

Personal Development Newsletter



The Telford Langley School

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Personal Development plays an important role in helping our pupils grow into confident, compassionate and well-rounded individuals. Through a diverse range of experiences, including school trips, sporting events, productions, enrichment activities and special events, pupils have opportunities to develop their confidence, teamwork, resilience and valuable life skills beyond the classroom.

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to a new academic year at Telford Langley. We hope everyone has enjoyed a well-deserved summer break and is feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

A special welcome to our Year 7 pupils and their families, who are joining the Telford Langley community for the first time. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to supporting you throughout your secondary school journey.

The new academic year brings lots of exciting opportunities across Personal Development, Careers, Enrichment and Life Skills, and we look forward to sharing these with you throughout the year.

Student Spotlight

As we welcome pupils back for a new academic year, we are delighted to celebrate the achievements of our young people beyond the classroom.

A special congratulations goes to Harry Bailey, Year 11, who was selected to represent the Midlands at the School Games National Finals at Loughborough University, competing in BMX. Harry had an incredibly successful competition, achieving silver in the individual flat track time trial. He also played an integral role in the flat track team event, where the Midlands team went on to secure gold.

This is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful example of the dedication, determination, teamwork and passion that our pupils demonstrate in their interests outside of school.

We are incredibly proud of Harry and look forward to seeing what he achieves next. Well done, Harry!



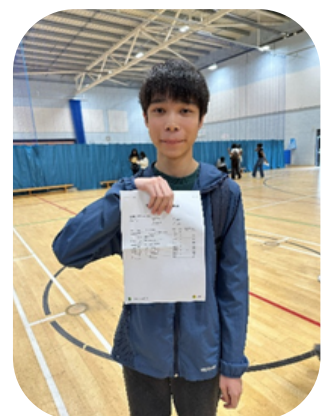
Celebrating Our GCSE Success

We are delighted to begin the new academic year by celebrating the outstanding GCSE results achieved by our pupils. Every pupil should be incredibly proud of their achievements, and we are immensely proud of the hard work, resilience and commitment they have demonstrated throughout their time at Telford Langley School. A special congratulations goes to the following pupils, who achieved some truly exceptional results:

- Matthew Mak – 10 Grade 9s and 1 Level 2 Distinction
- Lai Kay Yau – 3 Grade 9s, 4 Grade 8s, 1 Grade 7 and 1 Level 2 Distinction
- Abigale Price – 1 Grade 9, 7 Grade 8s, 1 Grade 7 and 1 Level 2 Distinction
- Adan Ihsan – 3 Grade 9s, 4 Grade 8s, 2 Grade 7s, 1 Grade 6 and 1 Level 2 Merit
- Kasper Reynolds – 1 Grade 9, 2 Grade 8s, 2 Level 2 Distinctions and 2 Grade 7s
- Samuel Tang – 2 Grade 9s, 3 Grade 8s, 2 Grade 7s, 1 Level 2 Merit and 1 Grade 6
- Veronika Marchlewska – 1 Grade 9, 2 Grade 8s and 4 Grade 7s
- Alice Jones – 2 Grade 9s, 1 Grade 8, 2 Grade 7s, 2 Grade 6s, 1 Level 2 Merit and 2 Grade 5s
- Rex To – 2 Grade 9s, 2 Grade 8s, 1 Level 2 Distinction, 1 Level 2 Merit and 1 Grade 7

These results are a fantastic reflection of the dedication and determination shown by our young people. Well done to every pupil on their achievements — whether their results have opened the door to sixth form, college, an apprenticeship, employment or another pathway, we hope they take great pride in what they have accomplished.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our pupils every success and happiness for the future. We look forward to hearing about all that they go on to achieve.



Careers

The Autumn term is an important time for careers and future planning, particularly for pupils in Years 10 and 11.

Year 11 – Planning Your Next Steps

For our Year 11 pupils, now is the time to start thinking seriously about their next steps after GCSEs. This could include college, sixth form or an apprenticeship. Whatever pathway pupils are considering, we strongly encourage them to begin researching their options and attending open events as early as possible.

