

### Dear Parents & Carers

This is the final parent bulletin of the term and school year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, especially during the lockdown phase.

It gave me great pleasure to meet with 7 selected children of key workers this week, for cake and hot chocolate with the leadership team, to acknowledge their efforts and commitment to school and to praise their attendance during lockdown. I want to publicly thank the efforts of all students who have attended school during lockdown, their behaviours, commitment and attitudes have been incredibly positive.

Many of you may have seen the transition work that has been created by Mrs Jones to support not only Year 6 students with their transition to Shrewsbury Academy in September 2020, but for all students who will be returning to school in September following the lockdown due to Covid-19. I would like to thank Mrs Jones and her transition team who have worked incredibly hard.

### September Opening

The preparations are fully under way for our return in September. The Government has released document guidance for the full reopening of schools in September 2020. The following points offer a brief outline of our planned return:

All staff will be expected to return to school from the first day of the new term 1st September 2020, this will be a professional training day for staff with no expectation for students to attend. Further detailed plans will be sent out closer to the return date, which will take into consideration up to date government changes.

- **Year 7** only will start on Wednesday 2nd September
- **Years 10 and 11** will start on Thursday 3rd September
- **Year 8 and 9** will start on Friday 4th September
- All students will be expected to wear full school uniform – information can be found [here](#).

On return to school all staff and students will have full health and safety induction and training.

All staff and students will receive training in the new Health and Safety systems, including social distancing, one-way system and social areas for year groups.

We will be doing everything we can to ensure that our planning adheres to the health and safety guidance. The logistics involved are substantial, but we will ensure that school is ready for all students and staff in September. When we return to school, we will ensure that students experience a curriculum that looks after their emotional and physical well-being and supports reintegration back into school.

In the meantime, I would like to wish you all a safe summer break.

*Miss J. Johnson*  
**Head of School**



## NOTICES

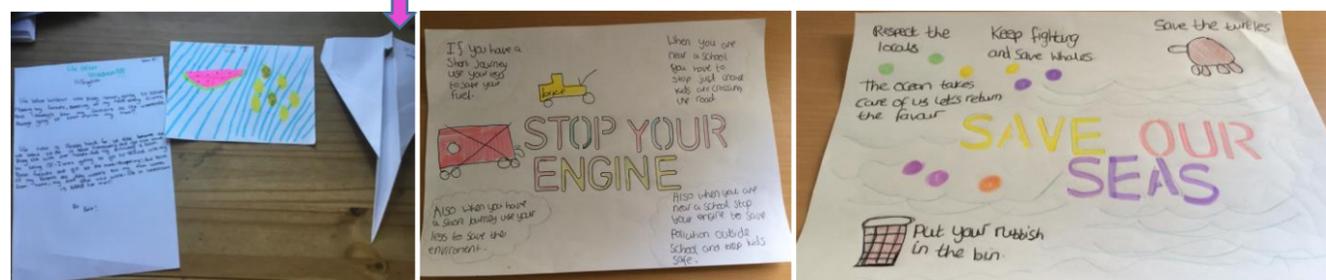
### Be Aware!

We have been made aware of the 'Blue Whale Challenge' that is doing the rounds on social media. A 50 day challenge where an administrator invites a player (child) to engage in a daily self harm task, which get worse as the days go on. Blue Whale Challenge has existed on social media for a long while now the challenge is for young people to complete 50 tasks over 50 days, starting with things such as wake up in the night or watch a scary movie, as the days go on the tasks get more and more sinister with the final task on day 50 being to commit suicide which has resulted globally in many deaths.

There is usually an individual involved telling people what tasks to complete each day.

### Life after lockdown

We are incredibly proud of all students that have taken part in our life after lockdown project – here is some of their work.



