



Webberzine

STEM Celebration

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On 22nd October 2015 we hosted our annual celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. **Now in it's eleventh year, the evening continues to showcase and reward the best in the STEM subjects and ignites in all who attend that spark of inspiration to go on to be the best they can be, within or outside the field of STEM.**

In front of a packed house that included friends, family, governors and other invited guests, the highest attaining students and those who made most progress in Science, Technology and Mathematics, were acknowledged and applauded. Students receive a certificated and much desired badge that is only available to those students invited to the event. A number of students achieved the clean sweep in all subjects, with Nilavan Thipaharan (9K), Tom Blain (10B), Josh Greenside (ex 11S), being the highest attainers in each of Science, Technology and Mathematics in their respective year groups for 2014-15.

The successes of students passed were also shared: students who were themselves **participants of previous celebration events, had their 'A' level results shared with an update of their next step on their STEM journey.** Mary Webb students have gone onto start a wide range of courses, including Marine Biology, Physiotherapy, Pilot Training, and Engineering and Technology at universities across the country. Two students have gone to Oxford University: Lauren Forwood to read Physics, and Ewan Grainger to read Biological Science.

Our guest speaker for the night, as has become customary, was also an ex student. Professor Stephen Wood left Mary Webb school in 1989. He shared his journey and the inspirational moments that have led him to become what he is today - Professor of Adolescent Brain Development and Mental Health at the University of Birmingham. His stage was shared with current students, Satwika Saran, Archie Robertson and Kathryn Clark who spoke eloquently about their experience representing the school at the National Young Engineering School of **the Year final. We saw Matthew Swain and Nathan Morgan's prize winning entry to the Bill Bryson Science Communications competition, and Nilavan Thipaharan, Tom Blain and Sam Morris entertained us with their experience at the UKMT Team Challenge event.**

Tom Blain and Sam Morris were then joined on stage by Rhys Evans and Ella Boswell to talk about their regional award winning CREST project **"Does listening to music affect your learning?"**. This was followed up by Satwika Saran, Alex Tompkinson, Mollie MacDonald, and Jack Tudor who shared their CREST project **"Do too many cooks spoil the broth?"**. Their project won the regional final and will go on to represent the school and the region at the national finals at the Big Bang in March 2016; we wish them the best of luck.

Our final speaker was also announced Specialist College Student of the Year. Josh Greenside spoke about his **Product Design piece 'Interactive lamp', inspired by the work of architect and designer Frank Lloyd Wright.** Josh has been nothing more than an exemplary ambassador for all STEM subjects - highest attaining student in all three subjects, with a determination for success. Josh was a worthy recipient of the award this year. Well done to him and thanks to him for what he represents as a role model to younger students.



AUTUMN 2015



School Performance

Congratulations to all the students who left Mary Webb last summer. The results achieved by this year group were excellent. Whilst students should take credit for their own success, it is important to realise that success is most usually built in partnership with family and school.

There are many highlights in this year's results at individual, subject and school level. I am however, most delighted that yet again every student left Mary Webb with a minimum of five qualifications. The impact of this can clearly be seen in the provisional destination data that shows all our leavers engaged in education, training or employment. This is some achievement. Thank you to Trevor Oakley at Shropshire Youth for his ongoing support and guidance with regard to post 16 education and training.

Key Stage 4 Examinations Results 2015

Performance Indicator	MWSSC 2014	MWSSC 2015	Shropshire	National
% of pupils 5 + A* - C, including English & Mathematics	60	60	55	516
% of pupils 5 + A* - G	100	100	n/a	93
% of pupils 5 + A* - C	67	75	n/a	65
Average capped points - Best 8 subjects	329.7	330	317	308
English Baccalaureate *	25	20	24	24

* English, Mathematics, Science, History or Geography, and a Modern Foreign Language.

Please note that the slight fall in this indicator is due to a slightly smaller number of students choosing to study a modern language. The figure for 2016 will be above the national average.

2015 School Leavers Destinations

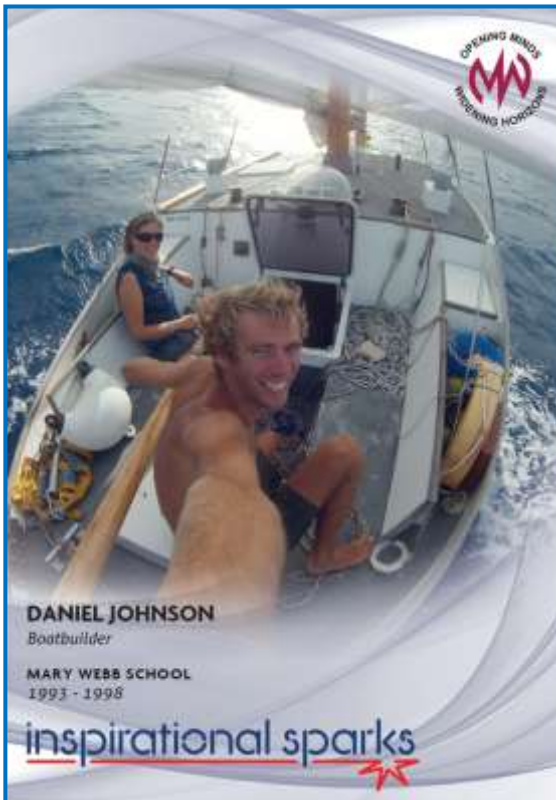
	%
Sixth Form College	37.6
Further Education	52.7
Other Post 16	1.1
Full time training	1.1
Apprenticeship	7.5
	100

Thank you to all who have contributed to this term's charity fundraising. The Charities Committee, led by students, has done a fantastic job with the Christmas shoe boxes. Thank you.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you a peaceful, happy and merry Christmas. Please note that term starts on Monday 4th January 2016.

