



WEOBLEY HIGH SCHOOL



Message from the Headteacher

As I reflect on lunchtime on Wednesday, July 9th, I am filled with gratitude for the vibrant atmosphere at Weobley High School. Students are engaged in various activities—playing football, performing handstands, and chatting in groups—while the sounds of our choir and performing arts students prepare for the much-anticipated Summer Soiree. In this moment, I am reminded of how fortunate I am to serve as the Executive Headteacher of Weobley. This marks my first full year in this role, and the excitement I felt on day one remains as strong today. Weobley truly is a remarkable place.

As I walk through the school, I see students wrapping up their end-of-year assessments and finalising projects, while our new Year 10 students embark on their GCSE option courses. This is not a time for winding down; rather, it's a bustling period as both students and teachers prepare for a well-deserved summer break—just one more activities week to go!

Our school continues to thrive, and I am thrilled to announce that from September, we will be the largest we have ever been, with up to 110 students in most year groups. Just last week, we welcomed over 140 Year 5 students from across the county for their taster days, and it was a joy to see their enthusiasm.

In this final letter of the year, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to you, the parents and carers of our amazing students. Your unwavering support has made our work easier, and I look forward to further enhancing the communication and connections that have blossomed this year. Education thrives on a collaborative approach, with teachers, parents/carers, and students all working together towards common goals.

As we approach the end of the year, we also bid farewell to several colleagues while welcoming new faces.

- **Mr. Mills** from the Design Technology department will be moving on to Bishops Bluecoat School. His contributions have significantly impacted the DT department, and he will be greatly missed.

- **Mrs. Mayo-Evans**, a valued member of the PE department for the past two years, is embarking on an exciting adventure to teach abroad in a sunnier climate. She has built strong relationships with parents, students, and staff alike, and we wish her all the best.

- **Miss Deveraux**, who has been with our LSA team for a year, will also be leaving us. A thank you to her support throughout this year.

- **Miss Newman**, who has successfully completed her LSA apprenticeship, is beginning her career in the Police Force. We look forward to hearing how her journey continues.

- **Mr. Setterfield**, who has completed his ICT apprenticeship, will further his education by pursuing a degree. His support has been invaluable to our ICT team.

- **Mrs. Cook**, part of the SEN admin team for 15 years, is leaving us. Her dedication and extensive knowledge have been unmatched, and she will be sorely missed.

- **Mr. Gorman**, who began his journey with Weobley as an apprentice, is moving on to continue his excellent work in student support. He has made a significant impact on many students during his time here.

Finally, after over 20 years of dedicated service, **Mr. Nicholas** will be retiring. Many of you will know him, and I am

sure you will join me in acknowledging his incredible contributions to our school community. His support has been invaluable to staff and thousands of students, and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

We are also excited to welcome several new arrivals in September.

- **Miss Dodd-Cox**, a former trainee, will be joining our PE department.

- **Miss Redding**, another former trainee, is returning to the Science department.

- **Miss Taylor**, a former student of Weobley (which makes me feel old!), will join our English department.

Lastly, **Miss Bescoby** will be joining the DT department.

I am confident that these new additions will help shape the future of our school for years to come.

As we close this school year, I wish you all a relaxing (and hopefully warm!) summer. Thank you once again for your support this year, and I look forward to welcoming the children back on **Wednesday, September 3rd**.

Warm regards,

Weston Holder

Duke of Edinburgh Award

This year has been the launch of the bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Every year, DofE inspires hundreds of thousands of young people, from all walks of life, to explore who they are, grow in confidence and develop the skills they need to successfully navigate life.

Year 11 students have been working hard since signing up in September completing the three sections -volunteering, skill and physical – before going out on a 2-day expedition in the local area.

The students have been taking part in a variety of activities from learning Japanese and Italian, creating beautiful crochet pieces, helping with local groups such as brownies and sports teams and supporting the community.

One of the highlights must be the recent pop-up restaurant in school for staff and family. The three-course meal was well received by all that attended. It has been a pleasure to work with every single young person that has been involved, and I look forward to working with the next cohort.

Mrs Bennison



Lights, Camera Action

This term saw the launch of Weobley Film Club to Year 8 and 9 students. Every three weeks, the club meet afterschool to watch a movie, and in the intervening weeks discuss and review it, along with other movies, at Monday lunchtimes. So far we've watched Cool Runnings, Lyle Lyle Crocodile and Mr. Price's favourite, Jaws.

The club has been a big success, with a fantastic group of regulars turning up every week and getting their Blockbuster Video-style membership cards stamped to pick up rewards such as nachos, badges and VIP seating at screenings.

Mr. Price has been very impressed with how well the group has gelled, which makes for excellent discussions and debates during the lunchtime sessions.

This is epitomised by the launch of their own YouTube channel where they record reviews of the movies they have watched; if you would like to check out their movie reviews, search @weobleyhighschool on YouTube and subscribe to our channel. The club will be returning after the summer and is open to any student in Year 7-9. It's free of charge and includes free drinks and snacks at the screenings.



