



Webberzine

Year 11 Leavers' Prom

25th June 2015 - Mytton & Mermaid Hotel

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Our prom was held at the Mytton and Mermaid Hotel on the 25th June 2015, 7pm - 11pm. We were so lucky as the sun was shining all day. Everyone started arriving in a variety of transport, Limos, tractors, land rovers, vintage cars such as Bentleys and Jaguars, there were Ferraris and also a vintage bus - it was amazing how everyone looked so smart dressed up in their suits and dresses.

After several months of planning it was nice to see that all our hard work had paid off and that the end product was successful. The weeks running up to prom were extremely stressful as many things still needed to be organised, but on the night we seemed to pull it off. Both of us said a few words, and got a few laughs, and then decided to party on through the night.

The Mytton and Mermaid supplied us with brilliant food and non alcoholic beverages. For the main course we had either salmon, chicken or tarte tatin, with dauphinoise potatoes and summer vegetables. For dessert we had chocolate brownie or crème brulee.

Although the whole night was amazing, a personal highlight for us both was the teachers dancing, especially those of Mr. Lee and Mr. Jervis. The music was quality and everyone was soon raving to songs such as the macarena, cha cha slide and the latest charts. The final song was actually very emotional as it was the end of prom and school the DJ played 'see you again' and everyone burst out crying.

The night was a brilliant way to finish 5 years at Mary Webb!

By Reuben Lowe and Sophie Longland
Head Boy and Head Girl 2014-15



School Letter

As we move rapidly towards the end of term it is important to take time to reflect on what has been a very busy and hugely successful year at Mary Webb.

The Year 11 Leavers' Prom at the Mytton & Mermaid Hotel was an exceptional evening that provided a wonderful finale to five years at Mary Webb. Congratulations to the team that organised the event.

In sport, the school has had a successful year at both team and individual level. At the end of June, **the school's archery team became County School champions for the third consecutive year.** It is also pleasing to note that a number of new sports have been introduced across the year, including handball, wheelchair basketball, and lacrosse.

The History Makers project that is working to create a community archive, linked to World War One, has been active all year. Mrs Yvonne Davies has been working closely with Miss Weston and a team of students to interview members of the community who have family stories centred on The Great War. The autumn term will see the development of a travelling exhibition, that will draw together the work of the past year.

Within the last few days we have received news of yet more success at the Crest Regional Awards - creativity in Science and Technology. In addition to getting a team through to the national finals, we also had a team winning The Royal Society of Chemistry Award for experimentation.

At the end of a year we are inevitably saying farewell to a number of staff. Mrs Charles, subject leader for Mathematics, is leaving to take up an appointment at another school. Mrs Charles has been with us for just over three years, and during that time has led a team that has established itself as one of the leading Mathematics departments in the county. We wish her well in her new school.

Mr Tilson is also leaving to take up a teaching position in another school. Mr Tilson has been **teaching Biology this year, and will be particularly remembered for his contribution to the school's** hugely successful sponsored walk.

Miss Scott, currently a Cover Supervisor, is leaving to take up a place training to be a science teacher. We are delighted that her experiences at Mary Webb have contributed to her making this decision.

We are also losing two long serving members of the administration team. Mrs Corfield, Examinations Officer, is moving on after seven years at the school. Mrs Corfield is well known to students and has established, over the years, a well organised set of systems that help to make the running of examinations exceptionally smooth in the school.

Mrs Stanley is leaving the school administration team after seventeen years. Her calm, methodical approach has kept the school well organised for many years. Her ability to read my handwriting will be greatly missed !

We wish all those leaving, the very best for the future and thank them for their considerable contributions to Mary Webb School.

Finally, I wish students, staff and parents a restful and enjoyable summer break. I hope that the extended holiday provides students with an opportunity to try something new. The autumn term starts on Wednesday 9th September 2015.

Best Wishes

Mr A J Smith
Head Teacher



Chris Ewels

Mary Webb School 1981 - 1987
Yockleton Primary School

Since leaving Mary Webb Chris has worked in different countries as a scientist in the field of nanotechnology. He went to Oxford University and studied materials science, which gave him the science bug. Chris went on to do a four year PhD in Exeter, which was using large computers to simulate the way atoms move around inside silicon, the material used to make computer chips.

Following his PhD, Chris decided that he'd had enough of science labs and studying, so he put on his backpack and headed round the world for a year. On the way he met his French wife, whilst hiking around in the mountains near to Sydney, Australia. After spending more time at Sussex University studying carbon atoms and making science TV and internet programmes, Chris moved to France - first to Paris and then to Nantes near to Brittany on the west coast where he has been since 2005.

Chris is a CNRS researcher at the Institute of Materials in Nantes, France. He still uses supercomputers to calculate the way atoms arrange themselves into new and interesting nanomaterials - atomic-scale lego! They want to design new materials for more efficient or eco-friendly solar panels, better electric vehicles, even things like cleaning toxic chemicals from water, or making flexible screens for new bendy touchscreen phones. Chris's work is more at the fundamental end though. It is his colleagues who turn the ideas into working devices.

Chris travels a lot with the job, to other research labs in Japan and across Europe, and he gives talks at conferences explaining his results to other scientists. But it all started in the Physics lab of Mr Thacker at Mary Webb - luckily he also had to take French which turned out to be pretty useful, as he has to give lectures to students in French now.

Chris and many other past students have been sharing with us what they have done since leaving Mary Webb School as part of our 'Inspirational Sparks' programme. Do you know of anyone who has done amazing things since leaving here?

If so, get in touch for more background to the project and how you can help.

E-mail Mrs Mould on kmould@marywebbschool.com



Miss Weston - History Teacher

What was your moment of inspiration to do better in life / want to succeed?

I am one of the very lucky people who has always had an idea in mind of what they would like to do. Newsreader, politician or a teacher of history.

From my earliest memory I have always been interested in history. Throughout my childhood (and beyond) my parents would always take us out on visits. We were always visiting museums and interesting places. My dad would explain what had happened, and because he was so interested, it made me want to know more. Even today, we have a history day where we go on trips and learn about events from the past.



At Versailles with Year 8 & 9 Students

What inspires you now?

