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Principal's Message

Good afternoon parents and carers

Thank you to all those parents and carers who supported us with World Book Day yesterday. The Academy was full of pupils and staff dressed as characters from their favourite books and there are photographs in this weeks newsletter showcasing some of the many outfits.

Covid update

Nationally, we are moving to phase of "Living with Covid" and the government has re-issued guidance to schools regarding restrictions. From a special school perspective the guidance has not changed as much as with mainstream schools due to the increased vulnerability that young people with SEN face. This means that if people are symptomatic or test positive then we will still follow the guidance about self isolation for 10 days or after two negative LFT's have been completed. In addition government are also requesting where appropriate people in special schools still test twice a week as before half term. We are continuing to provide enhanced cleaning during the day in school as well as the usual Covid precautions. We are expecting more changes to come at the start of April and although the restrictions are being lifted on a national level we are still hearing about cases in the academy.

Careers week

You will also find within the newsletter information about careers week which is happening next week. We have a really full and active week planned and all classes will experience some careers activities. We are really excited about inviting parents to our small preparing for adulthood event on Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm. This is our first parent and carer event and is focused on parents and carers of pupils from Year 9 and above.

Parents coming into school

I have mentioned in the newsletter recently about looking forward to getting parents back in the building and we are now in a place where this can happen. We will be hosting various parents activities for classes before Easter, for example Early Years classes restarting stay and play sessions, and we will ensure that all parents and carers are invited in before the Easter break. In addition we are beginning to put together a number of parent and carer information, training and support sessions in conjunction with Debbie (our new family liaison officer), parent advocates and also PACC. This will provide us with a parent and carer calendar of activities for the school year and also access to activities around and outside of the school day too.

Exciting opportunity for us to be involved in a pilot for a new app to support people with SEN

We have linked up with a new charity called "Where do I want to live" that is establishing an app that will support the process of identifying appropriate accommodation options for our young people who are leaving Severndale. This is very much in its infancy and I have attached some information about "Where do I want to live" to the newsletter. The charity are looking for young people and families to pilot the app with, and are particularly looking for young people who are looking to move into supported living or independent accommodation and are nearing the end of their time at Severndale.

Our giraffe arrives!

Our British Ironwork Centre giraffe arrives on Monday for its 2 week holiday at Severndale and we are hoping to fill it with as many plastic bottle tops as possible. It will also allow us to teach about recycling and the environment as part of the work around this too.

"Shrewsbury's Gotta Dance"

Next Tuesday night a team of dancers from Severndale will be performing at the Theatre Severn for the "Shrewsbury's Gotta Dance" performance. They have worked really hard over the past few months preparing their dance and they are all excited but nervous about the performance. We think that they are amazing and I am looking forward to seeing the performance happen next week.

Parent Drop off and Collection at the rear of the Academy

Please be aware that we will change our procedures from Monday 7 March relating to opening and closing of the gates on the parent drop off point. As from Monday, the gates will not be opened until a gate marshal is present. This may mean that they open a little bit later.

As always there are lots of things happening at Severndale and it only leaves me to wish you all a pleasant weekend.

Brian

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P6 Swimming and Story Telling Sessions

The students in P6 have been enjoying swimming sessions in our hydrotherapy pool where they love the feel and sensations of the water all around them. Sally Tonge has also visited the class for story telling sessions, they have been able to use different musical instruments and listen and join into her songs.

Tea Party for S11

S11's students were very busy at the end of last term, they had a tea party for class and invited staff including Brian our Principal. They created invitations and the menu. They baked cakes and made sandwiches and scones. They arranged the tables with their amazing food and enjoyed their time with their friends. Well done S11.

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National Careers Week

We are excited to share with you the whole school overview for National Careers week. As you can see students from across the Academy will have the opportunity to engage in a range of exciting careers-based sessions with different people within our local community. This is of course, subject to change pending health and safety and risk assessments. If you would like a more broken-down careers week timetable for your young person, please contact your class teacher directly.