A J Smith
December 2015

inspirational sparks



Daniel Johnson

Mary Webb School 1993 - 1998
St Mary's CE Primary School, Westbury

After leaving Mary Webb, Daniel did a 2 year B-tech National Diploma in General Art and Design at Shrewsbury College of Arts and Technology. After this he spent 3 years at Edinburgh College of Art and achieved a Ba Hons Degree (2:1) in Design and applied arts (furniture and product Design).

Within a few months of graduating from Edinburgh, Daniel set up his own business called 'DJ Woodworks', registered as 'self employed', and started designing and building unique furniture. For this he was lucky to be offered the chance to rent part of an established workshop, just south of Edinburgh, with the use of lots of good quality woodworking machinery and a gallery to show and sell work through. After 3 years working here he moved to the far north west coast of Scotland (Ullapool) with his soon to be wife Charlotte. Here, Daniel could pursue one of his biggest passions - Sailing and Boatbuilding.

Daniel set up a new workshop in Ullapool and started building and repairing boats. He is largely self taught in boatbuilding and considers boats like large pieces of furniture!

Daniel still runs his own business 'DJ Woodworks' and most of his work is repairing and maintaining boats. Sometimes he is working on fishing boats and other times on Yachts or small boats. Boatbuilding involves a variety of skills from metalwork, engineering, lots of woodwork and of course design to bring it all together. This variety is what Daniel loves most about his job.

Between 'jobs' Daniel found time to build a new boat for him and his wife. In 2013 they launched the boat, and Charlotte and Daniel set sail for 2 years. They stopped over winter in Bristol where he worked for 6 months in 'Underfall Boatyard'. They sailed south through Europe, then down the west coast of Africa to Gambia. They sailed 150 miles up the river Gambia before crossing the Atlantic to the Caribbean. After exploring the tropical Islands they sailed north to Bermuda and back across the Atlantic to Scotland. Daniel says "It's not all work!"

Daniel and many other past students have been sharing with us what they have done since leaving Mary Webb School as part of our 'Inspirational Sparks' programme. Do you know of anyone who has done amazing things since leaving here? If so, get in touch for more background to the project and how you can help.

E-mail Mrs Mould on kmould@marywebbschool.com

What was your moment of inspiration to do better in life / want to succeed? My foremost experiences of school were mixed. My parents moved many times and having to start new schools and make new friends was never easy. I found my early years in secondary school challenging - I was supposed to start at Mary Webb, but having moved back to Shrewsbury I attended the Priory School. It took time to make new friends.

In Year 9 I began to find my feet - my teachers in Geography and History were inspirational and gave me a real thirst for learning. My confidence in other subject areas improved. Ultimately, I moved to Shrewsbury Sixth Form College and then to University.

My father was a head teacher, and whilst demanding, he would always support me to do my very best and push me to succeed. By his own admission, he found school difficult, but he worked incredibly hard, believed in himself, and in 2008 he received an OBE from the Queen for services to Education.

When I left University I considered becoming a teacher, but doubted I could. Dad was a huge influence and gave me some great advice - good teaching is about developing relationships. As preparation I worked with young people in a local children's home. The relationships I developed and experiences that we shared, inspired me to join the profession.

What inspires you now? I loved participating in sport when growing up. Football was a big passion, although I never felt I was very good. I played golf and captained Oswestry Golf Club's junior team. A number of my team mates became professionals, something I considered but felt was probably out of my reach. I would always advise young people to believe in themselves and push to be the very best that they can be - something I wish I had done more often. In 2004 I ran the London marathon, something I thought I was incapable of doing - raising money helped to inspire me, but the belief that I could finish the run came from hard work. I was much fitter for the experience and realised you can do anything if you put your mind to it!

Mr Jervis : Key Stage 4 Leader



SPORT AT MARY WEBB

Yoga We bid for funding and were awarded it for a new Yoga club, aimed at Year 9 and Year 10 girls. The club is run by Teen Yoga and started on Tuesday 3rd November for 7 weeks.



“Yoga was very fun. I found it extremely relaxing. I also learnt lots of things, such as how to de-stress when preparing for exams”.



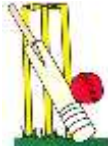
Bowling Kelly Jones, Year 9, has been awarded a place in the county green bowling team. Well done Kelly!



Cross Country Callum Mitchelmore, Year 10, has been selected to take part in the county cross country championships.



Cricket Ollie Cowdall and Henry Morris, Year 9 have been selected for training with the county cricket teams.



Lara Jones, Year 11, continues to train for the U16 county cricket, whilst training for the England cricket team, and also with the England rounder's squad.

Rugby We have played rugby matches this term against Belvidere, Church Stretton, **Ludlow, Bridgnorth Endowed, Bishop's Castle, Charlton, Telford Park and Marches.**



Football Mollie Lenc, Year 8, has been selected for county football. Becky Jenks, Year 9 continues to play county football.



Zoe Thomas, Year 10, is currently completing her football refereeing course. Whilst Morgan Bowden and Tom White, Year 10, are also near to completion of their referee award, and are now using it in school.

Year 7 are through to the next round of the County Plate. We have had matches **against Whitchurch, Bishop's Castle, Church Stretton, Sundorne, and Shrewsbury School.**

Netball Students from Years 7 to 11 have played the following schools in netball competitions since September: Priory, Sundorne, Meole Brace, The Grange and Belvidere. We have organised **matches against the girls' High School and Church Stretton.**



We continue to feed students into the local netball clubs of Severn Gems and Recycles.