Over the coming months, we will welcome a range of post-16 providers into school to deliver assemblies and provide pupils with information about the courses and opportunities available.

There will also be a number of open evenings at local colleges, including Telford 6th, Telford College Wellington and Shrewsbury College, which offers a range of qualifications across its different campuses. We highly recommend that pupils attend as many open evenings as possible. These events provide an excellent opportunity to explore the courses available, speak to staff and students, and get a real feel for a potential next educational setting.

When completing applications, it is essential that pupils use a personal email address rather than their school email address. This will ensure that they can continue to access important correspondence from their chosen post-16 provider after they leave Year 11. Pupils should also get into the habit of checking their personal email regularly.

College Open Events

Telford 6th (Town Centre):

6th Oct 2026: 5pm-7:30pm
27th Jan 2027: 5pm-7:30pm
15th Mar 2027: 5pm-7:30pm

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Telford College (Wellington):

6th Oct 2026: 5pm-7:30pm
27th Jan 2027: 5pm-7:30pm
15th Mar 2027: 5pm-7:30pm

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Shrewsbury College English Bridge

A levels & Creative Arts
15th Oct 2026: 5pm-7pm
20th Oct 2026: 5pm-7pm

 Shrewsbury
College

Shrewsbury College Welsh Bridge

A levels in Science, Technology
& Social Science
15th Oct 2026: 5pm-7pm
20th Oct 2026: 5pm-7pm

 Shrewsbury
College

Shrewsbury College London Road Campus

Vocational, T Levels &
Apprenticeships
22nd Oct 2026: 5pm-7pm

 Shrewsbury
College

Careers Support in School

We are fortunate to have our own Future Focus representative, Jeanette Skelton, Careers Adviser from Telford & Wrekin, working with us in school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Jeanette is available to support pupils with their post-16 decision making, researching options and completing applications, including applications for college, sixth form and apprenticeships. Pupils are encouraged to make use of this valuable support and to speak to Janette if they are unsure about their next steps or would like guidance with the application process.

We also offer timetabled lunchtime drop-in sessions with representatives from Telford College and Shrewsbury College. Pupils will be informed about these opportunities in school, and we encourage them to be proactive and make the most of the support available.

Year 10 – Work Experience

During Year 10, pupils will be expected to secure their own work experience placement for the summer term of 2027.

Although this may seem a long way away, it is important to start thinking about placements now. Across Telford and Wrekin, many schools arrange their work experience during the same period, meaning pupils are competing with students from other schools for a limited number of placements.

We will be launching our Work Experience programme and the Grofar portal with pupils during the first half of this term. We would strongly recommend that pupils and parents/carers begin identifying potential employers and making contact with companies as early as possible.



People to Support in Careers
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Mrs Roberts - The Telford Langley
School

During our Work Experience week last term, we were delighted to receive such positive feedback from the businesses and organisations who welcomed our young people into their workplaces. It was fantastic to hear about the positive contributions our pupils made, their enthusiasm and professionalism, and the impression they made on our work experience partners.

We would like to thank all of the organisations and employers who supported our pupils and provided them with such valuable opportunities. Their involvement plays an important role in helping our young people develop confidence, skills and a greater understanding of the world of work.



Dawley Dental
Practice

Dates for the Diary

Year 11

11 September – Telford College Vocational Assembly

18 September – Telford 6th A Level Assembly

2 October – Madeley Academy 6th Form Assembly

16 October – ABDAB 6th Form Assembly

13 November – Herefordshire, Ludlow & North Shropshire College Assembly

Year 10

25 September – Telford College: Introduction to GCSEs Assembly

9 October – Work Experience Launch Assembly

6 November – Army Assembly

All Year Groups

17 November – Careers Fair at Telford Langley

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the Careers Fair from 3:15 – 4pm

Parent Voice Questionnaire

Have Your Say

At Telford Langley, we are committed to ensuring that our Personal Development programme provides pupils with the knowledge, skills, experiences and confidence they need to thrive both in school and beyond.

