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"The Edge" - William Brookes School Newsletter



SIXTH FORM STUDENTS ATTEND COUBERTIN SCHOOLS' INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FORUM IN OLYMPIA



These Sixth Form students recently returned home after a very successful week at the Coubertin Schools International Youth Forum in Greece. *See pages 2 and 3 for more details!*

RECORD EXAM RESULTS FOR WILLIAM BROOKES! Congratulations to last year's Year 11 and Sixth Form students!

- * 75% of Year 11 students gained 5 or more GCSE passes at A* - C
- * 60% of Year 11 students gained 5 or more GCSE passes at A* - C including Maths and English
- * 11 students attained A-C grades in 14+ subjects
- * A level achievement has risen again!

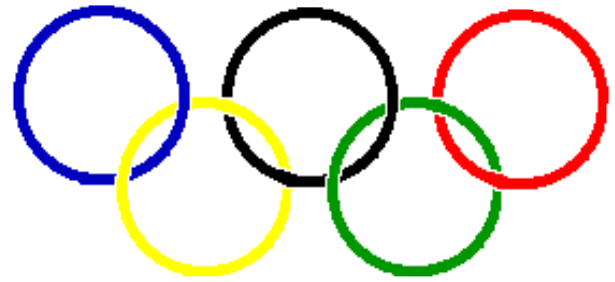
See our report on page 5 for full details!

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FORUM, OLYMPIA, GREECE

Mrs Jardine reports....

I had the honour of taking seven of our Sixth Form students to the International Olympic Academy in Olympia, Greece, for the Pierre de Coubertin International Youth Forum. We are the only 'Coubertin School' in Great Britain and we attended the Forum with 18 other 'Coubertin Schools' from around the world, including countries such as China, Australia, Tunisia and Kenya. Our students were a credit to our school and participated fully in all aspects of the Forum. During the week they competed for the 'Coubertin Award', which includes community service, an arts performance, sports activities, a knowledge test and discussion papers. They had lectures on Ancient Olympia as well as the Olympic values which we should all try to adhere to throughout our life.

I know that the week has had a huge impact on the students and they now have a different outlook on life. They will keep many fond memories of the week and will remain lifelong friends of the students they have met from around the world.

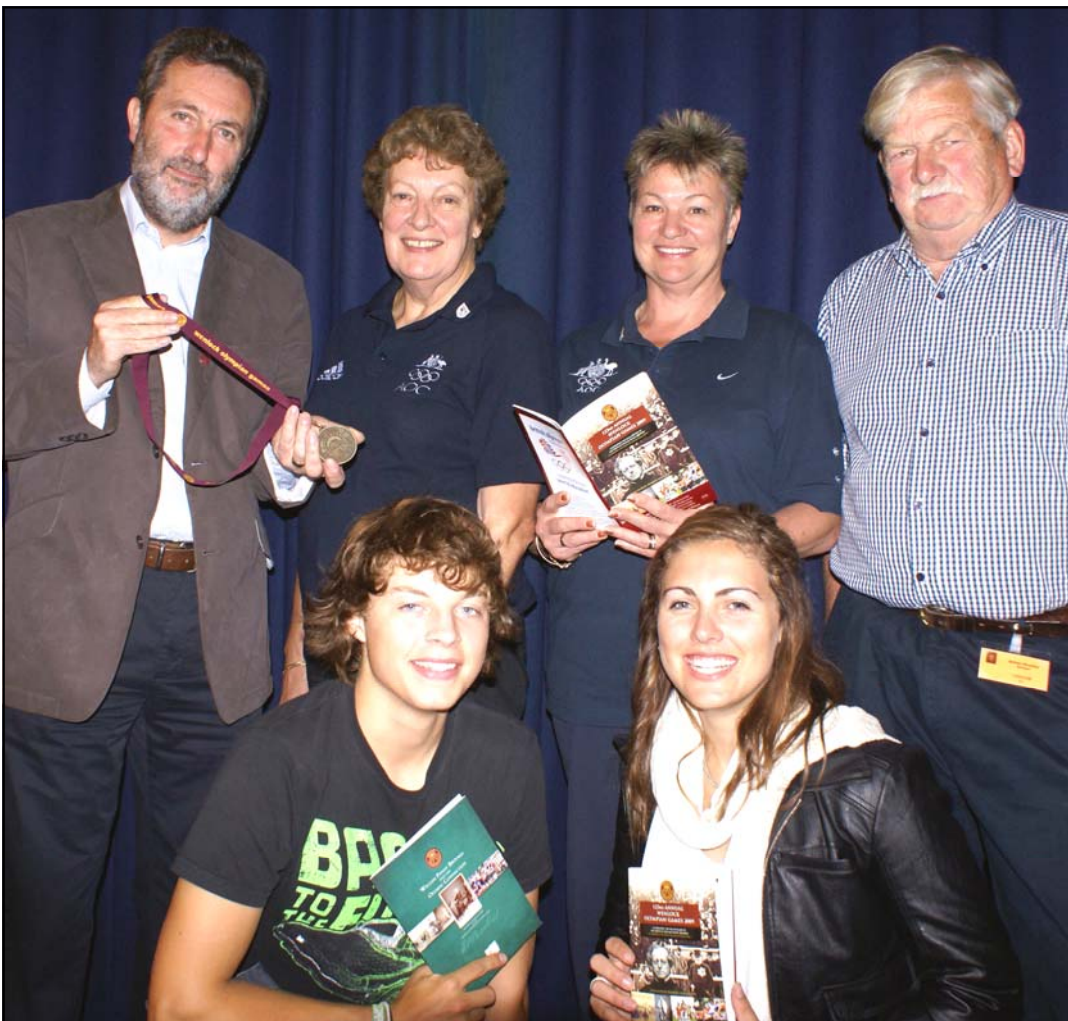


Student reports

The Arts Presentation

One of the disciplines we had to complete in order to achieve the Coubertin Award was an arts presentation. Every school/country had very different presentations, some used dance, some used singing and some used drama. All the presentations showed a moral or a message either about the Olympics or their own school or country. We chose to create a play explaining Dr Brookes' role in the founding of the Modern Olympic Games. We felt that this was important, because not many people appreciate the vital part he played. We also compared the sports involved in the Wenlock Olympian Games and the Modern Olympic Games, concluding that in actual fact, there wasn't much difference between them. The play showed William Brookes and Pierre de Coubertin travelling through time with the help of the

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Chris Cannon (Wenlock Olympian Society archivist) and Peter Thompson (WOS Secretary) show Olympic artefacts and publications to Australian staff representatives Helen Brownlee and Bethanie Kearney. Helen is a member of the Executive of the AOC (*Australian Olympic Committee*) with specific responsibilities for Women in Sport and Bethanie represented Australia in 400m in the 1976 Montreal Olympics. She is also President of the Tasmanian section of the Olympians Club of Australia.

William Brookes student **Andy Row** and New South Wales student Lauren Tomasi look on.

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comic character 'Doctor Love', his (big...and surprisingly brown) time machine, and the time warp dance (which everyone in the audience helped with). The two characters saw people partaking in different events, and the differences in such things as their clothing, and the commercialisation around the stadium and the competitiveness. It also showed that the structure and the main goals of the games hadn't changed at all. I think the piece went down incredibly well, everyone seemed to enjoy it and I believe we performed, on the day, the best we ever had. In fact, the Greek teacher even asked us if we were professionals!

