

**SUMMER 2026**

**ERCALL WOOD ACADEMY**

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# NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Address

As we reach the end of another academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredibly successful and rewarding year for our academy.

Throughout the year, our students have brought our core values of Empower, Respect and Aspire to life in so many ways. Whether through their commitment to learning, their kindness towards others, their willingness to embrace new opportunities or the resilience they have shown when faced with challenges, they have demonstrated what it truly means to be part of our academy community. Watching our young people grow in confidence and character has made me immensely proud and deeply grateful to serve as Principal.

Our academy continues to thrive, and at the heart of that success are the relationships that exist between our staff, students, parents, carers and wider community. These relationships are built on trust, mutual respect and a shared ambition to provide the very best opportunities for every young person. Together, we have created an environment where students feel supported, challenged and inspired to achieve their very best.

This half term has been particularly memorable. Our Year 10 students undertook their work experience placements, and it was incredible to see so many embrace this challenge with enthusiasm, maturity and professionalism. Reading the feedback from employers was a genuine highlight. Time and again, our students were praised for their confidence, work ethic, communication skills and positive attitudes. They were outstanding ambassadors for the academy, and I know they should all feel incredibly proud of what they achieved.

We have also enjoyed an exceptional Activities Week at the end of the term, providing students with opportunities to create memories that will last a lifetime. From exciting educational visits and adventurous trips to the excitement of Sports Day, there has been something for everyone. The return of the Colour Run was a particular highlight, bringing together students and staff for an afternoon full of energy and laughter. These experiences remind us that education extends far beyond the classroom and that some of the most valuable learning comes through shared experiences, teamwork and stepping outside our comfort zones.

## Principal's Address

One of the highlights of the final weeks has been welcoming our new Year 6 students for their transition days. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces beginning the next chapter of their educational journey with such enthusiasm. I would like to thank every member of staff who contributed to making these two days such a positive and memorable introduction to our academy. A special mention must go to Mrs Dungey and our fantastic team of Year 9 Peer Mentors, who represented the school exceptionally. Their warmth, kindness and leadership helped ensure that our newest students felt welcomed, reassured and excited about joining our community in September. We were also delighted to celebrate our students at the Ercall Sparkle Character Awards, recognising those who have shown outstanding commitment and determination in completing our Character Education Framework. These awards perfectly reflect our academy vision. While we strive every day to deliver high-quality lessons through expert teaching and pedagogy, we are equally passionate about developing the whole child. Our ambition is not simply for students to leave with excellent qualifications, but with the confidence, character and values to walk into any room, wherever life takes them, knowing they belong and equipped to thrive.

The performing arts have continued to flourish this year, with students showcasing their talents across a range of events including Ercall in the Park, Ercall Wood's Got Talent and many other performances throughout the year. The confidence, creativity and courage displayed by our students has been inspiring, and I would like to thank everyone involved in providing these wonderful opportunities for our young people to shine and I look forward to seeing this continue to grow next year.

As we bring another successful year to a close, I would like to thank every one of our students for the part they have played in making this such a special year. Your enthusiasm, determination, kindness and ambition are what make our academy such a wonderful place to learn.

My sincere thanks also go to our exceptional staff. Their unwavering commitment, professionalism and care for our students are evident every single day. They continually go above and beyond to ensure every young person is supported to succeed, and I am incredibly grateful for everything they do.

Finally, thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support, encouragement and the many kind words you have shared throughout the year. Your partnership with the academy is invaluable.

When students, families and staff work together with a shared purpose, we create something truly special, and this year has been a wonderful example of what can be achieved through collaboration.

I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved summer break, with plenty of opportunities to rest, recharge and spend time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year as we continue to Empower, Respect and Aspire together. Please note year 7 and 11 students return to the academy on Thursday 3rd September with all years then returning on Friday 4th September.

Mr. N. Murphy  
Principal

### Important Dates:

- **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept - PD Days**  
- School closed to students
- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept - Year 7 & 11 return to school**
- **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept - All years return to school**



Spotlight on...

# PERFORMING ARTS

This term has been a fantastic celebration of Performing Arts at Ercall Wood, with two memorable events showcasing the incredible talent, creativity and dedication of our students.

Ercall in the Parkall once again brought together students, families and staff for an evening of live outdoor entertainment. Dance, Music and Drama students delivered an exciting two-hour programme featuring energetic dance routines, powerful musical performances and engaging drama pieces. The event gave students the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience, building confidence while showcasing the hard work and commitment they have demonstrated throughout the year. The atmosphere was vibrant and supportive, with every performance warmly received by the audience.

We also welcomed back Ercall's Got Talent 2026, where students impressed judges through a series of auditions before taking to the stage for a spectacular grand final. The standard was exceptionally high across Dance, Music and Drama, making it a difficult task for the judging panel to select a winner. Every finalist delivered polished and memorable performances, reflecting the passion and resilience they have developed through performing arts. Congratulations to Holly, whose beautiful lyrical dance captivated both the judges and audience to earn this year's title.

A huge well done to every student who took part in both events. Their enthusiasm, creativity and dedication made these occasions a huge success, and we would also like to thank all of the families, friends and staff whose support helped make these celebrations of Performing Arts so memorable.

## Ercall's Got Talent



## Spotlight on...

# MUSIC

What a fantastic summer term it has been for Music at Erccall Wood Academy. Students have continued to develop their musical talents through performances, workshops and exciting enrichment opportunities both in school and beyond. From Rock School performances and university visits to collaborative concerts with schools across Telford, students have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, confidence and professionalism. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved this year and look forward to another exciting year of music in September.

### Rock School

Rock School has continued to go from strength to strength this year. Students performed at Band Night, before taking to the stage at The Firefly in Oakengates and Charltonbury, showcasing an increasingly challenging repertoire and impressive ensemble skills.

Each performance reflected the commitment shown during rehearsals, with students demonstrating confidence, musicality and outstanding teamwork.

Congratulations to all of our performers.



## The Firefly



## • Keele University

Our Year 10 Music students enjoyed an inspiring visit to Keele University, where they explored music cultures and traditions through interactive lectures before touring the university's music department, practice rooms and recording studios.