I was lucky enough to have amazing teachers when I was at school. My history teacher, Mr Williams, made lessons so interesting. He always had a story to tell and made us feel like we were involved and could change things if we wanted to. He was very funny and we always left the lesson talking about what we had learnt. Mr Williams was not afraid to challenge you either. If you contributed in class he would expect you to explain it and would make you think very carefully about how you view the world and people. I want to make people as interested in history as I am.



Fighting a battle with Year 7!

2014-15 Sports Round Up

THANK YOU

As a PE department we would like to say a BIG thank you to all the students who have attended training and represented the school in many sports throughout 2014-15. Without your commitment we wouldn't have been able to have a successful year.

Thank you.

We would also like to thank the many helpers and coaches who freely give up their spare time to help run and coach some of our sessions. Thank you.

If you feel that you could help the department in any way next academic year, please contact us, we will be extremely grateful.

NETBALL

We have had a successful year in Netball. Our Year 11's are district champions. We have had many 'friendlies' with not only our town schools, but schools from further afield.

We train every Wednesday evening from September to March and have a close link with the Severn Gems netball club, in which Janine Boswell gave up her time to help with the coaching. Thank you Janine.

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

This year we were able to secure funding for Year 7 students to experience wheelchair basketball for the first time. Alan Caron has many roles with wheelchair basketball. He is the assistant coach for the Irish Wheelchair Basketball team and is also the coach for a ladies team.

All pupils involved have enjoyed the sessions and are looking forward to welcoming Alan back in the next academic year.

GIRLS ACTIVE, GET ACTIVE DAY AT MORETON HALL

A number of Year 7 girls went to Moreton Hall to experience a variety of new sports from Lacrosse to golf. Lots of fun was had by all!



U15 Girls Lady Taverners Competition

On 16th March our under 15 girl's cricket team, comprising of year 7, 8, 9 and 10 girls, played in the School Lady Taverners competition. The Lady Taverners competition is an eight a side indoor cricket competition open to all secondary schools in England and Wales. It is a chance for girls participate in a sport that they may not have tried before.

This year we played at Meole Brace School, playing against Shrewsbury School and Meole Brace School. We came second in our round, beating Meole Brace but losing to Shrewsbury School.

In our first game, against Meole Brace, we decided to bat first and set a total of 63 for 4 from 8 overs. We then kept them down to 54 runs for 5 from 8 overs. Shrewsbury then beat Meole Brace, meaning whoever won between us and Shrewsbury would go through to the next round. Once again we decided to bat first and reached a total of 56 for 6 from 8 overs. Shrewsbury then chased down the target set with the loss of 3 wickets with 8 balls to spare.

Well done to everyone that played, especially Alice, Heather and Catlin. They performed extremely well being new to the game. Everyone gave a top effort and the team played exceptionally well overall.

Well done to all the girls that played: Heather Randles, Catlin Tudor, Mollie MacDonald, Anna Greenside, Becky Jenks, Jasmine Humphries, Keely Jones, Alice Howland and Lara Jones. By Lara Jones, 10B



Lady Taverners Cup

The following girls represented the school in the Lady Taverners cup on Tuesday 11th March 2015.

We were one of two state schools to enter the competition, many schools that entered were from the North West, and included many independent schools. The girls were supported and coached by Alberbury Cricket club – a big thank you to them.

The girls were exceptional, playing above and beyond and exceeding all expectations, In closely fought matches, beating many schools with significant margins – including Ellesmere College and Prestfelde B teams, a big congratulations goes to: *Becky Jenks, Abi Benniman, Olivia Bowden, Jasmine Humphries, Rachael Johnson, Juliet Mitchelmore, Gaby Morris, Claudia Roberts, Rebekah Burton, Beth Pinches, Jess Waters, Megan Pierce-Jenkins, Lucy Houghton.* Well done from Miss Pugh!



2014-15 Sports Round Up

FOOTBALL

Football fixtures against other schools have seen us compete against Shrewsbury School, Lakelands, Bishops Castle, Ercall Wood and all of the Shrewsbury Schools in a variety of friendlies and County Cup Competitions. The girls have also continued with their football also competing against the Shrewsbury Schools in their district 5 a side competition. They also took part in the County 6 a side competition at the Sports Village and made it to the semi-finals.

All of the above will be repeated next year starting off with our annual friendlies at Shrewsbury School.

RUGBY

The rugby teams have also been competing locally against the Shrewsbury Schools and they also entered the Emerging Schools Competition at Telford Rugby Club. The annual district competition hosted at Belvidere saw both the U14 and U16 teams compete against other local schools. The U14 team came 2nd in their competition. At the Shropshire Emerging Schools comp the U15 team managed to come second in their league.

Rugby will be getting off to an earlier start next year as a couple of tournaments are organised for September and October.

ROUNDERS

We train every Wednesday from Easter to July. This year we have had a short season due to the lateness of Easter, but we have managed to fit matches in against a range of schools. The season will conclude with the annual tournaments, hosted by Mary Webb School.

LEADERSHIP

There has been a wide range of programmes running throughout the year to train our pupils to become young leaders.

In October we sent some Year 10 students on a leadership training course run by The Shrewsbury School Games Co-ordinator.

Part of our Year 10 PE course is leadership, and a group of 11 students have undertaken a sports leaders course this year. They have planned and delivered a range of fun games and **some 'made up' games, such as quidditch, including teaching year 5 archery.**

ATHLETICS

At this district meet this year there were many individual successes.

GIRLS

1st place : Year 8 Javelin - Vita Solodovnikova
1st place : Year 9 100m - Eila Boswell
1st place : Year 9 200m - Eila Boswell
1st place : Year 9 Long Jump - Eila Boswell - a new district record!

BOYS

1st place : Year 7 200m - Freddie Norton
1st place : Year 7 Javelin - Josh Kula
1st place : Year 8 Shot - George Satoor
1st place : Year 8 Discus - Dan Thomas
1st place : Year 9 Discus - Jamie Salisbury
2nd place : Year 9 1500m - Jason Simister
2nd place : Year 9 800m - Archie Smith

Well done to all who represented Mary Webb.