National Careers Week Monday 7th March- Friday 11th March 2022

Department	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
EYFS	Play based activities linked to different jobs and careers			Dress up day- Careers and Jobs	Explore a Fire Engine
				Meet a farmer	
Pre-Formal	Complete final destination profiles	Transition Event- Monkmoor Campus- Year 9 and above	Therapy Pony visit	Independent Advice and Guidance session-Year 9 and above	Explore a Fire Engine
				Meet a farmer	
Semi-Formal	Explore a paramedics vehicle.	Transition Event- Monkmoor Campus- Year 9 and above	Shire Services- Catering and Health and Safety	Independent Advice and Guidance session-Year 9 and above	Interview a Policeman
					Guide Dog visit
			Complete employment and final destination profiles.	Meet a farmer	
Formal	Department for Work and Pensions session based on Money and savings.	Careers in the Police	Stagecoach sessions- Careers in Performing Arts	Independent Advice and Guidance session-Year 9 and above	Guide Dog visit
				Shrewsbury Town in the Community- Careers in Sports	Complete employment and final destination profiles.
		Transition Event- Monkmoor Campus- Year 9 and above		Interview a local councillor	
Mary Webb	Supported Internships and Apprenticeship-Year 9 and above	Transition Event- Monkmoor Campus- Year 9 and above	Career taster sessions- Horticulture, Sports Coaching and Hospitality.	Independent Advice and Guidance session-Year 9 and above	Complete employment and final destination profiles.
	Department for Work and Pensions session based on Money and savings.			Interview a local councillor	
	Interview a Paramedic				
	Army Careers				
Sixth Form	Army Careers	Transition Event- Monkmoor Campus	Transition visit to Post 19 Providers	Independent Advice and Guidance session-Year 9 and above	NHS Volunteering opportunities
	Interview a Paramedic			Volunteering- Police Station and Tickwood Farm.	Interview a fireman
				Meet a farmer	
Futures	Interview a Paramedic	Transition Event- Monkmoor Campus-	Shrewsbury Town in the Community- Careers in Sports	Independent Advice and Guidance session-Year 9 and above	NHS Volunteering opportunities
	Supported Internships and Apprenticeship-Year 9 and above	Independent Living visits		Independent Living visits	Independent Living visits

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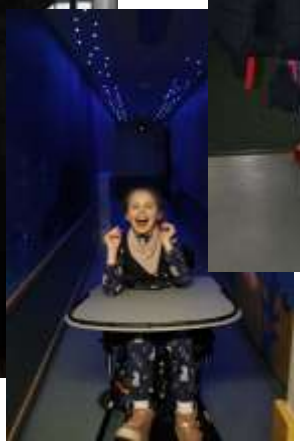
World Book Day at Severndale

Our students and staff all looked amazing today in their costumes, thank you to everyone for such an amazing effort, you all looked wonderful, I think my favourite was the Jedi!



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Dance Success

Sophia has been immensely brave and took her Freestyle dance exam a couple of weeks ago. She had to take it on her own as her friends had taken it earlier. She did amazingly well and got Highly Commended. A huge well done from us all!

P11 Papier Mache Afternoon

P11 have used their papier mache skills to make a peach for their story James and The Giant Peach! Once it's finished it's going to be an insect house.

Futures Focus

Futures have been looking at the work of Michael Chase, and have been experimenting with mark making, using a variety of techniques to create wonderful images.

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Shropshire Beam Virtual Workshops

Shropshire Beam are pleased to provide the next Timetable of Virtual workshops, starting in April. All workshops will be done via MS Teams Video call, we are unable to record sessions. The Workshops are derived to be informative and engaging sessions, please be willing to participate during the sessions.

There are four Workshops which will be rolled out to the end of May 2022 at various different times to enable more people to attend, please see the following details of content:-

Date / Time	Workshops	Link
Wednesday 6th April 11:30am	Sleep Support	Microsoft Teams meeting **Join on your computer or mobile app** Click here to join the meeting Learn More | Meeting options
Wednesday 13th April 10am	Supporting Children & Young People with Anxiety	Microsoft Teams meeting **Join on your computer or mobile app** Click here to join the meeting Learn More | Meeting options
Wednesday 20th April 11:30am	Understanding & responding to Self-Harm	Microsoft Teams meeting **Join on your computer or mobile app** Click here to join the meeting Learn More | Meeting options
Wednesday 27th April 12:30pm	Wellbeing Planning	Microsoft Teams meeting **Join on your computer or mobile app** Click here to join the meeting Learn More | Meeting options
Wednesday 4th May 12:30pm	Sleep Support	Microsoft Teams meeting **Join on your computer or mobile app** Click here to join the meeting Learn More | Meeting options
Wednesday 11th May 12:30pm	Supporting Children & Young People with Anxiety	Microsoft Teams meeting **Join on your computer or mobile app** Click here to join the meeting Learn More | Meeting options
Wednesday 18th May 12:30pm	Understanding & responding to Self-Harm	Microsoft Teams meeting **Join on your computer or mobile app** Click here to join the meeting Learn More | Meeting options
Wednesday 25th May 10am	Wellbeing Planning	Microsoft Teams meeting **Join on your computer or mobile app** Click here to join the meeting Learn More | Meeting options

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Staff Spotlight

This weeks “Staff Spotlight” section is focusing on and all about Liz …

Name: Liz Jones
Job: PSA / MDC

What does this involve?
Personal Hygiene and supporting the students with their emotional wellbeing. Supporting lunchtimes and promoting good eating manners and social skills

What do I enjoy outside of school?
Camping with my family both here and abroad

Please tell us something interesting about you?
I am a trained florist, which is a job I did for many years and I am also a youth worker.

Here you can meet the staff in our newsletter and this will allow everyone to find out more about the people who work at Severndale.

What’s happening this term!

Dates Coming up...

Friday 18 March 2022 Red Nose Day
Last day before Easter Friday 8 April 2022
First day back after Easter Monday 25 April 2022

Our New Website

Take a look at our new website at:

www.severndaleacademy.co.uk

We are adding new information every week

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