UKMT Maths Challenge

On Thursday 1st May, students in Years 7 and 8 took part in the UKMT National Junior Maths Challenge. A record number of the students earned certificates at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels, with the top achiever Harry Jones in 8GO just 4 points away from qualifying for a follow-on round.

Also special mentions to Wilfred Bradshaw who was 5 points away, and to Howard Osborne-Brookes for achieving the best score in his year.

Well done to you all!



**United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust**



Super Stars!!!

I would like to offer a big congratulations to Reegan Dixon for his recent fundraising. Reegan enjoys autograss racing, and not long after he had started a young girl called Lauren, the same age as Reegan, lost her life in Ireland whilst on her third meeting out. When Reegan heard about this he had the idea of designing some stickers to go on race cars, which he could sell in Lauren's memory to raise some money. Her parents gave their consent and asked for any donations to go to West Cork rapid response who helped at the scene. Reegan designed the stickers and advertised them with help from his dad, and he now sells them for £5 each. To date he has raised £1250 with more still coming in. Well done Reegan, we are incredibly proud of your thoughtfulness and fundraising efforts.

Bella Shubert has raised a whopping £5,000 for Combat Stress this year, and went on parade with her cadets for Armed Forces Day. She has also earned both her Blue leadership award and a Bronze first aid certificate. Well done Bella, a tremendous effort!! We are very proud of you.

Seren Western and Rosie van Eggermond have worked together to raise £70 for Cats Protection. Well done girls! A great effort for an important cause.

Also some sporting shout outs to:

- Piper Meek and George Coleman who both swim at County level and have won various races through this season
- Lily Peruffo who has been selected for the Birmingham Panthers netball development squad

Louis Lucas whose football club, Bartestree, remain undefeated for three seasons in a row, winning two cups in the process

I love hearing about all the amazing things the students are doing outside of school, please do always feel free to drop me an email celebrating their success! I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Miss Evans



Library News



Meet our Library Ambassadors

Yoto Carnegies 2025

The shortlist for the **Yoto Carnegies 2025** were announced in March. Thousands of young people have been taking part as 'shadowers' across the country, as they 'shadow' the judging process for the Yoto Carnegie Medals.

A small group of Year 8 and Year 9 students have read the shortlisted books. The finalist was announced in June, *Glasgow Boys*, by debut author Margaret McDonald.



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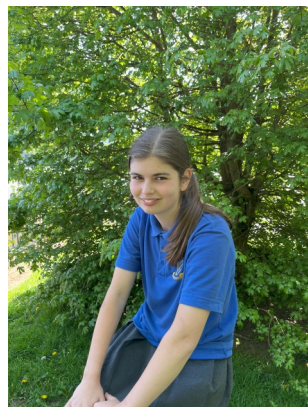
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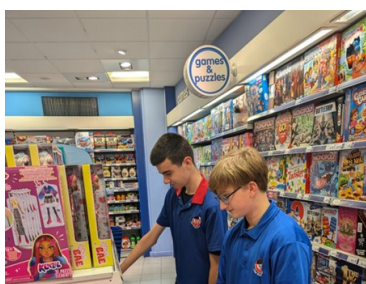
Work Experience – 9th – 13th June 2025

In June our new year 11 students had their work experience programme, with a majority of our students finding a placement. The majority of students arranged this themselves, we had such a vast range of placements, from Vets to Primary schools, Farms to Hair Stylists and many, many more..

Work experience is a great opportunity for our students, as it gives them the chance to have an insight into what is involved in their desired career, The roles that are performed and daily tasks that come with any career.

I would like to say that I am so very proud of all our students as they have represented Weobley high school to a high standard, I have been blown away by all the feedback that I have had back from employers with it all being very positive and our students have behaved professionally, some have been offered employment which is amazing.

Mrs Stanton



Open Days!!!

Hereford and Ludlow college - Saturday 8th November 2025 -10am -12pm

Holme Lacy - Saturday 8th November 2025 - 10.00-12.00pm

17th September we have our post 16 event in the sports hall, with the following providers attending

Hereford Sixth Form

Hereford Arts College

Hereford College

Tallis Amos Group

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British Army

HWGTA

Riverside training

Royal Navy

Further details of this event will be sent out at a later date

Weobley High School



Online GCSE Art Exhibition

You are invited to view the
class of 2025 GCSE Art
exhibition online at

www.weobleyhigh.co.uk

Available to view from the
beginning of September.

Artwork by Nikola Pojasek



Music at Weobley High

Well done to all of the talented students at Weobley who performed at the various events this Academic Year. This began last November when the Choir took part in a concert with the G4 singers at Hereford Cathedral. This was a high-profile event of which we were privileged to be a part. This was also true of the Army Benevolent Fund Concert in December and more recently the Sing the Celebration Concert with Laura Wright at the Cathedral in June. Students thoroughly enjoyed singing with professionals and other students from local schools and greatly benefitted from the experience. Our singers have also been taking part in a Young Leaders programme, run by the Voces 8 group. They have undergone training with these professional singers to be able to teach younger students warmups and different songs and have visited different primary schools to develop their skills.

