



## eNewsletter: Friday 14th February 2020

### Notices to Parents and Guardians

#### Reminder and Update - Covid-19 (Coronavirus)

As the Headmaster's note of February 4th stated, we continue to monitor the situation regarding the ongoing concerns over the Novel Coronavirus. We are consulting with our Medical Officer and continue to review the advice and guidelines from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO), Public Health England (PHE) and the Boarding Schools Association (BSA). While this is clearly a dynamic situation, at this point in time we are taking the term 'affected countries' mentioned by the Headmaster, in his correspondence on 4th February to parents, to refer to mainland China only and the School strongly advises against any travel to that area. If this advice is not taken, then we will require those involved to self-isolate in the UK for a period of 14 days before being allowed back into the school community.

In addition, pupils should not have contact with friends or family from any of these areas if they fly into the UK until they have been here and symptom free for 14 days. Failure to adhere to this will require them to self-quarantine away from school for 14 days.

In addition to this advice, the most recent update from the BSA received 10th February advises that anyone travelling from the following countries should also self-isolate for the 14-day period upon return to the UK: Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia and Macau.

Although the BSA guidelines continue to exceed current FCO advice, the BSA also recommends that schools should plan for what could happen, rather than what has happened.

Any further update will be provided as the situation changes.

#### Shrewsbury School Musicians in Concert at Elgar Concert Hall, Birmingham - Sunday 8th March at 6.30pm

All parents, families and friends are warmly invited to come and enjoy a wonderful evening of Shrewsbury School music-making at its finest, as the School Symphony and Wind Orchestras perform in the splendid Elgar Concert Hall in the University of Birmingham. All guests are also invited to join us for a pre-concert reception with drinks and canapés from 5.00pm.

Tickets are £10 each (or £5 for under-18s) and are available to purchase online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/shrewsburyschool](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/shrewsburyschool). Further details are included under 'Forthcoming Events' below.

We may provide a supporters' coach from Shrewsbury School. This will be subject to demand and would be priced at £10 per person (return). To register an interest, please email Kate Evason at [kevason@shrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:kevason@shrewsbury.org.uk) by 21st February.

#### Easter Adventure Camp for Third and Fourth Formers, Saturday 28th March - Friday 3rd April

There are four spaces available on the annual Adventure trip to Talargernwyn in Snowdonia, taking place over the first five days of the Easter break.

This trip is run jointly by the CCF and Rovers but is open to any Third or Fourth Former. It is aimed at pupils who love the outdoors and are prepared to push themselves a bit to experience some adventurous activities. The programme includes mountain biking, climbing, go-karting, canoeing and a two-day mountain expedition.

The cost for the week is £200 and the full programme is outlined on the school website: [Easter Adventure Camp](#).

Any parents or pupils who are interested, please get in touch with Col Nick David for further information: [npd@shrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:npd@shrewsbury.org.uk).

#### SSPA Once in a Blue Moon Ball - News Flash

A message from the Shrewsbury School Parents' Association Ball Committee:

"The finishing time for the Once in a Blue Moon Ball on Friday 27th March has been extended from 12.15am to 12.45am. Great news - half an hour extra to PARTY!

"Also the fabulous Wine Menu is now live for pre-ordering your wines: [www.buytickets.at/sspa/345262](http://www.buytickets.at/sspa/345262). Do take a look at the delicious wines on offer!

"There are only a few tables left for this fantastic night. Please see below under 'Forthcoming Events' to book"

## Latest News



**Shrewsbury School receives TES Boarding School of the Year 'Highly Commended' Award**  
Friday 14 February 2020

We are thrilled that Shrewsbury School was given special recognition at the Times Educational Supplement (TES) Independent School Awards 2020 Ceremony.

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**Darwin Festival Exhibition at Shrewsbury School**  
Friday 14 February 2020

We were delighted to give members of the public special guided tours of our wonderful treasure trove of Charles Darwin's books, letters and artefacts this week as part of the town's Darwin Shrewsbury Festival 2020.

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**Sports All-Nighter for Medic Malawi set to raise over £9,000...**  
Friday 14 February 2020

A big thank you to pupils and staff who are giving up their Valentine's Night to support Medic Malawi.

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**'Murder in the Cathedral' - review by Mr Hudson**  
Friday 14 February 2020

"...A haunting and challenging play, demanding and receiving total commitment from this young cast of 40, all of whom clearly sensed they were part of something very special..."

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**Lord Hague's 'Reasons to be Optimistic'**  
Friday 14 February 2020

At the invitation of Sixth Former Sophia Bureau, Lord Hague kindly visited Shrewsbury School on Friday 7th February to deliver a talk to pupils from Shrewsbury and other local schools as part of our Academic Extension...

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**'The Greatest Threat to Humanity' - Philip Sidney Essay Competition Workshop**  
Friday 14 February 2020

On Thursday 13th February, we welcomed an enthusiastic and talented group of young creative writers from schools all over the UK, who had been selected as finalists in our annual Essay Competition, for a fun and inspi...

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**Prep School Big Band Day**  
Friday 14 February 2020

Staff and pupils from the Music Faculty thoroughly enjoyed welcoming lots of keen and talented young musicians for a loud and fun-filled day of quality music-making at our Prep School Big...

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**Huge home crowd cheers on the 1st XI in Boodles Cup Semi-Final**  
Thursday 13 February 2020

The 1st XI took on Queen Ethelburga's, York in the semi-final of ISFA's Boodles National Cup - a great occasion for the School, with the game being played in front of vocal home support.

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**Fives news update**  
Thursday 13 February 2020

Our top year-group Fives pairs defied Storm Ciara and travelled the well-trodden path down to the south-east for a weekend of Fives against Highgate, Eton and Harrow, while three U14 pairs headed to Uppingham.

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**RSSBC: J15 King's Chester Match**  
Wednesday 12 February 2020

On Saturday 9th February, the J15s travelled to Chester to take on King's School Chester on the River Dee.

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**Bastille Society Lecture: 'Watchfulness in 18th Century Aristocracy'**  
Wednesday 12 February 2020

On Friday 7th February, the Bastille Society had the pleasure of welcoming Dr Matthew Neal from Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, to lecture on 'Watchfulness in 18th Century Aristocracy'.

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**McEachran Prize 2020**  
Tuesday 11 February 2020

What do Donald Trump, Spike Milligan and Ludwig Wittgenstein have in common?

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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.