SPORT AT MARY WEBB

PE Commendations

Each half term, the PE department nominate pupils for a PE commendation. This can be from work in lessons, or from a sporting achievement. Here are the winners from the Autumn 2015 term:

September to October 2015



Duke Beesty (7S)

For being a hard working, conscientious student who always tries his best.



Emily Duckett (8K)

For her hard work and improvement in her skill set to do well in PE.



Jenna Wellings (9S)

For consistently trying her best to accomplish every task well.



Amy Brookes (10S)

For her hard work and focus in BTEC.



Ryan Savage (11B)

For never giving up and being totally committed to achieve his target grade.

October to December 2015



Emily Churms (7S)

For her hard work and enthusiasm. Emily has shown natural leadership qualities and regularly organises the Year 7 netball team.



Josh Kula (8B)

For being a good, positive role model who has great organisation skills and a hard work ethic.



Jack Gronow (9S)

For applying lots of effort to developing his skills. He is always polite and a great role model.



Celia Gillis (10C)

For her enthusiasm, hard work and lovely attitude. She has settled into Mary Webb PE lessons so well and has developed as a talented performer.



Lucy Bramwell (11B)

For being a conscientious, hard working student, who has produced a high standard of BTEC work.

Curriculum Day - 30th September 2015

Year 7 students spent half the day working with PE staff, participating in the first of their interactive house competitions. The other half of the day was spent on Earl's Hill Nature



Reserve, working with Mrs Mould and tutors, along with professional storyteller Amy Douglas. Students worked with Amy, listening to her stories and telling their own stories in the woods.

Year 9 As part of curriculum day the Year 9 students were taken to the National Memorial Arboretum in Stafford. This was to help them with their studies on the First and Second World Wars.



The students took part in a workshop, learning about the significance of the poppy and how they are made today.

They also had the chance to visit the many significant memorials at the site, including the 'Shot at dawn' memorial. This was particularly moving as it showed the ages of the men when they were shot and the students realised how close they were in age.

Hannah Upton-Evans and Skye Davies said *"I really enjoyed the trip. It was fascinating and exciting to learn more about the history of the war and the soldiers. I was interested in finding out what they did for our country"*.

After Christmas the Year 7's will be re-enacting the Battle of Hastings. They have designed a shield which they should try and make over the holidays (a good use for all the Christmas cardboard!)

Curriculum Day - 19th November 2015



Super Volcano !

On Curriculum Day, Year 8 students studied Super Volcano! Students have started and are continuing to create a "Walk to Life" document to advise the residents of Yellowstone what to do following the VEI 8 super eruption. This will be assessed later this term. *Mr Lee*

Year 7 students participated in a 'Stay Safe' day at school. This included martial arts, road safety and diabetes awareness.



Year 9 students went to the World Skills Show at the NEC in Birmingham.



The event was designed to raise aspirations, show students the global job market, and inspire career choices.



On Curriculum Day, **Year 10** had an enjoyable visit to Shrewsbury College and Shrewsbury Sixth Form.

The visit to Shrewsbury College consisted of a talk in the hall, followed by a choice of different workshops. These included hairdressing, computing and catering. We were able to get first hand experience in these areas.



Next, we went to Shrewsbury Sixth Form. We had a tour of the college, and looked around the different departments, before completing a 'treasure hunt' style questionnaire.

Overall, the day was informative, and it gave everyone an insight into what they would like to study in the future.



By Katy Jones, 10S

Severndale @ Mary Webb

Wish you a *Merry Christmas*

School council

To elect our school council representatives we held an election. Students worked hard preparing presentations and practicing their pitch. During assembly, students voted and Guy Fitzgerald, Owen Evenson, Lauren Clarke and Jaimie Thomas received the most votes so big congratulations to them all!



Food technology

MW3 have been looking at health and safety in the kitchen. They learnt how injuries could be caused and what should happen if an accident occurred. Students took part in a role-play first aid activity. They had a go at treating someone for a burn and a cut; this will be used as evidence to support them in gaining their Entry Level qualification in food technology.

BikeAbility

As part of Road Safety Awareness Week, all the pupils took part in a BikeAbility session at the Sports Village, some gaining their level 1 certificate. In the morning the instructors taught pupils how to control their bikes safely and then in the afternoon we used the cycle track to practice our skills and to improve confidence in riding a bike. Even though the weather was cold, everyone had a fantastic time developing their cycling skills and understanding of road safety. A big thank you to FOS who very generously covered the costs of hiring the bikes and cycle track.



Anti-Bullying Week

In order to support Anti – Bullying week (16th – 20th November) Severndale @ Mary Webb took part in a range of activities to increase awareness of bullying. These included writing and performing poetry in English, creating charity wrist bands in art and looking at Cyberbullying in ICT. Students also took part in a competition ran by The Diana Awards to create a music video for “Hopeful” by Bars and Melody. The video has been submitted so keep your fingers crossed!



MUSIC AT MARY WEBB



MARY WEBB SCHOOL CHOIR



On Saturday 28th November, the Mary Webb School Choir performed at the Pontesbury Craft Fair. *"We had a fantastic time at the Pontesbury Craft Fair. We really enjoyed singing festive songs and the atmosphere in the hall was magical."* **Megan Richards, 8S**



On Thursday 3rd December, the Mary Webb School Choir performed at Hillcrest Manor Nursing Home in Minsterley.

The residents at the nursing home really enjoyed the performance and are hoping that the Choir will be able to visit again.



