

HAD NEWS

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A day to remind ourselves of the importance of being kind to others. Kindness means thinking about how other people feel and how we can make them feel better. When you're feeling stressed, upset or annoyed with friends and family it can sometimes feel hard to be as kind as you'd like to be. But did you know that being kind can actually have a positive effect on your mental wellbeing?



A big thanks to Jo Chattell, Community Champion from Tesco Madeley Superstore for the kind and generous donation of toiletry's for our pupils in need.

TESCO



Showband performed extremely well at Telford & Wrekin Council's Civic Remembrance service on Remembrance Sunday at Telford Minster. They accompanied hymns and performed the British Legion March to enable Standard Bearers to parade. Many dignitaries from across Telford & Wrekin and the county were there and many of them passed on their thanks to the band for performing so impeccably.

The brass group also performed at Madeley Parish Council's Remembrance service in the morning. Both Head Boy Joe Costello & Yr 12 pupil Oscar Briggs had the privilege and pressure of performing Last Post & Reveille at both services which they executed admirably.

Joe played Last Post & Reveille again on Armistice Day in school to mark the 2-minute silence at 11am and Oscar played at Telford & Wrekin Council's ceremony on the same day. Many thanks to all involved.





LITTLE MONSTERS

Year 9's built 'Marsh Monsters' using marshmallows. The monster's characteristics are determined by the genes it inherits from its Mum and Dad. Pupils were given cards with information about the monster's parents genotype. Half of the genes come from Mum and half from Dad.



BOOK FAIR



As part of our ongoing commitment to encouraging a lifelong love of reading, we have been hosting a Book Fair for Year 7, 8 and 9. The Fair features a variety of lovely books suitable for many ages and interests. As well as providing an opportunity that we hope will inspire your child to explore new stories and authors, we earn commission on book sales that enables us to buy new books for the School Library. You can find out more about the books available and confirm prices at bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases. Please scan the QR code to pay online, or visit bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay (this is a payment platform only, you do not enter your order)



RIVER RESCUE

Year 9 children, who went to Arthog Outreach, were really lucky to have the opportunity to rescue a kayaker. They were watching the kayakers on the River Sever and they very kindly offered to jump into the water to allow the children to attempt to rescue them with the throw line. A great real-life opportunity!



We held a non uniform day for Children in Need



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BIG SWIM

Joe Costello, Head Boy, is swimming the width of the English Channel this month in aid of Cancer Research. Most people take two months to do this, Joe is aiming to nail it in one!

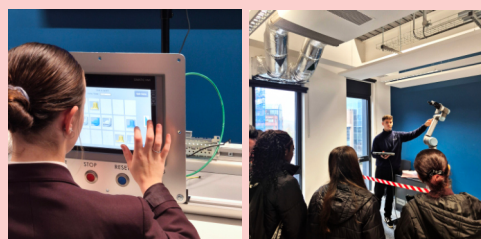
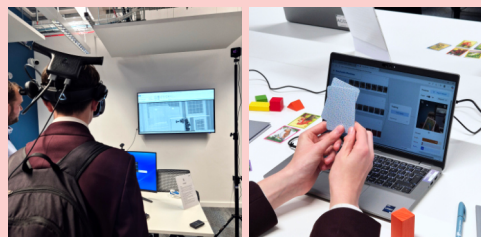
If you are able to, and would like to sponsor him directly, please scan this link





SUITED & BOOTED

6th Form students dressed smart to raise money for the end of year Prom.



STEM

Students from Year 10 were selected to participate in the Digital Sparks event at The Quad in Telford. The event was hosted by Harper Adams University and Telford & Wrekin Council to showcase opportunities for engagement in STEM based careers within the local area. It featured workshops from Capgemini, Bit-Group, Iconsys and Harper Adams themselves.

Students got to try their hands at developing a learning model for AI image recognition, controlling a robot arm used in manufacturing and production, using VR to visualise deep sea control cabinets, designing applications for people with accessibility needs and using specialist camera software to develop 3D architectural surveys.

The greatest challenge came when trying to beat an AI robot in a game of Connect 4, a feat which was seemingly impossible until Jack managed a draw against the formidable machine!



HAD ACF

The newly created Haberdashers' Abraham Darby ACF detachment, established in September 2025, has proven popular with pupils from Years 8-11.

So far, the cadets have worked on the following: map-reading skills, Skill at Arms and shooting with the Scorpion Air Rifle, Drill (marching), First Aid and fieldcraft. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme will be introduced in due course.

Cadets have taken part in the RBL Poppy appeal (01/11/25), a Remembrance ceremony (09/11/25) and wore their uniforms to school with pride (11/11/25).

Coming up soon is a Christmas camp at Parsons Barracks in Donnington from Friday evening (12/12) until Sunday (14/12) afternoon.

Could you be our next cadet? Find out more here <https://armycadets.com/find-a-detachment/>

If you would like to join, type TF7 5HX into the 'Find a detachment' search box and select Haberdashers' Abraham Darby



PRIVILEGE PASS POWER

Top performing pupils in Year 11 have been selected to receive their Year 11 Privilege Passes this week. We have been so impressed with these pupils and they have been awarded the privilege of skipping line ups in the morning, jumping the lunch queue and leaving site for one lunchtime per week. We love rewarding pupils who do they right thing.

The rest of Year 11 are working hard to secure their pass.



POPPIES TO POP ART



Poppies to Pop Art, Lowry to the impacts of past and present war, all held within the amazing IWM North building designed by Daniel Libeskind. Seeing both the external and internal structures of the building was an experience in itself. The building's design is a significant part of the museum's identity, with conflict and chaos being part of architecture and the exhibits.

Our sixth form creative students from product design, art and media enjoyed a full day when they headed north to Manchester. They not only had the opportunity to visit the museum but also to explore all that's on offer in Media City by day. Following this, they did a quick navigation of the Manchester metro to go into the city to attend the UCAS Create your Future event to investigate the universities that offer their creative pathways, then the students returned to Salford Quays. There was time to take in an exhibition in the Lowry before ending the day with more opportunities for photographic research for their subjects while walking back through Media City and getting a whole new perspective of buildings and lighting when daylight had faded.



ODD SOCKS DAY

Habs Aspire

Habs Aspire has launched!

As part of our character curriculum, The Haberdashers' Advantage, the Habs Aspire programme connects every sixth-form student with a professional mentor. This supportive and inspiring relationship aims to nurture students' academic and personal growth while helping them make confident, informed decisions about their future.

30 Year 12 students will be taking part this academic year and be supported by Miss France to help grow and shape this new programme.

Find out more: www.haberdashers-aspire.org.uk

Interested in becoming a mentor? We are seeking individuals from various industries and backgrounds, eager to inspire and support young people.

Commitment: 4 online video meets per academic year - training is provided.

To get involved email aspire@hwmat.org.uk




PICTURE THIS

Join our online interactive workshop for parents and carers to understand image sharing

- Understand the worries around sexting and the sharing of nude photos.
- Discuss risks and consequences.
- Explore how we can talk to our children and young people about this effectively.
- Discover practical options to support your children and young people.

Choose from the following dates:
Tuesday 30 September, Wednesday 29 October or Thursday 20 November, all 6-8pm

To book your space, scan QR code or visit www.telfordfamilyhubs.co.uk
 Booking form located in parenting section of website.



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