

Welcome

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Welcome back to the new academic year, to our monthly newsletter and particularly to any new readers this term. We hope you had a good summer and have settled back into the new school year.



We had a lot to celebrate last year and it was great to see so many of our students enjoying the wide range of activities and experiences they had. Well done to all our students that sat external examinations last year whether they were SATs, new GCSEs, A Levels or vocational qualifications. I am pleased that outcomes for our young people, whatever their stage, remain strong and, importantly, have enabled them to make the step to their next phase of education, employment or training.

This September, as always, we have many hundreds of young people starting primary school and high school for the first time and also moving on to university, training and employment for the first time. Their success is not only determined by their own hard work, but by the support you all give our schools and their staff in what they do. Your support of our students' attendance, study at home and of the work their schools do, is vital in ensuring they all achieve to the very best of their ability and we would like to thank you in advance for your continuing support of our staff.

We were also delighted to formally welcome Wolverley Sebright Primary Academy to our Trust on 1 August, a school that was already working with us and we look forward to our Trust growing in the future.

We have much to look forward to this year as a Trust and appreciate you supporting the work of our schools and collaborating together. We hope you find our first update of the year useful and look out for further updates at the end of each month.

Chris King

**Chief Executive
National Leader of Education**

Wolverley Sebright Primary Academy joins our Trust



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Secondary Exam Focus:

GCSEs &

A-LEVELS

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School in Focus – Wolverley Sebright Primary Academy

We are delighted to officially welcome Wolverley Sebright Primary Academy into our family of schools following completion of the formalities required to get the 'green light' from the Secretary of State on 01 August 2018.

Wolverley Sebright Primary Academy becomes the seventh school to officially join us, although the school has been working closely with us over the past year. A dedicated and talented team of staff bring a wealth of experience under the leadership of Headteacher, Mrs S Reeves-Walters. The school prides itself on promoting a 'can-do' culture and constantly works to enhance a culture of creativity, positive risk-taking and adventure for learning.

Headteacher, Mrs S Reeves-Walters said:

"Our school community is delighted to formally become a member of Severn Academies Educational Trust and we look forward to even greater enhanced learning opportunities for all of our pupils and staff. Over the past year, we have been actively involved in an extensive range of events, activities and opportunities which have benefited the whole school and impacted upon all pupils. We are now very excited to develop of relationship further as part of the SAET family of schools.

We wholeheartedly share the Trust's vision and its clear purpose, direction and ethos to develop excellence and ensure all pupils experience an extensive range of enhanced curricular and extra-curricular activities to prepare them as confident, independent individuals who are equipped to make a significant contribution to the school and local community. "



Ex-student reaches Top 20

You may remember that our ex-student Sophie Blundell was in the running for Miss England in the summer term. Sophie has informed us that she successfully reached the Top 20 out of 200! Sophie has worked very closely with some of our schools to help our children become independent and confident about themselves both mentally and physically.

Sophie has delivered her body confidence workshop 'Love Yourself' to several of our schools and raised an amazing £5K for charity – well done Sophie!



GCSE Exam Results



Baxter College is celebrating its best-ever academic results as staff congratulate pupils on many fantastic individual achievements.

Pupils achieving both maths and English at grades 4 plus improved by 2% from last year to 46% and 44% of pupils gained the equivalent of 5 A*-C grades, now graded 9-4. Science saw the most improved results and 100% of pupils gained A*-C grades in Italian (still scored alphabetically).

Principal, Mr Carpenter said: "We pride ourselves on being an inclusive school offering the best education to young people from across the board of ability and background. We can report some exceptional performances from pupils achieving a large number of grade 9s, which are only achieved by the top 0.2% of pupils nationally."

Top performers included Ella Marshall, with an amazing 7 grade 9s, 1A* and 1 grade 8, Mia Weaver with 4 grade 9s, 2 grade 8s, 1 grade 7 and 1A, Abbie Sado with 3 grade 9s, 1 grade 8, 1A*, 1A and 3 grade 7s and Louis Wharton with 2 grade 9s, 2 grade 8s, 2 grade 7s, 1A and 1 grade 6.

"Congratulations to all of our students receiving GCSE results today, due reward for all the hard work and dedication during their time at Baxter College.

"They have achieved our highest academic results ever, with grades that will allow them to progress to their next steps in their future.

"Our motto is achieving together and together with staff, pupils, families and our local community we are building on foundations set previously and achieving potential for all."



Students and staff at SHS celebrated an excellent set of GCSE results with many outstanding individual successes this summer. There was an increase number of students who achieved the new gold standard grade 9.

Just a few of the year 11 students who performed exceptionally well are Alex Monkton who achieved five grade 9s, Evie Handley and twin brother George gained eleven GCSEs with nine between grades 7-9.

