



Summer 2025

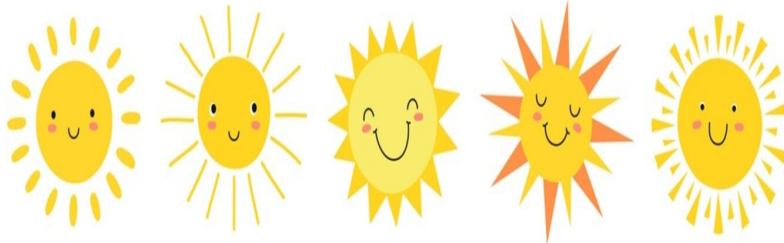
A Word from the Executive Headteacher...

Greg Portman

Congratulations to all our wonderful year 11s who have completed their GCSE exams this term. We recognise this is a challenging time for our young people and we were impressed by their maturity and hard work in the run up to the exams and how they managed themselves during the exam period. Many are off to start college courses and apprenticeships in a range of subjects in September, and we wish them all the very best for the future. Thank you to you, the parents and carers, for supporting the students this term.

As usual, lots of great things have been happening across the service, both inside and outside the classroom, with lots of centres taking advantage of the good weather to provide some additional enrichment opportunities for young people.

I wish you all a wonderful summer and remind all our students to stay safe over the holiday.



Outreach 'Shout Outs'

- ALL OUTREACH YEAR 11'S SAT THE MATHS AND ENGLISH GCSE EXAMINATIONS THEY WERE ENTERED FOR.
- TWO STUDENTS SAT ADDITIONAL GCSE EXAMINATIONS.
- ONE OUTREACH STUDENT WENT TO THEIR COLLEGE INTERVIEW INDEPENDENTLY AND WAS OFFERED A PLACE.
- FOUR OUTREACH STUDENTS HAVE STARTED THEIR TRANSITIONS INTO CENTRE THIS TERM.

Good luck to all our students who are moving onto new placements in September.

We are very proud of all these achievements which are huge for students who have missed education, suffer with social anxiety or are undergoing treatment.



LETTERS IN THE LANDSCAPE

This term Bridgnorth students ventured out to the Severn Valley Park with the cameras to begin their 'Letters in the Landscape' photography project.



Students were asked to photograph objects in the landscape that formed letters from the alphabet.



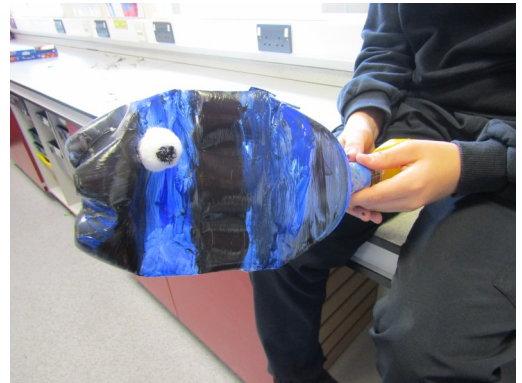
Can you spot a J from a bench, an H from fallen twigs and an F as part of the climbing frame?



World Ocean Day

As a cross-curricular themed day at Oswestry and Bridgnorth we celebrated World Oceans Day by learning about plastic pollution and human impact on the environment.

Students created a recycled sea life installation in art lessons made from used plastic. Students earned themselves an AQA Unit Award qualification.