"It was nice to sing at Hillcrest Manor Nursing Home. The Choir really enjoyed bringing some festive cheer to the residents." **Melody Cooke, 8C**

The Mary Webb School Choir has been incredibly successful this term. All involved have worked extremely hard during rehearsals. It has been a very busy few weeks for the choir, with a large number of performances in the local community. We have performed at St Michael's Church in Ford, Pontesbury Craft Fair and Hillcrest Manor Nursing Home. To top it all off, we have squeezed in Christmas performances at Longden and Trinity primary schools. And it doesn't stop there.....we now have performance bookings for after the new year!

Well done to all involved! The Music Department really values your time and efforts!

Mr Sassano

Music Clubs 2015-16

	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	Keyboard club (12.30-1pm)	-
Tuesday	KS3 instrumental practice (12.45-1.15pm)	GCSE coursework support (3.15-4.45pm)
Wednesday	KS3 instrumental practice	-
Thursday	-	GCSE coursework support (3.15-5.00pm)
Friday	Boys Voices (12.30-1pm)	Choir (3.15-4.15pm)



Congratulations

to the following students:

Annie Morris: Grade 2 Tuba (Distinction)
 Rhys Evans: Grade 5 Cornet (Merit)
 Annie Morris: Grade 2 Piano (Distinction)
 Grade 3 Drums (Distinction)
 Grace Garrett: Grade 3 Alto Saxophone (Merit)
 Melody Cooke: Grade 1 Piano (Distinction)
 Lauren Rawlings: Grade 5 Piano

Junior Scientists

Our annual Junior Scientists for Year 6 pupils started in November and will continue until February half term. Around 80 Year 6 pupils come along every week from our local primary schools. As always, it has been very active with exciting hands-on science helping them to get to know each other and also the Mary Webb School science staff and student helpers. We have been making and lighting sparklers, creating flying teabags, investigating floating and sinking and shooting popping rockets in to the sky! Every week there are spectacular demonstrations led by Miss Hall which have us all gasping in wonder.

Junior Scientists is a valuable part of Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3 transition for our school. Following our Open Evening in October, it gives Year 6 pupils a chance to start to get to know the school building, school staff and each other. Parents of Year 6 tell us that it is one of the most important stages in transition in helping their children feel confident about starting secondary school. This helps them settle in well with us next September and to get off to a flying academic start. *Mrs Mould*



Human Digestion

by Arthur Williams, Year 7

Michael Marshmallow sat around a campfire with his good friends John Marshmallow and Dave Marshmallow.

Dave asked if they could toast humans for ironic roasting, but of course everyone else thought it was a dumb idea. How were they meant to get a human onto a stick? John Marshmallow said "My grandma was eaten by a human. I'll tell you about it!"

"Oh no!" yelled Dave.

Grandma Marshmallow cried "Oh no! Don't eat me! I have a son and family. No! Please don't let me die!"

Of course, the selfish and ruthless human threw her in its big disgusting mouth. "Remember me as the master prankster!" Grandma hopelessly screamed. The ruthless human smashed his sledgehammer like teeth together. Grandma Marshmallow's crushed body was punched and beaten by the heartless human's, heartless enzymes.

And so, the battered remains of Grandma Marshmallow squeezed and slid slowly down the gullet to the stomach in a mere 6 seconds. As a result, her protein particles were taken by the heartless enzymes as she dissolved in the hydrochloric acid. She saw her best friend bobbing in the water. She screamed and cried as she was sucked into the small intestines.

The greedy villi stole her hard earned nutrients. Consequently, she yelled and cursed at the human. She wanted them back! Only her food waste was left. She was sucked into the colon, and she cried as this was the end.

The little water that she had left was absorbed for the human's benefit. A bit like the government and major corporations. She was then sucked into the rectum, and redirected to the anus.

Her dead, lifeless body had spent a few hours in the rectum. It was time, she made it to the anus. She was expelled. Subsequently, her body was dumped in the loo!



Library News

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

8th - 15th October 2015

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make our school book fair such a great success.

We sold almost £500 of books, giving us a wonderful £291 to spend on brand new books for our school library, promoting reading and literacy for all of our pupils.



1087 Accelerated Reader quizzes have been taken this term



2356 books have been borrowed from the library this term



What do you do with your old books? We've been trying out the art of book folding with some terrific results. Most notable, the beautiful Three Hearts folded by Abi Marshall, 7B.

Harry Potter

Trip to Warner Bros Studio, 30th September 2015



Off on an adventure we went on the bus on route for Hogwarts. With Warner Brothers in sight, excitement was building up. We had arrived at Warner Brothers and sat around the picnic benches and we had our lunch on the perimeter of the site ready to go in. After half an hour we were allowed in. We got our Harry Potter passports and our wristbands and we ventured on! First we walked into a big hall where we queued for a little while and we

saw the bedroom under the stairs, where Harry Potter slept in the films! After that we went into a dark room and watched a little clip of the making and behind the scenes of Harry Potter. We then walked through into the great hall and had a look at the film set.

After that, we went in to a small room and a man talked about the making of Harry Potter and we looked at some of the real costumes. We saw the original scripts and masks for filming. After that we walked around a big room for 1-2 hours and looked at lots of different things that were used in the movies. There was a separate room to that which was a big set up of the Hogwarts train station (Hogwarts 9 3/4 station.) You could go inside the train and you could see how it changed when it went through the different films.



After that we went to meet in the café and tried some Butter Beer. Then we went outside. There were lots of things including: Harry Potter's house, the rickety bridge, the knight bus, the flying car, the chess pieces, and lots more!

