



# Oldbury Wells Journal

May 2022



Welcome to our special edition Platinum Jubilee Newsletter as we come to the end of the first half of the Summer term. We very much hope that all those across our community can take a break over the half term period and enjoy the many Jubilee celebrations which have been planned across our communities or at home with family.

Half term marks the end of a busy period in school; most significantly marking the start of the final exam series for our Year 11 & 13 students. We are tremendously proud of the commitment they have shown throughout the initial exam period and look forward to continuing to support them in the weeks ahead. All students involved have been working extremely hard and have acted as responsible role models for younger students in school. Shortly after the external exams finish, Year 10 & 12 students will commence their end of year mock exams, for which they have brilliantly modelled the approach required to achieve the very best outcomes.

Over the past few weeks we have welcomed more families into school; we had the chance to meet year 6 students who will be joining us in September, alongside those who joined us for our Jubilee afternoon tea party. We also met families who came to meetings in school regarding trips and visits which will take place before the end of the year. As one

example, I know that Mr Smith and the team are very excited about taking our year 8 students for their extended Arthog experience towards the end of term.

Over recent weeks, post COVID normality has resumed in school: the increase in activities, trips & visits, and the ability for students to support each other across all year groups has led to the re-establishment of so many activities across the school. I was delighted to hear of the peer mentoring work being done by some of our year 10 students who are supporting a number of year 7 students in the weeks ahead, and I know they will act as great role models and offer appropriate support and encouragement to those involved.

All students and staff are looking forward to the rewards trips we have scheduled for the end of the academic year, and we are very much looking forward to a positive half term ahead with much still to be achieved by all.

I hope you all have a great half term and thank you as always for your continued support.

Mr L. Tristham

# JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Year 9 put on afternoon tea



On Wednesday, the Year 9 GCSE Food Technology group (photo on cover) invited their parents and grandparents into school to enjoy a jubilee themed afternoon tea, with food and refreshments made by themselves.

The hall was decorated in red, white and blue, tables laid with a delicious spread, a selection of music played from the 1930's to present, a series of slides showed the historic development of our school, and our visitors enjoyed a live music performance from Becky Peters in Year 11, as well as a royal quiz hosted by Mr Smith.



Our year 9's were fantastic hosts to their families, spending the day making food including sausage rolls, quiches, sandwiches, cupcakes, biscuits, jam and cream scones, and chocolate eclairs. They made tea and coffee for their guests, and also enjoyed some cold refreshments.



Overall, it was a really special afternoon and a fantastic way to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - an historic milestone.

Miss Kendrick would like to say well done to Sanya, Connor, Harley, George, Emily, Freya, Eliza, Oliver, Dylan, Joshua, Leon, Sian, Kiera, Sean, Leah, Molly, Andrew, Ellie, Harry, and Esme.





# FAMILY PHOTO GALLERY



# UPDATES

## Staffing Updates

We are extremely proud of all our students' achievements and recognise the significant commitment they show in all they do. Within school, the many opportunities provided are supported by our school team, with all staff playing a key role in the progress of every individual. Form Tutors, Heads of Year, Pastoral Workers, support staff, subject teachers, Heads of Subject, Cluster Leads, members of the senior leadership group, governors and volunteers all play a key role.

As we look forward towards the new academic year, we have given some staff key areas of new responsibility to support developments across the school. The information below outlines some of these responsibilities for staff alongside reminding families of current roles.

## Senior Leadership Group

Alongside Mr Tristham as Headteacher, the following staff form the Senior Leadership group in school. A brief outline of key responsibilities is shown below, with further information available on the school website.