CRICKET

Again this year we have enjoyed specialist coaching from the Chance to Shine programme, in which Tim Barber has delivered cricket coaching every Tuesday evening.

Weekly fixtures have taken place against Bishops Castle, Priory, Meole and Belvidere in both the 8 a side soft ball and 11 a side hard ball version of the game.

Both the U13 and U15 team were also entered into the District **'Super 8s' hardball competition and competed against Meole and Priory for a place in the County finals.** The U15 team won their tournament and represented the Shrewsbury Area at Shrewsbury School on Friday 3rd July against other Schools **from Shropshire. The U15's came joint 1st in the competition** but due to the number of runs they finished in 2nd place.

HANDBALL CLUB

The club takes place from October to January for Year 7 and Year 8 students. It has been very successful and has been enjoyed by all.

ARCHERY - Shropshire School Games

This is the 3rd year that this event has included archery as a competitive sport at the KS3-4 level. Mary Webb has a keen after school archery club and we were asked to represent the Shrewsbury District at the games, competing against the other 5 districts of Shropshire Telford and Wrekin on 30th June 2015.

Remember 30th June? – that baking hot day when the sun shone from dawn to dusk. Our team consisted of John Seabury (Severndale) Year 11, Jack Tudor and Arron Smith Year 9, Matthew Swain and Finlay Knight Year 8 and Lauren Rawlings Year 7.

The competition consisted of 2 parts. Shooting at **conventional targets 18 metres away, followed by "clout"** shooting where arrows are shot in the air, trying to land them as close as possible to a post in the ground about 80 metres away. From the start of the target competition it was clear that all the practice that the Mary Webb team have put in during the last year was paying off and we ended up well **ahead of the other 3 teams (2 districts didn't send a team).** The clout shooting was a bit unusual as the ground had been baked so hard that most of the steel tipped arrows just **bounced off the ground and wouldn't stick in.**

The final results were very satisfactory for Mary Webb. John Seabury was the real star with a gold medal in the target and silver in the clout. Jack Tudor won silver in the target shooting while Fin Knight took gold in the clout shooting.

This is the third year in a row that Mary Webb have ended up as County School champions.



In addition to our archers' success at the Shropshire School games, several members of the club are competing at County-wide archery competitions and are doing well. If any other students are interested in trying archery come and see us on a Friday after school finishes. Out on the school field probably to the end of September and after that in the sports hall. No previous experience necessary – just enthusiasm.

CURRICULUM DAY - 1st May 2015

Year 7's took part in some activities on Earls Hill with the Wildlife Trust.



Year 8 Liverpool Visit

Year 8 students enjoyed a visit to the Museum of Liverpool and the International Slavery Museum. They studied aspects of the First World War. They also investigated the role Liverpool and the UK played both in the development and the abolition of the international slave trade.

A good experience was had by all. Finally several members of the public visiting both museums commented on the exemplary behaviour and conduct of the students. Well done year 8!



I was part of the Year 8 trip to Liverpool. We visited two museums which taught us about the history of the city. We went to the Maritime Museum which taught us about the slave trade in the world. This is very important to learn in our lives because it teaches us about a horrible part in history which changed our lives. The other museum that we visited taught us about the wars that happened in the past and about the history of the place. The most enjoyable part was probably going into the karaoke machine and singing some 'liverpudlian' songs! **Alice Howland, 8B**

On 1st May 2015, Year 8 went on a trip to Liverpool's museums. It was a fun experience for all, we really enjoyed it and it was definitely worth the journey! I especially enjoyed getting to see all the history of football and other sport. Also I enjoyed the experience as I had never been to Liverpool and always wanted to go. It was a fun and educational day out for everyone. **Olivia Bowden, 8B**

We went to Liverpool for Curriculum Day, and visited two museums. It was great to see all the creative art work about the real history that took place. We all enjoyed the experience. We also got to go under the Mersey, in a bus! It was a great day and a real opportunity to see the city. **Jasmine Humphries, 8B**



GCSE PRODUCT DESIGN
work from Amy Wood, 11S
(pictured) and
Dee Newcombe, 11B

Severndale @ Mary Webb

RE

In RE, MW1 have been learning about different types of religions. They created a radio play in which they pretended to interview someone who is fasting for Ramadan. The students extracted information to accurately answer questions in an enthusiastic fashion, suitable for the radio.



Here are some examples of what the students at the centre have been doing.



ASDAN

As part of the ASDAN accredited work, MW2 used ICT skills to create a Power-Point about themselves and then presented it to the class clearly and confidently.



PE

On a lovely sunny day in May all students from Severndale @ Mary Webb took part in Sports Day. Each student represented their house in a range of throwing, jumping and athletics - the best winning points for their team. Sydney won overall and the whole team were awarded certificates. Everyone participating also received a medal

The students have also been working hard during their PE lessons. Group 1 have been learning the Haka.

Mel Clarke

MW3 met Paralympian Archer Mel Clarke, who has won a range of honours including a Paralympic Silver Medal. They took part in an archery master class, a Q & A session with Mel & engaged in an inspirational talk.



Wheel Chair Basketball

A wheelchair basketball club ran for 4 weeks led by Alan Caron, from AC coaching Ltd, and included both Mary Webb and Severndale students. The sessions taught the students how to manoeuvre a wheelchair, catch and dribble a ball and how to play a real game of wheelchair basketball.



The focus was on team work and ensuring that everyone was included in all aspects of the sessions which all students thoroughly enjoyed.

Over several weeks they have rehearsed the moves and the chant to capture the fearsome atmosphere of the New Zealand Tribal Dance. Whilst Group 2 have made great progress on the Tennis court, the majority of the group can now hit the ball with some accuracy over the net.





MUSIC AT MARY WEBB

Mary Webb Winners of the Minsterley Eisteddfod took part in a charity fund raising event in June. The evening show was full of brilliant performances and MW singers and Boys' Voices performed with confidence and made Mary Webb proud.

Well done

to Annie Morris for achieving a Distinction in her Grade 2 Tuba exam



Congratulations

to Rhys Evans for achieving a Merit in his Grade 5 Cornet exam.