Students also attended a session exploring storytelling in the media, encouraging them to consider different viewpoints and develop their listening and discussion skills. The visit provided a valuable insight into studying music beyond school and future opportunities within the creative industries.



## Spotlight on...

# MUSIC

Our singing group once again joined schools from across Telford to take part in Telford Sings. Students rehearsed alongside other local schools and participated in workshops led by professional musicians before delivering a fantastic final performance.

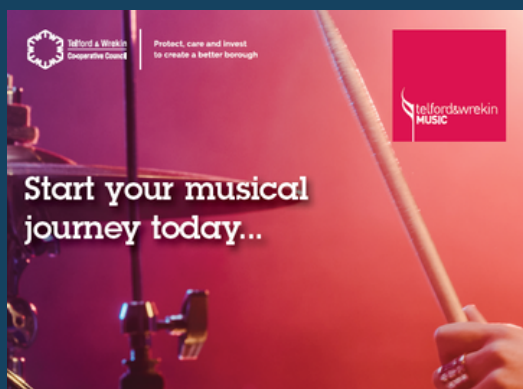
The experience helped students develop their vocal skills, confidence and teamwork, and they represented Ercall Wood Academy with professionalism and enthusiasm throughout. We are incredibly proud of everything they achieved.



**Charltonbury**

## Spotlight on...

# DRAMA



## Interested in Music?

Interested in learning an instrument or developing your singing skills? Telford & Wrekin Music offers instrumental and vocal tuition for children and young people across Telford.

**Find out more:**

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This term, our Year 9 and Year 10 GCSE Drama students took part in an inspiring workshop with Stage-Ed, exploring their GCSE set text, *Blood Brothers*. Led by two performers from the professional production, students brought key scenes to life while developing their understanding of the play's characters, themes and context. The workshop leaders praised our students for their enthusiasm and engagement, while students commented on how the experience brought the play to life and strengthened their understanding of the text.

Spotlight on...

# GEOGRAPHY

This term, our Year 10 GCSE Geography students visited Trentham Gardens to complete their compulsory GCSE fieldwork. During the visit, they investigated whether the regeneration of the Trentham Estate has created social opportunities for the local area by collecting primary data, including environmental quality surveys, footfall counts and visitor questionnaires.

The visit gave students the opportunity to apply classroom learning in a real-world setting while developing valuable geographical enquiry, data collection and analysis skills. These experiences will support their GCSE studies as they prepare to evaluate fieldwork methods and use evidence from their own investigations. Well done to all of our Year 10 geographers for their enthusiasm, teamwork and excellent conduct throughout the day.



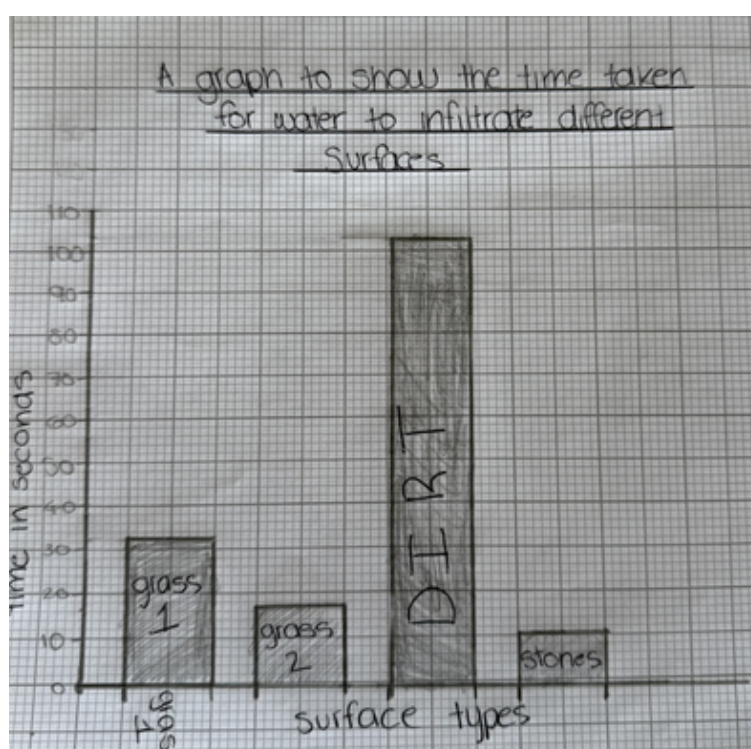
## KS3 Geography



## • Year 8 Geography

As part of their Rivers topic, Year 8 students carried out practical fieldwork around the school grounds. They investigated how different surface types affect the movement of water into the ground by measuring infiltration rates across the school site.

Working in small groups, students collected and analysed data before identifying patterns and explaining their findings using their geographical knowledge. The practical investigation brought classroom learning to life while developing fieldwork, teamwork and analytical skills.



Spotlight on...

# ENGLISH

As another successful year comes to a close, our KS3 students have continued to immerse themselves in a range of thought-provoking modern texts. Year 7 explored *Ghost Boys*, examining themes of identity, diversity and social justice. Year 8 studied *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, developing their understanding of crime fiction and unreliable narration, while Year 9 explored *Animal Farm*, making links to dystopian literature through poetry and imaginative writing.

It has been fantastic to see students engage so thoughtfully with these challenging texts, developing confidence, creativity and resilience throughout the year.



## • KS4 Curriculum

### KS4 Curriculum

Year 10 concluded the academic year by studying *An Inspector Calls* by J. B. Priestley as part of the AQA English Literature course, alongside *The Gothic* as part of the AQA English Language curriculum. Through these units, students continued to refine their analytical and evaluative skills while developing a deeper understanding of literary conventions and writers' craft. This term also saw students complete their first GCSE English mock examinations, approaching the assessments with maturity, resilience and a commendable commitment to their studies. We have been particularly impressed by the quality of the revision materials produced and the dedication shown throughout the revision process. We are incredibly proud of the progress Year 10 have made this year and look forward to supporting them as they begin the final stage of their GCSE English journey.



### SPARX Reader

Our KS3 students have shown outstanding commitment to independent reading through SPARX Reader this year.

Collectively, students have completed an incredible 4,559 hours of reading, demonstrating remarkable dedication, perseverance and enthusiasm for reading beyond the classroom.

