

### Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a good week for the students in school again this week. Also, I have been really impressed with how everyone is continuing to try and challenge themselves to complete work and communication levels between students and teachers via e-mail has risen significantly again.

Teachers have started to experiment wide scale with being able to deliver lessons live via on-line learning platforms and very soon we will be rolling out a programme of live on-line lessons for students at home.

The landscape for schools is constantly changing at the moment and we are delighted to be hosting meetings with our Year 10 students next week.

We are really looking forward to welcoming them back for some face to face learning opportunities during the last 4-5 weeks of the summer term.

Having been brought up in a very multi-cultural town (Bedford), I have been watching with interest the story of the recent protests in relation to the sad death of George Floyd in America.

I am pleased to see one of our former students, who was also a valued member of staff, Joel Tolhurst gave an interview recently on BBC news, you can watch this and you can also watch one of Joel's recent posts on his Instagram account @joely\_t

I would always actively encourage our students to be aware of what is happening in our world and it is our responsibility to provide them with the cultural capital to mould them into global citizens that we can be proud of.

Mr Jon Arnold



### Headteacher Trust News

Operation Encompass is now up and running in Shropshire and The Marches Academy Trust is part of this fantastic scheme.

The initiative will see West Mercia Police working closely with schools and Shropshire Council to ensure the welfare of children who may have witnessed domestic abuse incidents. Members of school staff will receive special training enabling them to provide emotional and practical support for students experiencing domestic abuse.

Full information regarding the initiative can be read in this article compiled by West Mercia Police – [click here](#).

### Student work

Well done to the below students for excellent work in Science:

Liam Binnion

Ellie Barnes

Loui Arkinstall

Callum Boffey

Chloe Tomley

#togetherwegrow

## NOTICES

### County Lines - Know The Signs

West Mercia Police are running a campaign to raise awareness of County Lines. They have been highlighting that County Lines drug gangs are exploiting young and vulnerable people across communities, even during lockdown. They are coercing them to sell drugs as well as get involved in other types of crime, using sophisticated grooming techniques which can often result in control through fear and violence. Know the signs. For further information [click here](#).

### Student work

Below is a piece of artwork students completed this week.



### Daily Blog - 11th June

This morning we had a bit of a change we were greeted by 2 staff members that were at the main entrance who made sure that we were all okay and took our temperature. Our class teachers were Mrs Frederick, Miss Hughes and Mrs Corfield. Our SLT staff was Mrs Tudor. We then walked down the playground where we were let in to the school via reception by a different member of staff. Then hand sanitized our hands and asked if we would like lunch or if we have brought our own. We got split into 2 groups at 9:00am which we then stayed in until break after break we went back to the ICT classrooms with our groups and our leaders who were Mrs Frederick, Miss Hughes and Mrs Corfield helped a little bit. After our lunch we were split into 3 groups which we all then did different activities for half an hour. With Mrs Frederick we did debating, Miss Hughes we did art with hand painting for black lives matter and Mrs Corfield we did a science experiment then we did PE which was basketball. We have had more people in this week than ever due to more people going back to work. Thanks for a good day to our 3 teachers! STAY SAFE!

Courtney Harding (Year 10)

### Email Protocol - a message to our parents and carers

As we all adapt to the "new normal" it is very important to us that we work closely with parents and carers to ensure the regular communication between home and school remains. In the absence of being able to meet face to face with staff, it might mean an increase in email communication.

### Contacting the school via email:

Supporting the young people in our care and managing the wellbeing and workload of our staff team is paramount. We also want to continue to support our parents and carers by responding to parental queries at the earliest opportunity. Whilst our Headteachers, teachers and associate staff are prioritising the smooth running of our schools and the reintegration of our young people, they may not be in a position to respond to emails straight away. Also, for the wellbeing of our staff, we do not expect staff to check or respond to work emails during their personal/family time.

### Expectations for email communications between parents / carers and our staff:

Emails from parents/carers will be responded to during school working hours (8am-4pm).

Our staff will respond to you as soon as possible and within three working days. This does not include weekends or holidays. Part-time staff may take longer to reply. If an urgent response is required, please contact the school office.

*We will continue to monitor our approach to email communication to improve the process further and welcome any feedback you may have.*

## Competitions & Challenges

**MAT competition:** Do you see yourself as a future leader – an MP, a member of local government or someone with world-shifting ideas that need to be shared? SJT have created a competition, inviting short video submissions from young people across the county on the topic of 'improving the lives of young people in Shropshire'. We want to hear your views. How can we make our county an even better place to be? The competition will be judged by Karen Bradshaw Acting Chief Executive of Shropshire Council. Guidelines:

- Videos should be one to two minutes long so think very carefully about the messages you want to share. Film in landscape if possible.
- We suggest you deliver your speech/presentation in a formal style.
- You could consider issues you are passionate about such as: the environment, education, health or facilities for young people.
- Videos should be emailed to [barnett.c@mmt.co.uk](mailto:barnett.c@mmt.co.uk) and [campbell.c@mmt.co.uk](mailto:campbell.c@mmt.co.uk)

Closing date: Monday 22 June.

**History competition:** The Historical Association are running a 'Write Your Own Historical Fiction Competition 2020'.

Winning students will each receive a cash prize, engraved paperweight and a year's free subscription to the Historical Association for their school. Entries close Friday 26 June 2020, click [here](#) for more details.

**Geography competition:** The Royal Geographical Society are running their Young Geographer of the year competition, asking students to submit entries based around the theme of 'the world beyond my window', full competition details can be found [here](#). **The deadline for receipt of all entries is Tuesday 30 June 2020 at 5.00pm.**

**History competition:** Focus Games Ltd are challenging all age groups to create a unique piece of work, drawing, poster, short story, video or artwork in order to celebrate 100 Great Black Britons and their legacy. Entries close 30 September 2020, click [here](#) for more information.

## Charity Golf Day

Charity Golf Day - postponed from July but now booked as follows:

**Date:** Sunday 11th October

**Location:** Arcscot Golf Club, Pontesbury

**Time:** 10am arrival and breakfast  
11am start

**Information:** Informal meal / prizes and raffle from 3.30pm

Tees can be booked via Mark Jones

[m.jones@sa.sat.coop](mailto:m.jones@sa.sat.coop)

**Cost:** £35 per player / £30 junior

## USEFUL CONTACTS

Shropshire Public Health Nursing Service	0333 358 3654
Compass	0345 678 9021
Early Help	<a href="https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/">https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/</a>
Parenting Team	01743 250950
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