Concert by Carillion

We are a group of ex-Mary Webb students conducted by Carol Minton and accompanied by Janet Brown. We rehearse once a week and would like to invite you all to our next concert on ...

Thursday, 25th July, at 7.30pm

in the

Congregational Church Hall in Pontesbury

Entry is free.

If there is anyone leaving Mary Webb this year who would like to join us, please come along and speak to Carol. We sing a wide range of songs from pop and folk to songs from musicals, etc.

Music Clubs 2015

	Lunchtime	After School
Wednesday	Jazz Band	-
Friday	Boys Voices & MW Singers	Choir

Paris Trip - 1st - 5th July 2015



On Wednesday 1st July, 40 Year 8 and 9 students embarked on a historical and cultural trip to Paris. When we arrived in Paris we were hit by 38 degree heat! On the first day we travelled into Paris and began with a visit to Montmartre. Students walked around the inside of this monumental church and were taught about the history of the area. They then had some free time to walk around the Place du Tertre, some bought ice-creams: some had their portraits drawn by resident artists! Students then ate their lunch at Tuileries gardens.

We then made our way to Place de Concorde (the site of so many beheadings during the terror) and made our way down the Champs Elysees before making our ascent of the Arc du Triomphe. We then visited the Conciergerie, and saw Marie Antoinette's cell before visiting Notre Dame. The day was rounded off by a trip on a Bateaux Mouche - and lots of waving to people on shore!

The second day involved another visit into Paris and then we made our way to Versailles. Students visited the famous palace including the hall of mirrors (well known by Year 9). We then made our way to St Germain-en-laye where students had some time to visit some shops, and visit the local area. We visited a Creperie where students had a galette and sweet crepe and then made our way back into Paris to climb The Tour Montparnasse - the tallest building in Paris. This gave the students an opportunity to take panoramic photos of the city.

The third day was a visit to Asterix Parc - theme park. The students went on lots of rides and many of them got drenched on the log flume! The students then had time to visit a shopping centre and buy some souvenirs. We ate at the hotel this evening ready to pack and come home.

On the final day of our trip we headed into Paris for one last time and gave the students a chance to have a closer look at the Eiffel Tower. We then went to the air and space museum (an addition to our itinerary as we were once again diverted by a backlog at Calais). Our final visit of the trip was the Stade du France where students got an 'access all areas' pass and visited the locker rooms, the VIP areas and the press areas. We then began our journey home arriving back at school very early on Monday morning.

We would like to thank students for being so well-behaved and for being brilliant ambassadors for Mary Webb School on this trip. It is a testament to them that the tour company and coach driver said they were the best school group they had ever seen. I would also like to thank the parents who supported the staff with this trip and finally the accompanying staff. Miss Weston

Mr Bibring, Holocaust Survivor Visitor, 29th April 2015

On Wednesday 29th April we were lucky to welcome back Mr Bibring.

Mr Bibring was part of the kinder transport which saw children removed from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland in the 9 months prior to WW2. Nearly 10,000 children were brought to the UK and fostered by families.



Mr Bibring spoke with Year 9 students for over an hour, explaining his life before the Nazi occupation of Austria, and its consequences. He then took questions from the students.



Satwika Saran (9S), Harry Bibring, Miss Weston and Ben Holloway (9B)

"When Mr Bibring came to visit us he told us about his experience of being in the Holocaust. I found it interesting and learnt a lot. The stories he told us were unbelievable and it was shocking to think about how the Nazi's treated the Jews so appallingly". Milly Potter, Year 9

HISTORY MAKERS WORLD WAR 1 PROJECT

Visit to Mrs Pither

Ben and I visited Mrs Pither and were told some interesting things. This included a story about her father, who as a scout, helped the injured soldiers who were bed-ridden. He did this by going out and picking up things for the men and even writing letters home to their families if they were unable to do so themselves.

Visit to Mr and Mrs Pybus

Firstly, I met Mrs Pybus and she told me that she had a very interesting piano that had come into her possession. This piano was special because the anthem for the First World War "It's a long way to Tipperary" had been written and first played on it in a pub called "The Plough Inn" (now called "The Tipperary Inn").

She then proceeded to tell me that her husband and daughter had tracked down the piano and had given it to her as a gift because it belonged to her great uncle who had written the beautiful song that is still extremely well known today.

I then met Mr Pybus who had inherited a family photograph album with a photo of his uncle that he had admired for many years. One day he decided to take it out and found that it was actually a postcard explaining why only the top half of his body was shown. It seemed as though the government was so short of money, that the soldiers were not dressed correctly. This helped me to understand how many things were affected by the war. **By Feryn Walmsley**

Students will also be visiting Mr Bremner who has reconstructed a World War 1 aeroplane.

Interview with Nick Owen

On Thursday 18th June, myself, Eryn Moore, Ashley Cole and Jessica Wood went to the Mailbox BBC Studios in Birmingham. We took the train from Shrewsbury train station to Birmingham New Street. Once we arrived at the BBC Studios we met Nick Owen and he took us on a tour of the BBC Midlands News set.



We then interviewed him on the outside area of the studio. Next we had lunch by the canal and left to catch the train back to Shrewsbury. Overall it was an excellent day.

By Ben Holloway

Year 7 Camp - 19th - 21st June 2015

Cholmondeley Castle, Cheshire



93 students went to Cholmondeley Castle near Whitchurch for the annual Year 7 Camp. Staff and students had an amazing time working with the Bushcraft Company. With lots of activities taking place, students were on the go 24/7! The weather was on our side and a great time was had by all! Miss Pugh



"The fact that we were allowed to sleep in shelters was epic" Matt *"I liked making the parachord survival bracelets"* Connor Phillips

"I absolutely loved making animal traps" George Garrett

"It was amazing, all of it. The tribe leaders Sam and everyone were awesome" Jack

"The weekend was indescribable - I loved it SO much" Louise

"A unique adventure, it was absolutely brilliant, best weekend of 2015 yet" Eloise