# LITERACY

The Summer Term has been another successful one for Literacy at Ercall Wood Academy. Our Summer Reading Intervention Programme continues to thrive, helping students develop their reading skills and thanks to the commitment of our students and staff, the academy's reading attainment is now above the national average.

Our Debate Club and Chess Club have also proved popular this term, giving students opportunities to develop confidence, communication, strategic thinking and teamwork beyond the classroom.



## READING FOCUS



### Looking Ahead

As we reach the end of another successful year, we look forward to celebrating our students' achievements through our end-of-year literacy awards. Thank you to our students, staff and families for continuing to support a culture where reading truly matters.

This term we said goodbye to our fantastic Year 11 Literacy Ambassadors, who over the past year have helped transform the library, organise book stalls, support literacy events and played an important role in primary transition activities. Their enthusiasm and commitment have made a lasting impact, and we thank them for everything they have contributed.

Following a competitive application process, we are delighted to welcome our new Literacy Ambassadors: Sandra, Sam, Evie, Jori, Munachi, Skye, Tash and George. They have already represented the academy brilliantly by visiting Meadows and Millbrook Primary Schools, where they spoke to Year 5 and 6 pupils about reading at secondary school before spending time reading alongside them. Their professionalism, confidence and enthusiasm make them outstanding ambassadors for Ercall Wood Academy.

Spotlight on...

# SCIENCE

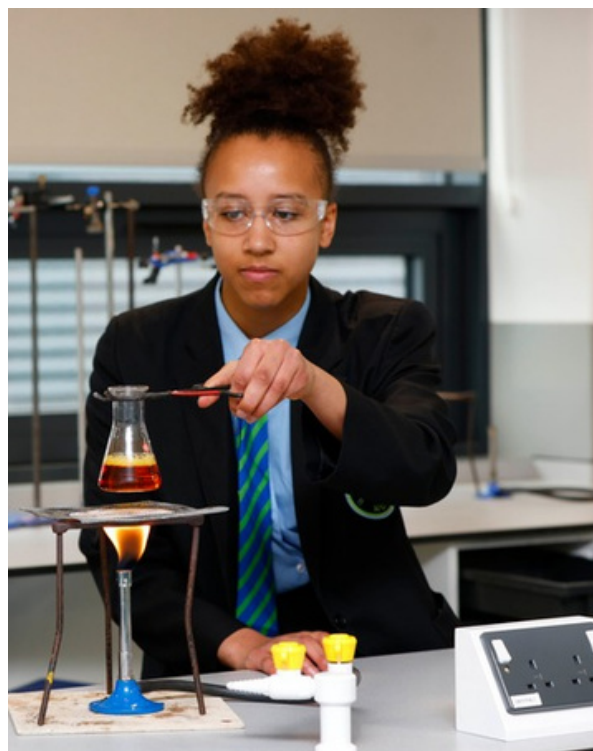
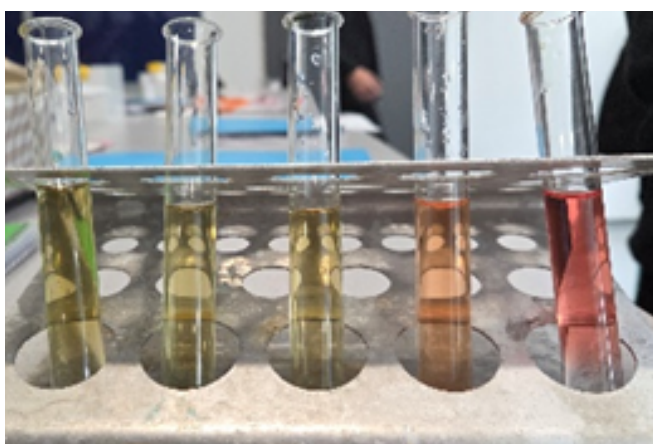
## • Curriculum

Science has been another exciting and practical subject this term, with students across all year groups developing their scientific knowledge through hands-on investigations and experiments. From exploring forces and chromatography to electroplating and chemical analysis, students have demonstrated excellent curiosity, teamwork and practical skills in the laboratory.

Year 7 investigated forces through a range of practical challenges, exploring concepts such as resultant force, inertia and reliability using robot cars, Human Hungry Hippos and soft archery investigations.

Year 8 developed their practical skills by comparing chromatography techniques and investigating acids, alkalis and neutralisation, producing some colourful and impressive results along the way.

Year 10 students have continued to build their GCSE practical skills. Triple Chemistry students successfully electroplated a variety of objects, including an entire spoon, while Combined Science students investigated the pH scale and serial dilutions, demonstrating outstanding scientific understanding through practical investigation.



## Science In Action

## Looking Ahead

We're excited to offer more fantastic opportunities beyond the classroom next year.

Year 9 students will have the opportunity to visit Cadbury World in October as a reward for their continued effort and commitment over the past two years.

Year 10 students will also attend GCSE Science Live in March, where leading scientists and examiners will share inspiring talks, careers advice and valuable GCSE revision tips.

See your Science teachers for further information.

## Spotlight on...

# PE

As another successful year comes to a close, PE has continued to thrive, with students showing fantastic enthusiasm, commitment and resilience throughout the summer term.

Students have developed their skills in rounders and athletics, building confidence, teamwork and determination.

Congratulations to our Year 11 OCR Sport Studies students, who completed their final R184 examination this term. We thank them for their hard work over the past two years and wish them every success in their future studies and careers.

Our Year 10 OCR Sport Studies students also completed their first coursework unit (R185) and have now begun work on R187 in preparation for the rock climbing unit at the start of Year 11. Thank you to all students for their continued effort throughout the year.

We hope everyone has a safe, enjoyable summer break and look forward to another exciting year of PE and extracurricular sport in September.



## Autumn Clubs

Thank you to all students for their continued effort and positive attitude throughout the year.

Look out for our Autumn Term extracurricular timetable in September, with another fantastic range of sporting opportunities for everyone to get involved in.



# STUDENT LEADERSHIP



## Head Students

Goodbye, good luck and thank you to our outgoing Head Students Rama and Scarlett!