We then went back inside and saw lots of small boxes stacked up. Inside the boxes there were names on like: Emma Watson, Daniel

Ministry of Science Live Tour - 7th October 2015

We enjoyed the Ministry of Science at Theatre Severn this week, with over half of Year 7. The evening certainly went with a bang! Lots of bangs actually: methane bubbles, hydrogen balloons, human cannonballs and rockets. Anna-Maria Tsvetkova was even chosen to go on stage for a hair-raising moment; demonstrating static electricity with her hair!

The students had a fun-packed evening and were a real credit to the school.



What Mathematics means to me!

Maths is special to me. It's everywhere. I love the mystery, the joy and the frustration of Maths. Maths has saved many lives and saved hopes. Maths has made me confident because I would always give up at first sight, but now I really have a go at it, because my dad said "the numbers don't control you, you control the numbers."



Maths is also infinite. So many places, so many decisions, yet we all get stuck in places, such as working out an equation, or counting books. But the best thing is that there are people to help us. People who know the word Maths, and think of division or multiplication. Maths isn't always visible, we have it in our minds, working everyday. It shows and represents many things. We should be grateful if we are given Maths homework. By Rhiannon Jones, 7C



As part of a Year 7 homework task students were asked to write a short paragraph of what mathematics means to them. They were advised to think about topics that they liked and the ways that they like to learn in mathematics lessons. How maths will help them in the future? Why we all need to do mathematics up to Year 11? How have they used mathematics outside school?

Maths means an education, a future. Maths lets me expand my horizons. When I was aged 6 or 7 I would say that I wanted to go to Yale in America. When I did maths, I knew that every time I learnt a new equation, I was one step closer to Yale. I want to make something of myself. I can't do that without maths. It is hard to bring myself to the conclusion that maths is everything. Personally, I don't like maths, but now I've got a good teacher, and a good chance, maths means an education, maths means Yale. By Tori Fisher, 7K




Most House Points: Autumn term

- Year 7: Tori Fisher (7K) ★
- Year 8: Jack Thompson (8B) ★
- Year 9: Claudia Roberts (9B)
- Year 10: Ben Holloway (10B) ★
- Year 11: Edward Link (11B)

House Captains 2015-16

BARCELONA

Hi. We are Daniel and Lara, the House Captains for Barcelona. We recently led our first house assembly about space.




Congratulations to the students listed below who have achieved Student of the Month for Barcelona house this term.

A special mention to Rhys Evans, 10B for gaining the most Barcelona house points for this term.

Daniel Fleet & Lara Jones Overall, we are standing in 2nd place. Come on Barcelona, earn those points!

CASABLANCA

Hi. We are Theo and Caitlin, the House Captains for Casablanca. We recently led our first house assembly about space and decisions.



Congratulations to the students listed below who have achieved Student of the Month for Casablanca house this term.

A special mention to Rob Hanmer, 9C for gaining the most Casablanca house points for this term.

Theo Grainger & Caitlin Tudor

Our overall standing is 4th. Let's start our surge for house points, we can still win!

KATHMANDU

Hi. We are Joseph and Sophie, the House Captains for Kathmandu. We recently led our first house assembly about space.



Congratulations to the students listed below who have achieved Student of the Month for Kathmandu house this term.

A special mention to Matthew Swain, 9K for gaining the most Kathmandu house points for this term.

We are currently in 1st place. Let's continue to gain as many house points as possible, we want to win!

Joseph Woollaston & Sophie Balnes

SYDNEY

Hi. We are Matty and Ellie, the House Captains for Sydney. We recently led our first house assembly about space.



Congratulations to the students listed below who have achieved Student of the Month for Sydney house this term.

A special mention to Vita Solodovnikova, 9S for gaining the most Sydney house points for this term.

Mathew Alcock & Ellie Cole

Overall we are standing in 3rd place. We would like to change that to 1st place and we think this can be achieved if we all set ourselves a goal of earning at least two house points per week.

★ Students of the Month ★

Well done to all of the following students who have been awarded certificates during the Autumn term:

7B Savannah Male Hannah Fisher George Hindhaugh	8B Cormac McGoldrick Jack Thompson Lois Entwistle	9B Jasmine Humphries Aaron Harris Pip King	10B George Price Arron Smith Tom Blain	11B Edward Link Feryn Walmsley Daniel Fleet
7C Jason Connor Elisha Duffy James Rowe	8C Talia Bellamore Tom Norris Olasubomi Olabode-Olabanji	9C William Blakeway-Evans Rob Hanmer Cora Morris	10C Celia Gillis Caitlin Dodd Isobel Challoner	11C Cian I ddison Archie Eardley-Smart Theo Grainger
7K Bradley Ward Chad Purslow Tori Fisher	8K Emily Duckett Bethan Hayward Mollie Lenc	9K Kelly Price Ellie Davies Alicia Morgan	10K Alex Tompkinson Chaise Harrison Edward Littlehales	11K Joe Summers James Churms Millicent Hollins
7S Isabelle Crook Declan Williams	8S Megan Richards Jade Downes Jack T Evans	9S Vita Solodovnikova Will Caldwell Hannah Upton-Evans	10S Ella Boswell Callum Mitchelmore Charlie Howard	11S Connor Hnatiuk Jessica Wood Abigail Jones

100% attendance - Autumn Term 2015

Congratulations to all of the following students, from Miss Pugh and Mr Jervis:

