

Personal Development

Newsletter



The Telford Langley School

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This term has been a busy and exciting one for Personal Development, with pupils taking part in a wide range of opportunities designed to help them grow both personally and socially. Personal Development plays a vital role in helping our pupils become confident, compassionate and well-rounded individuals, equipping them with the skills and experiences they need to succeed both in and beyond the classroom.

Dates for the Diary

Year 11

13 November – Herefordshire, Ludlow & North Shropshire College Assembly

20 November - Shrewsbury College

10 December - Construction Presentation

22 January - Construction Site Visit

Year 10

6 November – Army Assembly

10 December - Construction Presentation

22 January - Construction Site Visit

27 February - Work Experience to be secured by

3 November - KS4 - STEM Workshop

17 November - KS3 - STEM Workshop

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

Student Spotlight



Celebrating Sporting Success

A huge well done to Scarlett Bailey in Year 8, who recently competed in the Solihull and Birmingham Gymnastics Championships at North Solihull Sports Centre.

Scarlett showcased her skills across four disciplines: floor, vault, trampette and tumble. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are incredibly proud of her dedication and commitment to gymnastics.

Congratulations, Scarlett! We look forward to hearing more about your future successes.

Swimming Success

Congratulations to Shelby Morgan (Year 8), who recently competed in her swimming club championships! Shelby took part in six events and achieved a personal best in each of the events. Shelby has also officially achieved the qualifying time for the county championships in the 50m freestyle. Well, done, Shelby! We're incredibly proud of your hard work and success.

Celebrating a Cleaner Environment

We are delighted to share that the amount of litter across the school site has decreased dramatically compared with this time last year. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the positive choices our students are making every day. It is encouraging to see such a significant shift in attitudes towards keeping our school environment clean and welcoming for everyone.

Last year, plastic bottles were a particular concern, but following the changes introduced in the Heart Space, we have not seen this issue replaced by a similar problem with plastic cups. This is a positive step forward, and we would like to remind students of the importance of continuing these good habits by placing used plastic cups in the recycling bins provided in the Heart Space. We are proud of the progress our students have made and thank them for taking greater responsibility for their surroundings. By continuing to make thoughtful choices, our school community can maintain this improvement and ensure that our site remains a clean, pleasant and sustainable environment for all.



BTEC Performing Arts

In September, our BTEC Performing Arts pupils, alongside those considering studying Performing Arts in the future, enjoyed an exciting visit to Birmingham Rep Theatre to watch a professional production of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the performance, which provided a valuable introduction to the professional theatre work they will be exploring as part of their Component 1 coursework. Seeing the play brought to life on stage gave pupils a deeper understanding of the production and offered inspiration for their own practical and written assignments. We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who attended, who behaved exceptionally well and represented the school brilliantly throughout the day. Their enthusiasm and engagement made the visit a great success.

We look forward to providing further opportunities for our pupils to experience professional theatre and develop their knowledge, skills and passion for the performing arts.

Sporting Success

Year 9 Football – A Spirited Comeback

Our Year 9 football team faced Cheslyn Hay Academy during this term in a closely contested match, narrowly losing 4–3 after a game of two very different halves.

The team found themselves 4–0 down at half-time, with Cheslyn Hay's striker causing problems and our players taking time to adapt to the opposition's attacking threat.

Following a positive half-time team talk, the boys showed fantastic determination and a much-improved attitude in the second half. They worked hard, grew in confidence and fought their way back into the game, scoring three goals to put the opposition under real pressure.

Despite creating several further chances to find an equaliser, it wasn't to be on this occasion.

However, the team deserves great credit for their resilience, teamwork and fighting spirit, refusing to give up until the final whistle.

Year 7 Football – National Cup

This half term, also saw our Year 7 football team began their journey representing the school in the National Cup, taking on Blessed William Howard Catholic School in Stafford in the second round of the competition. With 618 schools entering the Year 7 competition nationally, this was an exciting opportunity for our players to test themselves against unfamiliar opposition and experience competitive football at a high level.

The boys have shown great enthusiasm and commitment as they begin their journey together as a team. The standard of football within our Year 7 cohort has been particularly encouraging, giving us plenty of optimism for their future development and success over the coming years.

Throughout the half term, the team has continued to develop their understanding of the game, build relationships on the pitch and gain valuable experience representing the school. Taking part in competitions such as the National Cup provides an excellent opportunity for students to challenge themselves, demonstrate teamwork and develop resilience.