## Oracy Ambassadors

Year 10 Oracy Ambassadors Gifty, Eva, Isabelle, Caitlyn, Harry, Riley, Aadi and Maya have represented the academy at events this term supporting visitors and guiding tours.

We will be recruiting additional Oracy Ambassadors from other year groups from September, please see Ms. Ravenhall for details.



Student leadership continues to go from strength to strength, with Peer Mentor appointments this term. Peer Mentors were recently exemplary ambassadors for the academy, working closely with Miss Dungey, to support the organisation of our Year 6 transition days. The team continue to meet every two weeks and also once each half term with Mr Murphy to share ideas and drive improvements across the school.

Our Equality and Diversity Prefects organised our Annual Culture Exhibition this term. Performing Arts Prefects played a key role in supporting numerous events including Ercall's Got Talent while Literacy Prefects have worked closely with Mr Singh visiting partner primaries to support literacy developments. Our Charity Prefects have continued to support numerous events most recently fundraising for Hope House.

The process of Student Leadership team appointment will be relaunched from September to include an interview to allow you to show off your oracy skills! Assemblies will provide more information.

## House Captains

It was fantastic to see our House Captains supporting the organisation and running of Sports Day, demonstrating excellent leadership and teamwork throughout. Thank you!

# CHARACTER EDUCATION

## CHARACTER AWARD FOCUS

More than 140 students were recognised for their outstanding character and commitment during Ercall Wood Academy's second annual Ercall Sparkle awards evening.

Students, parents, staff and community guests gathered to celebrate the achievements of young people who have demonstrated the academy's values of Empower, Respect and Aspire through its Character Education programme. The event builds on the success of last year's inaugural celebration, which attracted around 400 guests and has since become one of the academy's flagship annual events.

Throughout the year, students have voluntarily completed a series of challenges designed to develop key personal qualities including confidence, responsibility, integrity, empathy, ambition and optimism. Those who successfully completed all three Character Education badges, along with students receiving commendations for exceptional commitment, were recognised during the ceremony. The evening opened with performances from Ercall Wood students before guests heard from academy leaders about the importance of developing character alongside academic achievement. Awards from the Wellington Rotary Club Photography Competition were also presented before the Mayor of Wellington handed out the prestigious Ercall Sparkle trophies and badges. Families then had the opportunity to celebrate together and capture photographs with the award winners following the presentation ceremony.

Principal Mr Murphy said the evening reflected the academy's commitment to developing well-rounded young people.

"We want our students to leave Ercall Wood not only with excellent qualifications but also with the confidence, resilience, compassion and ambition to make a positive difference wherever life takes them.

"Ercall Sparkle celebrates the young people who have embraced those values, challenged themselves and consistently demonstrated the character traits that will help them succeed in school, in work and within their communities."

Vice Principal Mr Trafford, who leads the Character Education programme, added: "Character education is about encouraging students to step outside their comfort zone, contribute to their communities and develop habits that will stay with them for life.

"The achievements celebrated this evening represent hundreds of hours of volunteering, acts of kindness, leadership and personal growth. We couldn't be prouder of every student who has taken part."

The academy also thanked the Mayor of Wellington, Wellington Rotary Club, families and staff for supporting the celebration, which has quickly established itself as one of the highlights in the school calendar.

The Ercall Sparkle programme forms a central part of the academy's wider vision of ensuring students leave school equipped not only with academic success, but with the character, values and confidence to thrive in the future.

Spotlight on...

# MATHS

This term, 12 students from Years 7 and 8 represented Ercall Wood Academy at the LCT Maths Picnic, hosted by Charlton School. Working in teams of three, students tackled a range of mathematical challenges, testing their problem-solving, logic and teamwork skills through a variety of engaging activities. Our students represented the academy brilliantly throughout the day, showing resilience, enthusiasm and excellent collaboration. We are incredibly proud of everyone involved and congratulate them on a fantastic performance.

Six Year 10 students attended a Higher Maths Workshop at AFC Telford, organised by the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme (AMSP). Students explored challenging topics, including circle theorems and compound measures, through interactive workshops and problem-solving activities. To round off a fantastic day, they won the end-of-event maths quiz, outperforming every other participating team. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and the way they represented the academy.



## Further Maths Level 2

This term, 38 Year 10 students began studying Level 2 Further Mathematics, attending weekly after-school sessions alongside their GCSE studies. Next year, students will explore advanced topics including triple simultaneous equations, matrix transformations and differentiation. Their commitment is commendable, and we hope the course inspires many to continue with A Level Mathematics or pursue STEM careers.



Spotlight on...

# HISTORY

As another successful year comes to a close, our KS3 historians have continued to develop their knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and the wider world.

Year 7 completed their Time Traveller's Guide to Wellington, exploring the town through the Medieval, Tudor, Stuart and Victorian periods before finishing the year with impressive assessment results. Year 8 studied the rise of dictators in the 20th-century Europe and the peace treaties following the First World War, approaching these challenging topics with maturity and enthusiasm. Year 9 completed their Key Stage 3 journey, and we look forward to welcoming our new GCSE historians in September.



## KS3 Curriculum

## • KS4 Curriculum

This term, Year 10 historians completed their first full GCSE examinations, tackling papers on Conflict and Tension, Migration and USA. We have been incredibly impressed by the resilience, independence and commitment students showed throughout the revision process and during their examinations.

Students have now completed well over half of the GCSE course, covering topics including the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, Medieval England, Empire, Britain in the 20th century, and Conflict and Tension. With just Post-war USA and Elizabethan England still to study, they are in a strong position as they prepare for Year 11. Targeted feedback intervention sessions and independent revision will continue to support students as they begin the final stage of their GCSE journey.



## Munich Trip

History students enjoyed an unforgettable visit to Munich, exploring some of Europe's most significant historical sites. Highlights included Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site, Courtroom 600 in Nuremberg and the Bayern Munich Stadium. Students embraced every experience with enthusiasm, resilience and excellent behaviour, making the most of every opportunity.

Spotlight on...

# MFL

Our Year 11 students reached the end of their GCSE journey with resilience, determination and commitment throughout the examination season. They approached every challenge with maturity and positivity, and their hard work has been truly inspiring.

Our Year 10 students also rose to the challenge of their first GCSE mock examinations, demonstrating excellent preparation and commitment. We are excited to see them continue to grow in confidence and ability as they prepare for the final year of their GCSE studies.