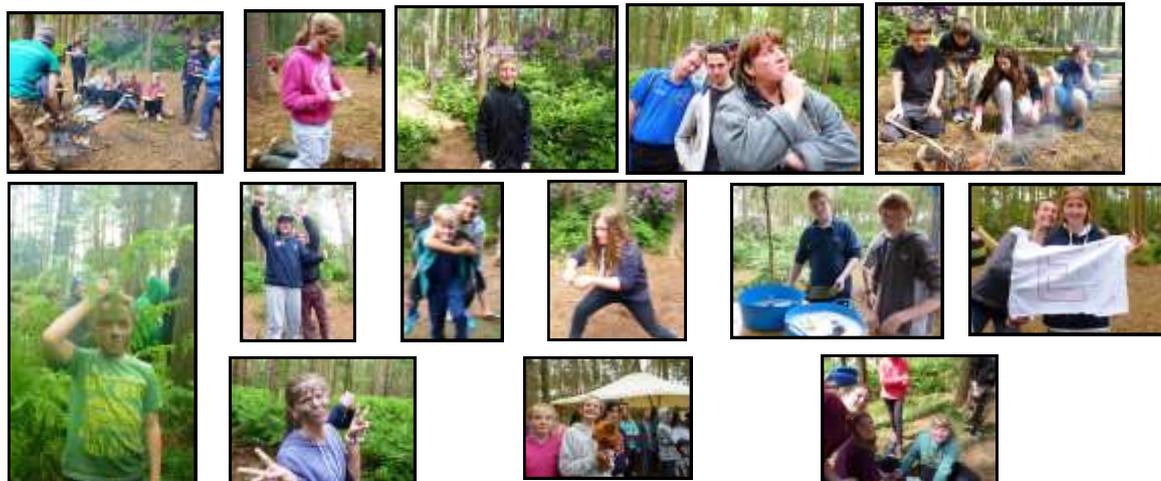
"It was fun. I loved the water fight" Xander

"I enjoyed the den building. I made a crushing tangle and mangle rabbit trap" Ruairi O'Boyle



"I enjoyed everything. It was AMAZING, especially Predator. I could easily have stayed another couple of days"

"I enjoyed the pizza picnic because everyone gathered together" Georgia Clark



Reading at Mary Webb School



	Year 7 Summer Term	Year 8 Summer Term
Most quizzes taken (most books read)	Toby Irvine	Lucy Houghton
Highest percentage on quizzes	Cerys Edwards	Tyrone Morris
Most Words Read	Annie Morris	Rebekah Burton
Most determined reader		Will Caldwell

YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 - Accelerated Reader

Year 7 and 8 students are enrolled in the Accelerated Reading programme from Renaissance Learning. This allows them to track their reading progress by:

- ★ taking short quizzes on books when they have finished reading them
- ★ earning House Points for success at the quizzes
- ★ aiming to read as many words as possible

Winners receive a certificate and a 'Prize Claim' form to select a book prize which the school purchases for them.

Well done to all of the winners, but also to all Year 7 and Year 8 students who are being so enthusiastic about reading!

Please make sure that you keep reading as much as possible over the summer holiday.



Library News

Books kindly donated to the school library by Sophie Baines, 10K



Abigail Hayward, 7S with her chosen prize for Achievement in Reading Spring 2015



BOOK REVIEW



All Star High - Thriller by Helen Chapman

I liked the way that the book constantly builds suspense e.g. I always thought that someone would die - **you have to read the book to find out!** Also, do not expect the front cover to tell you if there is going to be any baddies.

I would describe this book as a suspense builder, and an epic action-packed adventure.

I would recommend this book to any 10 and 11 year olds who appreciate reading suspense.

By Toby Irvine 7S

Pupil Librarians

Callum Mitchelmore and Josh McWilliam, 9S, checking the books on the fiction shelves in the library!



A big Thank You from Mrs Osborne and the chess club, to the school PTA for their very kind donation of 10 spanking new Chess Boards.....sure to improve our games!

DID YOU KNOW?

Anyone belonging to Shropshire Libraries (you can sign up at the little library by the school gates) can access e-books and free online magazines (e.g. New Scientist, Rolling Stone, Auto, Hello, Country Homes and Interiors, Marie Claire, Computer Shopper, Cycling, Web User, Kitchen Garden, etc.) on their iPhone, iPad, Android or Kindle HDX via the Zinio app.

It is very easy to do. If you need help, phone Mrs Osborne in the school library.

Congratulations and thanks go to all of the following Year 9 pupils who have contributed their free time and effort towards Team Library over this last year, and have now completed their training:

Jamie Boon, Rhys Evans, Max Hewitt, Josh McWilliam, Ben Middleton, Callum Mitchelmore, Eryn Moore, Robbie Ormond-Harden, and Satwika Saran.

Huge congratulations to **Ben Holloway 9B** on being awarded 'Pupil Librarian of the Year'. Ben has proved to be a consistently reliable and responsible, enthusiastic and imaginative member of the team throughout the year.



Huge congratulations

to Tom White 9C who bravely fought off x 3 Teachers and x 16 other pupils to reach the unbeatable position of Chess Champion 2015.

What and Who is

The Children's Laureate?

The Children's Laureate is a prestigious two year award given to a top children's author by Waterstones. This follows a group discussion made by librarians, critics, writers and children. Each winner holds this title for two years until a new winner is chosen.

The Children's Laureate was an idea created by poet, Ted Hughes and author, Michael Morpurgo in 1999. The first ever winner was Quentin Blake, followed by Anne Fine in 2001.

This year, **Chris Riddell** won the award for being a **children's illustrator and author**. His most famous series is the **"Goth Girl"** series, which he writes and illustrates. The most recent in the series is **Goth Girl and the Pirate Queen**. We have some of this series in the library and I highly recommend them.

Written by Pupil Librarian Jamie Boon.



Whole School Sponsored Walk - 15th April 2015

On 15th April 2015, Mary Webb School staff and students set off to raise money to help buy Pontesford Hill. Our target was to raise £10,000.

Waiting excitedly on the astro pitch, Barcelona, the first form to set off, stood dressed in yellow. We checked in and grabbed a bottle of water. It was some 20 minutes later that Kathmandu house, drenched in eagerness, rushed up behind us like a herd of elephants.