We are proud of the boys' efforts and look forward to seeing how they continue to progress as a team over the coming months.



Year 11 Politics Trip to London

Our Year 11 students enjoyed an enriching and memorable trip to London as part of their Politics studies, visiting the State Rooms at Buckingham Palace and the Houses of Parliament.

Throughout the day, students explored these iconic locations, asked insightful questions and deepened their understanding of how our country is governed. A particular highlight was the opportunity to observe members of the House of Lords debating in the chamber, providing a fascinating insight into parliamentary democracy in action. The visit was an excellent opportunity to bring classroom learning to life, allowing students to experience first-hand the institutions and processes they have been studying. Well done to all our Year 11 students for their enthusiasm, curiosity and engagement throughout the trip. We hope this experience will inspire them to continue exploring politics and the role they can play as active, informed citizens.



Year 11 Explore Future Pathways at University

A group of Year 11 pupils took part in the Making Informed Choices event at the University of Wolverhampton, providing a valuable opportunity to explore their future options and consider the pathways available to them after leaving school.

Throughout the day, pupils participated in a range of interactive activities designed to help them make informed decisions about their future education and career aspirations. They explored the steps involved in making informed choices, learned about three different routes into higher education, and identified transferable skills that can be applied across education, employment and everyday life.

We hope the day inspired our pupils to think ambitiously about their next steps and feel more confident as they begin planning their future pathways.



Student Leadership

PE Student Leaders Shine at Primary Athletics Event

Our PE Student Leaders recently took part in a fantastic leadership opportunity, supporting pupils from our CAT primary schools at an athletics event held at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham.

Throughout the day, our student leaders took responsibility for leading a range of athletics events, ensuring the younger pupils were engaged, encouraged and supported as they took part. They demonstrated excellent leadership, teamwork and communication skills, helping to create a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Their enthusiasm didn't stop on the track! During lunchtime, our leaders even stepped into the role of entertainers, keeping the primary pupils engaged and ensuring the fun continued throughout the day.

The primary pupils had an amazing experience, and this was largely thanks to the dedication, energy and commitment shown by our PE Student Leaders.

We are incredibly proud of how they represented our school, demonstrating responsibility, confidence and outstanding leadership throughout the event.

Well, done to all our PE Student Leaders for being amazing role models and making the day such a success!



Careers

College and 6th Form Open Events

Post-16 Education and Careers Guidance

This term, we have welcomed representatives from a range of colleges and sixth forms into school to help our pupils make informed decisions about their future education and career pathways. These presentations have provided valuable opportunities for pupils to learn more about the courses, curriculum options and facilities available at different providers, helping them to explore the opportunities open to them after Year 11. Presentations have taken place from Telford College, Telford 6th Madeley Academy, ABDAB. In addition there have been drop in sessions at lunch times from Shrewsbury College and Telford College.

These experiences form an important part of our ongoing commitment to supporting pupils in exploring their options, understanding the opportunities available to them and making confident, informed choices about their next steps beyond Year 11.

Telford 6th (Town Centre):

27th Jan 2027: 5pm-7:30pm

15th Mar 2027: 5pm-7:30pm

**TELFORD
COLLEGE**

Telford College (Wellington):

27th Jan 2027: 5pm-7:30pm

15th Mar 2027: 5pm-7:30pm

**TELFORD
COLLEGE**

Walford College Open Event

6th February 2027: 10am -
12:30



Herefordshire,
Ludlow & North
Shropshire College

SIXTH FORM
Open Evening
Thursday 12th
November 6-8pm

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Year 9 and 10 Explore Careers in Printing and Packaging

A group of Year 9 and Year 10 pupils had the exciting opportunity to visit Ricoh Printing & Packaging to celebrate World Print Day and discover more about the evolving printing industry.

During the visit, pupils explored how printing has developed over time and discovered that the industry now offers far more than traditional printing, with a wide range of modern technologies, processes and career opportunities.

A particular highlight was meeting a group of Ricoh apprentices, who shared their experiences of working within the industry. Pupils took part in an engaging question-and-answer session, gaining valuable insights into apprenticeships, career pathways and the skills needed to succeed in the workplace.

Our pupils engaged exceptionally well throughout the visit, demonstrating curiosity and enthusiasm by asking thoughtful, high-quality questions.

We would like to thank Ricoh for welcoming our pupils and providing such a valuable opportunity to broaden their understanding of the world of work and the exciting career opportunities available to them.



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.

