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Education Noticeboard

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A round-up of news, guidance and key updates for education settings

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Directors Update

Dear Colleagues,

I hope this message finds you all having a productive and positive week.

Firstly, congratulations to Austin Jiji, our Youth Parliament representative, for his fantastic achievement in speaking at the House of Commons. Such accomplishments highlight the incredible potential of young voices in Telford and Wrekin for shaping our future.



Additionally, don't miss the opportunity to share your feedback on Ofsted's proposed inspection changes, including new ways to monitor schools and categorise concerns. Your thoughts could make a real difference

A quick reminder: the next School Attendance Briefing—Working Together to Improve School Attendance—will be held on Wednesday, 19 March at 4pm. Booking details are available within this noticeboard.

We're also excited to share two fantastic grant opportunities for young people:

- Leader and Cabinet Members' Young Person Grant Scheme 2025: This initiative offers young individuals a cash boost of up to £500 to take the next step in their careers.
- Make a Change Project: Supporting young people in bringing their ideas to life around causes they care deeply about.

Our Health Protection Team have also shared important advice regarding children and young people visiting settings with animals. These guidelines can help minimise infection risks and ensure a safer experience.

In this week's edition, you'll also find plenty of professional development opportunities, so don't forget to explore the CPD courses on offer.

It's Red Nose Day on Friday, 21 March. We have attached some useful links to help you celebrate. Don't forget to let us know what you have been doing by sharing your stories and photo's by sending them to education.noticeboard@telford.gov.uk

Finally, as Eid-ul-Fitr approaches, we've included some helpful information and detailed its potential impact on some students.

Enjoy the rest of the week

Best wishes

Simon

Simon Wellman

Director: Education & Skills

News

Member of the Youth Parliament for Telford & Wrekin speaks at the House of Commons

Austin Jijo, the current Member of Youth Parliament (MYP) for Telford and Wrekin recently attended the House of Commons sitting organised by the UK Youth Parliament. He joined over 300 young people from across the UK and Overseas Territories to debate the issues most important to their constituents.

Austin had been elected by MYPs across the Midlands Region to give the speech at the close of the debate that asked for votes for 16 and 17 year olds and better political education. The motion was voted by MYPs to be one of the main issues that the UK Youth Parliament would be campaigning on over the next 12 months.

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Improving the way Ofsted inspects education – open consultation

Ofsted Open Consultation

Ofsted are currently consulting on what you think about their proposed plans for inspecting schools and other settings where children and adults learn.

Ofsted propose a change to the way inspections are reported to parents and/carers. The proposed changes include the creation of a report card which will contain more detailed information than is contained in current reports,

along with a new 5-point grading scale evaluating more areas of a setting's work

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School Attendance Briefing

School Attendance Briefing on

Wednesday 19th March 4 pm – 5.30 pm

The Attendance Support Team are continuing with the two opportunities for schools to join us via TEAMS meetings to discuss all matters relating to School Attendance.

The next scheduled School Attendance Briefing – is on Wednesday 19th March - a twilight session 4pm to 5.30 pm.

Schools will be aware that the DfE guidance 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance' states it is the LAs duty to be sharing good practice and also have a responsibility for communication and advice.

Therefore, we are continuing with these 'Teams' sessions briefings each term to share information.

We invite you to attend these TEAMS sessions for free by requesting a place via the CPD booklet. Here is a link to the CPD booklet:

[Telford Education Services Website](#)

Don't forget, any individual cases can be discussed (anonymised) in our attendance surgeries.

For further information contact attendancesupportteam@telford.gov.uk

Stepping Forward - Performing Arts for Life' Programme for young people in care launches in Telford & Wrekin



Performing Arts for Life Programme- Virtual School.

Telford & Wrekin Virtual School were very proud and excited to be invited to the national launch event of the 'Stepping Forward: Performing Arts for Life' programme for young people in care. Four care experienced young people attended the launch with us on Friday 28th February at Tring Park School for the Performing Arts.

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Skills Show at the International Centre - March 2025

Telford & Wrekin's Prosperity and Investment Team will be at the Skills Show on Thursday 27 March 2025

If you are interested in how the places where we live and work are designed and built then then a career in the Development Sector maybe right up your street .

Telford & Wrekin's Prosperity and Investment Teams lead the way in securing sustainable, well planned growth and development for Telford. We are pleased to be at the Skills Show on Thursday 27th March 2025 throughout the day to talk to you about careers within this sector.

Our specialists will be available throughout the day and on hand to answer any questions you may have.

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All Ages Carers Centre

All Ages Carers Centre - Young Carers Provision

Young carers may have to deal with a range of illnesses with the person they care for, such as disability, chronic illness, mental health difficulties or problems with drugs or alcohol misuse.

