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THE MARYWEBB

NEWSLETTER

MARYWEBB SCHOOL & SCIENCE COLLEGE

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

FULL ACADEMIC YEAR / TERM DATES SCHOOL WEBSITE

- **Monday 21st September -** Year 6 Open Morning
- **Thursday 24th September -** Year 10 PIE, 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- **Thursday 1st October -** Year 7 PIE, 5pm - 6pm
- **Monday 12th October** - Year 11 Geography Birmingham Trip
- **Wednesday 14th October** - Year 11 Geogrphy Birmingham Trip
- **Thursday 15th October** - Year 11 Parents Evening
- **Thursday 22nd October** - Year 10 & 11 Drama Theatre visit
- **Thursday 22nd October** - STEAM Awards, 6pm - 7pm

Students Reminder:
Don't forget to bring your water bottle into school and refill at break and lunchtime

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A MESSAGE FROM MISS WESTON

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ambition is one of our core values at Mary Webb, and this week there have been many examples of our pupils being encouraged to aim high, make the most of every opportunity and achieve their very best.

This week, all pupils have taken part in assemblies introducing our CLEAR structure for learning, which we have put in place across the school. We have deliberately linked this to our value of ambition because we want every pupil to understand not only what they are learning, but also how each stage of a lesson helps them to make progress

When visiting lessons this week, it has been really encouraging to see the CLEAR structure becoming embedded. Pupils are increasingly able to identify the phase of learning they are working through and, importantly, understand why each stage matters. They know that they need opportunities to apply their learning and work independently, while also knowing that their teachers are there to support, challenge and identify any misconceptions through live marking and feedback. Developing this independence and confidence as learners is an important part of helping our pupils achieve their very best

Our Year 11 pupils had an additional assembly this week from the Principal of Shrewsbury Colleges. He spoke to them about the wide range of opportunities and possibilities available at college but also gave them an important message about aiming high. His message echoed our own: be ambitious and work hard to achieve the best possible outcomes.

For our Year 11 pupils in particular, securing strong GCSE results is about ensuring that they have as many choices and opportunities open to them as possible when they take their next steps. Of course, all of us at Mary Webb will continue to support, encourage and challenge them throughout this important year.

It is always wonderful to hear where those next steps take our pupils, and this week we were delighted to hear about the fantastic success of former Mary Webb pupil Gracie Mansell.

Gracie has qualified for the WorldSkills UK National Final in Health and Social Care, having progressed from more than 600 entrants nationwide to become one of only eight finalists in the UK. This is an outstanding achievement and a wonderful example of ambition in action. Shrewsbury Colleges have said, "Gracie has consistently impressed both staff and employers with her dedication and commitment" All of use at Mary Webb are incredibly proud of all that she has achieved. We wish her every success in the National Final.

We are always delighted to hear about the achievements of our former pupils and the different paths they take after leaving Mary Webb. I would encourage our former pupils to keep in touch with us and share their successes. It is important for our current pupils to see where ambition, hard work and making the most of opportunities can take them.

Ambition is not limited to what happens in the classroom. We also want our pupils to make the most of the many experiences available to them beyond their lessons. There is a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities available at school, and I would encourage pupils and families to look through the options on our website and find something new to try. As our Head Girl, Natasha Leoci, said so brilliantly at Open Evening: "Be brave and give it a go." I think that is excellent advice for us all.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all of the pupils who volunteered their time to support us at our Open Evening. They represented both themselves and our school in an exemplary manner. At the end of the evening, I received so many lovely comments from prospective parents about the confidence, courtesy and friendliness of our pupils. I even had a number of parents asking if they could join us!

I would particularly like to thank our Head Boy and Head Girl, Will Mew and Natasha Leoci, who spoke to our prospective parents with confidence, warmth and maturity. They were eloquent and engaging, and wonderful ambassadors for our school.

I must also give a special mention to our Year 7 pupils, Rory Price, Martha Price and George Sojan, who spoke so clearly and passionately about their first few weeks at Mary Webb. Standing up in front of an audience at such an early stage in their secondary school journey takes real courage, and they were absolutely fantastic. We were incredibly proud of them

Finally, our sporting teams have also enjoyed success this week, and I would encourage you to read more about their achievements later in this newsletter. We are always extremely proud of the commitment, teamwork and determination shown by pupils representing Mary Webb.

It has been a week that has demonstrated ambition in so many different ways: in lessons, in thinking about the future, in trying something new, in representing our school, in working together as a team and, through Gracie's wonderful achievement, in seeing where ambition can take you beyond Mary Webb. Our role is to ensure that every one of our pupils recognises their potential and has the confidence, opportunities and support to fulfil it.

