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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Our **Year 11** GCSE German students sat their **Speaking exam** on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**, those students have now completed the first portion of their German GCSE.
- **Year 9 Options evening** took place on **Thursday**, we saw lots of students and parents during the evening and they all had the opportunity to speak to teachers and discuss what subjects they would like to take into KS4.
- Our **Year 11 Art/3D design** students had thier final **practical exam** on **Thursday and Friday** they have all been working really hard on their projects.
- **Bags 2 School** made a collection from school on **Thursday**. We raised a fantastic £86, many thanks to the PTFA for organising this, the funds will go towards the school.

EVENTS COMING UP

- on **Tuesday 6th May** our Year 11 GCSE PE students will have their PE Moderation day.
- On **Wednesday 7th May** the Year 11 students will be holding a cake sale and break time and lunchtime. They will be raising money for their upcoming Prom, please can you remind your children to bring in money so that they can purchase treats and help the Year 11 students with their fundraising.
- We will be holding our annual **Careers Fair** on **Wednesday 7th May**. If there are any local businesses who would like to attend this event, please do not hesitate to get in touch through the school office via admin@pewsey-vale.wilts.sch.uk.
- The deadline for **Year 9 students** to hand in their **options** is **Thursday 8th May**. The forms can be handed directly to Mr Robinson or can be handed to their tutor teacher.
- Our **Year 11 students** will begin their written **GCSE exams** on **Thursday 8th May**, this begins with the German Listening and Reading exams. We wish the entire cohort all the best of luck with their exams.
- On **Thursday 8th May** we are holding the **Year 8 Parent's Evening**. Bookings will be made via the online booking system which has now gone live and the link has been emailed out to all parents.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust** have a few events coming up on their calendar.

1. Country Comes To Town:

Join us at Monkton Park, Chippenham on Saturday 17 May. Engage with the vital work of Wiltshire Wildlife Trust through interactive experiences, educational activities, fun for the kids, and the chance to chat to our friendly team. Discover how we can all create a sustainable future for wildlife and people!

There will be a wide range of activities and attractions on offer:

- Wellness activities led by our Wellbeing team
- Fun nature-themed arts and crafts
- Meet the animals!
- Opportunities to learn about local conservation efforts, such as Vincients Wood

We will be joined on the day by a number of local environmental organisations, including:

- Wiltshire Beekeepers Association
- Chippenham Collective
- Cycle Chippenham
- Wiltshire Geology Group
- Wiltshire Ornithological Society
- Waste Not Want Not
- Wilts and Berks Canal Trust
- Wiltshire Wildlife Community Energy
- Zero Chippenham
- Zero North Wilts

With free entry on the day, why not come along for a fun and educational day out for all the family!

Thank you to Chippenham Borough Lands and Chippenham Town Donations for their generous support.

2. BioBlitz at Langford Lakes

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust is hosting a BioBlitz at Langford Lakes on 24th/25th May. Recorders and Ecologists of varying taxonomic expertise are invited to help monitor/survey on site for the day(s). We hope this BioBlitz will give us a better understanding of the site's species diversity and get a wide range of taxonomic groups monitored within a 48-hour period.

As well as improving our taxonomic records for the site, it's also an amazing opportunity for Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to publicly showcase the findings and highlight how the work we carry out has led to the diversity on site. Visitors can come along and see the BioBlitz in action, without disturbing the recording at work. There will be events, talks, walks going on both days with citizen science carried out by all age groups. On the Saturday we will be focussing on: Botany, flowering plants, birds, owl, mammals, moths, spiders and freshwater invertebrates. From 8.00 onwards we will be hosting a Bat survey/walk. On the Sunday: mammals, owls, birds and mosses with a morning and afternoon guided walk given by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust staff.

• South West Junior Chef of the Year 2025

We are on the search for the South West Junior Chef of the Year 2025.

Young cooks aged 11-16 are invited to send us their recipe for a main course dish, using principally locally-produced ingredients. Selected entrants will be asked to prepare their dish for our judges in a final in their own county initially, and each of the county winners will then meet at the overall South West final.

The Wiltshire county final will be held on Thursday 19th June at Wiltshire College, Trowbridge, at 2.45pm, when competitors will be given 90 minutes to prepare two portions of their dish.

Before meeting at the grand final, all county winners will be offered mentoring with one of our esteemed judges, to help them to prepare and elevate their dish for the final in October. The mentoring process also provides finalists with an opportunity to further develop their skills and gain valuable experience of a commercial kitchen.

Among other prizes, the overall winner will be offered the invaluable opportunity of work experience in the kitchen of renowned Michelin-starred chef, David Everitt-Matthias at Le Champignon Sauvage in Cheltenham.

A prize that many of the competitors in our Professional Chef category would love to win!

Full details can be found in the attached file, which can easily be circulated among students who you feel may be interested in entering. You will also find further information and an entry form on our website at <https://www.-southwestchef.co.uk/the-competition/junior-chef>.

Entry closing date: Thursday 22nd May 2025

All South West Junior Chef finalists will also be invited to take part in the regional final of the Springboard Future-Chef competition, bypassing the school and county heats, to compete for a place in their national final.

South West Chef of the Year was established 21 years ago and is run by renowned Michelin-starred chef, Michael Caines MBE DL, chef patron of Lymptstone Manor in Devon and me, to provide a platform through which professional, student and amateur chefs can demonstrate and further develop their skills and creativity and build on their culinary interest and ambitions. The Junior Chef award was launched in 2013 and we are delighted to have highlighted the skills of young chefs ever since.

	MONDAY 5.5	TUESDAY 6.5	WEDNESDAY 7.5	THURSDAY 8.5	FRIDAY 9.5
During school	BANK HOLIDAY	Badminton Y7-9 Mindfulness Y7-11 Reading Y7(A) Y8(B) Karaoke Y7-11 Theatre co. Y7-9 SPARK Y9-10 PE GCSE Moderation	Subbuteo Y7-11 All too Swiftie Y7-11 Choir/Band Y7-11 Just Dance Y7-11 Chess Y7-11 Table Tennis Y7-11 Cake Sale Careers Fair	Photography Y7-11 Triathlon Y7-11 Reading Y9 Rock Soc Y7-11 Dodgeball Y7-9 Creative writing Y7-11 German Re. Li. GCSE	Badminton Y10-11 Art shorts Y7-11 Theatre co. Y7-9
After school		Homework Club	Homework Club	Y8 Parent's Eve	
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