### **Mrs Warner**

Deputises in absence of Headteacher and is responsible for Behaviour, Culture, Ethos, PSHE, Personal Development and overview of Key Stage 4

### **Mr Williams**

Has strategic responsibility for the Quality of Education including 6th form provision

### **Mr White**

Has responsibility for Key Stage 3, Safeguarding and Students Support Systems and is the named school SENCO

### **Mr Brown**

Has responsibility for Assessment, Data and tracking pupil progress and whole school reporting Systems

### **Miss Carter**

School Business and Operations Manager

## Joining the team following recent appointments are:

### **Mrs Barlow**

Will take a lead in the development of Teaching and Learning across the school alongside her responsibilities within Maths

### **Mr Farish**

Will be taking a strategic lead looking at Behaviour and Standards across the school alongside his responsibilities within PE and MFL

## In addition to this, other new responsibilities include:

### **Mrs Bishell**

Who alongside her leadership of 6th form will take a lead on Careers Information Advice and Guidance, Work Experience and the development of study skills.

### **Mr Smith**

Who will be developing and promoting student pathways throughout the school from the start of Year 7 to the end of year 13, looking at personal development and mapping student opportunities across all year groups.

### **Mrs Morgan**

Who alongside her leadership of Drama will take on the role of Head of Year 7 in September.

These developments sit alongside the already strong leadership across the school and ensure we are fully prepared to support many developments across the school to ensure the very best provision for all our students.

## Music

### Shropshire Music Service Workshop

Earlier this term we welcomed Alan Atkin from the Shropshire Music Service into school, who led the workshop with students with a range of instrumental abilities from Year 7 through to Sixth Form which included learning 3 pieces of music that had been arranged for our ensemble and one piece which had been specially composed for us.



Our students learnt a great deal from the experience, from Alan's expertise as a musical director; being able to collaborate with one another and play as an ensemble for the first time in two and a half years and for some students, for the first time.

Well done and thank you to everyone who was involved. You can watch the highlights video here: <https://youtu.be/OLB8hHWYaAg>

Mrs Dangerfield would also like to announce that the OWS Orchestra has re-launched! We will now be rehearsing every other Friday after school until 4.30pm.



## History

### Year 7 Tudors



In History, year 7 have moved on to study the Tudors, and they had a royal visit from Henry VIII (Harry Taylor) and Katharine of Aragon (Layla Leather).

Two speeches were delivered, one from Henry to ask for a divorce and one from Katharine to persuade people to let them remain married. The class was split up and given different roles to decide whether Henry should be allowed a divorce.

They all did a fantastic job and worked incredibly hard as they have for the whole year. Well done 7SF!



## History

### Reminders

Reminder that the Year 10 & 12 London parents meeting is Tuesday 7th June at 6:00pm

Reminder that there is a voluntary competition on Satchel One for Year 7 and 8. There are house points up for grabs!

## Maths

### UKMT Maths Challenge

Over 100 students from years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have participated in this year's UK Mathematics Trust Challenge. Students competed with people from all over the country and even against students at international schools to test their problem solving and maths skills.

Our students achieved some fantastic results including lots of bronze, silver and gold certificates. In the intermediate challenge Ryan Fletcher-Aleixos achieved a gold result and the best in school certificate. On the junior challenge Archie Grove, Luke Lowe and William Harman all achieved gold results with Luke and William achieving matching scores and both receiving best in school certificates.

Ryan Fletcher-Aleixos, Tom Gregg, Olly Smith and Lawrence Wood all achieved high enough scores in the intermediate challenge to qualify for the next stage of the competition where they all received very respectable scores.

Well done to all of our participants, we are proud of you! If anyone would like to take a look at what the challenges involve, all of the questions from previous years can be found on [www.ukmt.org.uk](http://www.ukmt.org.uk)

## PSHE

### Student Voice

The School Council and LGBTQ+ groups within the school have been working alongside Mrs Stevens to update the PSHE curriculum. Students have made sure that lessons are covered in an age-appropriate manner, and cover areas that the students find interesting. Students have also looked through some resources and have adjusted them, where appropriate, to help keep them engaging for their peers.

# CHARITY SUPERSTARS

## BLESMA

### Macey Hand raises over £950

Macey Hand in Year 7 has so far raised £950 for Blesma, The Limbless Veterans who help all serving and ex-service men and women who have lost limbs.

On Monday 18th April (Bank Holiday) she completed a tandem paraglide with Bear Grylls Stunt Pilot - Marc of Leavesley Aviation. She had a fantastic time and it was a wonderful experience for her.