Best wishes,

Miss Weston

Thank You for Your Support with Uniform

We would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring that pupils arrive at school in full and correct uniform. It has been extremely pleasing to see that the vast majority of pupils are wearing their uniform with pride and representing our school so positively. Where uniform is not meeting our expectations, tutors will be making contact with home to offer support and seek resolution. If you are aware that an item of your child's uniform is currently incorrect for any reason, please contact their tutor and let them know the circumstances, along with an anticipated date by which the issue will be resolved. Working together in this way helps us maintain the high standards that contribute so positively to our school community.

Top Student Positive Points

A fantastic 13 students achieved the maximum 20 points on the Student Standards Leaderboard this week

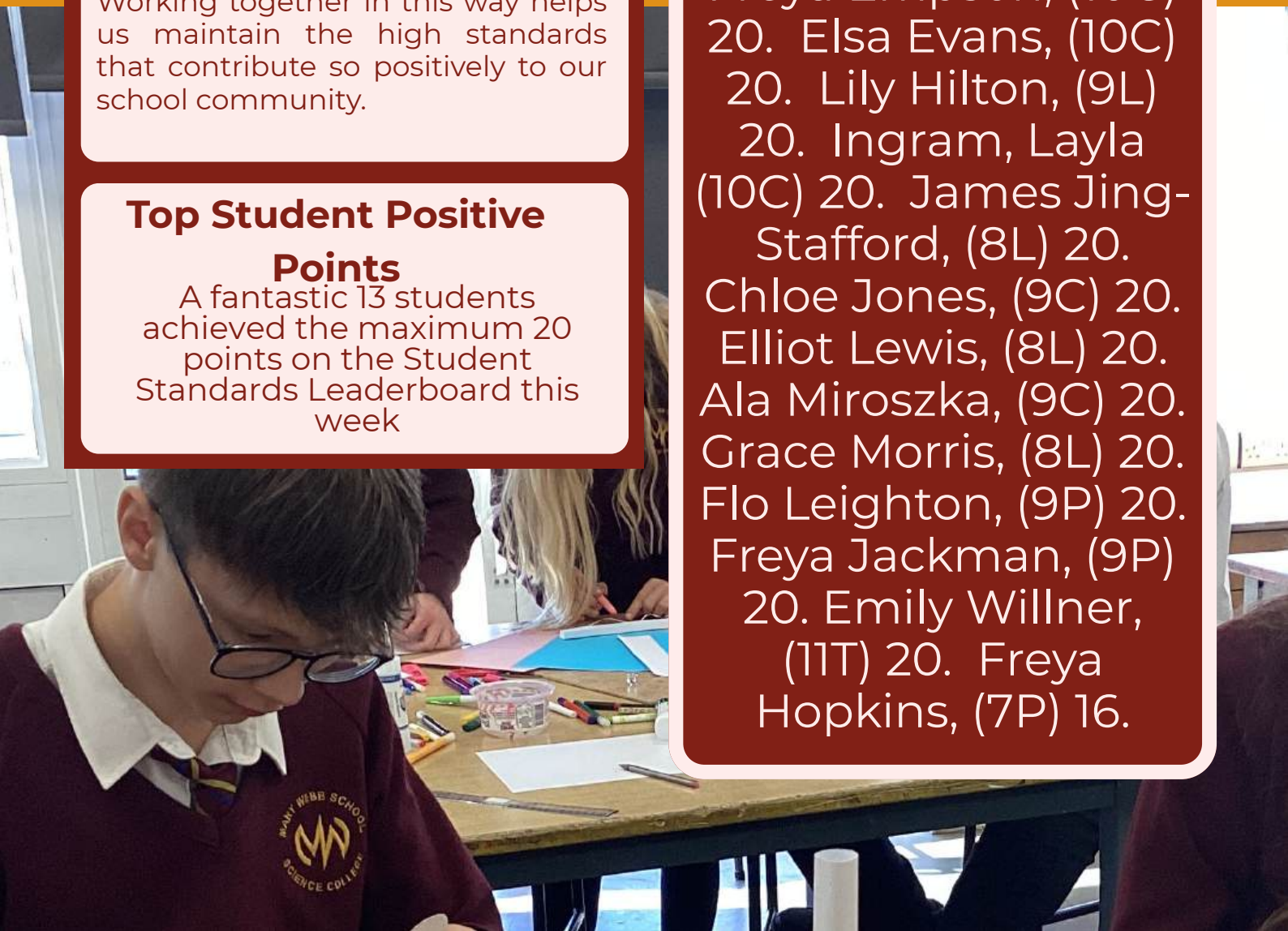
MARY WEBB SCHOOL ROLE OF HONOUR

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE

The following students have achieved above the expected number of exceptional student points this week through outstanding effort, positive attitude and dedication.