- *Kate Ingram*



British and Australian students pictured together at the Stadium in Olympia, the site of the Ancient Olympic Games.

The Athletics Aspect - as experienced by *Oli Crossley*

During our stay at Olympia we had to complete a series of athletics events. Coubertin strongly believed that every young person should take part in some sport, as it was good for their health. This is why an athletics competition was an aspect of the award.

We had to do a 1.8km X-Country race, a 50m swimming race, a 100m sprint, a discus throw and a long jump event. As we were sticking with the theme of ancient Olympics, some of the events were slightly different. For the long jump we had to jump double footed with a 2.5 kg weight in each hand, 5 times. The distance was then measured after 5 jumps. The sprint was a 50m sprint, then a spin around a pole and another 50m sprint back to where you started. The only other event with a difference was the discus which we had to do sitting down!!

Then we got a certain number of points depending on our result. This then determined whether you passed that specific sport component or not. You were only allowed to fail one component of sport, if you failed more than one you failed the whole award!!

NB Oli came 2nd overall in the athletics events so well done! - Mrs J

The School Presentation - *Eli Crawford*

Each school had to prepare a School Presentation before they went to Greece. We decided we needed to really make the point that William Brookes was the real founder of the Modern Olympics so focused our presentation on this. We asked Robbie's 'twin brother', Ronnie, to ask us questions on our school's connection to the Olympic Games. We pre-

filmed the questions being asked and then projected this onto a screen and then we answered the questions on-stage. In the

background of the video we also showed time-lapse videos of the new school being built. Other schools' Presentations included dance routines, videos, pictures and Powerpoints. It was really interesting to discover the differences between schools across the world.

Year 13 student **Dan Thomas** commented on the event, *"It was amazing to see so many different cultures all in one place, with everyone trying really hard to communicate in other languages: I tried Norwegian and German. It was a fantastic atmosphere in Ancient Olympia and at the Olympic Academy and we all got lots out of it, including gaining our Coubertin Awards."*

Fellow year 13 student **Clare Kelly** said *"My mind's been opened up, having experienced this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. It's inspired me to travel when I've finished my education. I have also vowed to improve my French!"*

The students were accompanied home by eight Australian delegates, who extended their trip with a visit to Much Wenlock. The delegates and staff from all over Australia (Sydney, Queensland, Canberra, Victoria and Tasmania) stayed with the William Brookes students and staff for five nights and spent a day at William Brookes School, a day with Wenlock Olympians Society officers, learning about the town, its heritage and the Brookes legacy, as well as a visit to the Guildhall in Much Wenlock where they met the Mayor and members of the Town Council at a small Civic Reception. Their programme also included a day in Shrewsbury, on the trail of Darwin, and a day visiting the Ironbridge Gorge Museums.



Congratulations to these Sixth Form students who gained University places this summer:

Matthew Allen	Glamorgan	Law with Business
Chelsea Baggott *	Sheffield	Law and Criminology
Elyse Beardmore	Bristol	Anatomical Science
Michael Beeston	Coventry	Ethical Hacking and Network Security
Joel Brewer	Winchester	Drama and English
Sam Bromwich	Manchester	Mathematics
Ben Brophy	Sheffield	Computer Networks
Rebecca Bushell *	Edinburgh	Architectural Design
Tam Caddick	Bangor	Creative Studies
Lauren Challenor	TCAT	Art Foundation Course
Aaron Cooke	Exeter	Medical Imaging
Sophie Deer	Sheffield	LLB (Law)
Oliver Eden	Southampton	Football Studies
Kimberly Forshaw	Chester	Law
Thomas Foster	Oxford	Mathematics
Chris Garner	Manchester Metropolitan	Physical Geography
Andrew Gill	Nottingham Trent	Accounting and Finance
Katie Griffiths	Wolverhampton	Physical Activity
Chloe Hardy-Pritchard	Nottingham Trent	Criminology
Rebecca Haynes	Chester	Law
Andrew Hillier	Chester	Law
Emily-Bianca Howson	University for Creative Arts	Digital Film and Screen Arts
Ben Hughes	Chester	Sport Development
Joseph Isherwood	Brighton	Digital Music and Sound Arts
Emma Jamieson	Chester	Law
Richard Kee *	Birmingham	English with Creative Writing
Sarah Laycock *	Staffordshire	Nursing Practice
Alex McCarthy	Manchester	French and Spanish
Cody Miller	Chester	Business with Law
Tom Poole	Bath Spa	Creative Writing
Catherine Powell *	Sheffield	Building Surveying
Bethan Pugh	York	History and Politics
Toni Reeves	Plymouth	Law
Amber Regan	Edge Hill	Drama, Physical Theatre and Dance
Hannah Robinson *	Cardiff	Religious and Theological Studies
Bethany Scriven	Birmingham	History
Alex Shimmin	Liverpool John Moores	Coaching Development
Michael Southwell	Manchester Metropolitan	Physical Geography
Zara Stewart	Nottingham Trent	Criminology
Daniel Taylor	Nottingham Trent	Sports Science Management
Christopher Terry	Plymouth	Geography
Daisy Way	Queen Mary, London	English
Chloe Williams	Bangor	Childhood Studies
Charlotte Wood	Glamorgan	Law with Business

* Gap year students from 2008

The following students will be taking a gap year before attending University in 2011:

Rachel Bragg	John Gray	Melissa Sharpe
Daniel Carter	Rachel Lefroy	Phillip Tunnell



HEAD'S MESSAGE

What a lot has happened this year! 12 months ago we looked out across the grass at the playing fields and the old redgra and now we look up at an amazing and exciting concrete, steel and glulam frame within which the rooms and learning areas of the new school are emerging clearly – and the specialist sports facilities on our fields are well under way. I went round earlier this month with our partner primary heads and was very excited by the progress made so far. Seeing the swimming pool, the dance and drama studios, the sports hall, the lecture theatre, the D&T area with its CAD CAM room, the break out areas and more really impressed me and my colleagues. One School Pathfinder student ambassadors will be touring the building before half term as will staff. So this year is a historic year because this time next year we will actually be working in the fabulous new William Brookes School, with all its 21st century facilities for learning.

The OSP Ambassadors continue to play a full part in the project, meeting each week, hosting meetings, providing views as consultees for interior design, furniture and external arrangements, etc and assisting with Kier Moss fundraising activities such as their MacMillan Coffee Morning and Jeans for Genes Day.

Keep up with the building programme on the school website by logging on to

www.williambrookesschool.co.uk/newbuild

EXAM SUCCESSES AND TOP STUDENTS

At the start of this term we celebrated the successes of our students in this year's public exams. Exams are not the only focus of a successful school, but they are central to that success, regardless of the ability of the students. It's important that each student has the opportunity to do as well as he or she can. Exam results open doors to the next stage of education, work and training – at all ages and levels. So it was great to see so many young people reaching their targets and predictions.

A LEVELS: HIGH LEVELS OF ACHIEVEMENT BY OUR SIXTH FORM STUDENTS!

With all the re-building work that has been going on this year, we were delighted to see that A level results held up very well indeed and I congratulate students who achieved so well, gaining some really impressive grades and places at university to go on to higher education (see page 4) and they have provided such impressive role models for others in school.

