

## Welcome

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

I hope you and all our young people have enjoyed the half term break. Just before half term we saw many of our primary students sit formal tests and our high school students meet the half way point in the summer season of GCSE and A Level examinations. These tests are progressively more challenging for young people and often very new for our teachers, with many recent changes to examination requirements at both primary and secondary level.



Like you, we know how important formal tests are for our young people to progress to their next steps, but also as a Trust we continually recognise and value the huge range of additional experiences that our students benefit from across their curriculum. On that theme congratulations to Stourport Primary Academy for gaining the Science Quality Mark which recognises, amongst other aspects, the breadth of their science curriculum. It's also great to see so many of our students take part in broader curriculum events - students from St Bart's have recently visited our regional art gallery and museum and students from Baxter and Stourport High had a fantastic experience at the Women's FA Cup final at Wembley.

It's great to see our students taking up leadership posts. Wilden and Baxter are the first to make appointments for senior students in preparation for next academic year. Many of the opportunities given to students, including leading their peers and contributing to their school, offer invaluable skills, so vital later in life. All of these roles will undoubtedly present opportunities for students to speak publicly to their peers and others. Oracy and the literacy that supports this has a real impact on students' confidence and academic performance and we are pleased to see Hartlebury feature this month in their storytelling programme, developing these skills right from the early years.

Thank you for your continued support of our staff and the work they do.

**Chris King**  
Chief Executive and National Leader of Education



## Stourport Primary Academy picks up Science Award

Congratulations to Stourport Primary Academy for recently achieving the Primary Science Quality Mark at Silver level, joining 180 schools across the country who are demonstrating a commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning.

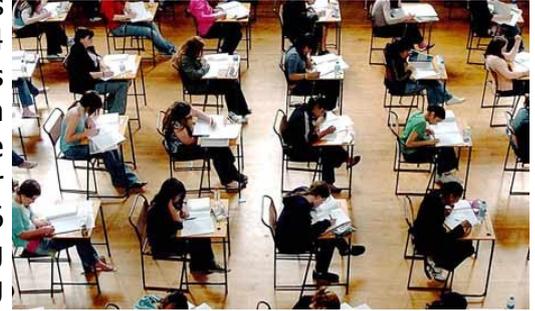


The Primary School Quality Mark scheme enables schools to work together to share good practice and is supported by professional development led by local experts. It encourages teacher autonomy and innovation while at the same time offering a clear framework for development in science subject leadership, teaching and learning.

Don't forget to check out our Twitter for the latest updates  
@SevernAcademies 

# School in Focus - The Stourport High School & VI<sup>th</sup> Form College

Another jam-packed month for SHS, with external examinations underway for Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 students. They began on 14 May and will run until the end of June. We know all our students work very hard during this stressful time of year and we wish them all the very best of luck with their external examinations. We look forward to seeing our students again in August for their results days — Thursday 23 August (GCSE) and Thursday 16 August (GCE). Also this month, Year 13 celebrated their Spring Ball, Year 10 students visited IGS and Lens Online and sporting victories for SHS pupils.



## Spring Ball Celebrations

On Thursday 10 May SHS VI<sup>th</sup> Form students celebrated the end of their Post 16 studies by dancing the night away at their Spring Ball at Wharton Park Golf Club in Bewdley before the examination season came in to full force.

The evening began with welcome drinks and a beautiful 2-course meal followed by presenting a bouquet of flowers to Mrs S Ireson as a thank you for organising the wonderful event. We wish our VI<sup>th</sup> Formers the best of luck in their exciting futures ahead.



# School in Focus - The Stourport High School & VI<sup>th</sup> Form College cont...

## Sports Round Up

Brilliant to see such variety of sports being played with our local schools—congratulations to SHS & we hope you keep up the winning streak!

A huge congratulations to Alex Barker 9GB on his cycling success in the Under 14s National Youth Circuit Series on the Isle of Man. A further congratulations to Hollie-Mae Reedman 8ZW who won the British Championships in Irish Dancing. We wish you both all the success in the future.