## • KS3 Curriculum

Across Key Stage 3, students completed their summer assessments and made excellent progress throughout the year. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow, particularly during speaking assessments. Learning a new language takes courage, resilience and perseverance, and our students have shown all three in abundance. They have embraced every opportunity to communicate, challenge themselves and develop their language skills with enthusiasm and determination. Their willingness to step outside their comfort zones has been a pleasure to see, and we are incredibly proud of their commitment to learning, positive attitude and everything they have achieved this year.



## KS4 Curriculum



## Looking Ahead

Next year, we will continue developing students' confidence through speaking and communication while placing an even greater focus on writing skills. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of language learning.

Spotlight on...

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES

As another successful year comes to a close, the Religious Studies department is proud of the curiosity, thoughtfulness and enthusiasm shown by students across every year group. Throughout the year, students have explored a wide range of beliefs, ethical issues and world religions while developing their critical thinking, discussion and evaluation skills. We wish all of our students a restful summer break and look forward to another exciting year ahead.



### • Curriculum Developments

Our curriculum continues to evolve, providing students with engaging opportunities to explore religion, philosophy and ethics through discussion, debate and enquiry. The progress students have made this year reflects their enthusiasm and willingness to consider a wide range of perspectives.

**Year 7** have explored ethics, religious festivals and Sikhism before finishing the year studying Christian beliefs, including creation, Jesus and salvation, building strong foundations for future learning..

**Year 8** investigated the question What is religion? before studying the Bahá'í Faith, Judaism, Islam and Christianity. Students developed a deeper understanding of beliefs, practices and traditions while comparing different faith perspectives.

**Year 9** examined crime and punishment before exploring beliefs about creation, the environment and animal ethics. Students considered Christian teachings on stewardship and reflected on humanity's responsibility to care for the world.

**Year 10** made excellent progress through the AQA GCSE course, studying Islam: Beliefs and Practices alongside Relationships and Families and Religion and Life. Students also visited All Saints Church, Wellington, where they explored Christian practices and experienced Baptism and Holy Communion within a church setting.

### Looking Ahead

Next year, students will continue developing their oracy and debating skills as they explore ethical and religious issues with increasing confidence. Our new Year 10 students will also visit the Buddhist Peace Pagoda in Birmingham to support their GCSE study of Buddhism.

# REWARDS

At our academy, we firmly believe that celebrating success is just as important as achieving it. Every day, our students demonstrate determination, kindness, resilience and ambition, and it is vital that we take the time to recognise and reward the incredible contributions they make to our school community. Whether through academic achievement, outstanding attendance, leadership, service to others or simply embodying our values every single day, our students continue to make us immensely proud.

This year, we are especially delighted to celebrate Macey in Year 9, who was awarded the prestigious Chair of Trustees Award at this year's LCT Awards. Selected by Chair of Trustees Kevin Barton from a remarkable field of more than 8,000 students across the trust, this is an exceptional achievement. Macey was recognised for her selfless work supporting charities, her unwavering commitment to the performing arts, and her relentless pursuit of being an exemplary student. Her dedication to making a positive difference both within our academy and beyond is truly inspiring, and we could not be prouder of her remarkable accomplishment.

A huge congratulations must also go to Keegan in Year 10, who has accumulated the highest number of merit points across his entire year group. This reflects his consistent effort, positive attitude and commitment to excellence throughout the year. Beyond the classroom, Keegan has been an invaluable support at countless academy events. Whether welcoming visitors, assisting with activities or simply representing the school with pride, he is always polite, approachable and eager to help. His contribution exemplifies the character and values we strive to nurture in all of our students.

Attendance remains one of the strongest indicators of student success. Every lesson matters, and excellent attendance ensures students maximise their learning opportunities, build positive relationships and fully participate in academy life. We would like to congratulate our highest-attending tutor groups this year: 7 Blue, 8 Orange, 9 Red and 10 Orange. Their commitment to attending school every day has been outstanding, and we encourage all students to continue striving for excellent attendance throughout the year.

While it is impossible to mention every individual who deserves recognition, we know that there are countless students who quietly make extraordinary contributions every single day. Through acts of kindness, hard work, leadership, perseverance and respect for others, they help create the welcoming, ambitious and supportive academy culture that we are so proud of. To every student who consistently makes a positive difference—thank you. Your actions do not go unnoticed, and together you make our academy a truly exceptional place to learn and grow.



Spotlight on...

# ART

The Art Department has enjoyed another fantastic term, with students producing imaginative work while developing new skills through a wide range of exciting projects.

Year 7 explored Neo Pop Art through the work of Julian Opie, creating bold self-portraits while developing acrylic painting skills. Their project will continue in September as they explore mixed media techniques.

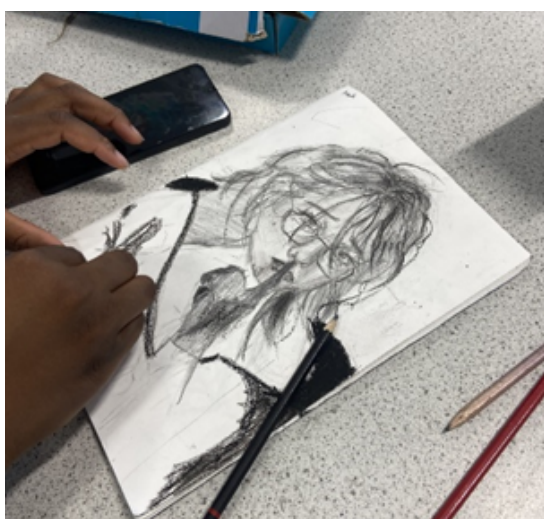
Year 8 created concertina sketchbooks exploring the formal elements of art through the work of influential artists. The project strengthened their drawing, painting, sculpture and photography skills.



Year 9 students have continued their Steampunk project by creating imaginative sea creature sculptures inspired by Claudio Garzón. Using armatures, papier-mâché and paint, they produced impressive sculptures that showcase creativity, teamwork and craftsmanship.



