

# ••••• Bulletin ••••• 8.3.2024

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Our **Netball team** had a busy week with a tournament in Gloucester on **Monday** and St John's Marlborough **Tuesday**, all their games were well played, unfortunately the games did not go our way this time, but lots of valuable lessons learned for next time. They did all look very smart playing in the new kit!.
- A number of our **Year 11 MFL** students travelled to Marlborough cinema after school on **Monday** to watch a German Language Film "The Zone of Interest", more on this in Brightside News letter near the end of term.
- Wiltshire Police visited the school on **Wednesday** to present a road-show to students in all year groups. A force wide operation is due to take place between Monday 4th March- Friday 8th March 2024, called **Operation Scorpion**. This relates to tackling drug-related crime in the region. As part of the week the Neighbourhood Team attended School and hosted a drugs awareness/drug exploitation input alongside Connect Wiltshire (used to be marketed as Motiv8).
- On **Wednesday** we had a number of students from Year 7/8/9 helping out with a Primary School **Multi-Skills festival**. We had numerous comments from other schools praising the behaviour of our students, well done to all those who took part.
- On **Thursday** the **Year 11 Geography students** took part in a rural field trip as part of their GCSE, they headed around the village to look at land use and take data.

## EVENTS COMING UP

- We have the **school immunisation team** in on **12th March**, this is for the HPV vaccine for the Td/IPV vaccine (diphtheria tetanus and polio) and MenACWY vaccine (Meningitis) for Year 9 students. A link has been sent out to all year 8 and 9 parents/carers with information and link to the consent form.
- We will be holding our annual **Careers Fair** on Tuesday **19th March** and we would welcome along any parents and carers who would like to look around the fair in the afternoon between 1.45- 3pm. If you would like to visit the fair with your son or daughter this is no problem and we can arrange for them to be released from their lesson to accompany you. Attending the fair are a number of local post-16 providers such as Sparsholt and Andover, New College Swindon, Marlborough, St. John's and Bishops, as well as local employers and apprenticeship providers such as TH White, BT, Kerridge, Wiltshire Council, the Army, Navy and Air Force. Students themselves will have the opportunity to visit the careers fair during the morning.
- **Bags 2 School** will be making a collection from school on Wednesday **20th March**. 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.

## EVENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

- The **WPC is Wiltshire's Parent Carer** Forum, it is a body that represents and supports parent carers of children and young people aged 0-25 resident in Wiltshire. The WPC also supports parent carers, and professional colleagues working with them, through its Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Service (SENDIS). Wiltshire's Short Breaks Scheme enables eligible children and young people (6-18 years old) who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), additional support to access activities and leisure opportunities. Wiltshire's 2024-2025 Short Breaks Scheme is Open for Applications! Applications for the Scheme must be received by Sunday 17th March 2024. As per last year, applications for the Scheme need to be made via the Wiltshire Council online form.  
[https://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Short\\_breaks](https://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Short_breaks)
- **Devizes Half Marathon** has been a multiple award winning event since its resurrection in 2012. In addition to the main race, the **1.5km road race is suitable for all juniors age 8-17** on a closed residential circuit. A fast and flat challenge for the juniors, or just for fun, you can choose how you tackle it. To enter please visit [www.devizeshalfmarathon.co.uk](http://www.devizeshalfmarathon.co.uk)

## CAREERS

### • Careers and Enterprise Company Apprenticeship Showcase

The Apprenticeship Showcase broadcast is scheduled for Friday 15 March. Students and parents can join in to find out about apprenticeships, and local opportunities within Swindon and Wiltshire.

Although the video content is pre-recorded, the chat is live so students and parents can ask questions to any of the featured employers and training providers throughout the day. The broadcast will be 09:00-10:00 and then on demand all day so you can join whenever it suits your timetable. The chat will be live until 5pm.

Students and parents can register [using this link](#)

You can [watch the trailer here](#)

### • Work Experience with Springpod

Students can get started on this right now and the virtual work experiences are suitable for students from year 9 to year 13.

They have some really exciting programmes launched in the last two weeks, including:

- Publishing WEX with **Hachette**
- Tech WEX with **Siemens**
- Aerospace Engineering WEX with **Airbus**
- Healthcare WEX with the **NHS**
- Plus many, many more!

Please search [here](#) to see what's available.

### • Springpod Unlocked

Springpod Unlocked allows students aged 13 + to explore career pathways. You can view new experiences [here](#).

This has been developed as part of the government's 'It all starts with skills' campaign. This exciting new resource created in partnership with the DfE offers young people the opportunity to find out more about T levels, apprenticeships and HTQs.

Students will be able to complete short 1 hour courses focused on T Levels, apprenticeships and HTQs to access knowledge and skills to make informed decisions about their next steps.

It is hoped that these courses will further students' understanding of vocational pathways. Content featuring real-life case studies will cover the essential information students need to reflect on what is the right pathway for them. Courses will be completely free and available on Springpod to access as and when you would like to complete them.

### • InvestIn Summer Work Experiences

Their aim is to turn ambitious teenagers into career-ready young professionals. InvestIn Summer Experiences offer tailor-made, immersive activities led by world-class industry professionals. It's an opportunity for students to test-drive their dream career whilst gaining standout experience that sets them apart from the crowd. This summer, there are programmes in 15 competitive and desirable careers for ages 12-18 in the heart of London.

Click here [https://investin.org/collections/future-summer-experiences?utm\\_source=UK+SCHOOLS+MASTER&utm\\_campaign=6e83ce7204-bankersschoolmar\\_COPY\\_02&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_bfccb03bbd-6e83ce7204-139791947&mc\\_cid=6e83ce7204&mc\\_eid=5102164602](https://investin.org/collections/future-summer-experiences?utm_source=UK+SCHOOLS+MASTER&utm_campaign=6e83ce7204-bankersschoolmar_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_bfccb03bbd-6e83ce7204-139791947&mc_cid=6e83ce7204&mc_eid=5102164602) for experiences for students aged 12-14.

Click here [https://investin.org/collections/young-summer-experiences-2023?utm\\_source=UK+SCHOOLS+MASTER&utm\\_campaign=6e83ce7204-bankersschoolmar\\_COPY\\_02&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_bfccb03bbd-6e83ce7204-139791947&mc\\_cid=6e83ce7204&mc\\_eid=5102164602](https://investin.org/collections/young-summer-experiences-2023?utm_source=UK+SCHOOLS+MASTER&utm_campaign=6e83ce7204-bankersschoolmar_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_bfccb03bbd-6e83ce7204-139791947&mc_cid=6e83ce7204&mc_eid=5102164602) for experiences for students aged 15- 18.



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