

HAD NEWS

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**WE WISH
YOU A MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**



**Christmas Jumper Day
raised £160 for Save The
Children UK**





BLUE SKIES

14 year 8 pupils visited RAF Cosford as part of the 'Blue Skies' youth engagement programme from the Jon Egging Trust. Blue Skies is a STEM-inspired syllabus aimed at young people who face barriers to learning. It provides support and access to inspirational teams and individuals to boost confidence, academic engagement, aspiration and work-readiness.

Pupils who are in their first year of the programme and therefore focusing on teamwork skills, worked together to change the wheels on a plane and to measure and dress one of their peers as a pilot!



The December edition of the Choices magazine is now available, which showcases the celebrations that took place for the National Apprenticeship & Skills Awards 2024, as well as a parent's perspective on apprenticeships, information about assistive technology, the Gatsby Benchmarks and much more!

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INSPIRING LIVES



Boys rugby players were treated to a seminar from five of our past players. The aim of the lecture was to provide students with academic encouragement using the theme of success over adversity. Pupils found all five of the mens' stories truly amazing and very inspirational.

- Connor Thompson** - 4th Year Medical student at Newcastle Uni.
- Shadrach Bonsu** - Cyber Security, Capgemini.
- Liam Offermans** - Studying for a MSc in Clinical Psychology
- Freddy Elliott** - Royal Marine Commando.
- Daryl Coldicutt** - RAF PTI instructor (Parachute training specialism).

Recording Absence

Please telephone in using the relevant number everyday of your child's absence.

Years 7,8,9 call 386027

Years 10&11 call 386013

Sixth Form call 386056



5 pupils participated in a gymnastics competition held at Telford Langley School. All of our athletes did well. Antonia year 7 came first and Bella Sheldrick year 7 second, a fantastic achievement.



POWER TO THE PEOPLE!



EDUCATION ROADSHOW

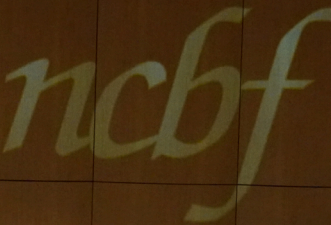
On the 4th of December year 7 and year 8 were treated to a BAE systems education roadshow, delivered in partnership with the RAF and the Royal Navy. Both year groups learnt about electricity including static electricity, electrons and sources of energy.

The students were given the opportunity to build an electric circuit, feel electricity going through them and even got to use a Van der Graaf generator! The students loved it and even Mr Weston got to have a go at generating electricity to power a turbine and music!

Mr Griffiths and Mr Scott took Year 12 and 13 students to WB Studios as part of their Creative Digital Media Production course to get a glimpse behind the scenes of making films including practical effects, costumes and set designs used as part of their studies. Students were greeted by a huge dragon, set foot on the Hogwarts Express on Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$, navigated their way through the Forbidden Forest and visited the Hogwarts Great Hall which was all dressed up for the festive period. A magical way to end the term!



PLATINUM



Haberdashers' Abraham Darby, school Showband and Jazz Band competed at the National Concert Band Festival. Representing the Academy and Telford superbly well, both bands achieved the highest award possible, Platinum!



GIRLS RUGBY
Haberdashers' Abraham Darby girls rugby teams played against Charlton School. KS3 girls drew 5-5 and KS4 girls were drawing 4-4 when the game was stopped due to bad light. The two close run games provided a competitive and challenging evening of rugby.



CHILDREN IN NEED
We are delighted to share some fantastic news regarding our recent fundraising efforts for Children in Need. Thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of both our staff and pupils, we raised an impressive £400 for this worthwhile cause. Thank you to everyone who took part in the various activities, whether by contributing financially or participating in the spotty madness. The commitment and creativity played a crucial role in making the fundraising initiative a resounding success. Special thanks go to Ed Knowles, whose sumptuous samosas raised £90, and to Sue Collington, whose Saturday morning band donations also contributed £90 to our total.