They may take on all types of caring responsibilities - cooking, cleaning, shopping and other practical homecare or personal care such as lifting, washing and toileting. They may give emotional support. Many carers take on caring responsibilities that an adult would normally do. With the risk of social isolation, bullying, school attendance problems, and physical and mental ill health themselves, young carers can often find life tiring, worrying and lonely.

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The Holly Project



The Holly Project Open Day

on Friday 28 March 2025 10.00-14.00hr

The Holly Project, Office 3, Unit 1b, Hazeldine House, Telford Town Centre.

We are delighted to invite you to our new office launch day following our relocation to central Telford.

The Holly Project is an independent support service, established in 2018, offering a safe space for survivors of child sexual exploitation and their families.

Listening to the needs of local survivors, we have moved to a more accessible, dedicated office based in Telford Town Centre. Centrally located with level access, our fresh and calming suite includes space for group sessions and meetings, and a soundproofed room for confidential conversations.

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Health Protection Hub



Advice for parents/carers on visits to settings involving contact with animals

With lambing season approaching, the Health Protection Hub are asking you send-out the information below to parents and carers using your normal communication channels, in the hope that the information will reduce the number of cases of cryptosporidiosis/E coli arising from animal contact. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact HealthProtectionHub@telford.gov.uk who thanks you for your help with this.

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Young Person's Grant 2025



Young Person's Grant 2025

Grants of up to £500 for young people

Young people could get a cash boost of up to £500 to help them take the next step in their career with the return of a popular Telford & Wrekin Council initiative.

This week, the Council has launched the Leader and Cabinet Members' Young Person Grant scheme for 2025.

To be eligible for the grant, the young person must live in Telford & Wrekin - or be a child in care or care leaver living outside of the Borough. They must be aged between 15 years (and in Year 11) and 25 years at the close of applications.

To apply, young people should say how the funding would help them access education, employment, or training or how they could use the money to start their own business.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 16 May 2025.

Please help us spread the word with the young people you work with via your communication channels. We've included a media pack which will hopefully prove useful. (Link to attached document).

Young people can apply at www.telford.gov.uk/YPG

Read more about the launch at <https://newsroom.telford.gov.uk/news/grants-of-up-to-500-for-young-people>



Have a passion you want to turn into a Real Project



The Make a Change project is now open to 11-18-year-olds.

And with £2,000 up for grabs, it's a chance to help young people bring ideas to life about causes they care about.

Reasons to enter – the best five ideas will receive up to £2,000 and

applicants will:-

- Gain confidence, team working skills
- Budgeting & project management experience
- Community support
- Support team on hand

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CPD

CPD courses to the end of the Spring Term 2025

Further details of these and all other courses are available in the 2024-25 CPD booklet on the [Telford Education Services](#) website and on the [Ollie](#) website.

The CPD Booklet to the end of the 2024-25 academic year can be viewed via [Telford Education Services](#)

As always, courses can be booked by completing and returning a CPD booking form to cpdschoolimprovement@telford.gov.uk (unless denoted differently).

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Other Information and Resources



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Family Hubs Survey

Family Hubs are pleased to share that our first ever Family Hub Survey is live.

Please see the link below

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/sh9oxj>

This is an opportunity for families to shape services moving forward, and for us to set a foundation for building our new Family Hubs model on.

Please can you share with families and partners and encourage parents/carers to complete.

Thank you

**Shropshire Athletic Association Under 11's Year 5 and Year 6 (Primary)
Cross Country Championships 2025 – deadline for entry form 19 March
2025**

The 2025 Shropshire Athletic Association Under 11's Year 5 and Year 6 Cross Country Championships are taking place Saturday 22 March 2025 at Concord College, Acton Burnell, with the first race commencing at 2.30pm.

See below the link to the entry form.

Please note that entry forms have to be submitted no later than Wednesday 19 March 2025.



[Entry forms for Year 5 & 6](#)



Awareness Dates

Information about Eid-ul-Fitr

Local mosques in Telford and Wrekin began Ramadan on two different dates: 1st March and 2nd March. Consequently, it is highly likely that Eid-ul-Fitr may be celebrated on two different days by these mosques.

The exact dates for Eid will be confirmed based on the sighting of the moon for the new month, as Eid-ul-Fitr is on the 1st day of the 10th Islamic month. This method of moon sighting is a common practice used to determine the start of a new Islamic month around the world.

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Red Nose Day is back!

Red Nose Day is back next week On Friday 21 March, and is celebrating 40 years of going big, feeling big and feeling good together.

Ideas on how schools can get involved and do something for money are available online, plus details on how to register and win big. Prizes include a lego bundle for primary schools and a £500 amazon voucher for secondary schools.

Find out more at -

<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/fundraise/schools/>