YEAR 7

Kira Bennett
Oliver Burton
Cerys Buxton
Jasmine Challoner
Emily Churms
James Coutts
Daniel Davies
Alice Downes
Ciaran Evans
Nile Farndon
Hannah Fisher
Joseph Green
George Hindhaugh
Amy Humphries
Cloe Jones
Jack Jones
Rhiannon Jones
Darcie Kinsey
Olivia Marsden
Katie McPartland
Isabelle McWilliam
Benjamin Morris
Ruby North
Harrison Paine
Katie Price
Lara Price
Ryan Pugh
Maisie Roberts
Pip Roberts
Natalie Rogers
Kaden Rose
James Rowe
Emily Rowson
Jai Saveker-Currie
Lauren Simmons
Oliver Stokes
Isabel Thomas
Nia Thomas
Anna-Maria Tsvetkova
Jamie Wallace

YEAR 8

Megan Allen-Brown
Jamie Andrews
Jack Boswell
Melody Cooke
Elisha Davies
James Davies
Jade Downes
Michael Edwards
Luke Fleet
Grace Garrett
Lucy Garrett
Emils Grabovskis-Ragze
Elijah Hall
Natasha Heath
Kate Heathorn
Keely Jones
Joshua Kula
Shannon Locke-Gillon
Cormac McGoldrick
Ella Meredith
Sean Millard
Junnalyn Montero
Adam Morrell
Annie Morris
Freddie Norton
Edwin Parry
Sam Parry
Matthew Pryce
Megan Richards
Samantha Tierney
Matthew Trevitt-Downes
Nikkita Trow
Danni Varley

YEAR 9

Abigail Benniman
William Blakeway-Evans
Joe Carter
Alexander Caswell
Oliver Cowdall
Billy Davies
Beverly Dela Cruz
Maisie Dodd
Kefren Farndon
Jacob Gardner
Yasmin Guven
Shannon Heath
Becky Jenks
Charlotte Kinsey
Juliet Mitchelmore
Alicia Morgan
Cora Morris
Henry Morris
Joshua Nielsen
James Payne
Corey Pitchford
Kelly Price
Claudia Roberts
Henry Roberts
Zachariah Simms
Luke Stevens
Molly Summers
Nilavan Thipaharan
Jess Waters
Jenna Wellings
Josh Willett
Nicole Wood

YEAR 10

Dan Andrews
Hannah Best
Tom Blain
James Boon
Isobel Challoner
Liam Cross
Matthew Cross
Aaron Davies
Sam Emmerson
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Transition - Moving On, Moving Up



At the beginning of term, our new Year 7's were each asked to write a short letter to their old primary schools, telling them how they are settling in at Mary Webb, what they like / dislike, etc. A selection of the letters are shown below.

Year 7's were also asked to design a front cover, which will form a booklet to be sent to current Year 6 pupils at the primary schools.

All of the designs were great, but the winner of the front cover design (pictured to the right), was Jade Davies in 7C. Miss Pugh said **"I chose Jade's design because of its eye catching design, attention to detail and its positive message."**

Well done to Jade and all of the Year 7's for their artistic designs - some more of which are shown below:



By Lara Price, 7K



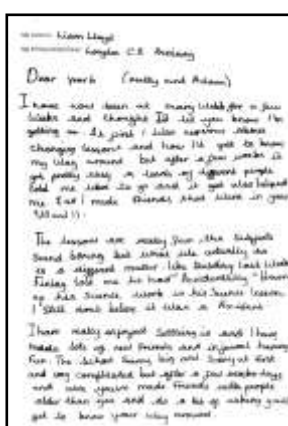
By Olivia Marsden, 7K



By Jasmine Challoner, 7C



By Harrison Paine, 7C



My Tanzania Trip October 2015

By Jack Doust

On 16th October 2015 I embarked on my journey to Tanzania as part of a school exchange, involving The Community College at Bishop's Castle.



The flight was a total of 12 hours which was **probably the longest time I've ever had to spend in the air!** However all the films, food and drink made it very comfortable. It was short lived though as the heat at the other end was so intense (so was the cold coming back!) and the sun, noise and dust of the airport was incredible. Everywhere there were people rushing about as well as taxis and buses waiting for arrivals. That night we stayed at a hostel in the capital, Dar A Salaam, for the next day would be a boring one; a five hour bus journey to the town with the linked school, Tanga. It was on the journey which we first saw the poverty of **Africa...**



The school itself was *very* different, dirty floors, the cane, no register, 50-60 per classroom and an overall lack of resources that we take for granted. Textbooks, exercise books and equipment were in very short supply, a far cry from schools here. All lessons in the secondary school are taught in English however, in the primary school, it is all in the native language: Kiswhili (say ki-swa heelee).



The uniform at the schools out there is not as unique; a white shirt and different coloured trousers and skirts for each school. No jumpers, blazers or sweaters out there!

The primary school we visited was well... Cosy, to say the least! This time there were 80-90 per classroom, no assistants, one teacher and plenty of students. Blackboards and chalk is used to teach with and I only saw one whiteboard. Corporal punishment (the cane) is used against the primary children as **well, alongside slapping and shouting. But please don't get the impression these people are evil or the schools are military academies, it's just a different way of doing things.**

Overall the trip has changed my impression of the world, and I, without a doubt, would recommend it to anyone who is lucky enough to be able to go. But remember to pack a woolly hat and scarf for the temperature change on the way back! **By Jack Doust, 8K**



HISTORY MAKERS WW1 EXHIBITION A HUGE SUCCESS!

Over the past year people in the area of Longden, Ford and the Rea Valley have been sharing family stories of the First World War with students of Mary Webb School. These conversations have been videoed for inclusion on the HISTORY MAKERS digital community archive.

The website ww1historymakers.co.uk was officially launched at the project exhibition at Mary Webb School on Friday 23rd October.

