



eNewsletter: Friday 29th January 2021

Welcome to the latest eNewsletter

An Introduction from Headmaster, Leo Winkley

The Russian playwright and short-story writer, Anton Chekhov, was born on 29th January 1860. Famed as one of the greatest writers of short fiction, he once wrote in a letter to his brother urging thus: "Don't tell me the moon is shining; show me the glint of light on broken glass". This week, as we come to the close of the third full week of remote provision this term, I have been thinking about optimism. [Please follow this link to the new Letter from Shrewsbury: Dear Optimist](#). There is light: both on the broken glass and at the end of the tunnel that we are all travelling through. Although it does feel that the tunnel has got a bit longer of late, the Salopian soul remains optimistic by nature and we have so many blessings to count, even in these difficult times. The pupils have been doing a fantastic job of engaging with their online learning, staying active and keeping in touch with house life. The staff have been working hard to make the programme as lively and varied as possible. We are all going week to week, trying to make the very best of the circumstances imposed on us all. This latest edition of the e-newsletter gives abundant evidence of the spirit of the School.

Earlier this week, the Prime Minister announced that schools in England will not be able to bring pupils back until 8th March at the earliest. Though not unexpected, this was really tough news to take. We have been pushing the case for safe re-opening. You may be aware, for example, that we have offered to act as a regional vaccination hub to help speed up the safe re-opening of schools. [Please follow this link to a recent interview on BBC Radio Shropshire](#) (interview starts at 1:27:10). We have a small number of pupils with us on-site and schools have been promised two weeks' notice of when we can open up again fully. As it stands, we know that at least four more weeks of remote learning lie ahead - two either side of the Exeat break. This being the case, we continue to apply all our energies to delivering the best possible programme for the pupils.

A virtual Coach Weekend is now upon us, providing the timely opportunity for pupils and staff to have a break from screen-time. As ever, I send my very best wishes to all Salopian households around the globe.

Leo Winkley

Floreat

Celebrating the effort, endeavour and enterprise of Saloplans - [Please follow this link for details of this week's Floreat](#).

An update from Peter Middleton, Deputy Head Co-Curricular

As a proud Scot, I couldn't let Burns Night pass this week without getting dressed up in tartan, cook the traditional dish of haggis, neeps and tatties, and address said "great chieftain of the pudding race". My wife- a fellow Scot- humoured me through this rigmarole, her look of amusement less resulting from the wit of Scotland's bard and more on the abomination that is my DIY Lockdown haircut, a shearing that has certainly been a 'talking point' amongst my pupils this week in online lessons...

I was reminded of another famous Burns poem- 'To a Mouse'- whilst reflecting on the past few weeks as we've launched the second iteration of the co-curriculum in remote. As Burns famously put it, "The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men/Gang aft agley" and so it was for us as our carefully prepared plans for the Lent Term found themselves scrunched up and tossed aside as we responded to the Government's announcement of school closures and, with just three days to do so, hastily crafted a new plan for how we'd deliver the co-curriculum in remote.

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

An Invitation to our Parents from Shrewsbury School

There is still time to book onto the first wave of live lectures, workshops and performances for our parents to enjoy.

The events are completely free and booking is only via the ticketsource website. Once you have made your selection you will be sent a confirmation email, which includes the zoom link.

[Please follow this link to discover more](#)

ShrewsMUN V

We are proud to host our 5th MUN Conference on Sunday 7th February. There is still time to sign up, all pupils are welcome, including beginners.

To register interest please email Mrs Pritchard nmp@shrewsbury.org.uk or Mr Peach hrwp@shrewsbury.org.uk

Latest News



Academic Enrichment: 'Go Further'
Friday 5 February 2021

As part of the broader academic strand to Shrewsbury's Lent Term remote provision, each Faculty will be providing one dynamic 'Go Further' session each week from Monday 25th January. Week 3 Now Added.

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STEM Challenge Shrewsbury School
Friday 29 January 2021

Students across two year groups have been immersing themselves into a world of technology and engineering as part of a scheme that inspires young people 'to think and behave like scientists and engineers'.

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Michaelmas Term Co-Curricular Update - 29 January 2021
Friday 29 January 2021

An update from Peter Middleton, Deputy Head Co-Curricular.

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Art Historian to Give Lecture on Filmmaker
Friday 29 January 2021

The Art Department is hosting a special online lecture given by art historian and writer, Ben Street.

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Through the eyes of three great Old Saloplans: From School cricket stars to County Cricket stalwarts
Friday 29 January 2021

Saloplans past and present can take a trip down memory lane with three former students, of which two have gone on to have successful county cricketing careers.

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Regional Academy Call Up for Girls' Cricket Stars
Thursday 28 January 2021

Two Salopian stars have been selected for the Central Sparks Academy, home to the best young cricket players in the West Midlands.

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Oxford Union Debating Competition
Thursday 28 January 2021

An update on the Oxford Union Debating Competition from Elizabeth E (EDH, U6).

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Letters from Shrewsbury No. 27: Dear Ever-Changing Thing
Wednesday 13 September 2021

The latest in the Headmaster's series of 'Letters from Shrewsbury'. A letter to 'Dear Ever-Changing Thing'.

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Wellbeing Hub - Teen Tips Update
Thursday 28 January 2021

This week our pupils have been exploring the theme of 'image' as part of their pastoral learning at Shrewsbury School.

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Upper Sixth Students Enjoy Virtual Neuroscience Lectures
Thursday 28 January 2021

Saloplans in Upper Sixth were given the opportunity to pick the brains of medical lecturer Dr Guy Sutton as he delivered a lecture in neuroscience.

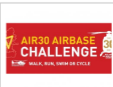
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Futures & Higher Education Bulletin
Wednesday 27 January 2021

Futures and Higher Education Bulletin Edition 8 Lent Term 2021 from the Futures Department, full of useful information, reminders, resources and weblinks for Fifth and Sixth Formers and their parents.

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Salopian Takes on Charity Cycle Challenge
Monday 25 January 2021

Kate B will be taking to her bike to conquer over 120 miles in order to raise money for a charity close to her heart.

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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.