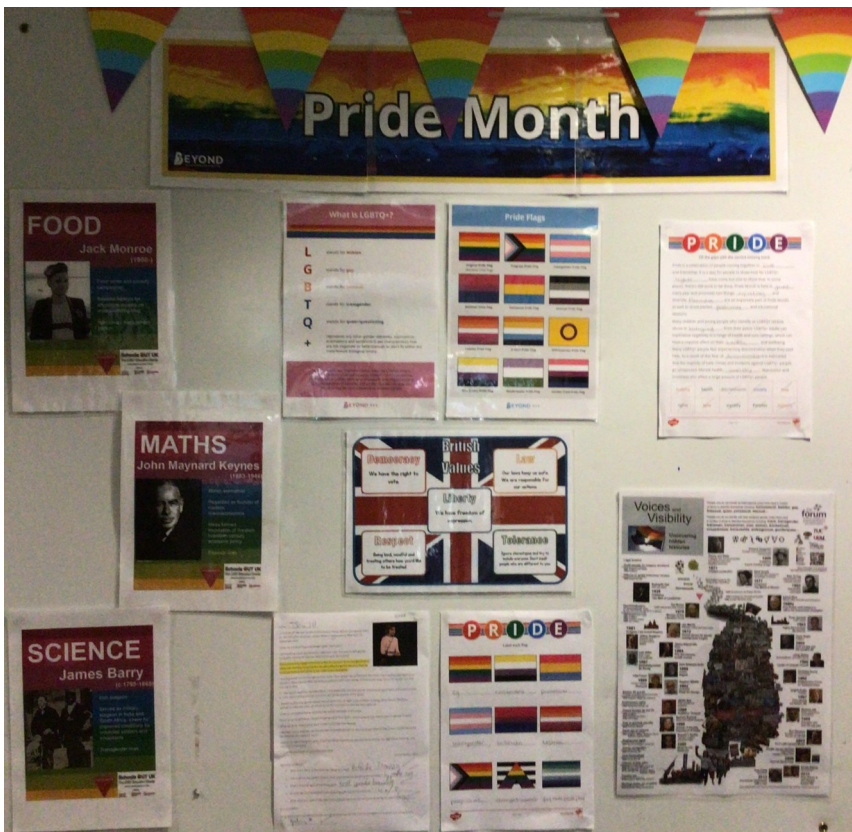


Pupils across the service have been learning about the LBGQT+ community and the history of PRIDE celebrations throughout June.

We always try to look at where we can celebrate British Values and celebrating PRIDE is a great way to look at those values. We considered:

- *Tolerance and Mutual Respect; celebrating the fact that people are diverse and everyone has an equal part to play in society.*
- *Democracy and The Rule of Law; considering how the rights of the LBGQT+ community have changed over time*
- *Individual Liberty; how people are able to express their views and opinions as well as their personal identity.*

In Oswestry centre pupils studied all the flags used to represent the LBGQT+ community and discussed what the colours and symbols represented before talking about the importance of everyone being able to feel seen, heard, valued, and accepted in society.

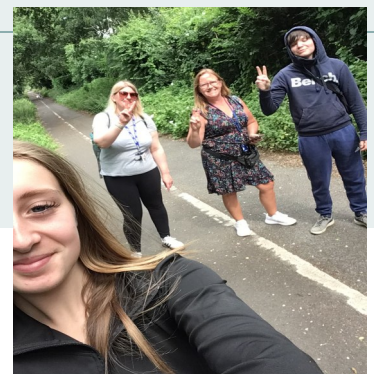


Making the Most of the Sunshine!



Oswestry TMBSS students have been making the most of the recent good weather by getting out and about! Visits with the Arthog outreach team to go canoeing, taking part in the high ropes course and a bushcraft session have all featured recently, as well as our own Outdoor Education programme run by TMBSS Oswestry centre staff.

Outdoor Education plays an important role in our curriculum as students learn about the locality in which they live, whilst developing friendships and building trusted relationships with staff- not to mention getting out in the sunshine and having fun!



UNDERSTANDING KNIFE CRIME

'Steer Clear' visited all the TMBSS sites this term. Steer Clear are part of The Children's Society and work with schools, the police, social care, activity providers, and others to keep young people safe from harm and prevent the criminalisation associated with youth knife crime. Through education and support, they aim to improve young people's understanding of knife crime and offer alternative solutions, aiming to reduce serious youth violence.

The students participated in group discussions on knife crime, the law, and the term 'joint enterprise'.

The 'Steer Clear Workshop' explained the consequences of knife crime and the impact upon victims' families.

Students asked insightful questions and found the presentation poignant and informative.

MESSING ABOUT ON THE RIVER

It was mid June and a perfect day for canoeing when the KS3 students from Bridgnorth set off to the Activity Centre in Arthog where they were met by their two instructors who were keen to get them onto the river for the day.

Despite being relatively new to the sport, the students impressed with their willingness to listen to instructions and their skills on the water.

The highlight had to be the end of the day when the heat got too much and into the tempting water they went.

Bridgnorth are delighted that they have secured some more sessions at Arthog for the coming academic year, where students can improve their physical and mental health while learning new skills and having fun.



GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK YEAR 11



Events across the service have taken place over recent weeks to celebrate our fabulous Year 11 students. They have coped brilliantly with the pressures of the exam season and we are all super proud of them. Hookagate Centre hosted a Garden Party, displaying the students' GCSE Art work (and work from other students). Parents and carers were invited in to come and enjoy some tea and cake, whilst enjoying the work of our talented young people.