Student Positive Points

Hollie Davies, (9T) 20. Freya Empson, (10C) 20. Elsa Evans, (10C) 20. Lily Hilton, (9L) 20. Ingram, Layla (10C) 20. James Jing-Stafford, (8L) 20. Chloe Jones, (9C) 20. Elliot Lewis, (8L) 20. Ala Miroszka, (9C) 20. Grace Morris, (8L) 20. Flo Leighton, (9P) 20. Freya Jackman, (9P) 20. Emily Willner, (11T) 20. Freya Hopkins, (7P) 16.



MW SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

Welcome to Mary Webb School Sport Page

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UPCOMING FIXTURES

Football

- Tuesday 13th October- U16 Football (Girls) friendly Vs Corbett (Home)
- Friday 6th November- U13 Football (Girls) 7v7 @ Shrewsbury Town FC

LUNCHTIME SPORTS CLUBS

MONDAYS - VOLLEYBALL - YEARS 10 & 11

TUESDAYS- VOLLEYBALL - YEARS 7, 8 & 9

WEDNESDAYS- BADMINTON - YEARS 10 & 9

THURSDAYS - BADMINTON - YEARS 7, 8 & 9

AFTERSCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

TUESDAYS - FOOTBALL [GIRLS - ALL YEARS]

WEDNESDAYS - FOOTBALL [7 BOYS]
- NETBALL [ALL YEARS]

FRIDAYS - ARCHERY [BOYS & GIRLS - ALL YEARS

🏆 YEAR 8 GIRLS' FOOTBALL TEAM CELEBRATE RUNNER-UP SUCCESS

Our Year 8 Girls' Football Team enjoyed a fantastic day at Shrewsbury School, showcasing impressive skill, determination, and teamwork throughout the tournament.
The girls won three matches, drew two, and reached the final, where they narrowly missed out on first place after a penalty shootout. Finishing as runners-up against strong opposition, including several independent schools, was a tremendous achievement.
The team were a real credit to the school and should be very proud of their performance. Congratulations to all the girls on a fantastic effort! ⚽🏆👏

Well done to all involved! ⚽👏🏆

MW U14 RUGBY TEAM SHINE IN SEASON OPENER

Our U14 rugby team made an outstanding start to the season with a dominant victory against Church Stretton. The boys played with great determination and teamwork, controlling the game from start to finish and securing an impressive win. Most importantly, they represented Mary Webb School brilliantly, demonstrating our values through their resilience, cooperation, sportsmanship, and support for one another throughout the match. A fantastic team performance and a great way to start the season. Well done, boys! 🏉👏

CAREERS FOCUS THIS WEEK

Keep Exploring Your Options

This week, Year 11 heard from Hereford, Ludlow & North Shropshire College (HLNSC) about the different opportunities and pathways available after school.

Year 9 will also be hearing from HLNSC soon, helping them start to think about how their choices now can link to future opportunities.

Parents & Students Want to Explore Further? The School Leaver Roadshows bring lots of different organisations together in one place. You can meet colleges, sixth forms and training providers, as well as local employers and the Armed Forces.

Employers attending include organisations such as Müller, SJ Roberts Construction, Hatchers Solicitors and Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt NHS, alongside the British Army, RAF and Royal Navy.

📍 **School Leaver Roadshow – Shrewsbury**
📅 Monday 21 September ⏰ 4.00pm–8.00pm
📍 Cineworld Shrewsbury

📍 **School Leaver Roadshow – Telford**
📅 Saturday 26 September ⏰ 9.30am–12.00pm
📍 voco by IHG, Telford, TF3 4EH

Explore A Levels, vocational courses, apprenticeships, training and employment opportunities and talk directly to organisations about where different pathways could take you.

💡 Top tip: Explore more than one option – you might discover a route or career you hadn't considered.

🔗 Find out more & book: Shrewsbury Colleges Group – School Leaver Roadshows

💼 Career Spotlight

🥗 Food Technologist

What do they do?

Food technologists help develop and improve the food and drink products we buy. They create and test products, work with different ingredients and make sure food is safe, consistent and meets quality standards.

How to get there

🥛 College or university courses in food science or food technology

🎓 Advanced and degree apprenticeships

🧪 Progression from technical or laboratory roles

Skills needed

🧪 Science & analytical skills
🧩 Problem solving
🎯 Attention to detail
💡 Creativity
🤝 Teamwork

📊 **LMI – Labour Market Information**

💷 Salary: £24,000–£45,000

⏰ Typical hours: 40–45 hours per week

🏭 Where could you work? Food manufacturers, laboratories, research facilities, and supermarkets.

Did you know?
Food and drink careers aren't just about cooking! The industry needs people in science, product development, engineering, quality, packaging, marketing and logistics – and you can meet employers from the sector, including Müller, at the School Leaver Roadshow.