Fixture / Against	Result	Player of the match
Under 12 Rounders SHS vs Bewdley	Won 9.5 - 7	Alice Smith (7PS)
Under 13 Rounders SHS vs Bewdley	Won 10.5 - 7	Aislinn Harper (8LC)
Under 14 Rounders SHS vs Bewdley	Lost 9 - 5.5	Caitlin Warren-Ruff (9CG)
Under 15 Rounders SHS vs Bewdley	Won 13 - 6	Ellie Lashford (10RJ)
Under 13 Cricket SHS vs Wolverley CE Secondary	Won by 9 wickets	Tom Worton (7Cb)
Under 15 Football SHS vs Baxter College	Won 4-0	Fin Prendergast (10PI)

## Business students visit to Specsavers' supply chain

Year 10 GCSE Business Studies students were well and truly looked after recently when they visited IGS and Lens Online, two of the manufacturing businesses owned by Specsavers.

Each student received a goody bag, plus drinks and Krispy Kreme doughnuts, whilst also learning about production processes, procurement, managing stock and the impacts of technology on production.



As a large manufacturing organization for Specsavers employing a large number of staff within the local community, Year 12 students from our Trust schools have also visited with a view to potential apprenticeship opportunities in the future.

Year 10 students from SHS with managers from IGS and Lens Online.



# Success for our Trust school students



## Appointments

Wilden All Saints & Baxter College have recently appointed a Head Boy and Head Girl within each school.

Congratulations to Lily Barlow and Enid Ralph—Head Girls and to Ben Morris—Head Boy at Wilden All Saints. A further congratulations to Charlotte Hale—Head Girl and Jack Jordan—Head Boy at Baxter College and also to their deputies Eve Wallace and Ryan Brunt.

Charlotte and Jack have already got themselves comfy in an office! We look forward to seeing our students grow into their roles.

Enid, Lily & Ben organise a team of prefects, working together to enforce the school's vision and values throughout the school day. They monitor behaviour around school, lead school initiatives, also they speak in church and at other public events.



Charlotte Hale & Jack Jordan (Baxter College)



Charlotte Hale, Jack Jordan, Eve Wallace & Ryan Brunt (Baxter College)



Enid Ralph, Lily Barlow & Ben Morris (Wilden All Saints)

## Riley's Victory



On Saturday 12 May, Riley Wilkes (Willow class — St Bart's) went with his team, Cookley Dynamos under 9's, to play in a tournament at Stamford Bridge, Chelsea's home ground.

12 national teams played in the event but the Cookley Dynamos won!

We are all very proud of this achievement especially as Riley previously played a tournament at the Isle of Wight.



## Deputy Head Boy wins local award

Well done to Ryan Brunt, Deputy Head Boy at Baxter College, who has won an award recently for outstanding practice.

Ryan is a Tryangle Award winner recognising outstanding achievement in education, sport, overcoming the odds and working within the community. Ryan was nominated for the Arts and Music award for his exceptional contribution to Baxter College both within the classroom and in extra-curricular activities, especially his excellent performance in this year's show 'School of Rock' and mentoring the younger students.



# Outstanding charity support at Baxter College

Over the course of a week, staff and students took part in sporting activities to raise money for Sport Relief.

Every student from year 7-11 completed the Sport Relief mile in their first PE lesson of the week, with some students pushing themselves further and completing 2 or 3 miles! Year 11 student Sid Smith ran the furthest, completing 11 laps of the school field which was just short of 4 miles!!!

Students' second lesson of the week involved them completing a Joe Wicks HIIT session, which involved them completing a range of high intensity exercises with short periods of rest in between. All week the Baxter staff were hitting the gym hard, clocking up as many miles as they could on the bikes, treadmills, and cross trainers. Their final total was 1156 miles which was a massive effort from those that took part.

The week was rounded off with 10 teams of students along with a team of staff completing a 24-hour cycle challenge in the small gym on site. Each team had one bike and the aim of the challenge was to keep the pedals turning! To do this, students split themselves into 20-minute shifts and kept going from 9am Friday morning, straight through to 9am Saturday morning. This epic challenge pushed students – and staff – to their limits. However, all teams battled through and kept their legs pumping and the pedals turning throughout the challenge, something that all who took part can be very proud of.