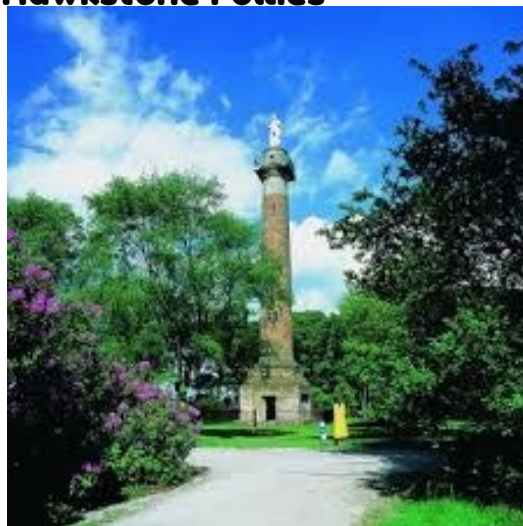


As a final trip to say goodbye to the year 11s, Hookagate students ventured out to Hawkstone Follies. After a fairly steep ascent to the top of the ridge, we were able to have a fabulous walk through the trees, climb the many, many steps to the top of the tower and explore the caves.

We took a picnic and enjoyed a meal together overlooking the fantastic scenery from the top of the cliff.

Staff and students had a great day.

Hawkstone Follies



'I loved climbing to the top of the tower. It was a lot of steps but the views were worth it!'

A Stately Visit



This June students from Bridgnorth had the opportunity to visit Dudmaston Hall stately home, which is a National Trust property only a few miles from the Centre itself.

The main purpose was to access the current Art Exhibition inside the stately home, but students also enjoyed wandering through the beautiful grounds, sharing a picnic and taking in some of the extraordinary wildlife. They were also very impressed by the display of fans and the explanation of the Language of Fans where they learned how to 'throw shade' with the demure fan flick of a Victorian lady.

Everyone agreed that it was a beautiful and accessible venue and that we should all go back there for a return visit before the end of term.



INSPIRED BY WILDLIFE

KS3 and KS4 students have been working on an art project in response to the exotic animal visit from Dinosaur, Wildlife and Education Centre.

Students experimented with materials to create the textures and colours of the animals they saw on the visit. Each selecting either a land animal, or a bird for their inspiration.

Some students chose to use painting techniques, others used 3d sculpture to recreate their chosen animal. Their work looks fabulous next to the photographs of their visit in centres.





Safeguarding at TMBSS

At TMBSS we believe that it is always unacceptable for a child or young person to experience abuse of any kind and recognise that safeguarding the welfare of all children and young people is everyone's responsibility.

The Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead for TMBSS is James Pearson and he can be contacted by telephone on 01743 368189 or via e-mail pearson.j@tmbss-shropshire.org.uk.

Summer increases the risks of water related incidents for children. Shropshire Fire and Rescue have put together a useful information page for families to help keep safe during the warmer weather [Water Safety | Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service](#)

The Shropshire Parenting Team will continue to provide their hub drop-ins over the summer. The following link will provide information on the days and times that they take place [Parenting team - Early Help drop in | Shropshire Council](#)

There has been a lot of discussion about the changes to the benefit system. Families that are concerned that the changes may lead to financial difficulty can receive support from the local authority by following this link [Financial support | Shropshire Council](#)

Emma Spelman is TMBSS's Safeguarding Manager and can be contacted on spelman.e@tmbss-shropshire.org.uk and Jodie Prophet is our Family Support Co-ordinator and is available to provide support. She can be contacted at, prophet.j@tmbss-shropshire.org.uk or you can contact your centre manager.