The percentage of exams passed at A-B and A-C increased again and our high over all pass rate was maintained. As always, our student cohort included some outstanding students who gained 4 A grades - **Tom Foster** (off to Oxford University to read Maths), **Sam Bromwich** (off to Manchester University to read Maths) and **Bethan Pugh** (off to York University to read History and Politics).

There were many others close behind such as **Rachel Bragg**, with 3 A grades, and **Daisy Way**, with 2 As and 2 Bs. At a time when university places were more difficult to achieve it was very satisfying to see that nearly all those seeking places, across the range of students and successes, were accepted and are now well established in their new studies. They worked hard and our teachers did a great job in leading and supporting their learning across the board.

With all the debate this week about harder and softer A levels, we were really pleased that students were able to work and achieve at a good range of courses that met their interests and career aspirations. For example, high levels of success were evident in English, Maths and Law as well as in Music and Dance, which are key subjects in our performing arts college curriculum. A strong feature this year was an interest in careers in Law, with most of the students taking the subject at A level going on to university in law-related courses.

GCSE: HIGHER GRADES A MAJOR FEATURE THIS YEAR

Year 11 students this summer gained record GCSE results, with 75% gaining 5 or more passes at A*-C, and over half of them gaining more than 8 higher grade passes - 41% gained at least 10! 60% over all gained 5 or more A*-C that included English and Maths. Congratulations to the whole year group!

Amongst the high number of successful students are many examples of outstanding achievement, such as **Oliver Crossley**, who gained 14 passes, all at grades A*-B, including 7 at A* and 5 at A. Other high performers included **Sam Birt**, **Rebecca Lefroy**, **Kate Hudson** and **Adam Clarke**, all of whom gained 14 passes at A*-B, and **Eli Crawford**, **Ryan Gibbs**, **Matthew Beaumont**, **Amie Hayward**, **George Bilsby** and **Anthony Hadley**, again with 14 passes at A*-C. Amongst the higher number of A* grades were also **Bethan Copeland**, **Eleanor Bellows**, **Jacob Benyon** and **Kate Ingram**.

The students worked hard for their exams and they deserve congratulations for their achievements. A record proportion have stayed on to study A levels in our Sixth Form and we look forward to their continuing success over the next two years.

15 subjects had a 100% pass rate, including English Language, Science and French, with Maths at 99%. Every single Year 11 student who took their exams gained at least 3 GCSEs, with all but a handful gaining many more than that. Staff worked hard in preparing students throughout the two year programme and we know that the standard of teaching has continued to improve. There is a sharp focus upon how students learn and on the most effective ways of teaching them. Expectations are high and most students have responded by working really hard to meet their own individually set targets. Continuing to gain qualifications is so important - it's a challenging time for young people's future choices in the world of work.

GREAT FUNDRAISING CONCERT

Thank you to the Much Wenlock Male Voice and Ladies Choirs who performed alongside our School Choir, soloists and the Soul Band in our recent fundraising concert for the J L Edwards Memorial Trust. It was a great evening, with some inspiring music from all.

COUBERTIN SCHOOL VISITORS

Thank you to the Wenlock Olympian Society, Much Wenlock Town Council and the Ironbridge Gorge Museums for their assistance in our programme for our Coubertin School partners from Australia.



Arts College News



Music



Mrs Jaeger writes...

Thanks to The Choir and Iain Berryman for providing excellent musical performances for Presentation Evening.

The recent **J L Edwards Concert** was a huge success. Our school choir and Soul Band, along with solo artists **Iain Berryman, Faye Hudson** and **Kiah York**, took part in a concert which also featured Much Wenlock choirs.

Guitar Club has really started to flourish this year and a big thank you goes to **Fraser Gullick** (Year 11) for his assistance and expertise!

Thursday 12th November – Xpress event
7.30 – 9.30 pm. This will be an enjoyable evening of music of many different popular styles to be performed by Year 7 through to Year 13.

Showdown - fill in the entry form!
In association with The Wenlock Olympian Society's Live Arts Festival, we present an inter school /college event where all types of popular music (jazz, folk, rock, etc.) is performed by competing groups and soloists. This year we are offering prize money, with an entry fee of £5 per act. A professional rig, run by professional sound engineers, will be available all day. Auditions will be held from 1pm, with spectators being charged £1 for an afternoon ticket. Tickets for the evening performance at 7.30 pm (see the finalists!) are priced at £5 (£4 concessions).

Acoustic concert
Wednesday 2nd December at 6.00pm.
Performances by all the different musical groups who rehearse in school on a regular basis.

Carol Service - Monday 14th December at Holy Trinity Church, Much Wenlock – 7.30pm
Come and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies and start that Christmassy feeling by singing carols and listening to Christmas music.

Year 11 students are recording their second piece of **GCSE coursework** for examiners on Thursday 11th/ Friday 12th December. This will be their solo performance.

Don't forget our Arts Centre website:
www.edgeartscentre.co.uk

Edge Arts Centre to host National Poetry Festival

Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, is the founding patron of a new festival that will make Much Wenlock a national centre for contemporary poetry. The Wenlock Poetry Festival, established by Anna Dreda of Wenlock Books, in partnership with The Edge Arts Centre and the Arvon Foundation, will be held between 9 and 11 April 2010.

Find out more about the Wenlock Poetry Festival at www.wenlockpoetryfestival.org



Saturday 21st November



ENTRY FORM

FIRST prize £100
Second Prize £50
PLUS Other prizes

Name of Band / Group / Soloist:

Address & Postcode:

Telephone number:

E-mail address:

Style of Music Played:

Names of Performers and Instruments played in the set.

School / College:

I have included the entry fee £5.00 (please tick)

Signature:

Please send entry forms with the fee of £5 to **The Edge Arts Centre, Farley Road, Much Wenlock TF13 6NB**, by Friday 14th November 2009. Please make cheques payable to *The Edge Arts Centre*. Event open to students in Shropshire schools and colleges of higher education. Enquiries to Ms P Jaeger on 01952 728509 or e-mail: penny.jaeger@gmail.com



Pictured above - Year 7 students drew the winning numbers for the **PTA 100+ Club Draw** on Friday 9th October, during our non-uniform day. Please send a cheque for £12 payable to Margaret Brown to join. You have a chance to win cash prizes ranging from £50 to £10.

Drama



25th/26th November
- Telling Wilde Tales

Year 8 students perform Jules Tasca's magical dramatizations of Oscar Wilde's famous fairy tales.

16th/17th December
Jack and the Beanstalk

Written and performed entirely by William Brookes School Sixth Form students, Jack and the Beanstalk promises to honour the hallowed panto traditions of public humiliation and innuendo, as well as lavish song and dance spectacle. Always outrageous, and never

subtle, this event is sure to sell-out, so please book early!

PTA NEWS

October is a very busy month for the PTA! At the beginning of October we held a **CAKE STALL** in Much Wenlock and raised **£200** – a really good start to our fundraising for this year.

On **Friday 16 October** there will be **BINGO** in the school hall at **7.00pm**. Entrance is 50p (to include refreshments) – buy your books of Bingo tickets inside.