The videos made by the students are available to see on the website. There are some amazing stories and memories from the Great War for all to see – ask your family and friends to take a look and you will see what a fabulous project this has been for all who took part.

The website includes an interview with Delphine Joyce, a local lady, now 102 years old who was born in 1913 just before WW1 began.

The exhibition was an opportunity to look at all the HISTORY MAKERS archive material on line as well as the Exhibition of WW1 contributions provided by local people.

It included a selection of the many photographs, medals, documents and artefacts that show how our **local community's forebears were touched by the Great War.**

The exhibition was held over 3 consecutive days and the team of students who had worked on the project volunteered to attend so that they could talk to all the visitors from the local community.

Here are a few comments from people who came along to see the exhibition:

"We feel very privileged to have seen this exhibition, thank you to all involved."

"Very impressive and moving, and creatively curated exhibition, well done to all involved."

"Wow! A lot of work and fascinating finds have made a fantastic exhibition for the next generation not to forget."

"Very well done to all the pupils who took part – they were so interesting to talk to and obviously so enthusiastic about their history!"

"Brilliant exhibition, very thought provoking. Well done to the pupils of Mary Webb, Staff and Producers"

"All the objects and stories have brought WW1 alive for us. Will certainly look at the website. Especially interested because my Dad was in WW1."

"Thanks for a very moving exhibition and fascinating accounts and photographs."

"Glad that tributes are being paid before it's too late, an admiral display, thank you very much."

"The end result of many months of research is incredible. So much local history has been discovered/rediscovered. There are many thought provoking stories told and artefacts to see which have brought WW1 alive for the next generation and beyond. The website will ensure that the project continues into the next generation too. Well done to all involved."



Ben Holloway, Feryn Walmsley, and Jack Tudor cut the ribbon to officially open the exhibition.



Mere Singers and Mary Webb Choir practice for the opening of the "History Makers" WW1 exhibition.



'The History Makers Project' For over a year now a group of Year 10 and 11 students have been working on a project called 'History Makers'. In September 2014 information went up around school about an opportunity to do some research into local history around the time of the First World War. We all signed up one lunch time in Miss Weston's class room and became Mary Webb School History Makers.

The research gave us lots of interesting interviews and visits. We visited places such as the Shrewsbury Archives, Shrewsbury Museum and the BBC mailbox in Birmingham. All of the interviews we have conducted were very interesting and informative. We have learnt about nurses, the navy, the air force and lots about the 'Home Front' during World War 1. Most people who signed up to the project got the chance to interview someone, we also got the opportunity to see how the footage was edited.

The 'History Makers' was an incredible opportunity for everyone who took part. We learnt a lot about local history and had an insight into how difficult organising this type of project was. However we broke through the barriers and problems to produce an amazing website. We as students are extremely grateful to Mrs Davies, Miss Weston and Mr Smith for helping give us this once in a lifetime opportunity which will stay with us forever. In the future we can go onto the website and show all of the interviews we helped to put together to friends and family. The website containing our interviews is ww1historymakers.co.uk.

By Ben Holloway, 10B



Charity Fundraising



On Friday 13th November 2015, we held a non-uniform day, cake sale and raffle. We raised approximately £800, which was split between Diabetes UK and Children in Need.

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Thank you to the charity committee students who helped organise this event. Also, a massive thank you to all who contributed the amazing cakes for the cake sale. We really appreciate your support.



Christmas Gift Box Project



There are many varied circumstances that bring people to use a food bank, often they have been caught in the trap of debt or lost their job, suffered ill health, family breakdown, bereavement, delays in benefits or homelessness or a combination of many issues, but whoever they are, if their need is genuine Barnabas community projects food bank will give them food and encouragement.

As a consequence of these ongoing problems, it is a sad fact that many families in Shrewsbury and the surrounding areas will be unable to provide their children with presents this Christmas. For many of us this is an inconceivable situation. The students of Stiperstones School and Mary Webb School came together with Barnabus Community projects Food Bank, with an exciting Christmas initiative to try in a little way to resolve this very sad situation.



Students of Mary Webb School charity committee decided they would like to be involved by collecting gifts for people their own age (11-16 yrs). They felt that they could identify with what might be needed and also that often in schemes such as this that teenagers could be forgotten. The students of Stiperstones Primary School collected boxes for younger age ranges.

The decision was made to try to collect two boxes per tutor group - one boy and one girl.

A total of 41 boxes were collected.

Thank you to everyone who donated items.



Year 10 Work Experience

For my work experience I went to SJ Roberts Construction Ltd in Marton (see below).



I wanted to go there because I am very interested in pursuing a career in the construction industry. They deal with, amongst other things, refurbishment, retail and residential construction projects.

Before I went I felt nervous and apprehensive because I was meeting new people and I wanted to make a good impression but also because I wasn't sure what to expect. However I also felt excited and I couldn't wait for my work experience to start.

I completed many tasks and worked with many people on my work experience. These tasks included: opening and date stamping the mail, box stamping, numbering and logging invoices onto the computer, pairing delivery notes with invoices for the materials buyer, printing off drawings and filing both invoices and delivery notes. Some people I worked with included: a materials buyer, a quantity surveyor measuring up areas of facing brickwork and block work of a house from a drawing, the office manager, and the health and safety officer who took me to the Shrewsbury hospital mortuary and kitchens sites as well as a site on Bell Lane in Shrewsbury.

On Wednesday afternoon, I went to Lowfield Timber Frames and had a tour around the factory and I learnt in more depth about timber frame construction which will help me in BTEC Construction at school.