Useful Contact Numbers

Compass/FPOC – Children's Services first point of contact 0345 678 9021

We Are With You – Young people's substance misuse team 01743 294700

NSPCC – 0808 800 5000

Bee U – 0 – 25 Mental Health Support - 0300 124 0093

Childline – 0800 1111

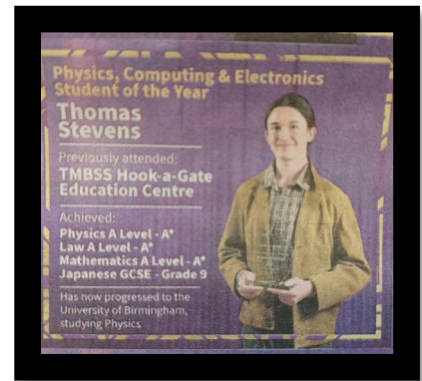


More Art Work from the Garden pARTy



STUDENT CELEBRATES SUCCESS

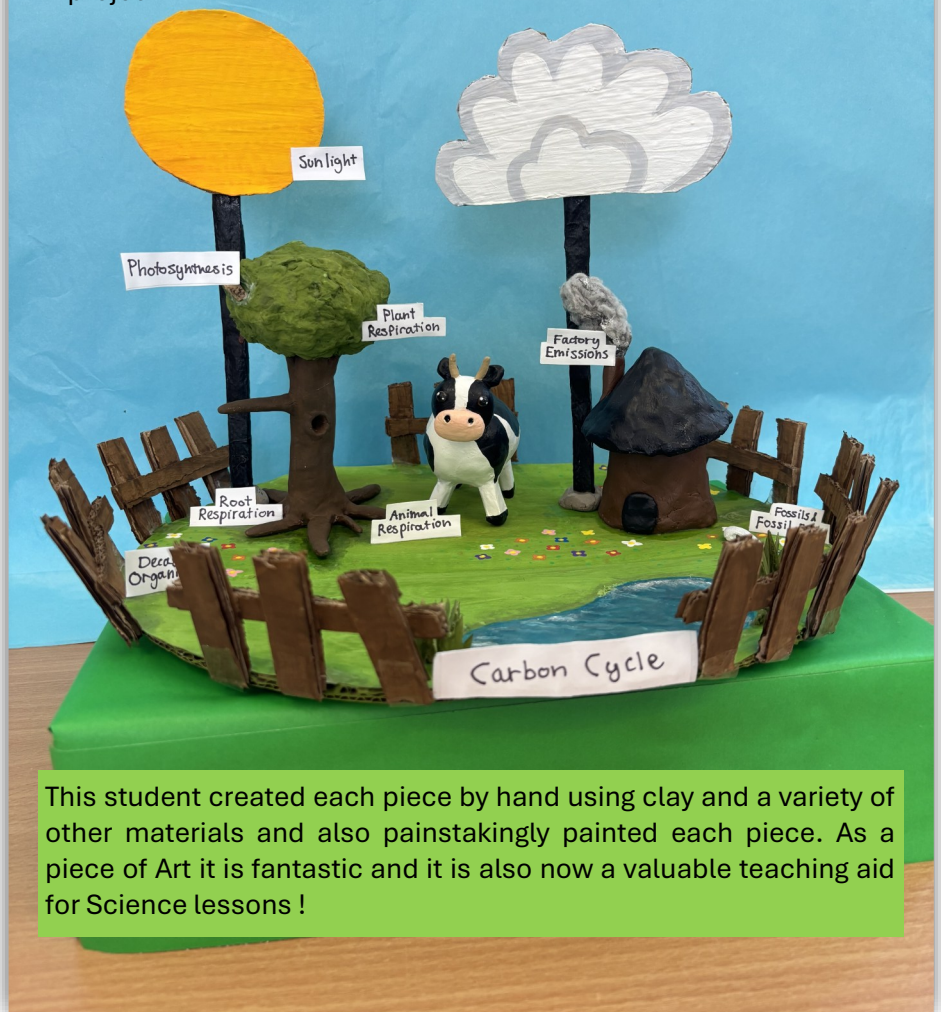
Staff were delighted to recently see a former student from TMBSS be recognised by Shrewsbury College for his outstanding academic success. Not only did he receive the award, but the college also included his achievements in a double page spread in the Shropshire Star.



Well done, Tom.

We are very proud of you.

A year 10 student at Ludlow has been hard at work combining her love of art and her science study. This student has independently built a Carbon Cycle Model which she has completed as part of a Science and Art cross curricular project.



This student created each piece by hand using clay and a variety of other materials and also painstakingly painted each piece. As a piece of Art it is fantastic and it is also now a valuable teaching aid for Science lessons !

Vintage Bridal Exhibition

Students at Ludlow Centre visited an exhibition at St Lawrence's Church in the town. The event celebrates wedding dresses through the decades, displaying over 30 vintage dresses, the earliest being from 1914.

Included amongst the dresses is the dress worn by our very own Karen Angell, who works at the Ludlow centre. She was married in St Lawrence's and lent her dress to the exhibition.

The students were astounded by how small some of the dresses were in the past, showing how much people have grown in the last century.



End of term:

Friday 18th July 2025



PD Day: Monday 1st September 2025

Return to school: Tuesday 2nd September 2025

End of term: Tuesday 21st October 2025

PD Days: Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th October 2025

Half term: Monday 27th October—Friday 31st October 2025

Return to school: Monday 3rd November 2025