## •GCSE Spotlight



Year 10 Art and Photography students have continued developing their portfolios while exploring a range of media and techniques. A visit to Shrewsbury College's End of Year Art Exhibition provided inspiration for future study before students completed observational drawing and photography in the college gardens to support their coursework.



# SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

It has been another exceptional year for sport at Ercall Wood, with students achieving outstanding success across a wide range of competitions while representing the Academy with pride, determination and excellent sportsmanship.

Our football teams enjoyed another memorable season. The Year 9 girls were crowned District Cup Champions for the third consecutive year, while the Year 11 boys retained their District Cup title for a second successive year. The Year 7 boys were County Cup runners-up, and the Year 11 boys also finished as runners-up in the County Presidents Final.



Our U13 girls' handball team qualified for the National Finals, while our KS3 Inclusive Cricket Team reached the Regional Finals. At the Telford & Wrekin Athletics Championships, Ercall Wood finished an impressive 3rd overall, with the Year 8 boys and Year 9 girls qualifying for the County Finals.

Students also enjoyed another successful Madrid Sports Tour, creating lasting memories while developing their sporting skills and experiencing a different culture.

## SPORTS DAY LEADERBOARD

**1st**  
BURROW: 804 POINTS

**2nd**  
ENNIS: 672 POINTS

**3rd**  
FARAH: 629 POINTS

**4th**  
STOREY: 606 POINTS



# TRIPS AND VISITS

Our Year 9 students successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition this term. After navigating through the Shropshire countryside using maps and compasses, each group reached the campsite, where they put their camping skills into practice by pitching tents and cooking their own evening meals.

Students demonstrated resilience, teamwork and determination throughout the expedition. Those who have completed all sections of the award will be invited to a presentation event in the Autumn Term, while others still have time to complete the remaining sections before the celebration.



## Maths Inspiration Show

Year 9 students attended the Maths Inspiration Show in Birmingham, where they explored the fascinating mathematics behind games and everyday decision-making with Rob Eastaway.

A highlight of the visit was Leighton winning an on-stage challenge by successfully applying the strategies he had learned. Students represented the Academy brilliantly throughout the day.

## Activities Week

What a fantastic way to finish the academic year! Activities Week was packed with exciting opportunities for students to challenge themselves, work together and celebrate their achievements.

Following an outstanding Sports Day, students embraced a range of activities including debates, team-building challenges, science workshops, problem-solving tasks, wellbeing sessions and House competitions. Many also enjoyed educational visits throughout the week, creating lasting memories beyond the classroom.

A highlight of the week was the colourful and energetic Colour Run, bringing the whole school together for a fun-filled celebration before the end of term. The week concluded with celebration assemblies recognising the achievements and contributions of students across the academy.

A huge thank you to our staff for organising such a successful week, to our students for their enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour, and to our parents and carers for their continued support.

Spotlight on...

# BUSINESS



## Future Entrepreneurs Shine in Year 6 T-Shirt Competition

This term, Ercall Wood Academy Business department was delighted to welcome Year 6 pupils from Primary schools in the local community to take part in an exciting T-shirt design competition as part of their two-day induction.

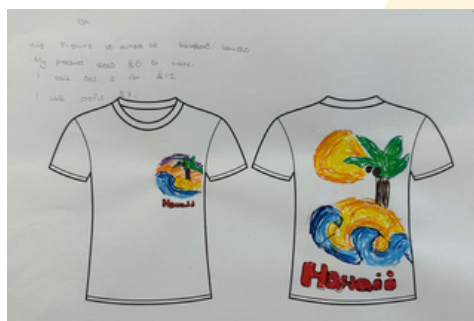
Working as young entrepreneurs and designers, the pupils were challenged to create a T-shirt design with a specific target audience in mind. They considered who would be most likely to buy their product and what features, colours and themes would make their design appealing and desirable to that audience.

As part of the challenge, pupils also explored the business side of product design by calculating production costs and considering how much their finished T-shirts could be sold for, giving them an insight into the importance of budgeting and pricing within the world of business and enterprise.

The quality of the entries was exceptional, with pupils demonstrating impressive creativity, commercial awareness and presentation skills throughout the day.

We have to give special mention to Estikik, Lillie and Jack for their designs which impressed our Year 9 peer mentors judging the competition. However, congratulations goes to Isla, whose vibrant Hawaii-themed design was selected as the winning entry by the judging panel. Her eye-catching design and clear understanding of her target audience made her submission stand out from the competition.

We would like to thank all of the pupils for their enthusiasm, creativity and hard work, and we look forward to welcoming them back to Ercall Wood Academy when they join us in September.



# CAREERS

## STEM Roadshow

Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed an exciting 50-minute Theatre in Education STEM Roadshow on Materials Science, delivered by BAE Systems, the RAF and the Royal Navy. Through a series of interactive demonstrations, students explored both traditional and modern materials, including thermodynamic paper, where hidden images are revealed when water is applied. They also discovered how different types of bonding give materials their unique strength and properties, bringing materials science to life in an engaging and memorable way.



## Work Experience & Mock Interviews



Year 10 students gained valuable interview experience through our annual Mock Interviews, supported by local and national employers and the Rotary Club. Many students were recognised with certificates for their excellent performance.

Students also completed a week of Work Experience, with placements across a wide range of industries including education, healthcare, local government, hospitality, leisure and tourism. These placements helped develop confidence, employability skills and valuable workplace experience.

In the Autumn Term, Year 11 students will attend Post-16 destination assemblies and receive information about local open events, apprenticeships and college opportunities. They will also continue working with Future Focus, helping students and families make informed decisions about next steps in their educational journey beyond Erccall Wood Academy.



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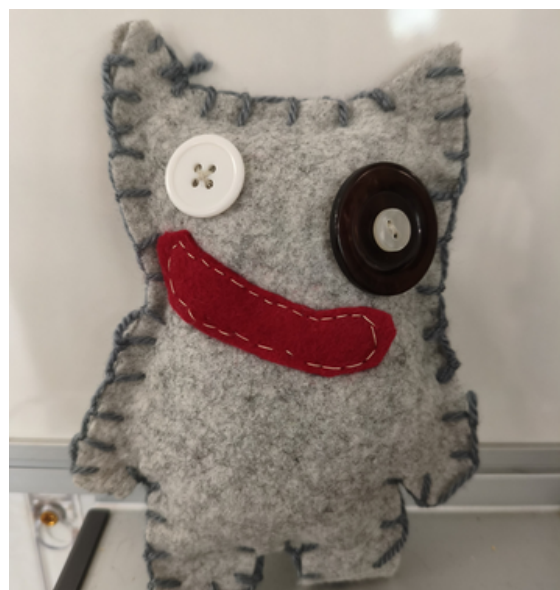
## DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

The Design Technology department has enjoyed another busy term, with students developing practical and creative skills across a range of exciting projects.

