



Year 10 GCSE history pupils visited Shrewsbury Prison to learn more about punishment across British history.

Shrewsbury Prison (1793), also known as The Dana was for many years a place of execution, which in older times was carried out in public and drew huge crowds in an unwholesome festive atmosphere. People used to turn up early to make sure they got a good place and posters were produced as souvenirs. The last public hanging took place in 1868, after this date executions took place within the walls of the prison. In 1961, 21-year-old George Riley was executed by hanging. This was the last execution at the prison before this form of capital punishment was abolished in 1969.



Dear parents/carers, please keep the academy updated with any change of details including new address, phone number, email etc.

It's important for pupils to make a good start every day

- **Arrive on time**
- **Be ready to learn**
- **Commit yourself**



Darwin Charity Bake Sale



The HAD rugby truck just keeps on trucking...KS3 girls played their first ever fixture against Charlton. They played 3 games, drawing 2 and winning 1. They were absolutely fab-amazing! Great teamwork.

Pupils, parents, carers and friends packed into the Auditorium to see the Charity Talent Show 24.

We were treated to 14 acts including dancing, singing, art, piano playing, a Saxophone solo, acting and a DJ set. Head Judge Mr Hughes said 'It was an incredibly tight competition and we saw some amazing talent. Congratulations to all the participants and the winners Be sure to get practicing for next year!'

Many thanks to Mr Richards and Mr Ruston for organising the event and to our Sixth from judges Matti Keagan, Keira Harris, Niamh Wright and Rosie Fellows. All proceeds will go to House Charities.

HAD Talent Show 2024



1st Oscar Briggs: a superb and imaginative performance of the song Gethsemane



2nd Charlie Thompson and Shaun Knott: a brilliant Oasis tribute act



3rd Anya Waterston: Pirates of the Caribbean on the saxophone



World Religion Day

Students have been celebrating World Religion Day, beginning with house assemblies on the day. Following this, Key Stage 3 RE students were set an optional homework - to create a fact file on a Religion of their choice.

Mr Hailes and Miss Gwilliam have seen some fantastic fact files and are very impressed with the number of students who completed the task. There was some excellent creativity demonstrated!

World Religion Day aims to promote understanding and peace between all religions as well as mutual understanding and tolerance between peoples from different backgrounds.



Rugby Selection

Josh Thackeray Y13, is the first Abraham Darby player to make it to Midlands RFU. Josh trains at Warwick where he gets to experience a professional rugby environment.

"It an honour to represent the Midlands RFU as it means I'm representing my school and club - Newport, Salop"

Josh Thackeray



Our annual Careers Fair was attended by students from years 9 to 13. Over the course of the day almost 700 students accessed the event planned and organised by our career's coordinator Bridget Hodson. Students benefitted from the wealth of knowledge about future pathways provided by over 40 representatives from universities, colleges, the Armed forces, NCS,DWP school Liaison, local and national employers, and training providers.



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Joint Concert Featuring Tredegar Town Band & Abraham Darby Bands

**4:00pm
Saturday
24th February**

the Hawke Auditorium
Haberdaishers/
Abraham Darby,
Ironbridge Rd, Madeley
Telford TF7 5HX

Tickets £10
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**Save
the
Date!**

Exam Week:
6th - 8th Feb
Family Quiz Night:
Wed 7th Feb
18:00 - 20:00
Celebration Day:
Fri 9th Feb
Half Term:
12th-16th Feb



As part of Thrive provision, each week students attend Arthog Outreach. Unfortunately, it was cancelled this week, but that didn't stop Kai and Bailey who worked together in making a Thrive robot out of cardboard. Great collaborative working and teamwork skills were shown alongside creativity, focus and concentration. Superb!



Members of the senior rugby team were invited to Worcester University to take part in a rugby open day. They got to sample university life and sat in on lectures including themes of 'sports around the world' and 'biomechanics'.