



SMALL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2019



**EEL Day visit
from the
Animal Man
23rd October
2019**

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Vice-Principal's Wall



Busy, busy , busy

This time of year is always incredibly packed and as a result there is a real buzz around the school. Leaving the school sometimes long after the 3:15 pm bell has rung, it amazes me how many students are still in school eagerly participating in activities across the full spectrum of the school. We have regularly been getting over 100 Y11 students every night for revision sessions alone! Maybe we should open 24hrs a day! I suppose with mock exams only a matter of weeks away it is no surprise.

Reports from the 'Your futures' conference which all Y11 attended were excellent. All of the students had a mock interview as part of the process with several scoring the top mark of 30 out of 30. Hopefully this experience will stand them in good stead as they start to apply for placements post 16.

The bands are keenly preparing for the busy autumn concert schedule and many of the sports teams are progressing through to the next rounds of their respective leagues and cups. We have also started our schedule of small school competitions with all students recently competing in the cross country events. Currently we have a letter writing competition as well as a photography competition in full swing so get your entries in fast.

Finally, towards the end of last half term we held our first EEL day. On this day we had an incredible assortment of activities going on from wheelchair basketball, to mindfulness and meditation, with even an opportunity to work with and handle some very exotic animals. It was great to see both staff and students getting stuck into these exciting opportunities.

Ben Morgan, Vice Principal

Dates for your diary...

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 13th & Friday 15th November 2019

Monday 18th November 2019

Saturday 16th November 2019

Wednesday 27th November 2019

Thursday 28th November 2019

Monday 2nd December 2019

Monday 16th December 2019

Friday 20th December 2019

KS4 GCSE Drama performance evening

School closed for PD Day

BBS Bands Autumn Concert

Work Experience Awards Evening

Year 11 2019 GCSE Examination Cohort

Presentation Evening

Year 8 & 9 Meet the Tutor Evening

BBS Bands Christmas Concert

Last day of term

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January 2020

Tuesday 7th January 2020

PD Days

First day of term

Team Aqualate: Our best always!

Academic Focus

With Year 11 already very much focused on their final year exam preparations, we are keen to recognise their hard work. Here they can be seen enjoying a special lunch to reward being in the top fifteen for progress over the summer. Small schools are working closely with Year 11 students to support them with their studies.



Charity Work

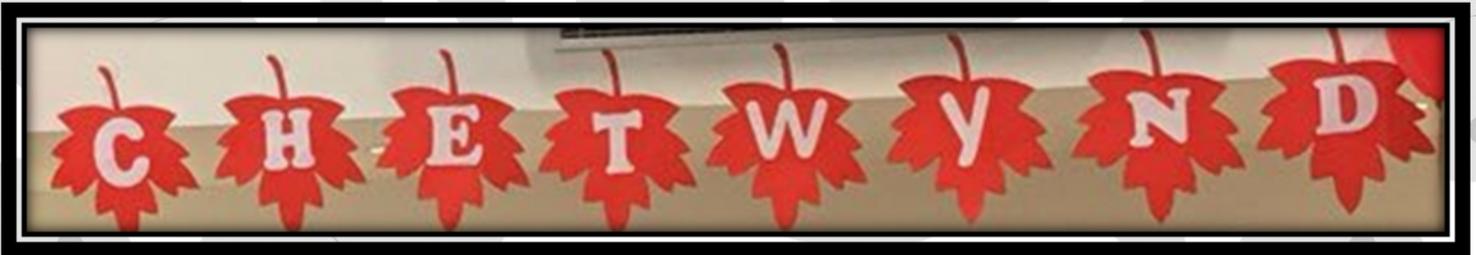
The 10th October was World Mental Health Day and Aqualate students got behind Young Minds' #HellowYellow campaign by wearing something yellow to raise funds and mark the day for the school. We have also raised in excess of £1400 in the last year for the Alzheimer's Society through a variety of fundraising activities including a football match, cake sales, poster competitions, a collection in Lidl and CLL activities. This year we will be supporting the Newport Foodbank, a local charity where the money is used directly to support our community in Newport, Gnosall, Muxton, Donnington and Shifnal.

Naming and Faming



In Aqualate we are keen to recognise our students' significant contributions, not only to the life of the school but to the wider community and indeed the nation. Every Friday tutors nominate students to go up on the 'Naming and Faming' board in the office and their names are displayed proudly in assembly. There have been some notable achievements by our students that we wish to recognise here. For example, Bob Hurford achieved a distinction in his LAMDA exams over the summer. Emily Fletcher has been selected to play for the England Under-16 Girls' Football team. Leo Allen won the youth category of the Newport Shropshire cycling club 'hill climb time trial' yesterday and came 9th overall. Lucian Vlad has won gold at the British Boys Taekwondo Championships in Warchester. Phoebe Jones and Kate Greenwood took part in the cross country league, winning the team and individual races. Will Arnold won the 'Big Think' competition.