Year 7 have embraced our new Textiles project, designing and making unique ugly dolls while learning stitching, appliqué and button sewing.

Year 8 have designed and laser-cut USB lamp panels before assembling and soldering the electronic components.

Year 9 have created layered laser-cut dioramas and mitre-jointed wooden frames, developing their CAD/CAM and practical woodworking skills.



### KS3 Curriculum



### Craft & Tech Club

Craft & Tech Club has been busy creating a range of woodwork and textile projects, including bookmarks, phone stands and planters.

From September, exciting new half-termly projects -including upcycling, tie-dye and electronics will be available, with all students welcome to join.

*See Miss Phillips for details.*



## • Engineering Pathways

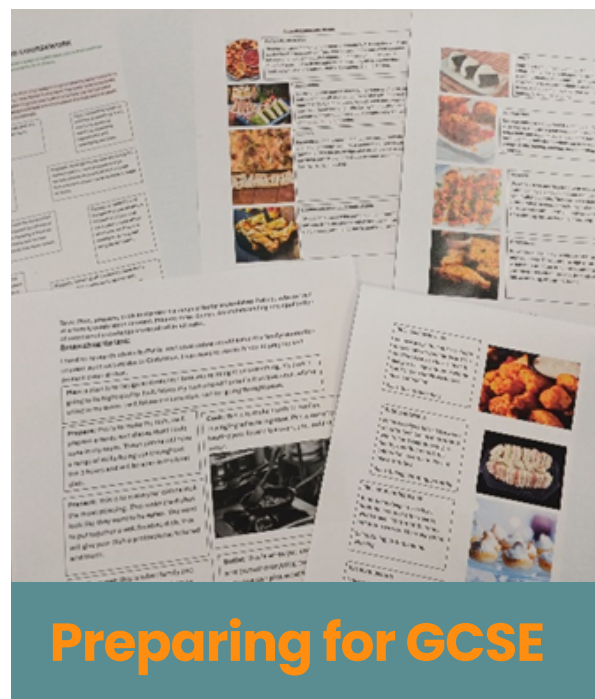
Year 10 Engineering Design students have completed their first coursework, showcasing both hand-drawn and CAD design skills. They have now begun preparing for Year 11 coursework by analysing existing products and developing design ideas.

Students also visited InComm Training, where they toured the facilities, completed an engineering activity and explored apprenticeship opportunities.

Spotlight on...

## FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Students across Food Technology have enjoyed another busy term developing practical cooking skills and confidence in the kitchen. Year 7 created their own biscuit designs in response to a design brief, while Year 8 developed their baking skills by making and adapting traditional scone recipes. Year 9 explored a range of cake-making methods, building independence, creativity and safe working practices. Meanwhile, Year 10 GCSE students have been preparing for their mock NEA practical examination by planning and producing dishes to meet a variety of nutritional briefs.



### Cooking Club

Cooking Club continues to grow in popularity and is open to all KS3 students every Wednesday after school. This term students have enjoyed making chocolate shortbread, brownies, Victoria sandwich cakes and rice crispy treats while developing their baking and teamwork skills. Many of their bakes were sold at Ercall in the Park, giving students the opportunity to develop communication and numeracy skills.



### Community Partnerships

This term we welcomed Year 5 and 6 pupils from Lawley Primary School to take part in the "Great Pizza Face Competition". Students created imaginative bread dough pizzas decorated as faces. Congratulations to our Star Baker winner!

We are also incredibly proud of our Year 9 GCSE Food students, who prepared a selection of sweet treats for Ercall Sparkle. Their creativity, teamwork and professionalism were outstanding, and they did an amazing job.

Spotlight on...

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Health & Social Care students have enjoyed another busy and successful term. Year 11 students completed their coursework and final examination, with many of them finishing units early to allow extra time for revision in other subjects ahead of the summer exam season. They should be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved throughout the course, and we wish them every success as they move on to the next stage of their education.



**Ercall in the Park**

## Community & Charity

At Ercall in the Park, Kiyara ran our ever-popular tombola stall, helping to raise money for the charities we support throughout the year. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, over 120 prizes were donated, making the stall another fantastic success.

We are also looking for local healthcare and social care professionals who could spare a little time to speak to our students or offer a workplace visit.

If you could support the department, please contact Miss Phillips.



## • KS4 Curriculum

Year 10 students have completed their Communication unit, exploring verbal and non-verbal communication, including sign language, braille, Makaton and translation software. Students also visited Shrewsbury Prison to explore how Health & Social Care is applied in real-life settings. They have now begun researching their Year 11 coursework, where they will create a campaign focusing on either obesity or sexual health.

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Child Development has completed a fantastic first year since returning as an option subject, with students showing enthusiasm, commitment and excellent progress throughout the year.

Year 11 students completed their coursework and final exam, studying for this additional GCSE through after-school sessions. Their dedication and resilience have been exceptional, and they should be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.

Year 10 students completed their first coursework project, planning and evaluating an activity to support the social development of children under five. Students have also begun studying prenatal and antenatal care, including health, lifestyle factors, scans and testing, and have already started preparing for Year 11 coursework with a practical bottle preparation task, demonstrating safe and hygienic infant care.



## TA For A Day

Students took part in a 'TA for a Day' visit to Redhill Primary School, where they supported pupils from Reception to Year 6. They assisted with reading, classroom activities and one-to-one support, gaining valuable experience while seeing first-hand the positive impact they could have on younger pupils.

## Pre-Loved Uniform

Thank you to Christodiah and Umair, who supported our first pre-loved uniform sale at Erccall in the Park. The initiative has already helped several families access quality school uniform at a reduced cost, and we continue to welcome donations of clean, good-quality uniform.

