village, having earned their place through success in the Telford schools competition. The boys faced some very strong teams beating them in the group stage, which secured their place in the final. In a hard-fought final the boys played exceptionally well but were narrowly beaten. This fantastic effort means our team are officially the second-best school in Shropshire—an incredible achievement!

Our KS3 and KS4 boys' and girls' badminton teams performed brilliantly in the Telford and Wrekin Badminton Competition, reaching the finals after a series of strong matches. They narrowly missed out on taking the overall title, but this was a fantastic achievement—well done to all involved!



We were delighted to take a group of students to Birmingham to watch the Yonex All England Badminton Tournament. The pupils had a fantastic day, enjoying the chance to see some of the world's top players in action. Experiencing elite athletes in person inspired them, encouraging ambition and future goal-setting. During the visit, they also developed social skills and independence while representing the school responsibly, and gained a greater appreciation for the dedication, teamwork, and discipline needed to succeed at the highest level.



Football Results:

This term has been an outstanding one for school football, with impressive performances across all year groups. Staff from a visiting school praised our Year 11 team, commenting that "your boys taught mine a lesson in resilience, heart and determination."

Our Year 7 team competed in Round 3 of the District Plate, securing a victory and progressing to the quarter finals. Similarly, the Year 10 team also won their Round 3 District Plate match and will now advance to the quarter finals.

The Year 8 team has enjoyed success in the County Cup, reaching the semi-finals after a strong performance in the quarter finals. The Year 9 team has matched this achievement at district level, progressing to the semi-finals of the District Cup.

Our Year 11 team played in the District Cup semi-final this term and achieved an impressive 5-4 victory in a closely contested match against strong opposition. Next stop, the District Cup Final! Congratulations to all of the players!

Our KS3 girls' football team played excellently in a tournament this term, finishing in an impressive second place overall. A fantastic achievement. Well done to the team!