



eNewsletter: Friday 13th November 2020

Welcome to the latest eNewsletter

An Introduction from Headmaster, Leo Winkley



Remembrance rightly set a reflective tone for this week. In his 1914 poem 'To the School at War', the then Headmaster of Shrewsbury School, Cyril Allington, made a sincere promise: 'The School will not forget'. Remembrance services were held this week at the Sir Philip Sidney War Memorial and separately in each of our 13 houses. These services remembered the lives of individuals connected with the School and beyond. We have taken time to pause and reflect on the sacrifices made by millions in global conflict. The respect and gratitude for the selfless acts of so many are matched by our appreciation of the freedoms we enjoy today, even in current times. This profound awareness of the value of peace and reconciliation is something that unites the people of all free nations. [Please follow this link to read more about Remembrance Sunday 2020.](#)

Encouraging talk of vaccines, and the spirit of opportunity attached to an impending change of management over the Atlantic, seems to have lifted the national mood somewhat this week. There have been some good news stories. That said, these remain very challenging days for so many. We are acutely aware that every household is experiencing these times in ways unique to them, both here in the UK and amongst our much-valued international community. As the inevitable uncertainty continues, we are determined in our efforts to provide as much clarity as we can.

Our ongoing focus is fixed on keeping the pupils learning and active and to find the best answers to the continuous questions that are asked of any institution in these times. The imperative to keep pupils and staff as safe as possible is allied to our powerful responsibility to offer all our pupils the fullest range of challenge and opportunity that we can make available to them. 93% of our pupils are in attendance with us and those not able to be in school are accessing the Online Supported Learning programme.

In the education world, there is plenty of speculation about the summer 2021 examination session and the university entrance process. Needless to say, we are closely engaged and will maintain a sharp-eyed watching brief. Equally, the eyes need to be firmly focused on the immediate as we look to extract the fullest value from each school day. In times that are challenging even the most determined optimist to review the half-fullness of her glass, these words from the 44th President of the United States give me great inspiration:

"We choose hope over fear. We see the future not as something out of our control, but as something we can shape for the better through concerted and collective effort. We reject fatalism or cynicism when it comes to human affairs; we choose to work for the world as it should be, as our children deserve it to be."

As ever, I send my very best wishes to all Salopian households and I hope you enjoy this latest news despatch from SY3.

Leo Winkley

Floreat

Celebrating the effort, endeavour and enterprise of Salopians - [Please follow this link for details of this weeks Floreat](#)

An update from Peter Middleton, Deputy Head Co-Curricular

The Show Must Go On

We find ourselves campus-bound once again. No fixtures. No off-site activities. No weekend trips and tours.

It's a shame, of course, but we are very conscious of how fortunate we are to have such an expansive campus and such wonderful facilities to enable us to continue delivering our wide-ranging co-curricular programme.

What's more, the campus is absolutely buzzing with our community all in one place and the site thronging with activity. Not being allowed off campus hasn't dampened our spirits; in fact, quite the opposite. Vibrancy and vitality abound, perhaps more than ever before.

[Please follow this link to read the full update from Peter Middleton](#)

Lunchtime Music Concert - 9 November 2020

We have been delighted to see the return of Lunchtime Concerts this term. The performers have come from all year groups and have brought with them a range of talents and experience. It has been heartening in these times to be able to celebrate the achievements of our many musicians and, at the same time, to spend a Monday lunchtime sitting back and enjoying that ever-so-rare beast, **live music-making**. The Theatre Foyer has provided a magnificent setting for our socially-distanced performers and our audience of teachers, pupils and tutors.

Stephen Williams, Director of Music



Kinnaird Cup Rally Highlight

Last week we shared the news that Seb Cooley, Master Vc Fives, and Tom Durbar won the Kinnaird Cup for a record-equalling 10 in a row championship titles. The footage below is a rally from the Kinnaird Cup.

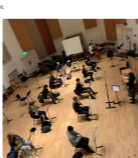


[Please follow this link to the read the article.](#)

Coming Soon - St Cecilia Concert

It has been so lovely to have made real, live music over the past few weeks. Providing the opportunity for rehearsals has been very well received by our students, their enjoyment is so easy to see, from watching their faces during rehearsals to observing the timely manner in which they arrive to rehearse. We are delighted that this has also culminated in a concert: Sunday evening will see our annual performance as part of the St Cecilia celebrations. It may well be in a slightly different format, but still a platform for over 70 Salopians to take to the stage and do what they love, perform. The programme this year very much has a chamber theme with ensembles ranging from wind and string quartet and quintets to the larger scale, string ensemble and senior wind. Repertoire will also be varied, from the traditional works of Mozart, Bach and Schubert to the tango inspired writing of Piazzolla, there really is something for everyone.

Maria McKenzie, Assistant Director of Music



The concert will be filmed this weekend and the full recording will be in next week's newsletter.





Notices to Parents

Exeat School Coaches

Online bookings for all coach routes (except London) close at midnight Sunday 15th November. Bookings should be made by parents or guardians as soon as possible please. Online bookings for the London LHR route have now closed, though further bookings or changes may be made via: bookings@gtmatrix.net.

All School Coaches Information is here <https://shrewsbury.fireflycloud.net/coach-bookings>

Latest News

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|  <p>House Football Competition 2020 Friday 13 November 2020</p> <p>An update on the recent quarter-final results as our House Football Competition continues.</p> <p>Read More</p> |  <p>Co-Curricular Continuity: Senior House Debating Friday 13 November 2020</p> <p>An update on the Senior House Debating competitions involving all thirteen houses.</p> <p>Read More</p> |  <p>Michaelmas Term Co-Curricular Update - 13 November 2020 Thursday 12 November 2020</p> <p>An update from Peter Middleton, Deputy Head Co-Curricular.</p> <p>Read More</p> |  <p>Remembrance Sunday 2020 - 'The School will not forget' Sunday 8 November 2020</p> <p>We will remember them. Today the school paused to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in conflict to preserve our many freedoms.</p> <p>Read More</p> |
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Forthcoming Events

All these events, and many others, are listed in detail in our website [Calendar](#)

No Events added to the Newsletter.