Approximately 40 minutes later, Sydney and Casablanca sprinted to catch us up. At each check-point we were greeted by staff with a "good luck" or a "keep going", which made it a lot more enjoyable. Friends were helping each other, and encouraging everyone to make it up the hill.



My favourite memory of the day was when a teacher took a photo of me and all of my friends at the top of the hill.

We all managed to reach our target and raise the full amount of money, so we were able to buy the hill. Everyone enjoyed it and no one had anything negative to say about the day.

I will remember that day for the rest of my life, because it was really fun and we all did it for a good cause. It feels really good knowing that we now own part of the hill.

By Josh Kula, Year 7



Mary Webb School Election, 7th May 2015



Head Girl Sophie Longland (11K) posing with Dan Fleet (10B)

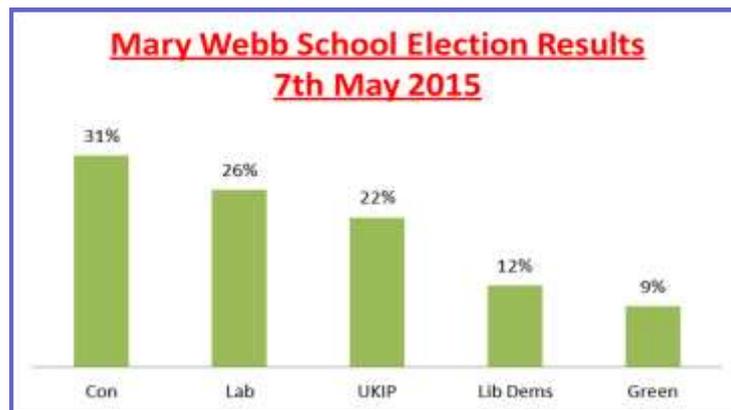


Hannah Butler, Amelia Billings-Duncan, Vicky Swain, Doug Hamilton, 10B

All students and staff took their democratic right to vote.

A polling station was set up in the Drama Room where students were registered, voted in a voting booth and cast their votes in the ballot box.

The results can be seen below.



Year 8 Visit to RAF Cosford, 25th June 2015

I had the privilege of visiting RAF Cosford for the Science at Work event on 25th June.

We discovered some of the businesses that use chemistry. I was one of the lucky students who had the chance to go. First, we went to the workshop belonging to the company ALS Environmental. They used an x-ray to test soil for metals and **pollution**. Then we saw a presentation by 'School Energy Efficiency'.
Lewis Page, 8B



RAF Cosford was a great day out. We first saw a man from ALS. He talked about testing soils for metal to help the environment.

We then went to a workshop called '2041'. They were trying to help schools become energy efficient. James and Robert (the lecturers) taught us how the world needed to change before all of the ice caps melted and countries would flood, due to the rise in **sea levels**.
Jess Waters, 8C



Today, myself and 14 other students visited RAF Cosford. I found the trip very interesting and educational. I especially enjoyed the 'Black Country Museum' presentation which involved **demonstrations**.
Alex Lewis, 8K

Senior Students 2015-16

Head Boy Archie Robertson
 Head Girl Victoria Swain
 Deputy Head Boy Tom Cowdall
 Deputy Head Girls Kathryn Clark & Feryn Walmsley



House Captains 2015-16

BARCELONA



Daniel Fleet & Lara Jones

CASABLANCA



Theo Grainger & Caitlin Tudor

KATHMANDU



Joseph Woollaston & Sophie Baines

SYDNEY



Mathew Alcock & Ellie Cole



Student of the Month



Well done to all of the following students who have been awarded certificates during the Summer term:

7B Cormac McGoldrick Georgia Clark Ellie Shingler Josh Kula	8B Jasmine Humphries Fin Knight Rachael Johnson Megan Pierce-Jenkins	9B Morgan Bowden Lauren Worrall James Boon Ben Holloway	10B Ed Link Zoe Adams Nathan Farmer Lara Jones	11B Jade Griephan Tom Morris Zoe Kelsall Louis Game
7C Chloe Price Holly Salisbury Edwin Parry Adam Morrell	8C Kyle Morgan Rob Hanmer Jessica Morgan Molly Summers	9C Ben Middleton Nick Roberts Oliver Mapp Nina Wiczorkiewicz	10C Renars Spons Archie Eardley-Smart Megan Tomlins Caitlin Tudor	11C Sam Dennell Chloe Sturrock Mollie Richards Kathryn Creighton
7K Millie Holloway Ella Paddock Jack Doust Mollie Lenc	8K Alex Caswell Zachariah Simms Jess Sandford Nilavan Thipaharan	9K Katherine McIntosh Anna Greenside Hannah Best Robbie Ormond-Hardern	10K Zak Shuker James Churms Sophie Baines Joseph Woollaston	11K Sean Adams Shannon Bowen Jack Riley Altair Warren
7S Junnalyn Montero Samantha Tierney Matthew Pryce Matthew Trevitt-Downes	8S Jonas Hecht Jay Jones Jenna Wellings Jack Gronow	9S Satwika Saran Charlie Howard Callum Mitchelmore Kristian Blyth	10S Erin Rogers Lexie Humphreys James Upton Natasha Pollard	11S Megan Price Ralph Morris Amy Wood Lauren Carline Lauren Rose



Awards Evening, 8th July 2015



Academic Awards

Key Stage 3 English	Charlie Howard
Key Stage 4 English	Charlotte Ryan
Key Stage 3 Mathematics	Satwika Saran
Key Stage 4 Mathematics	Lucy Jones
Key Stage 3 French	Claudia Roberts
Key Stage 4 French	Emma Gittins
Key Stage 3 Geography	Tom Blain
Key Stage 4 Geography	Saul Feinsot
Key Stage 3 Spanish	Will Caldwell
Key Stage 4 Spanish	Josh Greenside
Key Stage 3 History	Hannah Best
Key Stage 4 History	Tim Holgate
Key Stage 3 Drama	Milly Potter
Key Stage 4 Drama	Tia Lewis
Key Stage 3 Technology	Isobel Challoner
Key Stage 4 Construction	Dan Adams
Key Stage 3 Physical Education	Tom White
Key Stage 4 Physical Education	Chloe Sturrock
Key Stage 3 Science	Ashley Cole
Key Stage 4 Science	Shane Holder
Key Stage 3 Art	Ollie Cowdall
Key Stage 4 Art	Molly Green
Key Stage 3 Computing	Katherine McIntosh
Key Stage 4 Computing	Toby Hills
Key Stage 4 Product Design	Marni Wood
Key Stage 3 Religious Education	Alex Tompkinson
Key Stage 4 Religious Education	Molly Parry
Key Stage 4 Statistics	Hannah Best
Key Stage 3 Personalised Learning	Robbie Ormond-Hardern
Key Stage 4 Personalised Learning	Kieran Lloyd
Key Stage 3 Student Librarian	Ben Holloway
Key Stage 3 Music	Rhys Evans
Key Stage 4 Music	William Bailey

