



eNewsletter: Friday 6th November 2020

Welcome to the latest eNewsletter

An Introduction from Headmaster, Leo Winkley

The fifth of November normally fizzles and crackles with the sound of fireworks and bonfires, sending the nation's dogs under their owners' beds to cower and wait the evening out. This year it was eerily quiet in Shrewsbury. Guy Fawkes was scarcely mentioned as England made the transition into a month of tighter lockdown measures. The general headline instruction is to stay at home and work remotely where possible, but hospitals, essential retailers, manufacturing and construction work continue across the nation. And our schools remain open.

I am absolutely supportive of this decision. It is vital to keep children learning and active, all the while following a strong system of control measures to keep pupils and staff as safe as possible. For us, the first half of this term was charmed with an uninterrupted six week run; schools around the country had a different, much more fragmented experience. It is inevitable that this half will bring disruption for most, if not all, schools across the country as staff and pupils are required to isolate in line with PHE guidance and the track and trace programme. Our key principles will be to keep pupils engaged in their learning and activities and to marry this determination with the very serious responsibility to keep all members of the community as safe as we can.

In this spirit, we embrace a further adjusted programme that will keep all pupils and staff on-site and active in our academic and co-curricular programme. As I found yesterday when on a wander during a gap between meetings, there is still a real buzz about the place. The Salopian Spirit is a springy, resilient, up-tempo thing; it will take some testing this half but it will prevail.

Our annual act of Remembrance will take place this Sunday, but in a different form. Each house will gather for an act of shared reflection and thanksgiving, in many cases tailored to the house and its alumni. At the same time, the Chaplain, Second Master and I will gather with the Heads of School, and a House and CCF representative, for a distanced, outdoor service at the War Memorial. As we travel through these times of great challenge, we will pause to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in conflict to preserve the many freedoms we still enjoy, even today. We Will Remember Them.



Image above by George S (SH, L6). More details on this and other images below in the newsletter.

A timely and reflective tone will dwell over the School this Sunday, as we pause together. And then the activity will pick up again. In what is an inevitably reduced offering this week after just five days back in session, I hope you nonetheless find some interesting and enjoyable reading in this newsletter.

And, as ever, I send my best wishes to all Salopian households across the country and around the world.

Leo Winkley

Floreat

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

Boat Club Training Update



Over the first four days of the half-term the Boat Club put on training sessions for the J16 and Senior rowers that were able to attend. The weather was calm and made for some great photos of their training at Lake Vyrnwy and on the Severn.



Remembrance Day Art

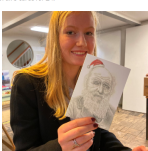
The Creative Arts Group this week have made paper out silhouette images based on WW1 photographer Ernest Brooks. Here is a sample created by the group.



Charity Christmas Cards



Our amazing art scholars have designed these cards to sell in packs for the Shrewsbury Food Bank (Barnabas Community Projects) and the Shrewsbury Food Hub. We are selling packs of all 5 cards for £4.



Pictured above is Kaitlyn O (MSH, L6) with her Darwin Santa Card. The other cards have been produce by Elsa W (EDH, 5) top middle card, Nell W (MSH, L6) top right card, Ruby R (MSH, U6) top left card, and Jenny H (G, L6) bottom right card.

Details on how to purchase card packs and support the Shrewsbury Food Bank and Food Hub will follow next week or you can email lac@shrewsbury.org.uk to register interest.

Notices to Parents

School Coaches

Quick reminder for all relevant parents and guardians that online bookings for the London LHR coach close at midnight Sunday 8th November. Please can bookings be made as soon as possible.

As ever, all details are available here: <https://shrewsbury.fireflycloud.net/coach-bookings>

Latest News



Historic Fives Championship Win
Friday 6 November 2020

Congratulations to Seb Cooley, Master i/c Fives, and Tom Dunbar for winning the Kinraid Cup this year for a record-equaling 10 in a row championship titles.

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Futures & Higher Education Bulletin
Friday 6 November 2020

Futures and Higher Education Bulletin Edition 4 Michaelmas Term 2020 from the Futures Department, full of useful information, reminders, resources and weblinks for Fifth and Sixth Formers and their parents.

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Fantastic First Lunchtime Drama Showcase
Friday 6 November 2020

Wednesday 4th November saw our first lunchtime drama showcase in the foyer of the Barnes Theatre.

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Letters from Shrewsbury No. 18: Dear Ben Gone to the Sea
Thursday 5 November 2020

The latest in the Headmaster's series of 'Letters from Shrewsbury'. A letter to 'Dear Ben Gone to the Sea'

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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.