On Thursday I went to a site at Gravel Lane, Cannock with a contracts manager to attend a site meeting, which was very interesting. I had a look around the site (see pictures 1-4) where they are building 22 semi-detached houses. Following this, I went to Bradeney, Bridgnorth to have a look at a site

where they are building 14 semi-detached care bungalows (see pictures 5-6). This was a really good day because I got to go on site and it gave me an insight into site management which is what I'm very interested in.

Overall, I learned a great deal and it gave me an opportunity to apply my construction knowledge from school to real life situations. It was a fantastic, enjoyable and useful experience that confirmed for me that I want to pursue a career in construction. I very much appreciate the time and effort that the staff at SJ Roberts put in to make this a great experience for me. I was sad to leave and I would definitely do it again if I could. By Cian Iddison, 11C



Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3



Picture 4



Picture 5



Picture 6

Work Experience 2016

25% of Year 10 students have already got their work experience placements arranged for week commencing Monday 4th July until Friday 8th July 2016 which is fantastic, WELL DONE!

Feedback from last year's work experience students was excellent.

For those still looking it is definitely worth visiting companies and organisations during the Christmas break to see if they are accepting work experience students in 2016. If you are short of ideas, speak to family and friends to see if they know somewhere that you could go to - there are endless possibilities and opportunities. Competition for places is high so students really need to focus on getting a placement before the February half-term break.

Make the most of this great opportunity!

This is YOUR opportunity to get some fabulous experience that may help with your future career! If you have any queries regarding your work

Some students were subsequently offered Saturday jobs and apprenticeships

experience or just need some ideas, Mrs Halliday our work experience coordinator will be happy to help you. Email: jhalliday@marywebbschool.com

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www.cascaid.co.uk/careerscape

A questionnaire based resource, that helps you to think about yourself and what you might be suited to – accessed via a username and password – details from your tutors or Trevor.

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student,

As part of the careers education and guidance programme that we deliver at Mary Webb School, your child has access to **New Kudos**, the latest programme from CASCAID, which forms part of our subscription with Shropshire Youth (SY).

New Kudos is accessible online and we are encouraging the use of it at home to involve parents/carers with the important decisions your child has to make about their future options.

New Kudos will help your child to assess their interests and skills, as well as letting them explore and research different education and career options, enabling them to make informed decisions about their future.

To access the programme, please visit www.cascaid.co.uk/newkudos and click on the log in button, your child can then log in using the access details given to them in school or create a new account. The Licence Code is... **exam201434**

Once created, the username and password will also allow access to another Cascaid programme – **Careerscape** – please visit www.cascaid.co.uk/careerscape

At Mary Webb School, our aim is to ensure that all students have the resources to fully explore and research their future options in order to make informed choices. We hope that you find New Kudos useful and informative.

For any additional information about the careers guidance support your child is receiving, please contact me.

Kind regards,
Mr Jarvis
Key Stage 4 Leader

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Key Features:

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- Video and photos may be available.
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Interviews with people who do the job: What you'll do in the career.

Skills and personal attributes you need for the career: The likely salary and employment levels for the career.

The best ways to get into the career: Qualifications needed to get into the career.

Careers should you want to further explore the career: Kind of how what career I want to do.

Click on the 'Get the career' button to find out more about it. Click on the 'It's right for me!' button to see how suitable it is for you.

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- Compare any results - Find out more about employment and education options.
- My Action Plan - Create your own plan to help you achieve your goals.

Creating your action plan: Careers advice groups and subjects that you have made favourites will appear in your action plan. Click on the arrow icon next to a career or subject to add it to plan.

For more information contact us on:

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Festival of Cribs and Trees - St George's Church, Pontesbury

The festival of Cribs and Trees helps to raise money for Hope House Children's Hospice. The theme this year is "Celebration of the Christmas Tree". The organisers have said the following: "A very big thank you for supporting our Festival of Cribs and Trees. This year we had 75 trees and cribs. Your continued support is most appreciated and has made the festival a great success. In all over 500 people came and socialised with friends over coffee and cakes, and enjoyed the wide variety of trees. We wish you and your families and friends a peaceful Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year. From all at St. George's, Pontesbury".



IT CLUBS: Starting straight after Christmas:

- ⇒ Tuesday lunchtime:  Come and make computer games in IT1 with Mr Parkes
- ⇒ Wednesday lunchtime:  Robotics club

Year 10 Spanish

We have had a great term and made fantastic progress with our Spanish! More than that, we have made a great new friend in Celia. Celia Gillis is 14 years old and came to join us at the Mary Webb in September this year. She has been part of our Spanish class and has really helped us to improve our pronunciation and the quality of our work.

Sadly, Celia is leaving to go back to Spain on 19th December to resume her studies in Estepona, Málaga. She has become a good friend to several of us and we will miss her, but will be keeping in touch. *Feliz Navidad* from all of us.





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<u>SPRING TERM STARTS</u>	Monday 4th January 2016
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Year 8 Parents Evening	Thursday 4th February 2016
Year 9 Options Evening	Thursday 11th February 2016
<u>HALF TERM</u>	Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2016
Year 11 PIP	Wednesday 2nd March 2016
Parents Forum	Thursday 3rd March 2016
Year 9 Parents Evening	Thursday 10th March 2016
STEM Primary Day	Tuesday 15th March 2016
Showcase	Wednesday 16th March & Thursday 17th March 2016
Curriculum Day	Thursday 17th March 2016
<u>PD Day</u>	Thursday 24th March 2016
<u>Bank Holiday</u>	Friday 25th March 2016 / Monday 28th March 2016
<u>HALF TERM</u>	Tuesday 29th March - Friday 8th April 2016

**Please check the school website for the most up to date information.*

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Christmas

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