We would really value your feedback as parents and carers.

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Scan the QR code to take part.



Get in Touch

If you have any questions or would like to contact the school, please get in touch:

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Alumni Voice - A Journey of Personal Growth

We are delighted to share the inspiring story of one of our former pupils, Ella Hughes, as she reflects on her journey from starting at Telford Langley to where she is today.

"My education journey has been challenging, but it has helped me grow massively as a person. Throughout Years 7, 8 and 9, I struggled with very high levels of anxiety and often found it difficult to attend school.

Gradually, I began building up my time in school, starting with just one hour a day and eventually working my way up to six hours. Initially, I wasn't able to attend lessons, but each small step was a huge achievement for me.

Towards the end of Year 9, additional support was put in place, which helped me enormously. This was a huge turning point for me, as I finally began to feel that I could enjoy my remaining years of school again.

I went on to achieve a Grade 4 in Maths, and I am currently retaking my English GCSE at Telford College, alongside studying Level 2 Music. Next year, I plan to progress onto Level 3 Music.

One of my biggest achievements, however, has been my personal growth. I have gone from being the 'shy girl' who didn't speak to anyone, to now standing on stage and singing in front of hundreds of people.

My journey has been a rollercoaster, but I wouldn't change any of it. Although school can sometimes seem like a horrible place at the time, once you leave, you look back and realise just how much you miss it and sometimes wish you could go back.

I would like to thank all the amazing teachers and TAs at Telford Langley who supported and guided me throughout my journey. They helped me achieve my goals and, most importantly, helped me become the person I am today."

This is a wonderful example of how personal growth, resilience and the right support can help young people overcome challenges and discover their confidence. We are incredibly proud to share this reflection and wish our former pupil every success as they continue their journey in music and beyond. Well done, Ella!



We love celebrating our pupils' achievements both in and out of school. If your child has enjoyed success that you would like us to share in a future newsletter, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Enrichment Programme

Our enrichment programme provides pupils with opportunities to develop confidence, teamwork, academic skills and personal interests, while also meeting new people and trying something new. All clubs are free of charge and generally run from 3:00pm–4:00pm, unless otherwise stated.

	Creative	Academic	Physical
Monday	Christian Union – RM24 – Outside Speakers 3:15-3:45pm Morning Choir 8am-8:25am – MUI - NDO		
Tuesday	Dance Club All Years (Week A) – Theatre - NDO	English Intervention Yr11 – RM34 Hospitality & Catering Practical Year11A – Food - CDE French Week A – RM45 – JCO Sociology Intervention Yr11 – RM21 – LTO Statistics - Yr11 – RM3 – EMC KS3 Science Support – S5 – DTY	
Wednesday	Art Club – All Year – Art2 – JGA (Sign up required)	Hospitality & Catering Theory Yr 11 – Food – CDE Maths Revision Yr11 – RM4 History Intervention Yr11 – RM21 – LTO Textiles Yr11 – SCON – RMS Project 8 Yr11 – Reading RM1 – KWO Science Club (Week B) – S5 – DTY	Badminton All Years – Sportshall – OFR (Sign up required Chetwood Base) Football Yr 7 & 8 – Astro – LJO
Thursday	Community Champions – Invite Only – RM21 – LTO High School Musical All Cast – Theatre – NDO Textiles – Yr7,8 & 9 – SCON – RMS (Sign up required) The Great Langley Bake Off All Years – Food – CDE (Sign up required)	Science Intervention Yr11 – S2 – SRU Politics Intervention – RM19 – SHA Careers Support (Post-16 applications, CV writing, application letters) – RM1 – SRO	Duke of Edinburgh Invite Only – RM5 – NPE/LCR Netball All Years – Sportshall – AGR Football Yr 9 & 10 – Astro – LJO
Friday	High School Musical Principal Cast – Theatre - NDO		Football Yr 11 – Astro – MCR