Last Sunday, Macey also ran the Claverley Bells 5K and was [mentioned in the Shropshire Star!](#) Macey underwent a Symes Amputation to her right lower limb when she was 10 months old, and now walks with a prosthesis. She finished with a time of 30:09 which is fantastic.

Her target to raise is £1000. The link to her just giving page is here: [Click to Access](#)



## Gateway Club

### Maisie Rollings Volunteers

Maisie Rollings volunteers at the Gateway Club in Bridgnorth every week for two hours, supporting adults with learning difficulties by keeping them company, playing games and taking part in events, including an upcoming event for the Jubilee.

Maisie started volunteering as part of her Duke of Edinburgh award, but will continue for as long as she can. She's proud to say that her Mum and her Gran volunteered for the centre, and she's pleased to continue their great work.

Maisie's message for everyone is to always treat people with kindness, never judge people, and volunteer if you can!

The Gateway Club is part of the MENCAP organisation, providing social and leisure activities for a group of adults with learning disabilities.

## Singing for Ukraine Becky Peters raises £40

Becky Peters in year 11 raised £40 for Ukraine by doing an Instagram live, singing for 4 hours with a donation button.

All money raised went to charity to help people in Ukraine with the current humanitarian crisis, providing them with products such as sanitary products, food, and other essential items.

Becky was a finalist on The Voice Kids back in December, and has also performed more locally. She received the Davies Shield award last week, presented by Bridgnorth Town Mayor, for overcoming obstacles, and for raising money for charity.

# ART & DESIGN

## Artist of the Month

### Max Ward Year 7

This month's award for year 7 goes to Max Ward. As part of the year 7 Art curriculum, Art students learnt about colour mixing to create a colour wheel colour. For a homework project they were asked to create a presentation based on the Theory of Colour and as a challenge task their own Art piece to show their understanding.

Max created a superb presentation and an outstanding piece of Street Art to reflect the idea of warm and cold colours. Well done Max.

Mrs Wycherley



Max Ward

## Artist of the Month

### Hattie Preston Year 9

The artist of the month is Hattie Preston who created a brilliant Alice in Wonderland themed panel project.

She produced excellent work throughout the project and made great observations and use of media.

She has also completed her DofE skills section by developing a variety of skills to a very good standard.

Mrs Laurie



## Art

### Year 8 Leonardo Da Vinci project

Year 8 have been working on a Portrait project learning about Leonardo Da Vinci, portrait observation and the proportions of faces to develop their own self-portraits.

They have created imaginative half and half final pieces inspired by a person, famous character, creature or animal to develop a more personal response.

Portraiture is a difficult topic, but the year 8 Art groups have worked really hard with some amazing results. Here are some members of 8EW with their work.



**Top Row:** Josie Burt, Sophie Rafferty, Harry Stafford, Kimberley Kendall, Adam Newbrook.  
**Bottom Row:** Tom Smith, Drew Bourne, Imogen Painter



# PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

## ART & DESIGN



We are pleased to launch the Competition for 2022 for students in Year 8,9,10 and 12. You can work on this over Half Term. The competition categories this year are:

### **Reflections** **The Micro World** **Iconic Landmarks**

#### **RULES:**

1. No people in the shot.
2. No heavily edited or Photoshop photos please.
3. They should be recent photos taken by you.

#### **PRIZES and PHOTO GALLERY:**

- Prizes will be awarded for each year group.
- There will be a digital Gallery of student Photos on website
- Winners will also be celebrated in the weekly Newsletter, on Twitter and Facebook.
- Staff are also invited to submit photos.

#### **HOW TO ENTER**

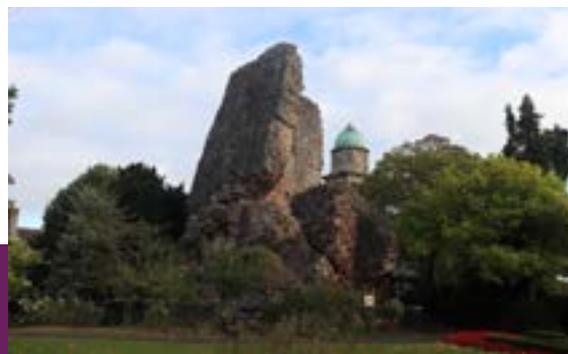
Go to Sharepoint, Student IN, scroll down to PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION ENTRIES 2022 and Upload your photo.