Our **AGM** is on **Tuesday 20 October** in the school library at **7.00pm** – everyone is welcome. Why not come along and find out more about us? We're a small band of enthusiastic parents and teachers who organise fundraising and social events throughout the academic year. Taking an active part in the PTA is a great way of getting to meet other parents and staff members. Last year we raised thousands of pounds which went directly to supporting numerous school projects, benefitting all students. There's no obligation to join, but individual skills, help and enthusiasm are gratefully received, even in small doses!

For more information, please contact me via school reception. Thank you.

Joyce Pridmore, Acting Chair,
 WBS PTA

William Brookes School PTA



Join us on Friday 16th October 2009 for

Prize BINGO NIGHT

William Brookes School Hall

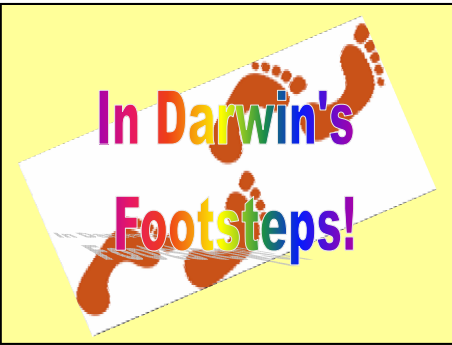
Doors open at 7pm

for  at 7.30pm
 eyes down



Buy your BINGO tickets inside!

Fun for all the family.
Big Raffle



Mrs Keen and Dr Hearle have been working with Year 8 students in a Shropshire-wide project called "In Darwin's Footsteps" which celebrated the bicentennial of Darwin's birth.

In their science lessons, students observed and recorded data about the invertebrates living on and around Much Wenlock's Coubertin Oak tree. (This is the tree planted by Pierre de Coubertin when he visited Much Wenlock in 1890).

The recording took place over a period of about 8 months. At the same time, school children all over the world were also recording the invertebrates in their environment and in June many of them got together to share their observations.

The students who went on the trip, **Anna Roberts, Zach Jones** and **Alex Middleton** tell us about their day...

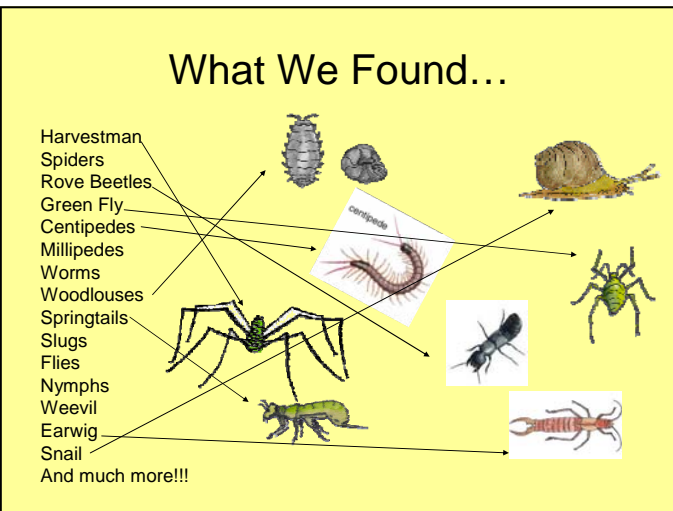
"The 'In Darwin's Footsteps' event was a fantastic experience. We presented a slide show that we had created along with Brogan Griffiths and Rebecca Bruce to lots of other schools. Our slide show was about how the numbers of invertebrates changed throughout the seasons.

It was interesting to see other schools' views and the investigations that they had carried out. We learned about different invertebrates and compared them with the invertebrates found in the environment of the other schools. It was a truly fantastic experience, and we got brilliant goody bags!"

As part of the celebrations of **National Science and Engineering Week 2009**, students also studied bees and pollination, learning about declining bee populations and how this affects plant life. Billions of the UK's bees are dying from unknown causes. One in three honey bee colonies in the UK were lost last winter alone. The UK's bumblebees are also suffering because there aren't enough wild flowers for them. All bees need our support. Bees are vitally important for everyone. In all, they are responsible for pollinating one-third of all the foods we eat! ***If the bee disappeared off the surface of the globe then man would only have four years of life left. No more bees, no more pollination, no more plants, no more animals, no more man.***



As **Tom Bald** explained in his PowerPoint presentation...



What is pollination?

Pollination is when a bee gets pollen from a flower and gives it to another flower which makes a seed.

To explain in detail...

Bees go to a nice juicy flower with lots of pollen in and brush themselves against the anther. The bee then goes to another flower and puts it on the stigma. Each pollen grain grows into a long tube called the pollen tube. They grow to the ovary and a gamete from the pollen tube joins the egg from the ovary and a seed is born. Phew!

SUPER SUNFLOWERS

Students were offered a free sunflower seed (because bees like sunflowers!), and a competition was held to see who could grow the tallest one. Top growers were **Zach Jones, Matthew Sheldrick** and **Tom Bald**. Zach's sunflower grew to over 8 feet 9 inches tall, at least 2 inches higher than its nearest rival, and he was duly awarded a WH Smith token!



What food bees help to make

- Almond, Cabbage, Elderberry, Pear,
- Apricot, Cashew, Garlic, Plum,
- Apple, Carrot, Fennel, Peppers,
- Artichoke, Cauliflower, Grapes, Pomegranate,
- Asparagus, Celery, Hazelnut, Pumpkin,
- Aubergine, Cherry, Kiwi fruit, Raspberry,
- Avocado, Chestnut, Leeks, Redcurrant,
- Beans, Chillies, Lemons, Squash,
- Beetroot, Chives, Mango, Strawberry,
- Blackberry, Cinnamon, Melon, Tangerine,
- Blackcurrant, Clover, Nectarine, Turnip,
- Blueberry, Coconut, Onion, Vanilla,
- Brazil nut, Courgette, Orange, Walnut,
- Broad, bean Coriander, Papaya, Watermelon,
- Broccoli, Cranberry, Passion, fruit,
- Brussels, sprouts, Cucumber and Peach

Library latest..Library latest

NEW! NEW! NEW!

Many thanks to all students who bought books from the recent 'Cover2Cover' leaflets. Your orders totalled over **£267**, so we have gained many more new books for our shelves. Don't worry if you missed this opportunity to buy books and CD Roms easily and more cheaply than in the shops - we run several 'Cover2Cover' promotions throughout the year. Look out for another one before Christmas, packed with bargain reads and present ideas!! Leaflets are offered to all students; so, parents, if you haven't seen one, dig down to the bottom of your child's school bag! Spare copies are available from the school library. And new this term is the opportunity for parents to order directly online - go to www.clubs.scholastic.co.uk/shop - every £1 you spend gives our school library 20p's worth of free books.

STUDENT LIBRARY ASSISTANTS

Our current Library Assistants are **Dan Aberley, Jay Butler, Charlotte Evans, Katie Grace, Richard Hadley, Sam Morris, Elizabeth Neale, Joby Russell and Calum Sullivan**, all (*except Calum*) pictured below with Mrs Herdson and Miss Brown. **Congratulations** to last year's Assistants who were recently presented with their Certificates from Shropshire Schools Library Service at the school's annual Presentation Evening.



Library staff and student assistants

ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA ONLINE

We are very excited about the fact that all online versions of this authoritative resource are now available to our students completely **free of charge** via the Shropshire Learning Gateway. *Britannica Online School Edition* gives teachers and students instant access to four complete encyclopaedias that ensure consistency with classroom topics and age-appropriate language. This unique database also offers high-quality online learning materials that are developed by teachers and curriculum experts. Please use it!