Staff and students were kept going throughout the challenge thanks largely to the generous contributions from local businesses who donated everything from coffee, sandwiches, cake and crisps right through to pizza, sausages, and chips! Thank you to Jenine Whattam from Baxter College's admin team for organising – and collecting – these donations. Sincere thanks go to all of the local businesses who were so generous with their donations.

Well done to everyone involved in raising almost £2,500—an amazing achievement! Year 8 student, Emma Morris, deserves a special mention as she managed to raise a fantastic £546.61!!!



Staff and students (below) who worked tirelessly to raise a terrific amount of money for Sport Relief

## Pick-Up Artists at Wolverley Sebright



Community-spirited children at Wolverley Sebright have joined a campaign to help keep Kidderminster and surrounding areas tidy. This is the first school to become 'Junior Pick Up Artists' and will see youngsters giving up their own time to make their area litter-free. Headteacher Shelley Reeves-Walters added: "Our pupils are passionate and proud of their school and the community they live in."

Pupil Lauren Parkinson is the 'Environmental Minister' for the school and she recruited her classmates to join in the scheme.

Lauren said: "We all need to work together in our community to keep our beautiful environment safe and clean. Over £900,000,000 was spent across the country cleaning up the mess that if left by others. If we all did just a little then a big impact would be made".



# Stourport Primary 'Crafty Chippies' support St. Bartholomew's

Year 5 and 6 students from Stourport Primary Academy were tasked with making a vegetable barrow for St Bartholomew's CE Primary to support their community gardening project. It was fitting that the barrow was presented to Mrs Helps (Headteacher) and the school during National Vegetarian week!

The students, known as the Crafty Chippies', work with Mr Harris to develop their woodworking skills and are becoming highly proficient in making a wide range of wooden products. St. Bartholomew's are now looking forward to displaying their fruit and veg when it has grown!



The Crafty Chippies: John Doe, Alfie Butler, Tom Jones, Theo Bridgwater and Brandon Davis, William Doe, Danny Doe and Johnboy Hodgkins.



## Recent Successful Grant Bids

St. Bartholomew's CE Primary is delighted to receive three grants recently to support projects: A Kellogg's grant for £1,000 will support their breakfast club whilst The Vegetarian Society donated £200 towards National Vegetarian Week. The latter is part of a coordinated project to develop the school environment and community garden. In addition, St Bartholomew's have received confirmation from Tesco regarding the Bags of Help campaign—customers had the opportunity to vote for St Bart's in stores locally and have received £2000!

Stourport High School has recently received a £2,000 grant from Greggs Foundation for a gardening project, whilst Stourport Primary Academy has received £500 from EMI Music Foundation for new keyboards. In total, there are further grants in the pipeline to benefit all schools in the Trust including a €80,000 bid to Erasmus+ for a strategic partnership with schools in Spain and France and a £77,000 bid to the Edge Foundation to address areas of skills shortages locally in design, manufacturing and technology. Moreover, we are awaiting news from a bid for £100,000 to the Education Endowment Foundation for an Early Years Training Hub.



## Year 3 pupil inspires the school community

St Bartholomew's CE Primary Year 3 pupil, Edward Darkin, has inspired pupils, staff, parents and members of the community to take part in an Environment Project to tidy and up the local community.

Edward said,

"I was watching the Blue Planet series on the television and was appalled at the impact of waste plastic on our environment and wanted us, as a school, to do something about it. I saw birds eating plastic bags."

Edward has also involved his family helping to clean a beach near Weston-Super-Mare and intends to continue his good work by getting pupils to recycle their plastic bottles in school.

In conjunction with National Litter Picking Day, Headteacher Mrs Helps and Maths Co-ordinator Ms Graham organised a grand clean up of the school site and the approach to school on Jackson Crescent and Princess Way. Pupils and staff were joined by Tim Green, Wyre Forest Community Housing and Lisa Hopkins, West Mercia Police.



Edward Darkin, who is in Rowan class with a couple of bottles he will be recycling.



### Change of Twitter for St Bart's

Don't forget to follow @StBarts\_SAET on Twitter for the latest updates.

