

We Belong Here

It has been a busy second week at Pershore High School, culminating in one of our favourite events of the year, our Open Evening. Teaching staff, support staff, the Site Team and our cleaning staff worked tirelessly to ensure the school was ready to welcome visitors, and the evening was a tremendous success.

With record numbers of visitors and a very full car park, our student ambassadors, performers, speakers and tour guides played a significant role in ensuring the event ran smoothly. They represented our school exceptionally well and demonstrated the confidence, kindness and pride that make Pershore High School such a special community.

I look forward to meeting with them next week for cake and hot chocolate as a small token of our appreciation and to say a very big thank you.



School Log Book

18th September 1953

"A party of 60 senior boys and masters visited the works of the Northern Aluminium Company on the occasion of Open Day at this works. The Foundry Manager and the Employment Officer of this works are old boys of the school."

News from the 6th Form

It has been a busy start to the year for our Sixth Form students. Next week sees the launch of Electives, offering opportunities including First Aid, mentoring, volunteering, Gold Duke of Edinburgh, engineering and Spanish for travel. Students have also been taking part in team-building activities, while Year 13 students are beginning to explore their post-18 pathways, with weekly support available for apprenticeships, UCAS applications, CVs and interviews.

We are delighted to welcome our new Head Team, **Molly Lazenbury, Alex Burrell, Emily King and Luke Ingles**, who have already made a fantastic contribution through Open Evening and the organisation of Sixth Form charity events. Looking ahead, students will benefit from study skills sessions delivered by the University of Worcester, prepare for the Lord Mayor's Quiz at the University of Birmingham, and take part in our upcoming *Spotlight on Careers* programme.

Birmingham Panthers - Be Engaged

The **Birmingham Panthers** will be holding U14 trials at Pershore High School on **Tuesday 22 September**, providing students with the chance to showcase their talent and potentially join a high-performance development pathway.

The trials will take place from **6.00pm to 8.00pm**, with registration from **5.30pm**. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their skills in a competitive and supportive environment. Training for successful players takes place on **Tuesdays from 6.00pm to 8.00pm**.

For further information and registration details, please visit the [Birmingham Panthers website](#).



Pershore Rotary Club

It was a pleasure to represent Pershore High School at this week's meeting of the Rotary Club. Our DSL, Fiona Lovecy, spoke to members about the ways in which we support our students and some of the challenges faced by young people today. The members were keen to explore opportunities to work with our students, and I look forward to developing our partnership over the coming months.

Worcestershire Crisis and Resilience Fund.

Families facing financial difficulties may be able to access support through the **Worcestershire Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF)**. The fund can provide help with essential household costs, food, energy bills, heating emergencies, housing-related difficulties and essential household items. Support may include cash payments, vouchers, household goods and access to advice services. Additional schemes are also available for heating repairs, oil and LPG fuel costs, and housing support. Free and confidential advice on benefits, housing, debt and the cost of living is available through local support networks. For more information, visit [Worcestershire Crisis and Resilience Fund](#).



School Bus Arrangements

I would like to apologise for the miscommunication around the public bus on our early closure day. We did notify the company; however, they were not able to redirect the service. Parents and carers should have been notified, and we will ensure that a clear system is in place moving forward. Your child's safety is our utmost concern, and we have reviewed procedures accordingly.



Mobile phones



Please remind children of our expectations around mobile phone use. All phones must be 'Not Seen, Not heard' from the sound of our morning warning bell at 8.45am and the sound of our end of day bell at 3.20pm. Phones will be confiscated until the end of the day after the first instance of mobile phone use. Mobile phones will be confiscated, and a parent/carers will be required to collect them after subsequent instances of mobile phone use.

Allergy Awareness

This month sees the introduction of **Benedict's Law**, an important change designed to strengthen safeguarding arrangements and improve the way information is shared to help keep children and young people safe. The new legislation highlights the importance of agencies working together effectively to identify concerns early and provide the right support when it is needed.

To help us ensure that our records are accurate and up to date, we ask **all parents and carers** to complete the **Microsoft Forms survey** linked via the QR code. Keeping contact and family information current is an important part of our commitment to safeguarding and supporting every student.

Please take a few moments to complete the form at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your support.



As always, thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend.
Mrs. J Butler