Our first newsletter of the new term. It's been a term of triumphs so far and we're only half-way through. Currently Chetwynd School have had the highest reward points out of the three small schools for the last **THREE** weeks. Chetwynd school are also in first place for the highest attendance as it stands, so an extended thank you to all our families for supporting us with that. Competition is rife, at the moment, with the Poetry, Big Think, Cross Country and MFL Spelling Bee all taking place. Please encourage your child to take part in as many of these as possible.

Chetwynd Excellence Award



These 5 students (one from each year group) were the first 5 students to be awarded our Excellence Award. Their outstanding effort and contributions to their lessons has meant they are all making wonderful progress across the curriculum.

Congratulations to these students, who were recognised for their outstanding contributions and work in French and Spanish.



Don't forget to follow us on twitter @ Chetwynd.bbs



Congratulations to our top 15 year 11 students, who were invited to our progress lunch following their exceptional mock results. Hard work does pay off.

All our year 11's are working so hard at the moment and we've been so impressed with the number attending revision regularly.

Chetwynd Charity:

This year we will again be supporting Telford Young Carers, a local charity that heavily relies on the donations we make.

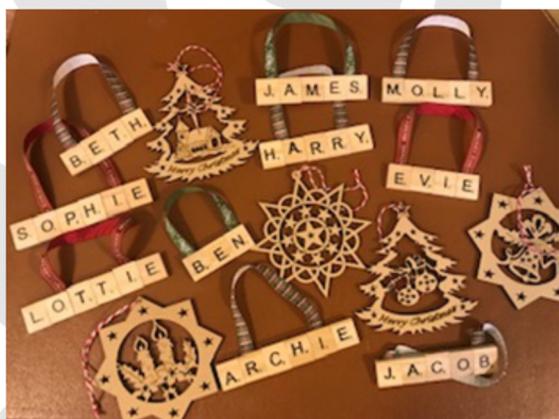


It would be great to see as many Chetwynd families as possible at the Bingo Night on the 29th November.

Dates for Your Diary:

November is Chetwynd Charity Month. We are excited to share with you some of our up and coming charity events.

11 th -15 th November	Inter-school sports in PE lessons
18 th November	Treasure Hunt (during school time)
29 th November	Man Hunt (after school)
29 th November	Family Bingo Evening



- Personalised tree decorations are £2 each and can be made with a choice of ribbon
- Christmas Trees, Snowflakes and Stars are £1 each or £4 for the set of 5.
- Bird feeders on sale for £5.
- Order forms are available in school or you could email direct to karen.burton@taw.org.uk to place your order. But be quick..... they are selling like hot cakes!!

Also this month we are launching our new '100's Club'. Application forms and full details on how to be part of this exciting venture will be emailed out to parents in the before Christmas.



We presented a cheque for £1400 to Telford Young Carers following our Charity fundraising last year.

They were really chuffed!

Hawkstone



Hawkstone School
"We fly above."

We are halfway through our first term of this academic year and what a half-term it has been! The past 8 weeks have been phenomenally successful for our students and we have a huge amount to celebrate in Hawkstone. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to our Year 7 students. The transition from primary to secondary can be a difficult one but they have embraced the challenge and appear to have settled in brilliantly; it has been a pleasure to see their smiling faces every day! I also want to give a special mention to our Year 11 students who have approached this year with maturity, tenacity and determination. Their attendance at revision sessions has been superb and we are extremely proud of how they are approaching their final year of studies.

Charity



One of our proudest moments last year was winning the Charity trophy by raising over £1600 for Marie Curie. Winning the trophy was a special moment but pales in comparison with the knowledge that our students, through their community spirit and hard work, have made such a difference to people's lives. This year, our charity captains have continued in their drive to raise more money. Students volunteered to sell badges and pens at the school's open evening and they have even been making scrunchies to be sold after half term!



Wellbeing Mentors

Our wellbeing mentors in Hawkstone have been trained by CAMHS and work with students on a drop-in or a referral basis. They are available in the Hawkstone office at lunchtime on Monday and Friday and offer a range of therapies including Art Therapy and Cognitive Behavioural Therapy.



Celebrating Success

Well done to these Year 11 students who did so well in their mock exams that their progress is some of the best in the school. We had a lovely lunch with them all to celebrate their hard work. Well done, Year 11!



Talking of future leaders, look at these smiling faces from the Your Futures Conference which was attended by our Year 11 students on 23rd October. The students behaved impeccably and did the school proud. Despite their nerves, the students pictured all did brilliantly in their mock interviews.

These Year 9 students who were invited to our Hot Choc Friday at the start of October. They were a real gregarious bunch and we had a wonderful Friday

Success Outside of School

We are always in awe of our students who not only show commitment to their studies and extra-curricular areas of school but also nurture their talents outside of school too. The students below have all been incredibly successful in their various endeavours outside of school and we would love to take this opportunity to celebrate their success. Well done everyone!



Did you know that we have National Gymnast Champions in Hawkstone? The students pictured on the right take part in Acrobatic Gymnastics – a sport in which The Disability Category partners gymnastics with additional needs with fully able gymnasts. This encourages all gymnasts to work together and share their skills. In their categories, these students are British School's National Champions! A HUGE well done to you all – amazing!

First place in a cheer-leading competition



Boxing Champion!