## Storytelling inspires Reception children at Hartlebury CE



Above from left to right: George Haydon, Thomas Bruce, Saskia Mulcahy and Lyra Allmont with teacher Ms Bagnall



Early Years pupils at Hartlebury are being inspired to find their voice through a variety of storytelling techniques which are designed to scaffold the learning process whilst also challenging all pupils to be creative. The teaching of reading, phonics, literacy and early maths, especially number sense, are at the heart of Reception, along with PHSE and the holistic development of each child as a learner and as a person.

At Hartlebury, pupils develop their own stories as individuals, small groups or as a class and are rewarded and challenged in a variety of ways with excellent work displayed around the classroom. Pupils listen to and act out stories, poems and rhymes which feed their imagination, enhance their vocabulary and develop their comprehension.

A combination of Helicopter Stories, Talk for Writing and Black Sheep Narrative are used to support literacy and storytelling — children add to their own class book themselves most days.



# Wembley in the sunshine

Students from Stourport High and Baxter College enjoyed a fantastic day in the sunshine at Wembley for the Women's FA Cup Final on 5 May.

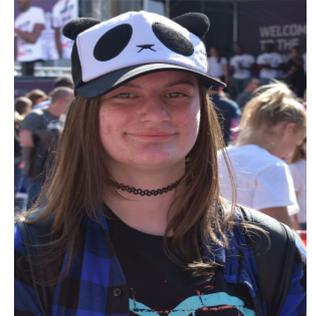
In total, 35 students visited the national stadium for the first time and watched Chelsea Ladies beat Arsenal Women 3-1 to lift the biggest cup in English women's football. Students were amongst a new record attendance for the Women's FA Cup Final, over 45,000!



Year 7 boys from SHS getting ready for kick-off.



Year 8 students Alexis Butler and Sophie Mattinson from Baxter College (left) and Bethani Kyriacou, Year 10 student at SHS, outside Wembley at the fan-zone.



## Spring Fete at Hartlebury CE

Hartlebury CE have recently held their spring fete which had a fantastic turnout. Great fun was had by everyone who was able to come. An amazing £800 was raised! Thanks to the PTA, parents and the local community who supported the fete and also to the generosity of Lloyds Bank PLC!

The school is hugely grateful and thankful for the wonderful support they receive from the PTA and families. Thank you again to all those who supported and helped with this annual community event.

The PTA, through generous support provided by families has recently bought 2 more Promethean boards for Years 1 & 4. Children at Hartlebury are very proud of their amazing class boards. Without the fantastic support we receive we would not be able to buy this up to date technology. Congratulations to all the prize winners.



Year 7 students Luke Farley and Josh Kite soaking up the atmosphere in their Chelsea colours (above); Arsenal supporters from Year 7 and Year 10 (below).



## A Royal Wedding at Wilden All Saints

Wilden All Saints Early Years team organised a themed week based on the Royal Wedding on 19 May which saw Prince Harry and Meghan Markle become the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. Children enjoyed a wide range of activities including: creating their own scented play-dough wedding cakes; building a royal carriage; writing invitations; dressing up in royal outfits; baking cakes; washing the best crockery and getting messy with foam and water play!

The children have been very curious and interested in this huge event for our country and really enjoyed it when they could host their own Garden Party dressed as Princes and Princesses. Parents/carers also had the opportunity to look at their child's Learning Journey whilst they were taught some facts about the wedding and royalty.



## Cycling & Bell-Boating at Wolverley Sebright

Key Stage 2 children at Wolverley Sebright have been given the opportunity to develop their cycling proficiency skills during their P.E. lessons. All pupils persevered and improved their skills and confidence levels, some have done particularly well at conquering their fears as they have been learning to ride a bike for the first time.

A big thank you to Miss Bidnall, Mr McDonnell and Mrs Brown, who have been taking all Key Stage 2 classes bell-boating. Pupils have developed their teamwork and resilience in learning to bell-boat together along the canal. Each boat has 8-10 children in it with an adult steering from the rear. Both pupils and staff had a lot of fun, but underlying this was developing many interpersonal and social skills.



Pupils in action during their sporting week

