



Well Done to the Maxwell Family!

Harry Maxwell Yr 11 has been selected to join the 'England Next Generation' program. Over half term he attended a 4-day training camp and really enjoyed it - not least getting the kit! This came off the back of coming second in the British Triathlon Youth Super Series which concluded at Mallory Park in September. Harry's brother Joshua finished the series in 19th place so still a great achievement and ranking in GB.

Sophie Maxwell is following in her brothers' footsteps and finished 6th in the U.K. Interregional Championships in August!



Harry and Joshua
Maxwell



Harry wearing his new kit!



Sophie Maxwell

'Ovid in the West Country

This term, Year 7 and 8 students completed exceptional work retelling myths from Ovid's 'Metamorphoses' for our annual Classics Competition. From culinary creations to animations and even a rap, students impressed judges with their creativity and originality. Edouard Gillham, Charlie Boyd and Amelia England's winning entries will now be entered into the regional 'Ovid in the West Country' competition run by the University of Bristol. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to attending the awards ceremony in December.

Ms Palmer, Teacher of English

The Flying Start Challenge

Atkins Engineering and Design Company are coming in this term to work with a group of Yr9 and Yr8 students to build a glider for the Flying Start Challenge. The students will be competing with others in the Southwest. The challenge is designed to inspire students into STEM opportunities. It will help them to expand their knowledge of engineering and develop interpersonal skills alongside hands-on technical experience and will be delivered by inspirational young professionals.

Dr Aicken, Teacher of Science

Polite Reminder to Parents

Recently, we have had a small number of parents who have come into the school reception demanding an immediate meeting with specific members of staff. Please can I remind all parents that, without an appointment, it will not be possible for staff to meet parents without notice; days are invariably full with other meetings and teaching commitments, including for senior staff and it is just not feasible to drop things. Our reception staff will note the issue, pass on a message to the relevant member of staff who in turn will endeavour to make contact by the end of the day with a view to resolving the issue or setting up an appointment for parents to come in. We appreciate that sometimes issues arise that cause frustration, but I would ask also that any interaction with our front office team is conducted in a civil fashion. Regrettably, there have been circumstances in which they have borne the brunt of parents' anger and this is not acceptable. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Neil Spurdell, Headteacher

Head-itorial

The new half term has been a very wet one; I'm not a big fan of the rain and I don't think many of the students are either. However, a number of students have turned up to school without coats, so please could I ask that they come prepared when necessary to prevent them from spending their day feeling miserable as a result of being soaked through. I realise that particularly in poor weather, parents will want to drop children closer to school than normal, but we have had complaints that traffic jams have built up along Hardenhuish Lane from dedicated parking bays not being used, or parents stopping where they are because all bays have been taken. If this is the situation, please can I ask that you drive back along the road and drop off slightly further up or down the road to help ease congestion. Thank you. To more positive matters, we are eagerly anticipating the school Christmas production, with large numbers rehearsing for Macbeth. When we get closer to the final week of term, details will come out regarding the purchase of tickets; I know it will be a great show, whichever night you choose to watch. Very excitingly, there will also be a Sixth Form play taking place next Thursday, 17th – the first in my time here and one that has been written solely by members of our student body. Performing Arts at Sheldon is certainly thriving and is great to see!

Neil Spurdell
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Upcycled Denim Competition Winners

During the summer the Textiles department ran a 'Donate your Denim' project where old jeans, denim jackets and denim clothing were donated. The textile students then had 4 weeks to design and transform the old denim products into something new, fashionable and exciting. We were so impressed with the girls that we entered all 6 into a local refashion competition which was being judged by upcycling experts, museum curators and even the Mayor of Chippenham!

We are very proud to report that 3 of the 4 winners were Sheldon students named below:-

Most Commercial - Layla Greenwood (year 13)

Prize: Access to Upcycle Design Programme by Noor Bchara, an amazing designer in New York. <https://www.upcycledesignschool.com/upcycle-design-masterclass> (worth \$288)

Most Accomplished - Madeline Dipper (year 11)

Prize: Free 1-2-1 consultation with Rachel Sheila Kan, founder of the Eco-System Incubator <https://theecosystemincubator.com> to discuss ways to get into the fashion industry. Rachel has over 20 years industry experience, both as designer and consultant. (Worth £250)

Most Wearable - Jaz Holley (year 13)

Prize: Three 1-2-1 sessions with our upcycling expert Trish (Worth £150)



Success for Sheldon School in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge last month with nine Bronze and three Silver certificates. Well done to all who took part but congratulations in particular to Olivia Roberts (Best in Year 12) and Sam Wilmot (Best in School).
Mrs Scott, Head of Mathematics

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