🔗 Find out more: National Careers Service – Food Scientist / Food Technologist

🧠 Skill Focus

🧩 Problem Solving

What is it?

Being able to identify a problem, think of possible solutions and work out the best way forward.

Where you use it

🧪 Testing and improving ideas
📚 Tackling a difficult piece of work
👥 Working through challenges in a team
🔄 Trying a different approach when something doesn't work
🛠️ Finding practical solutions to everyday problems

Try it this week

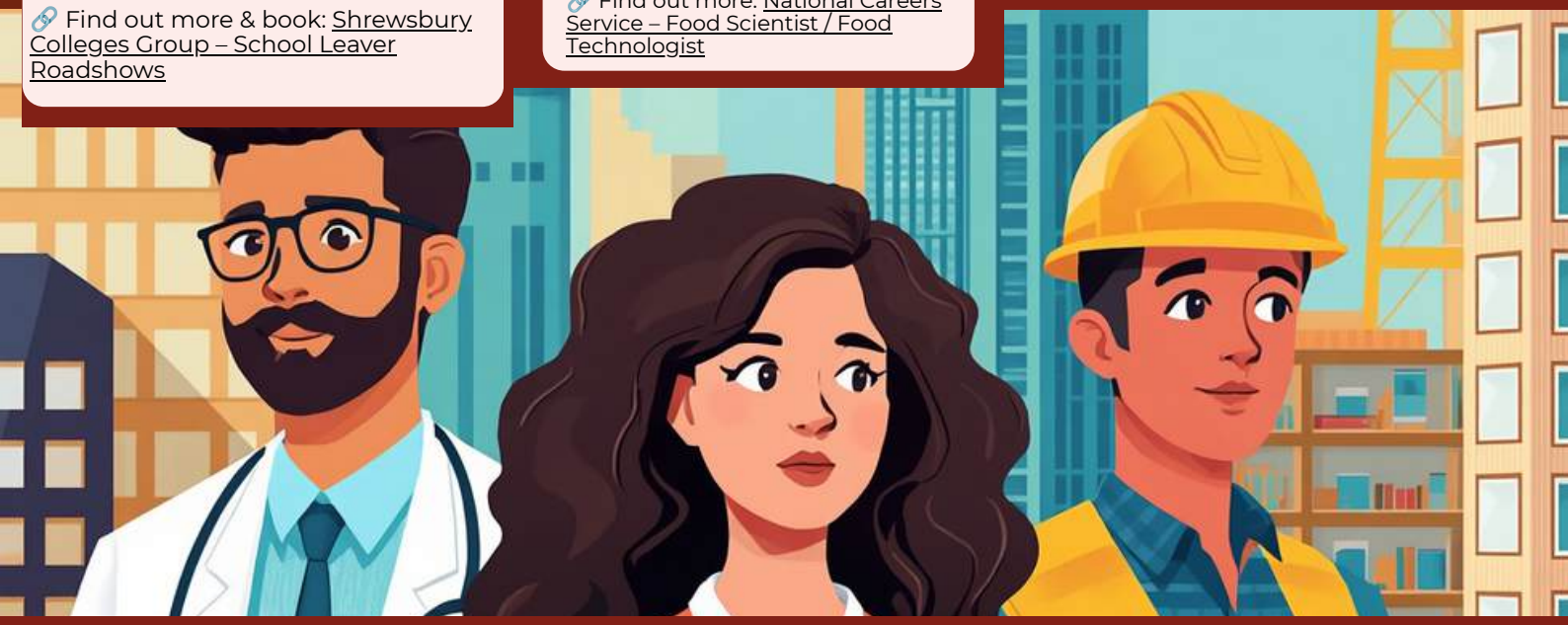
When something doesn't work first time, ask yourself:
❓ What's the problem?
🔄 What could I change?
💡 What could I try next?

Why employers value it

Employers value people who can think logically, adapt and find practical solutions rather than simply giving up when something goes wrong.

Did you know?

Problem solving is particularly important for Food Technologists – developing a new product involves testing, adapting and improving ingredients and processes until they get the right result.



Community Noticeboard

Free Tennis Taster Sessions Launch This September

Students are invited to take part in free after-school tennis taster sessions starting the week beginning 21 September. Places are available at local venues as part of Tennis Launch Month. Further details can be found in the poster and at We Do Tennis Launch Month.

Oktoberfest is coming to Pontesbury!

Join us for a whole day of Bavarian-themed fun with a fantastic line-up of popular local musicians. All profits will be donated to local educational projects and there'll be prizes for those donning the best dirndls and lederhosen! Tickets are available now at Eventbrite (under 18s must be accompanied by an adult).