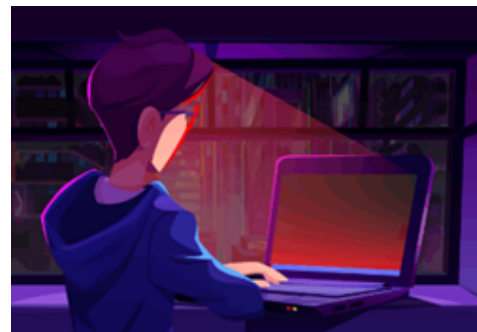
For more information or to enquire about available items, please contact Miss Phillips.

# SAFEGUARDING

## Online Safety Update:

As we head into the summer holidays, many young people will spend more time online. While technology offers fantastic opportunities, it is important that families remain aware of emerging online risks.

One growing concern is Com Networks (also known as the Com), private online groups that often target teenagers through gaming, social media and messaging platforms. What may begin as an innocent online community can quickly develop into environments that encourage harmful, abusive or risky behaviour. Talking regularly with your child about their online activity, using parental controls and maintaining open communication are some of the best ways to help keep them safe.



## MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING



### Support & Advice

If you or your child need support, help is available.

**Kooth** offers free, safe and anonymous online counselling and wellbeing support for young people: <http://kooth.com/>

**YoungMinds** provides practical advice, mental health information and a parents' helpline for families supporting young people: Parents Helpline (9:30am – 4:00pm Mon–Fri) Telephone: 0808 802 5544

**Recharge Telford** supports young people aged 12–21 who are affected by substance misuse or parental addiction, helping them build healthy coping strategies: Telephone: 01952 660 000/07486 682 606 Email: [info@rechargeelford.org.uk](mailto:info@rechargeelford.org.uk)

# PARENT SUPPORT

Understanding your teenager can sometimes feel challenging. We recommend the free "Understanding Your Teenager's Brain" online course, covering topics including:

- Brain development
- Risk-taking
- Friendships
- Reading emotions
- Sleep
- Rejection sensitivity

Access Code: **DARWIN18**



## FREE ONLINE RESOURCES

We have added multiple online guides for our families to refer to as and when you need them. Please visit our website for further information. The links below provide free training for families on keeping their children/teenagers safe online:

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/>
- <https://coramkidscape.org.uk/training-and-workshops/training-for-parents-and-carers/digital-safety-training-for-parents-and-carers/>
- <https://www.parentkind.org.uk/online-safety-toolkit>
- <https://nationalcollege.com/parents>

## Summer Safeguarding Contacts

Please note that although we will not be on site over the holidays you can still contact our safeguarding team using the contact form on the following web page:

Safeguarding - Ercall Wood Academy: <https://ercallwood.lct.education/support-and-pastoral/safeguarding/>

Alternatively you can also contact:

**Family Connect (9am–5pm)**

01952 385385

**Out of Hours Duty Team**

01952 676500

**If you believe a child is at immediate risk of harm, always call 999.**

# Kids Eat Free / £1 Deals – Telford and Wrekin

## Summer School Holidays 2026 - Scan the QR codes for the latest offers



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# KIDS EAT FREE

IN TELFORD – SUMMER 2026

Great places to eat with the family this summer

SCAN THE QR CODES TO VIEW OFFERS & BOOK ONLINE!

### FREE KIDS MEALS



**Bella Italia**  
PIZZA ♥ PASTA ♥ GRILL

Kids eat FREE with every adult main meal purchased. Includes a 3-course kids meal and a drink.



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**WILDWOOD**  
PIZZA PASTA GRILL

Children eat FREE with a paying adult. Check local dates – offer varies.



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**WREKIN GIANT**  
HUNGRY HORSE

Family friendly pub deals including FREE or discounted kids meals this summer.



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**TOBY CARVERY**

Kids eat FREE breakfast during the summer holidays with every adult breakfast purchased.



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**Willow**  
— TELFORD —

Children's meals from £1.50 during school holidays. Check socials for summer offers.



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**NOVELLO LOUNGE**

Great value kids menu all year round and special holiday promotions.



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### GREAT VALUE KIDS MEALS (£1 OR LESS)



**Morrisons CAFÉ**

Free Breakfast Club all summer long! Free cereal and fruit for kids and adults.



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**ASDA CAFÉ**

Kids meals from £1 all year round – no adult spend required.



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**dobbies**  
garden centres

Kids eat FREE with an adult main meal from 12pm.



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📍 Near Telford



**Dunelm**  
PAUSA CAFÉ

Kids eat FREE with a minimum adult spend of £4.



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### FREE KIDS BREAKFAST OFFERS



**Severn Gorge**  
BREWERS FAYRE

Two kids eat FREE breakfast with every adult breakfast.

📍 Telford



**WREKIN GIANT**  
HUNGRY HORSE

Selected FREE kids breakfast offers.

📍 Telford



**MILLER & CARTER**  
— STEAKHOUSE —

Selected FREE kids breakfast offers.

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**THE MADEBROOK**  
CARVERY

Check locally for summer breakfast offers.

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**BEEFEATER**  
BREWERS FAYRE & SIMILAR WHITBREAD BRANDS

Two kids eat FREE breakfast with every adult breakfast during school holidays.



Subject to availability. Offers may change – please check with venues before visiting.

# ACTIVITIES OVER THE SUMMER BREAK



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## URBAN GAMES

**NO NEED TO BOOK**  
AGE 8-16

**FREE / LOCAL / ORGANISED**

There's plenty to do this **SUMMER HOLIDAY** with Telford & Wrekin Council's Urban Games.

Check out your local park, playground, MUGA or Nature Reserve for sports and activities for all ages, hosted by professionals.

Visit [www.telford.gov.uk/WhatsoninTelford](http://www.telford.gov.uk/WhatsoninTelford) for even more activities for young people.

**FOR THE FULL PROGRAMME**  
[WWW.TELFORD.GOV.UK/URBANGAMES](http://WWW.TELFORD.GOV.UK/URBANGAMES)

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## LEVEL UP

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## SUMMER

**Holiday Activities**  
Monday 20 July to  
Sunday 30 August  
**2026**

**£2**  
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