General Awards

Reliability	Toby Hills
Initiative	Chloe Hanmer
Contribution to School	Sophie Longland & Reuben Lowe
Student Voice	Molly Parry
Student Librarian	Ben Holloway
Charity	Tim Holgate

Student of the Year

Barcelona



Georgia Clark (Year 7)
 Claudia Roberts (Year 8)
 Lauren Worrall (Year 9)
 Amelia Billings-Duncan (Year 10)
 Marni Wood (Year 11)

Casablanca



Melody Cooke (Year 7)
 Beverly Dela Cruz (Year 8)
 Tom White (Year 9)
 Rory McGoldrick (Year 10)
 Tim Holgate (Year 11)

Kathmandu



Connor Phillips (Year 7)
 Nilavan Thipaharan (Year 8)
 Alex Tompkinson (Year 9)
 Darrien Connor-Ditchburn (Year 10)
 Sam Hawkins (Year 11)

Sydney



Abigail Hayward (Year 7)
 Will Caldwell (Year 8)
 Satwika Saran (Year 9)
 Kathryn Clark (Year 10)
 Amy Wood (Year 11)

READER OF THE YEAR

Year 7	Lauren Rawlings Mathew Hawkins
Year 8	Pip King Matthew Swain
Year 9	Chaise Harrison Jessica Shingler
Year 10	Sophie Baines Kieran Fielding-Jacobs



Contribution to House Awards



	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Barcelona	Tyler Scott	Pip King	Rhys Evans	Ed Link	Reuben Lowe
Kathmandu	George Garrett	Corey Pitchford	Hannah Best	Joe Summers	Sophie Longland
Casablanca	Melody Cooke	Beverly Dela Cruz	Tom White	Rory McGoldrick	Tim Holgate
Sydney	Adam Cross	Vita Solodovnikova	Maxwell Hewitt	Abigail Hayward	Lauren Jones

100% attendance 2014-15

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Elisha Davies	Will Caldwell	Oliver Hervey	Amelia Billings-Duncan
Ethan Etherington	Beverley Dela Cruz	Maxwell Hewitt	Kieran Fielding-Jacobs
George Garrett	Kefren Farndon	Joshua McWilliam	Theo Grainger
Lucy Garrett	Jacob Gardner	Satwika Saran	Rosie Green
Sophie Hanmer	Shannon Heath		Robbie Jenks
Natasha Heath	Becky Jenks		Kelsey Stevens
Jamie Jones			Nitharsan Thipaharan
Keely Jones			Liam Wellings
Joshua Kula			
Rhys Marsden			
Freddie Norton			
Edwin Parry			
Megan Richards			
Katie Waters			



Trenches Trip, 23rd-26th April 2015

Thursday 23rd to Sunday 26th April saw the annual joint Trenches trip with Belvidere School. 26 Year 9 students and staff were able to visit Belgium and France, visiting the Somme and Passchendaele regions.

Highlights of the trip included the Last Post service at the Menin Gate in Ypres, and being able to visit Tyne Cot - the largest British and commonwealth cemetery in the world, and getting into reconstructed trenches, being able to walk the path that many soldiers would have taken.

The Trenches trip was fantastic. We saw amazing sights such as the Tyne Cot and some original trenches.

Ypres was my favourite place. We had lots of time to look around and buy some memento's. Nick Roberts



The Trenches trip was a great experience and is one that I would very much like to go on again.

Ed Littlehales



The Trenches trip was a great experience. It was both fun and educational. It was great to go and try some unique foods, such as smurf ice cream! It was an eye opening experience. Dan Andrews



Year 6's transition to Mary Webb School

Year 6 students spent two days at Mary Webb as part of their induction on 29th and 30th June. Here's what some of the students said about their experiences over the two days.

"It was amazing! I was so glad when I came here in the morning and I am pleased that I am moving here in September. All of the teachers are kind and caring. Mrs Thompson is my form tutor and she is amazing. All of the teachers have made me feel less nervous". Olivia Marsden

"I have enjoyed meeting new people and going to the music room at break time. I am looking forward to coming here in September". Katie McPartland

"I enjoyed team-building because it was a good chance to make new friends".

"I liked the English lesson and PE. I also enjoyed meeting new people and other students in my form. The food was lovely and I liked looking around the school". Jade

"On Monday I liked making my own flag and in the afternoon I liked making my bookmark in the Library". Harrison

"I enjoyed meeting new people because before I was a bit shy, but now I am not afraid to talk to people that I don't know at Mary Webb". Izzy O'Connor

"Thank you for helping me to make new friends. Primary school is a small world but at Mary Webb there are loads of new friends to be made. Monday was fun as we had to work together and I found it an epic experience! I am in 7B".

"I really like the surroundings and I love having an adventure trying to find all of the classrooms that I need to be in".

"I enjoyed Mary Webb because everyone was so friendly and they made me feel welcome and happy. I really liked it here". Izzy

"This school is brilliant because of the size of the field. I also loved PE". Rosie

"I liked PE because we got to meet all of the PE teachers. I am looking forward to coming to Mary Webb in September because I know where to go now". Nathan Yeomans

"The teachers are very welcoming and helped me settle in". Joe Smith

London Trip - 1st - 3rd May 2015



In May this year Mary Webb staff took 40 students to London for the STEM residential trip. During the action packed 3 day trip, students visited The Natural History Museum, The Science Museum, The Design Museum and The Victoria & Albert Museum. A trip along the Thames on a tour boat resulted in a visit to the Greenwich Museum. A ride on The London Eye provided us with spectacular views of the capital. The students enjoyed Saturday night in the West End watching the world famous performance of The Lion King.



