

HAD NEWS

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Our Day Out by Willy Russell

Mrs Kay takes her group of school children from the Progress Class on a school trip to Wales, they can't wait to see what is beyond their hometown... until they find they are being supervised by the disciplinarian Deputy Head, Mr Briggs - a battle of wits ensues between the exuberant pupils and the humourless Mr Briggs.

Since September when rehearsals started, pupils have worked with dedication and commitment to put together an exciting show. With some roles double cast, each performance will be different as each actor adds a different spin to the character they are playing.

As a change for this year, producers have rearranged the audience seating plan, added extra projection screens and are using stage blocks to quickly transform the performance space into different locations including a coach, zoo, castle, beach and fairground.

There are 6 performances planned; 3 evening public performances and 3 matinee performances for primary schools and some of our pupils (who have been awarded this opportunity for showing fantastic Aspiration, Respect and Excellence).

We would love for you to buy tickets and join us at one of our evening performances. 7pm Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th and Friday 31st January

**Abraham Darby, Auditorium, 7pm
Wednesday 29th Jan. Thursday 30th Jan. Friday 31st Jan.
£4 adult £3 concession**

*Tickets available on Parent Pay. Any queries see Ms Rowson.
Tickets also available from the KS3 hub.*



Chris has become the first Abraham Darby player to represent an academy side at u18 level representing Gloucester Academy against Saracens.

This is a huge achievement for Chris and his family, as he had never picked up a rugby ball till he came to Abraham Darby. Chris has to travel 90 minutes by train every week to get to Kingsholm Stadium, where he trains.

His effort and commitment clearly demonstrates you can play academy rugby while attending Sixth Form and the HAD PREMIER Rugby Programme.



CHOICES MAGAZINE

The January edition of the Choices magazine is now available, featuring an interview with Jacqui Smith MP, as well as exploring the changes to apprenticeships in 2025, showcasing employers, and the BBC answers the question of the month 'How do I help my child apply for an apprenticeship?'

[Download the January edition here](#)



HAVE A HEART!

Year 11 are learning about the structures within the heart and had the opportunity to dissect some pig hearts this week. They managed to locate several features including the heart valves and ligaments.

Pupils commented on how they didn't smell anywhere near as bad as the kidneys did!

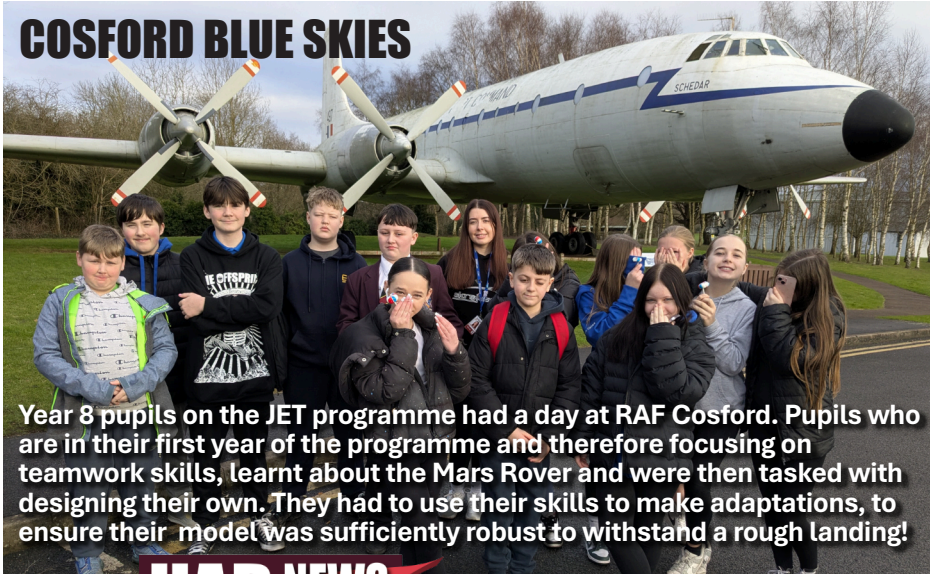


Campus Experience Day

A class of year 8 students completed their 6-week Future Thinking Programme. This programme is designed to provide learners with the opportunity to explicitly reflect on their own learning processes. During the first 5 weeks students learnt specific strategies for planning, monitoring and evaluating their educational experiences and how to take control of their learning journey. The skills and strategies developed during this programme are intended to be transferable across all subjects within the curriculum, thereby enriching their overall academic experience.

As part of this initiative, for the final session students went on a trip to University of Wolverhampton with Miss Crozier and Mr Collier. This engaging visit not only allowed students to experience a higher education environment but also reinforces their learning in a practical context. During this visit, students took part in a debate on pros and cons of university, their arguments were well thought out and insightful. They spent the day reflecting on the first 5 weeks of content, having a tour of the university campus. Students were given the opportunity to ask Aspire to HE staff members any questions about university or Higher Education. They were given free lunch and a goody bag!! All students received certificates for successfully completing the programme. Students were excellent representatives of the school and really enjoyed the campus experience.

Mrs Karnam (Aspire to HE Lead)



COSFORD BLUE SKIES

Year 8 pupils on the JET programme had a day at RAF Cosford. Pupils who are in their first year of the programme and therefore focusing on teamwork skills, learnt about the Mars Rover and were then tasked with designing their own. They had to use their skills to make adaptations, to ensure their model was sufficiently robust to withstand a rough landing!



Aspiration Careers Fair Aspirations



It was great to see our students from Year 9 upwards actively participating and engaging with a wide range of providers representing colleges, universities, employers, training providers and the uniformed services.



Students took the opportunity to explore a wide range of career options and the pathways to them and engaged in really meaningful conversations with our guests about their future aspirations.



We're grateful to all of the providers for taking time out of their busy schedules to support our school in this valuable experience, and extremely proud of the positive feedback about our students that we have received from them all.





Our Year 7 girls enjoyed an assembly on the topic of menstrual health led by Head Girls and Miss Emma Robinson, Deputy Head of Year 7. Following the 2024 Government initiative 'Period product scheme for schools and colleges', each student was supplied with a 'starter kit', as well as any additional products won for participation!



Last Saturday, 6 of our Netball teams travelled to Oswestry school to represent HAD. Going into the games, we anticipated a high standard of play from the opposition, which our players not only matched but exceeded. The quality of play was excellent with 5 out of 6 teams winning their games! Thank you to the girls for their commendable sportsmanship and conduct. A special well done to Myleigh, Poppy and Kate for playing up into the VI form team.

'HAD Big Gig'
Year 7 talent show
Wednesday
5th February
7.00 pm - 8.30 pm
£3 on the door
Refreshments available to purchase
All proceeds to Birmingham Children's Hospital

HOLDING OUT FOR A HERO

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Safer Internet Day
Online safety training for parents and guardians by West Mercia Police

Learn more about the dangers of kids being online and how you can help to keep them safe.

Join our free one hour online parent awareness session to give yourself a head start in an ever changing digital world.

Date: Tuesday 11 Feb 2025
Time: 10am
Location: Microsoft Teams via Eventbrite

Sign up to the Eventbrite session by clicking on the following link:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/online-safety-child-exploitation-session-for-parents-and-guardians-tickets-112347364032?aff=oddticketator>

Protect our children!

It's important for pupils to make a good start every day

- Arrive on time
- Be ready to learn
- Commit yourself

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Sixth Form call 386056