Principal, Ms Deakin said: "Congratulations to all our students for their hard work and to our staff, parents and carers for the support they gave our students in ensuring they gained their best possible grades in the new more challenging GCSEs.

All our students have successfully gained places on a wide and diverse range of post 16 courses, including in our sixth form. We are also excited to be welcoming students from the Worcester Warriors AASE programme".



A-Level Exam Results



Students at Baxter College are celebrating their A-level and BTEC results, having achieved a 98% pass rate.

Most year 13 students have gained their first choice of university, higher education or employment.

Notable achievements include Megan Rees with AAB and a place at Nottingham Trent University to read policing while Megan Hill will read biomedical engineering at the University of Reading. George Hudson will read history at the University of Portsmouth and Rio Whatley will take up an apprenticeship in computing and engineering.

Principal Mr Carpenter said results in the performing arts were particularly pleasing, with all the students achieving a merit grade or above.

He added: "Congratulations to all our students and their fantastic achievements - they are now ready to take the next steps into their futures.

"We provide students with wide-ranging opportunities for success, so they are well prepared for further study, work and life's challenges.

Head of Sixth Form Mr Powell said: "They have all worked really hard and have been rewarded for their effort.

"With improved overall attainment at A-level this year, we look forward to continued successes with our future year groups."



Students at SHS are celebrating an excellent set of A-Level results this year with the vast-majority of students achieving grades at or above expectation. Once again, 100% of SHS students wishing to go to university secured their first or second choice places at a variety of universities. There has been a significant improvement in the number of students gaining higher grades at A-Level, which is a tremendous achievement, thus enabling students to gain places at some of the top universities in the country; including the prestigious Russell group.

High achiever Amy Johnson gained A* in mathematics and A both in chemistry and biology to secure a place at Liverpool to study medicine. Dan Griffiths achieved an A in mathematics and further mathematics as well as B's in art and computer science. Rebecca Roper gained an A in mathematics and chemistry and a B in biology and is moving on to study mathematics at Chester University. The hard work of many students has been rewarded with great results which are taking them to Birmingham, Keele, Loughborough, York universities and many more.

SHS students stepped up to the challenge of the strengthened content and introduction of an exam element to vocational courses with a 95% pass rate in Applied General courses and 100% for the BTEC Technical courses.

Principal, Lorna Deakin said "I am extremely proud that our students have secured some amazing results to enable them to move on to the next phase in their lives, either at university or in employment. I wish all leavers a successful future and look forward to celebrating with them at our Outstanding Achievements Awards Evening in September."



Thank You to Our Sponsors

A huge thank you to all our sponsors, who have supported a variety of events across our Trust over the last year. Your support has enhanced learning opportunities for many students. Our major aim for this year is to provide outstanding outdoor education and adventure opportunities for every learner in our Trust and we thank each one of you for supporting our fundraising campaign.

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Worcester Warriors Vs Saracens



On Wednesday 5 September, our new cohort of talented rugby players on the Achieving Academic and Sporting Excellence (AASE) programme played their first game of the season at Sixways Stadium, home of Worcester Warriors, against Saracens. The AASE programme is a rugby model for talented rugby players to play the highest level of school rugby possible, whilst studying for their Post 16 qualifications and is a partnership between Worcester Warriors and SHS. The students on the programme come to SHS from across the West Midlands region.

The players are pictured in their new kit which has been sponsored by the University of Wolverhampton and AKOA sportswear.



A day of exploration on Hartlebury Common

All Year 4 pupils were involved in a fantastic day of exploration on Hartlebury Common, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), on Friday 14 September.

The event was organised by the Hartlebury Common Local Group, in partnership with SAET, and brought together over 200 pupils to promote the conservation of Hartlebury Common and enable local pupils to value this historic public green space. Importantly, all pupils were able to develop and apply what they had learned as part of their science curriculum.

Pupils in Year 4 were all actively involved in a fun-packed day with over 20 Learning Ambassadors from SHS; providing superb assistance to the large number of volunteers from the Hartlebury Common Local Group.

This wonderful experience was possible thanks to a successful Big Lottery Fund grant to the Hartlebury Common Local Group for the project called 'Hartlebury Common – Heathland for All'. During the day, pupils experienced a range of interactive activities including pond-dipping, bug-hunting, mindfulness scavenger hunt and following the heather trail.

Mr James, Director of Performance & Partnerships, said,

"We are extremely grateful to the Hartlebury Common Local Group for enabling a large number of pupils within our family of schools to not only access this important local Site of Special Scientific Interest, but also for the learning resources provided to help our pupils develop their understanding of the wildlife and natural environment on our doorstep. On behalf of our Trust, I would like to thank the many volunteers involved for their time and expertise to ensure our pupils gained a better understanding of the local importance of Hartlebury Common."





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