SCHOOL LIBRARIES PETITION

Amazingly, whilst it is a statutory requirement for all UK prisons to provide a library, schools are currently free to choose whether they provide one or not. If you would like to help rectify this situation, please sign up to author Alan Gibbons' online petition, which you will find at www.number10.gov.uk

The petition will be open until 11th December.

FREE BOOKS FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS!

'Booked Up', supported by the Government's Department for Children, Families and Schools, has for the third year running offered a free book to all Year 7 students in England this term. This year's titles were:

<i>Desirable *</i>	<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i>
<i>Flood Child</i>	<i>An Urgent Message of Wowness</i>
<i>Underworld</i>	<i>How Loud Can You Burp?</i>
<i>Blood Hunters</i>	<i>Read Me Out Loud! (poems)</i>
<i>Wow! 366</i>	<i>Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key</i>
<i>Once</i>	<i>Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief *</i>
<i>Derek the Sheep (picture book)</i>	

(* Also available in audio format.)

All our Year 7 students were offered a leaflet about this scheme, and copies of the books were displayed in the school library. The books should be here very soon. Favourite choices were 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid', 'Underworld' and 'Blood Hunters'.

BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS

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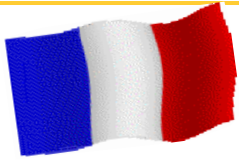
The Times and Sunday Times newspapers are once again issuing 'Free Books for Schools' tokens. Please collect these and send them in to Library staff by Thursday 10th December. We're hoping for great things because last term we collected enough tokens to become one of the top 100 collecting schools in the UK!

REQUESTING TEMPORARY BUS PASSES

Temporary passes are **not** available from the School except for the South Telford Buses. Parents are requested to contact Shropshire Council in advance if they wish to make alternative arrangements for the return home on a particular day. (Tel: 01743-254372).

Please note that students cannot transfer to another bus route, even temporarily, without application and permission given in writing, if appropriate.





European

Day of Languages

- 26 September 2009

There are over 6000 languages spoken in the world today. The European Day of Languages aims to celebrate the rich and diverse culture that lies behind every language and to show people how important languages are and also what fun can be had by learning them.

The Modern Foreign Languages Department celebrated this event with a variety of different activities throughout the week. Visitors to the school will have noticed a special languages display at the Reception entrance. Students learnt songs in French and German, greetings in different European languages and completed a quiz based on Europe. Year 9 watched a short video on the importance of languages in today's multi-cultural and multi-lingual society and some older students had taster lessons in Spanish and Italian.

Congratulations to A level French students **Beccy Moore, Elspeth McGregor, Beth Dawes, Natasha Gibbs** and **Laura Whitehouse**, who organised House Assemblies on the theme of European Languages. They produced an excellent PowerPoint presentation with facts on languages - for instance, did you know that in London alone, over 300 languages are spoken at home? They worked with Year 9 students to create a play on the Emperor's New Clothes in French and Miss Thomas' Italian Club students recreated an amusing scene from an Italian restaurant. A German version of Britney Spears' "Hit me Baby" was tunefully led by Mrs Ellison!

- Madame Mersh



Bienvenue en Angleterre et au Collège William Brookes!

Welcome to our new French Assistante, Stéphanie Aubry. Stéphanie is from Brittany in northern France and will be with us until May next year. She will

be in school on Mondays and Thursdays to work with students, both individually and in groups, on improving their spoken French. We hope that she will thoroughly enjoy her time with us and are sure that students will benefit greatly from her help.

FOCUS ON LANGUAGES



Vacances en France!



Sixth Form A level French students **Kate Ingram** and **Eve Robinson** and younger students **Oliver Gribbin, Dan Aberley, Joe Ferriday, Alex Middleton, Katie Grace, Sam Jukes, Hayley, Elizabeth** and **Philippa Neale** will be taking part in

the Much Wenlock Twinning Group's official exchange visit to Wenlock's twin town of Cysoing, near Lille, from October 24th - 27th.

All entertainment and catering will be provided by the Cysoing Twinning Group and everyone will be staying with French hosts, which will be a great opportunity to experience the food and the culture of this part of France. During the visit both English and French families will take part in visits to the Wazemmes Flea Market in Lille, the Coal Mining Museum at Lewarde near Arras, a restaurant in nearby Belgium and an evening of bowling. Many of those taking part in the exchange visit have already made good friends with families in Cysoing; for others this will be their first visit.

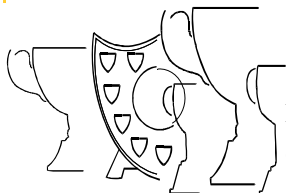
If you'd like to go too, there are still places available on the coach! Old hands or newcomers - all will be made very welcome. But hurry, as accommodation with host families takes time to organise. Contact MWTG Secretary Linda Stevenson for more details - 727884 or lds@uwclub.net



Forty of our Year 8 students enjoyed a fantastic time in Le Touquet in September. **Stavros Nicolaidis** has his back to the camera, **Tom Reynolds** and **Callum Fradgley** work on the town trail while Mr Wilson looks on. More details in our next edition!



'Félicitations' to Madame Crowther, who had "another gorgeous little girl" on 30th September. Mother and baby Bethan are both doing well.



Presentation Evening 2009

Thursday 24th September was the school's annual Presentation Evening with guest speaker Philip Dunne, MP for Ludlow. The evening celebrated the achievements of our students over the previous academic year and successes at AS, A2 and GCSE. The announcements of rewards were interspersed with drama, music and dance performances and video/slideshows. The event was a great success with a packed house of proud parents, staff, governors and friends of the school.

Many thanks to all parties who made donations towards prizes. A special thanks this year must go to Dodd Group, Kier Moss Construction and Ramyses ICT for their new contributions linked to our One School Pathfinder Project. One hundred and three prizes were awarded on the night - a figure that represents more than ten percent of the school! We wish our former students well and thank them for their contributions to the school. Congratulations to them all for their hard work and effort. The event was videoed, and if you would like a copy, please contact the school. A list of all our prizewinners is given below.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

Free School Meals is a benefit awarded in respect of children under the age of 19 where the parent or carer is in receipt of one of the benefits below:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Child Tax Credit - (*provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,040 (as assessed by H.M. Revenue and Customs).
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit, or
- a letter of support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

*Working Tax Credit is available to employees and self-employed people from HM Revenue and Customs and provides extra financial support for parents who have children. This means you will not qualify for free school meals if you receive it.

Note: From 1 May 2009 where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after their employment stops, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week, their children will be entitled to free school meals.

By Law no other category of benefit payment or combination of Tax Credits qualify for free school meals. Similarly, there are no other circumstances that can legally justify the provision of a free school meal.

Source: extract from webpages maintained by Shropshire Council's Free School Meals Team (24/09/09).