The Christmas Carol Service was another highlight of the year, and it was a delight to be able to do this in the community at Weobley Parish Church. The Spring Concert also demonstrated the vast array of artistic talent at Weobley High School and it was great to see so many soloists, actors and dancers perform, as well as the Jazz Band, Orchestra, Rock Band and Choir. Many of our students have instrumental or vocal tuition in or outside school and it has been good to see more students take up this opportunity this year. We have many excellent peripatetic teachers who visit us each week and spaces to learn drums, guitar, piano, singing, trumpet, clarinet, flute etc will become available in September.

In October 2025 the school's exciting production of the Sound of Music will take place.

We hope to see you at these upcoming events and thank you for your support.



Equestrian Round-Up

Once again 2025 has been a very successful year for Weobley High School's equestrian team. They have competed in dressage, showjumping and arena eventing representing the school nationally and making us proud.

In March Alice Lewis and Grace Phillips qualified for the Show Jumping National Championships in Addington, taking place in October and recently the dressage team came 2nd and also qualified for the National Dressage Championships in October at the same venue meaning we have very strong representation.

Well done Grace Nash-Upham, Alice Lewis and Sophie Lewis. Alice Lewis also qualified for the showjumping National Championship at the prestigious Hickstead in Sussex; where she finished 8th out of 112 competitors and made Weobley the only state school to be placed individually!

Belle Ditoro-Vince and Georgia Walker have also successfully competed this year winning rosettes in showjumping and dressage.

We finish with a final mention to Alice Lewis who also turned her hand to pony racing, coming second on the hallowed turf of Cheltenham. It is only with the hard work and dedication from students, parents and staff that enable the school to compete successfully. A special mention to Mrs Waring (Team manager), Mrs Loupart (Assistant team manager/head coach) and Mrs Lewis (Assistant team manager).



English News

On Friday 6th December, we began the return of visits by professional theatres to Weobley High School, with 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens.

Adapted and presented by Anthony Roberts, Artistic Director of Colchester Arts Centre, the production followed the style of Charles Dickens's original, fire-side story-telling to groups of his friends.

Our audience sat in rapt attention, as Anthony unfolded Scrooge's heart-warming journey, from

miser to good friend and 'second father' to Tiny Tim, and we very much hope he will return.



A select group of Year 7 students visited book shops around the town of Hay-On-Wye on World Book Day. Following this, they went to their favourite book shop and purchased a book.



Year 7 completed a Fantasy Island project where they designed and created their own fantasy island before presenting their ideas to the class.



Every year, students and teachers are invited to choose their favourite book and 'dress' their form room door with images from the story. Here are some examples of the doors that were "dressed".



Year 10 and 11 students joined Art College end of year show and workshop

Earlier this year Mrs Cooper took a group of students to the HPA festival.

Coming news... the school has entered the National Youth Monologue Awards

Sporting Achievements

A big thank you to Mrs Mayo-Evans, Mr Robinson, Miss Pollock, Mrs Bennison and Mr Jones for making this Summer term another very successful one for sport.

Some of the highlights are:

The U13 cricket squad for winning the County Softball Cup. The player of the match was Noah H for smashing 75 off 19 balls. Weobley put a mammoth total of 337 on the board, and some excellent bowling and fielding restricted our opponents to 250.



U14s rounders squad won three out of 4 matches, to finish third overall, out of 10 teams. The girls played brilliantly throughout, supporting each other, rising to every challenge and showing real determination. Special recognition to Lily for her excellent captaincy, Matilda for being voted Player's Player and Darcey as the well-deserved Coache's player.



Huge well done to the U12s cricket squad on a brilliant win, scoring 239 after a superb team display. Shoutout to Noah, Josie, Arlo, Charlie and Reuben who each took a wicket to help seal the victory. Player of the match was Noah for his excellent finesse, leadership and smart decision-making throughout the game. Well done, all!

Lily P came third in the Regional Athletics trials for shot putt!

Weobley achieved the Gold School Games Mark award for their commitment, engagement in the School Games for 2024/25. Well done to all our Students!



George W attended the national cadet inter-service clay shooting competition at Cambridge gun club. 80 cadets from across the UK competed in the event shooting in sporting clays, down the line and a 75 bird flush.

George finished 10/80 overall and 5/40 within the RAF air cadets. He came away with a hoard of medals from the team events, Gold in the team Flush, Gold in the team Sporting and Gold in the overall team combined (sporting and down the line) and finally a bronze medal for the team down the line discipline. On top of this George received his RAFAC medal and wing blue badge for representing his wing at national level. Well done George!!

Ollie J competed in the Torfaen Long Course Meet in Cardiff over the weekend, his first time in a long course pool.

He swam in five events and came away with:

Gold in 100m Freestyle

Gold in 50m Freestyle

Gold in 50m Breaststroke

Bronze in 50m Backstroke

Even more impressively, he swam some faster times than in recent short course events—clearly thriving in the longer pool! Well done OLLIE!



Well done to the U14s football squad for winning the cup 5-3! Great play from all with cracking goals for Michael and Jayden with superb defending from Anthony and Josh along with great leadership from Mylo and Jacob.