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS SAVING THE IMAGE WITH YOUR FULL NAME AND FORM.

*We won't have time to find out who submitted the photo if you have not saved it as your name and form.*

Please save as a PNG or JPEG.

## **DEADLINE: FRIDAY 10TH JUNE**



# SPORTS

## British Schools Modern Biathlon Championships

### Callum Blower qualified for National Finals

Callum Blower has done OWS proud in the Schools Biathlon Championships, after qualifying for the National finals held at the University of Bath on 19th and 20th March.

Callum was competing against the top 50 performers in the country over the 2 disciplines of swimming and running. He took part in 100m swim and 1600m run, finishing 14th in the swim with a time of 1:10.11 and 22nd in the run completing it in 5:43.22. Both of these times were new PB's for

Callum, he knocked 10 seconds off his previous run PB after some coaching from former OWS student Dan Galloway. This put Callum in a finishing position of 17th overall, which was an improvement of 5 places for him from the competition last year!

What a fantastic performance from Callum to be the top 20 competitors in the whole country! We wish him all the best in his qualification for the competition again this year.



## Jack DRIVES to victory!



Alongside his achievements this year in other sports – Y8 pupil Jack Stockton has been really showing what he is made of on the golf course.

Jack, who is a regular player at his club, recently represented the school in the Shropshire Schools County Golf Championships and amazingly won the competition in the U14 Boys category!

He has also been playing for Staffordshire U14s, so is spending a lot of hours on the green this Summer!

Jack will also compete in the International Champion of Champions tournament in Ireland in July, during the school holidays. He qualified for the event pre COVID, but that was cancelled so he will play this year instead – we all wish you the best of luck Jack!

## Athletics Success

As we approach the Summer term, we begin entering into more athletics meetings against other schools. This past weekend, Y9 pupil Will Parton represented us in the Shropshire School County Athletics Championships and put in a cracking performance in 3 events. Will came away with Gold in the 80m Hurdles and Silver medals for both the 100m and Long Jump in the U15 boys category. Well done Will – superb performances! Mr Farish

## Y9 District Rounders

The OWS Y9 rounders team won the District competition after victories over Idsall and William Brookes Schools.



The team haven't played a season of rounders since starting at OWS due to Covid and did really well in their first 2 games together as a squad. They got off to a steady start against Idsall where they batted first and got 4 rounders into the lead and then managed to field well and restrict Idsall to just 3 rounders in their batting innings after getting all 8 batters out within 20 good balls.

They took confidence from this to go into the next game against William Brookes. They fielded strongly, allowing the opponents to again only score 3 rounders and getting a number of batters out. The girls then batted with much greater confidence and put pressure on the fielders from the start. They finished the innings with 7 and a half rounders to win the competition. Well done girls!

The squad were; Holly Turner, Anna Cole, Reb Whitehead, Lily Clement, Hannah Rees, Molly Preece, Eleanor Fryman, Nell Walsh and Hattie Preston.

## Indoor Cricket League



This half term has seen the indoor cricket knock out set up and played each Friday lunch time. We have had 6 teams sign up to play, and have seen some competitive games so far. In the first game of the league, the year 11s beat a strong 6th form team with some powerful

hitting, meaning they won at a canter.

The year 8s then had their fixture on the following week, with both teams putting on a good showing. It was a close contest with the winner moving on to playing against the year 7 boys, who won convincingly against the year 9 girls. The girls gave a good showing and were able to put together some tidy bowling, but unfortunately found it too difficult to take wickets throughout.

Following the half term break we will move on to round 2. The winner of the competition could potentially line up against a staff team to determine the overall indoor cricket league champion.