<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/schoolmeals.nsf/open/065D886911B6636B8025750B00507E92>

The Free School Meals Team can be contacted direct:
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Saffron Allen	Joseph Jones
Matthew Allen	Samuel Jones
Michael Andrews	Zach Jones
Sarah Baker	Joanna Law
Matthew Beaumont	Kate Lefroy
Jacob Benyon	Rachel Lefroy
Iain Berryman	Ellie Lodge-Chilton
Katie Birt	Amy McWalters
Sam Birt	Nicola Moore
Rachel Bragg (2)	Elizabeth Neale
Joel Brewer	Jessica Nicholas
Sam Bromwich (2)	Lucy Nicolaides
Ben Brophy	Connor Nolan
Holly Brown	David Nutt
Thomas Butler	Sian Oliver
Kimberley Carter	Joe Palmer
Lauren Challenor	Emily Pell
Aaron Cooke	Sian Peters
Nina Cooper	Rupert Preen
Bethan Copeland (2)	Sarah Price
Maisie Cotton	Martyn Pridmore
Alice Cotton	Bethan Pugh (2)
Eli Crawford	Charlotte Ratcliffe
Claire Crossley	Amber Regan (2)
Oliver Crossley (2)	Eden Rendell
Megan Dawes (2)	Lucy Reynolds
Sophie Deer	George Robinson
Tom Foster	Alice Robinson
Ryan Gibbs	Jamie Ryan
Richard Godfrey	Bethany Scriven
Oliver Gribbin	Rebecca Sheldrick
Jamie Griffiths	Robbie Smith
Vicky Griffiths	Jordan Spilsbury (2)
Richard Hadley	Laura Stanier
William Hawker	Stacey Taras
Nicole Hayward	Phillip Tunnell
Adam Heywood	Ben Turner
Andrew Hillier	Rosie Way
Kacey Hislop	Daisy Way (2)
Emily Hughes	Charlotte Wood (2)
Kate Ingram (2)	Tom Wootton
Jade Instone	Emilia Wrelton
Ellie James	Oliver Wyatt
Emma Jamieson	Kiah York
Joseph Johnson	Emma Youngman

YEAR 7 STUDENTS' FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Year 9 reporter **Richard Hadley** interviewed some Year 7 students...

How have your first few weeks been? Are you settling in to life at WBS?

"I think it's been good." – **Sam Walker**

"I was really nervous, but I'm fine now." – **Antonia McGowan**

"It's better than Primary School because the lessons are more interesting." – **Jack Woolley**

"Great! I've had fun in my lessons." – **Luke Weaver-Barron**

"I've enjoyed the lessons that I've been doing, especially RE, Art and PE." – **Tedwin Broadway**

"It's fun!" – **Cerys Scholey**

"It's good; I like DT and English." – **Emily Jones**

"Very good. I've made new friends." – **Connor Owen**

Do you have a favourite lesson yet?

"I think Maths is quite good." – **Sam Walker**

"Art. I like to draw different things." – **Antonia McGowan**

"I really like History; we're doing a PowerPoint which is cool." – **Jack Woolley**

"My favourite subjects are Art and DT because I like making and drawing things." – **Luke Weaver-Barron**



Head's Commendations *have recently been awarded to:*

Dan Aberley	Y8 L4	1 (Whole School)	Rachael Headworth	Y9 S8	1 (Whole School)
Senan Allen	Y8 A2	1 (Whole School)	Courtney Hems	Y8 A1	3 (PSHE, Geography and History)
Michael Andrews	Y9 S8	5 (History, Science, RE, PSHE and French)	Anna Howarth	Y9 S3	1 (Drama)
Oliver Austin	Y8 S4	2 (Geography and Science)	Nicole Howen	Y9 A6	1 (English)
Sarah Baker	Y9 L1	1 (French)	Faye Hudson	Y9 L2	1 (Whole School)
Thomas Bald	Y8 B7	2 (History and Whole School)	Daniella Hughes	Y9 S2	2 (French and History)
Ellie Ball	Y9 A3	1 (French)	Sophie Hughes	Y9 A5	2 (Science and History)
Ciaran Baxter	Y8 L3	1 (Art)	Jonathan Hussey	Y8 B7	2 (Art and PSHE)
Jonathan Begley	Y10 B2	1 (Whole School)	Zach Jones	Y8 L7	1 (History)
Jade Bird	Y8 S5	1 (Geography)	Timothy Joyce	Y9 B4	5 (Science and English x 4)
Amy Bridges	Y9 A8	3 (Geography, French and Whole School)	Kate Lefroy	Y9 S2	6 (DT, Geography, PE, Art, French and Whole School)
Alice Britten	Y9 A5	3 (Science, French and Geography)	Charlotte Lewis	B11	1 (PE)
Rebecca Bruce	Y8 B7	1 (History)	Connor Lewis	Y8 B8	2 (Whole School and Science)
Danny Budd	Y9 A4	3 (French and Whole School x 2)	Hannah Lister	Q11	1 (Whole School)
Jade Budding	Y9 L6	1 (Drama)	Abbie Lovegrove	Y9 A3	1 (French)
Josh Burrows	Y9 B7	1 (PE)	Jacob Manning	Y10 A2	1 (Geography)
Jay Butler	Y8 S7	1 (PSHE)	Joshua McWalters	Y9 B7	2 (PSHE and Geography)
Daniel Carr	Y8 L2	1 (Art)	Nicola Moore	Y9 B6	2 Science and Drama)
Jamie Carter	Y8 L7	1 (PE)	Tara Moran	Y8 S7	1 (History)
Katie Carter	Y9 B7	2 (French and RE)	Molly Nash	Y9 L5	1 (English)
Kimberley Carter	Y10 L8	2 (PE x 2)	Ty Nash	Y9 L7	1 (Drama)
Roxanne Clark	Y9 L2	1 (French)	Elizabeth Neale	Y9 A4	1 (Art)
Nina Cooper	Y8 S7	1 (Art)	Hayley Neale	Y9 A6	3 (DT, French, Science)
Hollie Corcoran-Bradbury	Y9 S4	1 (Whole School)	Jessica Nicholas	Y9 A3	4 (History, PE, French and Music)
Alice Cotton	Y9 A4	2 (History and French)	Catherine Nicholson	Y9 B4	1 (Art)
Mary Cox	Y9 B3	1 (Whole School)	Ciaran Owen	Y9 S8	1 (Geography)
Dan Crawshaw	Y9 B4	1 (Drama)	Kieran Owers	Y9 S4	1 (Drama)
Claire Crossley	Y10 S1	1 (Community)	Georgia Parkinson	Y9 L8	1 (History)
Scott Crowe	Y9 A3	1 (Community)	Connor Pengelly	Y10 S5	1 (Mathematics)
Ffion Davies	Y10 B6	1 (Whole School)	Sharnley Pierce	Y9 L4	1 (Drama)
Jasmine Denholm	Y10 L3	1 (Community)	Rupert Preen	Y9 S1	1 (Drama)
Kirsten Dixon	Y8 B5	1 (Art)	Sarah Price	Y9 L1	1 (Music)
Ashleigh Dyer-Jones	Y9 L7	2 (English and History)	Martyn Pridmore	Y10 A7	1 (Community)
Jud Ellis	Y10 S6	1 (Geography)	Kenna Pritchard	Y9 L6	3 (Geography, French and Drama)
Jaya Ellis-Perks	Y9 B8	2 (Science and History)	James Rees	Y8 S8	1 (Art)
Robert Evans	Y9 A7	1 (History)	Lana Rees	Q11	1 (Whole School)
Matthew Fielding	Y9 B2	1 (Geography)	Conor Reilly	Y10 B1	1 (Community)
Lee Firmstone	Y9 A5	3 (English, French and Drama)	Eden Rendell	Y8 A8	1 (RE)
Alice Gibbons	Y8 B2	1 (Art)	Lucy Reynolds	Y10 A7	2 (Geography and Community)
Jeanna Glaister	Y9 B4	1 (French)	Shannon Richards	Y10 L8	1 (Community)
Richard Godfrey	Y8 A1	1 (Science)	Thomas Richards	Y8 B8	1 (Whole School)
Thomas Gough	Y9 S5	2 (English and Drama)	Annie Richardson	Y8 A5	1 (PSHE)
Georgia Goymer	Y8 L8	3 (Art and PE x 2)	Anna Roberts	Y8 A3	2 (Whole School and Art)
Katie Grace	Y9 L1	1 (Science)	Jessica Roberts	Y10 A4	1 (Science)
Joanne Grainger	Y10 B5	1 (Whole School)	George Robinson	Y9 B8	2 (PSHE and History)
Lindsey Grainger	Y8 B3	1 (PE)	Kezia Robinson	Y9 B2	1 (PE)
Brogann Griffiths	Y8 B7	3 (Geography and History x 2)	Kimberley Roche	Y9 B1	1 (German)
Fraser Gullick	W11	1 (Whole School)	William Rogers	Y9 A5	1 (Drama)
Richard Hadley	Y9 S6	1 (PSHE)	Sian Rounsley	Y9 S2	2 (PE and French)
Chloe Hammond	Y9 L7	1 (French)	Christopher Saunders	Y9 B1	1 (Drama)
Georgina Hanafin	C11	1 (Geography)	Matthew Sheldrick	Y8 S3	2 (Art and PE)
Adam Hark	Y9 S4	1 (Drama)	Rebecca Sheldrick	Y10 S8	2 (Geography and Community)
Leighton Harrington	Y9 B7	2 (PSHE and Geography)	James Shelley	Y8 S8	1 (Community)
Nicole Harris	Y9 B4	1 (Geography)	Jessica Shires	Y8 S2	1 (Art)
Mitchell Hatton	Y9 S2	1 (German)	Alice Sidebottom	Y8 A4	2 (English and Geography)
Justine Hawksworth	Y8 B8	3 (Art, Science and Whole School)	Kara Sillitoe	Y9 A2	1 (French)
Veronique Hawksworth	Y8 B5	2 (Geography and History)	Lucy Snell	Y9 L8	2 (DT and French)
Rebecca Hawthorne	Y8 L7	1 (Art)	Ellie Southwell	Y10 B7	1 (Community)
			Olivia Spencer	Y8 L7	1 (Art)
			Cassie Stocking	Y10 S5	1 (Geography)
			Jake Taffinder	Y9 A2	1 (Geography)
			Hollie-Joe Taylor	Y9 A3	1 (English)

