



## Autumn Term Fundraising

Well done to our Students for their fundraising achievements this term

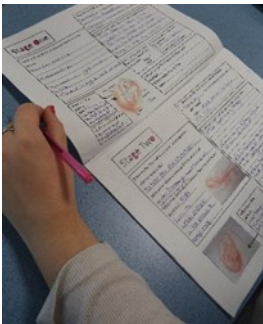
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Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, came and supported this event

## New this Autumn

### Child Development



Child development has proved to be a popular vocational choice this term. Students are working towards their Level1/2 in the subject and have spent the first half term looking at reasons people choose to have a child, contraception, conception and birth. Three of our students have work placements in local nurseries, working first hand with children and observing all the important milestones.

### Hair and Beauty

In Hairdressing we are working towards Level 1 An Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector.

Year 10 and 11 students have been concentrating on working safely in a salon and looking at the services provided by different salons in our area. In practical sessions we have been learning skills in blow drying, setting and dressing hair. Students have to design and complete a total look which will include hair, makeup and clothes.

Post 16 students have been concentrating on the theory of shampooing and conditioning hair. In practical sessions they have learnt how to design mood boards and have been learning and practicing a range of hair styles to complete their total look.



## KEY DATES

**Thur 09 Nov, 3.45 to 5.45pm**

KS4 (yr10&11) Parents' Welcome Evening  
Please book appointment.

**Wed 15 Nov, 4.15 to 5.45**

Post 16 Parents Evening  
Please book appointment

**Mon 11 Dec**

Whole School Christmas Lunch  
All welcome - further details to follow

**Fri 15 Dec**

Last day of Term  
Christmas Jumper Day—£1 donation

**Tue 02 Jan**

INSET - Academy closed

**Wed 03 Jan**

Spring Term Starts - all students

**Mon 08 to Fri 12 Jan**

Year 11 Mock Exams

## Attendance

Autumn Half Term 1 - Attendance %			
Year 10	72.67	KS4	66.56
Year 11	60.14		
Year 12	52.67	KS5	66.63
Year 13	80.27		
Year 14	57.64		
Whole School	66.59		

### Attendance Awards

Improvement from the end of year 10 (2016/2017):

- ◆ Kyle Downward 36% to 85% - what an achievement!
- ◆ Tilly Keogh 85% to 98%

96+% attendance (2017/18)

- ◆ Rebecca Chapman
- ◆ Tilly Keog
- ◆ Harry Phipps

Massive congratulations to all of them.

They will be receiving their reward next week.

## KS4 Engineering



"I am making a vice.

The difficult bit is needing to be exact on the measurements: the tolerance is less than 0.5mm for each drill or cut."



"I enjoy the engineering work because it's different to a normal lesson.

*I'm learning by doing."*

Lyndon is using the lathe to cut down the screwdriver that he is making. He is doing this to make the chamfered edge that a screwdriver requires.



"I enjoy doing engineering because it is a practical task and I hope to go on to brick-laying and construction for employment and feel this is a good compliment to the other skills I need."

Lyndon Miles using the lathe

## Student clubs, support and drop in



We are extremely happy to continue to have the No Wrong Door project based on our site during 2017/18. Last year they offered a tremendous amount of support to many of our students, this year they continue to bring together a wealth of support services directly to our door.

- ◆ Monday lunchtimes - girls only drop in
- ◆ Wednesday lunchtimes - pool club
- ◆ The Music Pool's DJ Lofty will be doing a follow up workshop on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2.00-3.30pm



And let's not forget the drift trikes (Hereford Drift Trikes) and kind lend of their sumo suits and obstacle equipment for fun packed PE sessions.

Its not everyday you see drift trikers in suits!! (Mr Cordey)



## Practical Horticultural Skills



The year started with warmth still in the September sun and a renewed energy in the classroom. The horticultural department and its students were offered a fantastic opportunity to be involved in a site within a couple of miles of Leominster. The Echo Charity have a Land Based Project out at Eaton Barn, there are allotments, tunnels for growing, woodland, orchards and a classroom. The Students have been actively involved over the last 8 weeks, each taking over a particular part of the allotments for themselves.



We obtained sponsorship from 2 local businesses and have rented 2 allotments, one for vegetable growing and the other for ornamental fun projects. The students have propagated plants, made raised beds, laid paths, planted bulbs, started unearthing a dry stone wall for renewal, coppiced and renewed woodlands, harvested apples and made apple juice, along with other horticultural related tasks.

Two Cats (Eric and Ernie) have adopted the Students as their masters and we love to see them each week.

To have a base that the students can call home, where what they do actually matters and seeing their hard work paying off week by week has been a joyful experience for us all to be part of. The students arrive to school early on Vocational days and are suited and booted ready to go.

Here's to a productive rest of the year.



Post 16 students and Eric! (or is it Ernie?)

## Three final thoughts:

**Uniform**  
**Punctuality**  
**Attendance**

## Next Edition

- ◆ Core Subject Focus
- ◆ Exam Preparation
- ◆ Student News

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