Sunday was a lovely sunny day to visit London Zoo.

It was an action packed 3 days but everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable weekend, and all students were extremely well behaved and were a credit to the school.





Charity Fundraising



This Summer term the Student Charity Committee held two charity events which were in response to two unforeseen circumstances.



Our first event was in support of the of the **Nepal Earthquake Appeal**. On 25th April 2015 a massive 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal. It literally shook the lives of at least 8 million people and left many homeless. Over 7000 people were confirmed dead and those that survived were left with nothing, not even a roof over their heads.

Mary Webb School held a charity sweet sale and raffle and raised **£195.36** towards the Disasters and Emergencies Committee Nepal Earthquake Appeal that helps to provide emergency shelter, food, clean water and blankets. Once immediate, life saving needs are met they work with individuals, families and communities to support them to rebuild their lives.

Our second event was in memory of ex-student, Charlotte Blakeway, who sadly passed away in April 2015. Students wanted to raise money for the **Epilepsy Society** in memory of Charlotte, and asked for a "wear something purple" non-uniform day, as purple was one of Charlotte's favourite colours. We also held a cake sale on the same day and as you can see from the photographs, many of the cakes were also purple! Charlotte's Mum baked some wonderful gingerbread men and women, and sent a card to all at Mary Webb to thank them for all the kind thoughts and support which they have found to be a great comfort at such a sad and difficult time.



We raised a total of **£578.33**.

Charlotte was always keen to help at the charity events and will be missed by us all. We are hoping to arrange for the Epileptic Society to visit the school in the Autumn term to talk about epilepsy, so that students and staff will have a greater understanding of epilepsy.



Curriculum Day, 3rd July 2015

YEAR 7 students took part in a range of activities in school such as climbing, biking, team challenges and archery.

YEAR 8 students took part in a sustainability day at Wood Lane Wildlife Trust in Ellesmere.



Year 5 STEM Day, 1st July 2015

This summer term, 120 Year 5 students from our local primary schools joined us at Mary Webb School for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) day. It was a memorable, exciting day with the pupils working with the science and technology departments.

In technology they created motorised 'brush bugs' with impressive antennae and other features. These vibrating creatures scooted around the floor and were carried back to primary schools with great pride.

In science, the students looked at the properties of soap. They made their own bath bombs, carefully fragranced to their taste. We hope there were some explosive baths later on that evening! They also experimented with bubbles. They made bouncing bubbles, bubble pyramids on the table, giant bubbles, minute bubbles, new bubbles wands, bubbles inside bubbles... They certainly went home clean!

We look forward to welcoming these students to our Junior Scientists club in the autumn term, when they are in Year 6, for some more scientific fun. Information will be sent to primary schools next term. All of these events play a crucial part in the transition process, helping primary students become more confident with the idea of starting secondary school. **Mrs Mould**



CREST Regional Finals, 8th July 2015



On Wednesday 8th July, 16 students and 2 staff travelled to Aintree Racecourse for the CREST (Creativity in Science and Technology) Regional Finals. Four groups of our students took part with their individually planned projects. It was a very early start, but a swift journey arriving in plenty of time to set up their displays. After the mornings judging sessions all four groups were short-listed for several different prizes.



After lunch came more rigorous judging which the students handled maturely and calmly. Finally the hard work had paid off. We are very proud to say that the 'Royal Society of Chemistry Award for Experimentation' was awarded to Tom Blain, Rhys Evans, Ella Boswell and Sam Morris, for their project 'Does listening to music affect your learning?'. We were also thrilled to find out that Mollie MacDonald, Satwika Saran, Alex Tompkinson and Jack Tudor have been selected to take their project 'Do too many cooks spoil the broth?' on to the National Finals in Birmingham in March 2016. Congratulations to all students that took part, you were amazing. What a great day!



Sports Day, 9th July 2015

This year's sports day was really fun, especially because 8S won! I really liked sports day because everyone got a chance to take part and contribute to their house.

My favourite event was the long jump because it is funny when you jump into the sand and fall over at the end. Also what I love about it is that although it is competitive, everyone demonstrates good sportsmanship and congratulates the winners.

This year's sports day was a great experience. Good luck to everyone next year! Malsie Dodd, 8S



The day started just like any other Thursday, with first period, and then break. After break we all went out to the field and were placed in our houses. Our drama teacher, Mrs Clewlow, then spoke to us about the day and how things were going to run throughout the event.

All of the houses did a 900m lap around the running track, and then the events started. The 60m races were first, and one by one they ended with 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, with everyone winning points for their houses.

Race after race took place, as the day went on to lunch time. After lunch we all headed back out onto the field to finish off the events and to find out who the winners were. **Oliver Cowdall, 8S**

Final Results			
1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Sydney 1052 points	Casablanca 968 points	Barcelona 920 points	Kathmandu 884 points

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<u>AUTUMN TERM STARTS</u>	Wednesday 9th September 2015
School Photographs	Friday 18th September 2015
Year 10 PIP	Wednesday 23rd September 2015
Curriculum Day	Wednesday 30th September 2015
Open Evening	Thursday 1st October 2015
Open Morning	Friday 2nd October 2015 / Monday 5th October 2015
Year 11 PIP	Tuesday 6th October 2015
Year 7 Tutors Evening	Thursday 8th October 2015
Year 8 PIP	Wednesday 14th October 2015
Year 11 Parents Evening	Thursday 15th October 2015
<u>HALF TERM</u>	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2015
Parents Forum	Tuesday 10th November 2015
Year 7 PIP	Wednesday 11th November 2015
Curriculum Day	Thursday 19th November 2015
Certificate Afternoon	Thursday 19th November 2015
Year 10 Parents Evening	Thursday 3rd December 2015
Showcase	Thursday 17th December 2015
<u>AUTUMN TERM ENDS</u>	Friday 18th December 2015

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