When the world fell still, the towering, angular buildings still settled in systematised strings with their cocoa bricks and dotted stars of windows. Mushroom-toned trees still perched within aligned rows, their weaved branches: static. The mellow sun still glistened over the bleak sky, presenting beauty to glass-like dew, and yet coppery bus strips remained bus-less and peeling signs without those to read them. Drowsy souls huffed as they surveyed past their dusty windowsills and imagined 'there surely cannot be any good from this?!' and yet, to a tufted, auburn caterpillar pursuing inch by inch over a highway there was no trepidation, as when the world fell still, he was content.

**Turn your engine off!**

Turn your engine off when you don't need it on. For example, if you are waiting for your child then you don't need your engine on. Another example is: if your journey is short then you don't need to go in the car.



Air pollutants are particularly high during the busiest periods of the day which includes the school run. All those cars' pollution will affect the health of children and adults.



### Saturday morning sessions

Year 10 Design and Technology students can now book places for Saturday morning sessions, each Saturday throughout the summer holiday with 6 students per session. Students can book their date and place by emailing Mr Jones on [m.jones@sa.sat.coop](mailto:m.jones@sa.sat.coop)

Dates available are:

- Saturday 25th July
- Saturday 1st August
- Saturday 8th August
- Saturday 15th August
- Saturday 22nd August
- Saturday 29th August

Mr Jones will confirm your place via email. Sessions will run from 9.00am - 1.00pm.

### Year 11 Results Day letter

Please click here to see the Year 11 results day letter.



### Trust Newsletter

We are pleased to show you our end of term Trust newsletter, please [click here to view](#).

### Transition

We were excited to launch our Year 6 transition website last week which can be found at [www.shrewsburyacademy.co.uk/starthere](http://www.shrewsburyacademy.co.uk/starthere)

We are regularly uploading activities and videos to support our virtual transition ready for students we join us in September.

Please also like our Facebook page @shrewsburyacademy where there will also be regular upload. We cannot wait to welcome the class of 2025 to our school.

### SEND Local Offer

Please see the parent help line poster that has been set up to enable parents to have a support service if they are concerned about their child returning to school in September.

**The SEND Local Offer**

Lots of information and support for children and young people with SEND and their families, including:

- Education
- Health and wellbeing
- Family support
- Social care
- Preparing for adulthood
- Early help
- Things to do
- Education, health and care plan (EHCP)
- Travel and transport
- Financial support

local.offer@shropshire.gov.uk 0345 678 9063  
[www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/)

If you need help accessing the Local Offer please speak to your school or local library.



### Head Students - Announcement

It is our pleasure to announce that Alex Grange and Mollie Williams, both in the current Year 10, have been elected as next year's Head Students. They are the first Head Students at Shrewsbury Academy to be voted into the role by staff and students via a democratic election.

The role of Head Student is an extremely important one as they lead our Student Leadership Team. They are the official voice of the student body, they represent the school and are an important link between students, staff and the wider community. We are very excited to be working with them to develop student voice and leadership in the school. Alex and Mollie's first task will be to organise the election of Student Subject Leaders, Community Leaders, Pastoral Leaders and House Captains. From the quality of the candidates in our recent Head Student elections, it is clear that we have plenty of leadership talent within our school community.

### Competitions & Challenges

**Biology Competition:** The Nancy Rothwell Award celebrates specimen drawing in schools and highlights the benefits of combining Art and Science. The competition challenges entrants to draw, paint, sketch or digitally create artwork capturing plant and animal anatomy. Open to students aged 7 to 18 years old, closing date for submissions 31 July 2020. [Click here](#) to view full details and prizes available.

**History Competition:** Focus Games Ltd are challenging all age groups to create a unique piece of work; drawing, poster, short story, video, or artwork to celebrate 100 Great Black Britons and their legacy. Entries close on 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:** Arscot 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

<b>Shropshire Public Health Nursing Service</b>	0333 358 3654
<b>Compass</b>	0345 678 9021
<b>Early Help</b>	<a href="https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/">https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/</a>
<b>Parenting Team</b>	01743 250950
<b>SEND Local Offer</b>	<a href="https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/">https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/</a>



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