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Rosie Thomas	Y9 B3	1 (English)
Laura Tonks	Y9 A7	2 (French and Drama)
Lydia Torr	Y8 S8	1 (Whole School)
Jamie Turner	Y9 A7	1 (Drama)
Hannah Vicente	Y8 S7	1 (Whole School)
Chloe Walmsley	Y10 L4	1 (Community)
Jessica Walmsley	Y8 L1	1 (Art)
Chloe Ward	Y9	1 (Drama)
Daniel Watkins	Y9 B1	2 (Community and Drama)
Lily Way	Y8 S4	1 (English)
Benjamin Weatherley	Y8 S8	3 (Community and Art x 2)
Toby Weaver	Y8 A2	2 (Whole School and Art)
Daniel Weston	Y9 L8	1 (Drama)
Madeline Wheatley	Y9 S5	1 (Drama)
Chloe Wildman	Y8 A8	1 (Community and PE)
Chelsea Williams	Y8 L3	1 (Whole School)
Selina Willmore	Y9 B5	1 (English)
Joseph Wood	B11	1 (Whole School)
Beth Woodhall	Y9 A5	3 (Geography, PSHE + PE)
Ryan Woolley	Y9 B5	1 (English)
Rebecca Wrelton	Y10 A3	1 (PE)
Ivan Wroe	Y9 S7	4 (DT, History, Science and French)
Kiah York	Y9 S1	3 (DT, French and Whole School)



On Thursday 17th September, all our new Year 7 students went on their first trip with William Brookes School to investigate the local catchment area and study conservation measures being taken at **Attingham Park** (pictured above). Students' reports will follow in our Christmas edition!
- Dr Williams

SCHOOL SWEATSHIRTS

Please note that the only authorised suppliers of the correct school sweatshirt are:

- **Trutex** (available by post with free returns so you can exchange them if your order turns out to be the wrong size)
- **SR Embroidery** in the Square in Broseley
- **Bristow Sports** in Bridgnorth

Other suppliers are selling parents the wrong sweatshirts! Remember that school uniform is a navy sweatshirt with v-neck, and gold logo on the sleeve. Anything else is **not** William Brookes School uniform.

Work Experiences

William Brookes School, with help from parents and local businesses,

organises "Work Experience" for all our Year 11 students at the beginning of the Autumn term. Our students spend two weeks out of school in a wide variety of work placements, experiencing the world of work in an adult environment and, in many cases, improving their social and communication skills. They have to meet certain standards in terms of appearance, time-keeping, and following instructions. In many cases, they also have to learn vital rules about health and safety at work. We are very grateful to all local businesses who accepted one or more of our students on a placement. Thank you!

Year 13 students **Elsbeth McGregor** and **Jamie Butler** also took part in a work placement. Elsbeth writes...

"During the last two weeks of the summer holiday we were given the opportunity to do a work placement with Kier Moss on the site of the new school build. Over the course of the placement we gained experience of roles including Quantity Surveyor, Design and Build Coordinator and Site Manager. We also visited the Kier Moss regional office in Birmingham, where we gained an insight into the processes that take place alongside the construction of each project, for example Procurement and Marketing. It was a great opportunity to experience possible future career paths and to see first-hand the development of our new school."

Year 11 students **Tom Cresswell** and **Dayle Turner** also worked with Kier Moss in September.

MATHS DEPARTMENT

Cypher Challenge students meet Friday

lunchtimes at 13.10 pm in Room 3.

Maths and Science Homework Club is held 12.40 to 13.30 pm, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Room 2. Everybody is welcome!

We are selling scientific calculators for £5 and GCSE revision discs for £3.

ICT UPDATE

There is a wide range of technology now available to students across the school for use during lessons and clubs. This includes: PSPs for students to take video, which they can then edit using software packages available on the school PCs; Ultra Mobile Personal Computers, for students to use in lessons normally without ICT equipment, or for use outside of the classroom environment; and Apple Mac computers, with high definition web cameras, which allow students to create stop frame animations and short movies. Also, teaching staff now use Visualisers to create a more interactive learning experience. This adds to the already extensive range of hardware and software available to students and staff at William Brookes School. – Mr Crook



Football

- report from Mr Reece

SPORTS REPORTS

Shrewsbury School and Idsall.

Year 7 students have been taking part in regular practices on Monday lunchtimes. Sessions are run by Sixth Form student **George Bilsby** and Mr Parkes. They lost their first full match to a good team from Idsall School in Shifnal but we were pleased with the good turnout of players. Watch out for forthcoming 7-a-side fixtures!

