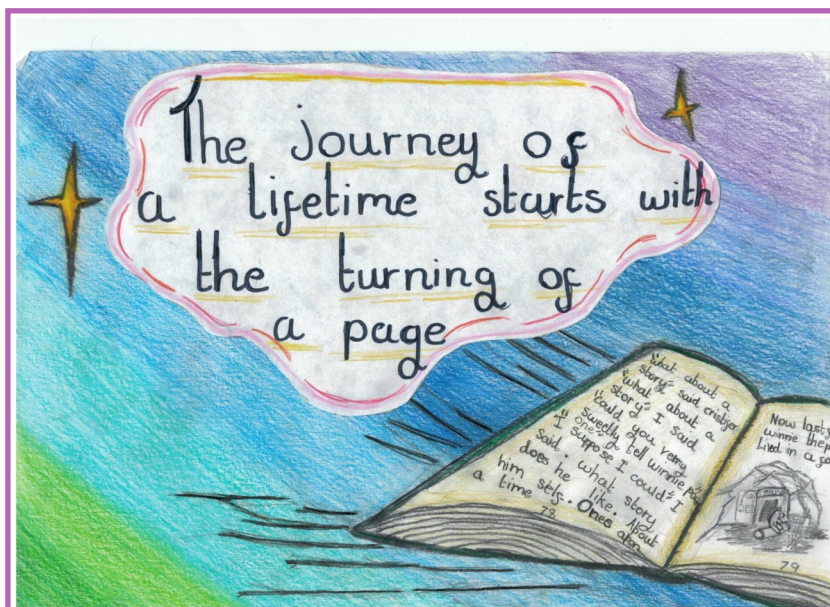




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Year 10 and 11 are working hard in their mock exams which continue next week. These are important not just to practice with exam papers in exam conditions but will give valuable information about areas requiring more revision as they work towards the summer exams. Please ensure your child arrives in school on time.



We recently ran an all school competition for students to design a poster featuring the reading tag line 'The journey of a lifetime starts with the turning of page'. This is to be featured in all classrooms and on corridors to promote a love of reading across the school. We had many excellent entries but Jessica's colourful, bold entry was the one which the English team chose to be displayed. Well done Jessica Portlock from year 7! Still on the English theme I'm pleased to say that the Young writers

competition has been extended until Monday—get your entries finished this weekend and hand them in to Ms Phoenix and Ms Jones. I am looking forward to seeing the entries before they go the Rotary Club to be awarded 1st 2nd and 3rd — good luck!

On line parents evenings take place shortly for primary. You will receive an email from 'school cloud' to book your slot with your child's teacher:

Rec — yr2 = Tuesday 25th Jan and Wednesday 26 Jan 3.30 – 5.30pm

Years 3-5 = Tuesday 1 Feb and Wednesday 2 Feb 3.30 – 5.30

Year 6 = Monday 31st Jan and Monday 7 Feb 3.30 – 5.30

Guidance about isolation and lateral flow testing changes on Monday . [Please use this link to access the information](#)

As the weather gets colder please ensure your child comes to school in a coat. They are outside for lunch and break times. Just in case of any issues with the weather ,if you have changed phone numbers or email addresses please let reception know so that we can contact you in an emergency . Have a lovey weekend

Ms Lovecy



Young Writer 2022

This year's competition is open to all year groups. You can submit your piece of writing, which should be no more than a side of A4 (approximately 500 words), to Ms Jones in primary or Ms Phoenix in secondary.

This year's title is

"Today's Heroes"

Closing date: Monday 17th January

Gift token prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd



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We can see that some of our students have received a 'smart watch' for Christmas. In secondary they will need to be removed for PE and if students are found to be using them for anything other than telling the time they will be confiscated like a mobile phone until the end of the day. We do not encourage primary students to bring these gadgets in to school, they are a distraction in class and again they have to be removed for PE and we do not have a secure area in primary PE to lock them away. We appreciate that some of our older primary students who walk to school unaccompanied may wish to bring a mobile phone to school, these should be switched off and handed to the class teacher in the morning

YEAR 11

North Shropshire College Open Events for this term will be :

Saturday 5th February 2022, 10.00 - 12.00 - Walford Campus

Wednesday 9th February 2022, 17:00 - 19.00 - Oswestry Campus

There is a booking system that can be accessed on their website. - please see link below

<https://www.nsc.ac.uk/news-pages/5caf1a035711f/Open-Events>



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Well done to our House Point of the week stars! These are the students who have earned the most house points this week in their year group. At the end of the school year there will be lots of prizes to win so keep up the fantastic work!

Harley Bebb - reception,
Isabelle Wilson - yr1,
Jessica Arias—yr2,

JayceeLeigh Hughes-Chorlton -yr 3,

Emilie Jones - yr4, Leo Nash - yr5, Freya Thomas - yr6 Owen Evans - yr7, Molly Roberts—yr8 Izzy Rowley - yr9, Amy Elliott—yr 10.

Well done to Harley who was our first student to put a token into our house totalizer—which house will win the house cup this year??

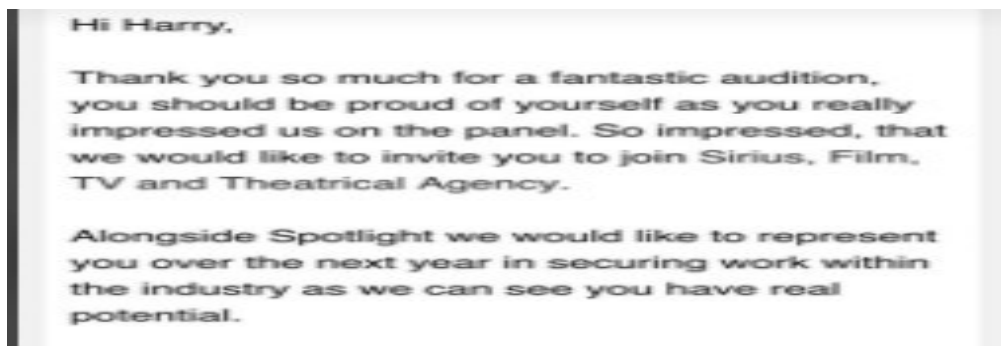




Harry Haynes, ex-student and distinction pass at Btec level 2 Performing Arts, has overcome traumas and dark moments to follow his dream, one developed at St Martins School- Acting.

He has kept in contact with Mrs Poli through his career choice, she has worked with him and aided him in his acting CV to present to casting agencies, read his selections of monologues, but it was him who searched and found who would represent him; it was him who performed and amazed the casting agency with his performance- he has always been fantastic, school fine-tuned his skills and gave him the positivity he needed to believe in himself.

'Spotlight' is one of the top casting agencies, with this and Sirius and his skills he has landed his first main role in a film that is being produced for Amazon films. His career has started and we will watch in awe and follow his



future ventures, stardom awaits him.

What has he done to get there and be noticed? Hard work, passion and belief. He has strived to find out more; he completed a beginner acting course, daytime

drama course and acting for screen in Merseyside Academy but is furthering his skills attending Act up North where they will showcase performers to casting directors. I stated he was being busy and I was jealous of all his courses, his response was: "I was just trying to get involved anywhere and everywhere." Spoken from a true professional.

The Tent Man, it is based on a true, but complex story which highlights issues with trauma; strange events occur which brings characters together, their reactions to this eerie situation creates tension and intrigue, something spooky for people to watch! <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=TLTGQdD6xT0&feature=youtu.be>

One super proud teacher who beams every time she hears of where he is going.

Mrs Poli