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EVENTS THIS WEEK

• On Tuesday we welcomed staff and students back into school after the Easter break. We have now switched over to our new online system - Arbor. This replaces our old system - SIMs. Please bear with us whilst we iron out any techincal challenges. Parents will be able to access this new system in a few weeks time an email will be sent out with more information in due course.

• Our Year 9 students had their first Options assembly on Friday to take them through the initial process on their options journey.

EVENTS COMING UP

 Our Year 11 GCSE German students will sit their Speaking exam on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th April, we wish them the best of luck as they kick off this summer's exam season.

• Year 9 Options evening will take place on Thursday 1st May from 4pm to 7pm, further details regarding the options process will be sent out early next term.

• Our Year 11 Art/3D design students will have thier final practical exam on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd May.

• Bags 2 School will be making a collection from school on Thursday 1st May. Bags will be sent home with students prior to this for you to fill with any unwanted items of clothing. It is a fantastic way for the PTFA to raise funds for the school.

• on Tuesday 6th May our Year 11 GCSE PE students will have their PE Moderation day.

• 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.

• 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 will go live soon and the link will be emailed out to all parents.

CAREERS

 Free virtual medical and dental work experience session on General Practice and Public Health & Oral Pathology is now available. All students in years 10-12 / S3-S5 / NI11-13 are invited to attend.

Students can register for free here:

Medicine: https://medicmentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/ Dentistry: https://dental-mentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/ Medical and dental schools universally require proof of work experience, making it essential for aspiring doctors and dentists at your school to take advantage of these free virtual sessions. By completing the full rotation—four months for dental, or six months for medical—across various specialties, participants will earn a Work Experience Certificate.

To fully contextualise their work experience in their UCAS application, we also require students to attend a free virtual Get into Medicine conference on Sunday 26th or Saturday 27th April 9:30am - 3:30pm.

The hosts of the Get into Medicine conference, Dr Siva and Dr Kennedy, are previous NHS doctors and UCAS experts who will equip your students with the skills and resources they need to get into medicine. This includes:

- How to Make the Most Out of Medical or Dental Work Experience
- Personal Statements
- Medical/Dental School Interviews
- Perspectives from Recently Successful and Current Applicants
- How to access Medical Awards, Leadership Programmes, and Extracurricular activities
- Scholarships to study Medicine at University.
- Wiltshire College Open Days



OTHER INFORMATION

• A podcast made by PVS students alongside Collaborate Digital when they visited school in January has been selected as a finalist and put forward for the public vote as a little bit of inter-school fun. The judges were impressed by the high standard of entries from all the participating schools and it's a credit to those involved in this podcast.

The online public vote begins at 7am this Friday 25th April. The winning school will be the one with the most votes when the polls close a week later, at 5pm on Thursday 1st May.

Voting takes place on our website at www.collaboratedigital.com/vote - please share this link with pupils, staff, families and anyone you would like to cast a vote.

Things you need to know:

- Voting opens on Friday 25th April at 7am.
- There are 16 finalists in total.
- Please listen to as many of the brilliant finalists as you can and then cast a vote for your favourite.
- So that no finalist gains an unfair advantage, the podcasts will appear in a different order each time you visit the voting page, and you will need to click through to the second page to hear some of them.
- You will need to provide an email address in order to cast a vote in order to comply with GDPR, all email addresses will be deleted from our system within 7 days of the end of the voting period.
- Please check your junk folder for a confirmation email.
- You can cast one vote every 24 hours so come back again and again to support your favourite podcast. The winner will be the school with the most votes when voting closes at 5pm on Thursday 1st May.

• NEW: Teencraft Sessions - After school craft sessions designed for 12-16 year olds, take place on the second Tuesday of the month at Wiltshire Museum, Devizes. Sessions may be inspired by the Museum and its collections, but sometimes we do a craft just for fun. Each month there is a different craft to learn and do!

13 May – Amazing Artefacts

10 June – Macramé

8 July – Paper Making

12 August – Tie dye

Date: 2nd Tuesday of the month - see details online

Times: 3.45 pm to 4.45 pm

Location: Lecture Hall at Wiltshire Museum

Cost: £7.50 per participant



Booking essential as places are limited. If the event is sold out, email nenoewintsimemuseum.org.uk to be added to the waiting list.

	MONDAY 28.4	TUESDAY 29.4	WEDNESDAY 30.4	THURSDAY 1.5	FRIDAY 2.5
During school	History Fiction Y7-9 Maths Y7-9 Football Y7-8 Fitness Y10-11	Badminton Y7-9 Mindfulness Y7-11 Reading Y7(A) Y8(B) Karaoke Y7-11 Theatre co. Y7-9 SPARK Y9-10 German Sp. GCSE	Subbuteo Y7-11 All too Swiftie Y7-11 Choir/Band Y7-11 Just Dance Y7-11 Chess Y7-11 Table Tennis Y7-11 German Sp. GCSE	Photography Y7-11 Triathlon Y7-11 Reading Y9 Rock Soc Y7-11 Dodgeball Y7-9 Creative writing Y7-11 Bags2School Art/3D GCSE	Badminton Y10-11 Art shorts Y7-11 Theatre co. Y7-9 Art/3D GCSE
After					
school	Homework Club	Homework Club	Homework Club	Y9 Options Eve	
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