We also offer timetabled lunchtime drop-in sessions with representatives from Telford College and Shrewsbury College, giving pupils the opportunity to find out more about their options and ask questions. In addition, an after-school drop-in session is available every Thursday in Room 1, providing support with college applications and offering guidance on any queries pupils may have.

People to Support in Careers

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Mrs Roberts - The Telford Langley School

You Said, We Did

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to complete our Parent Voice Questionnaire. We really value your feedback, as it helps us to understand your priorities and ensure we continue to provide the best possible guidance and support for our pupils.

Here is how we have responded to your feedback:

You said: You would like more information about apprenticeships and T Levels.

- We did: We shared additional information via email about apprenticeships, including opportunities currently available for pupils to apply for, to help them explore the options available after Year 11.

You said: Pupils were unsure about T Levels and what they involve.

- We did: We hosted a lunchtime drop-in session to give pupils the opportunity to find out more about T Levels, understand how they work and ask questions.

You said: You would like more information about colleges and the opportunities they offer.

- We did: We arranged a series of presentations for Year 11 pupils from local colleges and sixth forms, with further sessions ongoing. We also shared information about colleges and details of upcoming open evenings via email to help pupils and families explore their options.

Thank you once again for your continued support and feedback. Working together with parents and carers is an important part of ensuring our pupils feel informed, confident and prepared to make decisions about their next steps.

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.

Scan the QR code to take part.

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Alumni Voice - Freya's College Journey

It was a pleasure to catch up with former pupil Freya Jenson, who left us in July after completing her GCSEs. I had the opportunity to visit Freya in her new environment at Telford College, where she was helping showcase her subject area to prospective students and their families during the college's Open Evening.

Freya began studying a Level 1 Catering course at Telford College in September and was delighted to share how she is settling into college life. Her week offers a fantastic balance of learning and practical experience, with two days spent developing her culinary skills in the kitchen, a day dedicated to tutorials, and additional hands-on experience working behind the bar and serving customers.



Freya spoke positively about the independence that college brings and how much she enjoys being part of the catering team. She described the team as being like a small family, highlighting the welcoming and supportive environment that has helped her settle in so well. She has also made new friends and is clearly embracing the opportunities available to her.

It was wonderful to see Freya growing in confidence, developing her skills and taking positive steps towards her future career in catering. We are incredibly proud of her progress and wish her every success as she continues her college journey!

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.



Get in Touch

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

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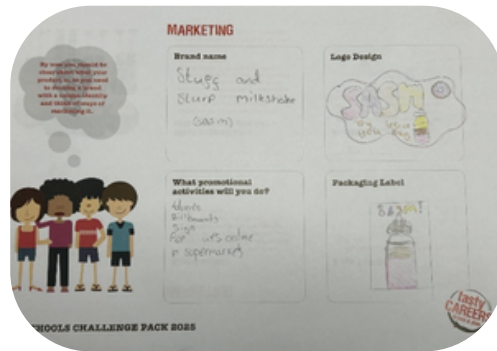
Email: info@telfordlangleyschool.co.uk

Year 7 Pupils Get Creative with Müller

We were delighted to welcome Müller into school to deliver an engaging workshop for groups of our Year 7 pupils, offering an insight into the wide range of career pathways available within the company.

During the workshop, pupils explored the world of product development, marketing and branding, putting their creativity and teamwork skills to the test. They were challenged to design a new product, develop advertising methods, create a logo and present their ideas to the group.

It was fantastic to see pupils thinking creatively, sharing ideas and working collaboratively to bring their concepts to life. The presentations showcased their imagination, communication skills and growing confidence.



Enrichment in the Curriculum

This half term, we have been excited to launch Enrichment in the Curriculum, providing all Key Stage 3 pupils with opportunities to take part in engaging and creative activities as part of their everyday learning.

These activities are designed to bring learning to life, encourage curiosity and allow pupils to develop their knowledge and skills in new and exciting ways. By incorporating practical and creative experiences into lessons, we aim to inspire pupils, build confidence and deepen their understanding of different subjects.

One fantastic example has been in Geography, where pupils created their own volcanoes. This hands-on activity allowed them to showcase their creativity while developing their understanding of how volcanoes form, their features and how they work.

It has been wonderful to see pupils embracing these opportunities and engaging with their learning in different ways. We look forward to seeing how Enrichment in the Curriculum continues to inspire our Key Stage 3 pupils throughout the year!



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 Year 11A – 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