## Year 7/8 Cricket

On Tuesday the year 7 and 8 boys travelled to Shifnal cricket club to take part in the qualifier for the county games. The boys were 2 players down but put on an excellent showing with tidy bowling and excellent batting throughout.

They scored freely in both games and put on competitive totals, winning the first game comfortably with Freddie Ward bowling well, and Connor Galley and Paddy Mayall batting with confidence.

In the second game it was a much closer contest; winning in the final over when Paddy again came back after retiring to hit the winning runs. Well done boys.

## County Swimming

During the term there was a team of 5 strong swimmers who travelled to Thomas Telford for the county swimming gala. The two year 7 boys: Fabio and James, gained some valuable experience of school swimming galas and performed well over 100 metre races.

The year 9 boys Elliot and Callum again swam some brilliant times, and were close to personal bests on both occasions. Elliot Pabla came away with a well-deserved 3rd place in his 100m Breaststroke. Anna Cole also swam well throughout the evening producing some strong times. All boys and girls performed well, and we look forward to them taking their swimming to the next level over the coming years.

# SIXTH FORM



## Goodbye Year 13

It seems like just yesterday that we welcomed this cohort into Year 12, in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic. Over the past two years, we've had the privilege of watching them grow into mature, young adults ready to take their next steps.

In true Bridgnorth Sixth Form tradition, they dressed up in a wide range of fancy dress costumes and celebrated their time with us in style! We held a leavers assembly, filled with the best moments and favourite memories from the past two years, and handed out student awards!

It's safe to say this year group will be missed, but we're very excited to see what the future holds for them and what their next steps will be. Good luck from the whole Sixth Form team!



## Georgia Pratley awarded next Lord Lieutenant Cadet

Bridgnorth Sixth Form student Georgia Pratley has been awarded the next Lord Lieutenant's Cadet, which means she will work alongside the Lord Lieutenant Mr John Crabtree MBE on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her new role will also see her representing the whole of the West Midlands Air Cadets which is a huge honour and achievement. Georgia said "I am really proud to have been appointed and I can't wait to see what the next year will bring".

Georgia is from the 451 (Stourbridge) Squadron and at the start of April, she attended the RAF Air Cadets National Choir, a huge honour following a tough application process. She has been in the National Choir since 2019, and since then has been awarded the best female voice award. Georgia has been part of the air cadets for over five years, and during her time with them she has climbed the ranks from Cadet to now Flight Sergeant of her Squadron. She attended the American Air Base Rammstein in Germany to learn and work for 11 days, and has worked at the Royal International Air Tattoo Air Show.



Georgia has also worked extremely hard to achieve a place on the prestigious Qualified Aerospace Instructors Course (QAIC) which involved a very tough selection process accepting just 40 Cadets from across the UK. The course involved her spending some weekends away at Inskip, and also partaking in online weekend sessions. She is due to finish the course during the holidays where she will qualify in RAF Cramwell. She will then be a qualified Aerospace Instructor which allows her to teach at Air Shows and in wider RAF Cadets. Georgia has also been given an Air Cadets Pilot Scheme Scholarship to do her first solo flight in Scotland next March, an amazing achievement.

Georgia attends Bridgnorth Sixth Form, part of Oldbury Wells School, and is also achieving highly in her classwork. Last year she did her EPQ, achieving an A\* and was awarded a commemorative Air Cadets coin from the Air Commandant for her hard work. She is taking her Grade 8 for Musical Theatre in May, and from there is hoping to achieve a scholarship at Birmingham University to continue her music whilst studying medicine. Head of Sixth Form Mrs Bishell said; "We are very proud of Georgia as she is not only aiming so high academically but also engaging in so many valuable extra-curricular activities. She is a real inspiration and role model for our students."



# Oldbury Wells School **ART & DESIGN** *Summer Exhibition*

Please join us to celebrate work of our students:

**EAST GYM**

**FRIDAY 1ST JULY 5-7 PM**

A level Art and Product Design

A selection of GCSE Art

Yr 8 portrait showcase

OWS Photography Competition winners

With live music and refreshments