Year 8s have enjoyed a good start to the season, beating Idsall 3-2 in a Cup match. Scorers were **Jon-Lee Butler, Seth Ellis** and **Tom Reynolds**. They went on to win a 7-a-side competition at Madeley Academy, beating teams from Madeley, Charlton School in Wellington and Ercall Wood School. They narrowly lost (9-7) to the Hadley Learning Centre in a high-scoring Cup match. Forthcoming fixtures will be played against the Wakeman School in Shrewsbury and Madeley Academy.

The **Year 10** team have also had a sound start to the season. Although they lost a Cup game 0-4 to the Grove School, Market Drayton, they won 3-0 against Lacon Childe School in Cleobury Mortimer.

Year 11s fared even better. They won Cup games 3-0 against Belvidere School in Shrewsbury and 5-2 against Abraham Darby. Forthcoming fixtures are against Sutherland Business and Enterprise College in Trench,

Our **Sixth Form** students have played two games in the College League, improving steadily against good opposition.

Last but not least, we are very proud of our County players **Judd Ellis, Kieran Osborne, Kyle Williams** and **John Preece**. **Beth Nicholson** has gained a place on the U16 Girls Shropshire Schools Team and **Seth Ellis** and **Jon-Lee Butler** have joined Shrewsbury Town Juniors. Well done, everyone!

Yet again our Sixth Form students participated in the "World's Biggest Coffee Morning", held in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.



This year the event took place on Friday 25th September. The students all wore suits, looked amazingly smart, and provided all the cakes themselves. They raised a total of **£265.80** which will be doubled by Barclays Bank. Well done!



SPORTS CLUBS - WINTER 2009/2010

Students - make the most of your time at William Brookes School! There are lots of Sports Clubs to attend and we have fixtures against other schools in most sports. Everyone is welcome to attend clubs whether you want to play socially or seriously to try to represent the school. Come along to the Leisure Centre at the appropriate time and have some fun!

But please note that you need to **attend clubs regularly** in order to be selected to represent the School.

Day	Lunch 12.40-1.20pm	After School 3.50-5.00pm
Monday	Y7&8 Football GCSE & A Level Badminton	Swimming Club - All yrs Y8&9 Hockey
Tuesday	Y7 Netball Y8&9 Rugby	Y7-9 Basketball Gym Club - All yrs Table Tennis - All years Y7 Rugby Y7&8 Cheerleading
Wednesday	Y8&9 Netball	Y10&11 Hockey Y9 Karate
Thursday	Y10&11 Netball Improvers Swim - All years	Girls Rugby - All yrs Y7&8 Girls Football Y10 - 13 Basketball
Friday	Y9 - 11 Futsal	Netball Club Y7 - 9

Bringing students safely to school

Parents - please remember that our school car park is very busy, particularly at the start and end of the school day. It is not advisable for any non-staff or visitor cars to be in the school grounds from 8.30am until after the buses have left at 4pm.

To avoid danger, parents **must not** pick up students from the main road outside school where there are 'no parking' yellow lines. If you need to collect your child promptly at the end of school, **please arrange to meet them in Station Road**, at the bottom of our playing fields.

A **Non-Uniform Day** was held in school on Friday 9th October in aid of our School Fund. Proceeds will be used to enhance school life in many different ways. Thanks to everyone who participated!

SOUTH EAST RURAL YOUTH PROJECTS

Broseley Youth Club

Open every Monday & Wednesday night
7 — 9.30pm for Years 7, 8 & 9

Birchmeadow Centre, Broseley

Come along and join our Youth Club, have fun and meet new friends. We have a varied programme & you can try different activities

If your child stays in learning after 16, Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

could give them up to £30 a week to help with their costs. It won't affect a penny of any benefits you get or take into account your child's part-time job. If your household income is less than £30,810 then your child can get help with £10, £20 or £30 a week to put towards costs of books, travel or equipment. You will need to send evidence of your household income for the relevant tax year. This might be a Tax Credit Award Notice (TC602), or P60. To find out more about EMA, either phone the EMA helpline on 0800 121 8989 or visit the website www.direct.gov.uk/ema

TERM DATES

Professional Development Day (School closed to students): **Friday 23rd October.**

Half-term holiday dates = Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October inclusive.

Friday 18th December will be the **LAST DAY OF TERM**, with early closure at 2 pm.

Christmas holiday dates = Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2010 inclusive

SPRING TERM STARTS on Monday 4th January.

Wednesday 18th November will be our **TARGET SETTING DAY.**

This means there will be NO lessons or school transport. Each student will come in with their parent(s)/carers for an individual appointment to discuss their progress and their personal learning targets for the 2009/10 academic year.

Other dates to note:

24th November Sixth Form Open Evening
9th December Year 8 Parents' Evening

All other events on our school calendar are detailed on our website. Please go to

www.williambrookesschool.co.uk

You will find full details of the school calendar under the 'Info' tab and Diary Dates section

PE Equipment Loan

Any students that would like to borrow some equipment from the PE office can do so by using our equipment card system. They need to purchase a card for £2.50 from Reception; this enables them to borrow equipment by handing in the card as a deposit. When they return the equipment they get their card back so they can use it again next time. This system helps to make sure that all the PE Department's sports equipment is returned and students can benefit from an active lunchtime.

Your household income (financial year 07/08):	How much EMA your child could get
up to £20,817 per year	£30 per week
£20,818 - £25,521 per year	£20 a week
£25,522 - £30,810 per year	£10 a week
more than £30,810 per year	no entitlement to EMA

WILLIAM BROOKES SCHOOL

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If you have a comment to make, or would like to contribute an article for a future edition, please contact the editor, Mrs E Herdson, at the school.

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Does your child have special educational needs?
For help and support, contact:

**Telford and Wrekin CVS
Meeting Point House, Southwater Square
Town Centre, TELFORD
Shropshire TF3 4HS**

Tel: 01952 291350

Rain, Wind, Autumn and Winter....!

Remember that it is compulsory to wear sweatshirts in class and don't forget that on wet and cold mornings students need to wear something sensible **and** waterproof! We have been surprised to see that some students have come to school wearing just a shirt, blouse or sweatshirt, even when it has been raining hard. It takes all day for something as thick as a sweatshirt to dry out, so these students end up sitting in lessons in wet clothes – not a pleasant experience!

Please consider something more sensible and waterproof to wear on the morning journeys to school. Bristows in Bridgnorth, S R Embroidery in Broseley and Trutex all sell suitable waterproof navy tops.



Mollie Muscutt's Indian Adventures



Student Mollie Muscutt, who left WBS this summer, is currently undertaking volunteer work at Sangam in Pune, spending a total of 3 months in India. Read all about Mollie's adventures on the Wenlock Books blog:

<http://wenlockbooks.blogspot.com/>



The National Blood Service will be visiting William Brookes School on **Thursday 29th October 2009**, during our half-term holiday.

Session times are 12:45 to 15:30 and 16:30 to 19:30.

Ring **0845 7 711 711** for an appointment, or book one online at www.blood.co.uk

Many thanks to the students who have assisted in the production of this edition of the newsletter:

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Please could all carers/parents ensure that we have an **up to date, 1st priority email address**. The easiest way to do this is to send an email to:

info@williambrookes.shropshire.sch.uk

ensuring that your child/ children's name/s and tutor group/s are in the subject line.

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For more student news, go to our School Blog at <http://williambrookes.ethink.org.uk/>