

MADELEY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S POST: PARENT EDITION



- **Darts Equipment Presentation**

On Tuesday, we welcomed Madeley Parish Councillors and British Dart's Player, Adrian Lewis into school to present darts equipment to the school for the new Darts club. Madeley Parish Council kindly donated £500.00 towards the purchase of the equipment and Adrian Lewis secured a substantial discount for us through Target Darts. We would like to thank everyone for their support. The students and the PE department are looking forward to their first tournament.



- **Year 11 D & T Reminder**

Year 11 D & T NEA final products are now well under way. There are some fantastic creations being manufactured, showing skill and dedication. A polite reminder that all pupils are welcome on a Tuesday and Wednesday evening. There are only 3 weeks left on the making section. Please note that the final submission date is **Friday 20th March** for all NEA coursework.

It's the last push now Year 11 - Make yourselves proud!

- **Year 7 Workshop Assembly**



This week, Mrs Stokoe and Year 7 were delighted to welcome Felicity Hawkins into a workshop assembly this morning called 'We Are Sky.' Developed by Fledgling Education CIC, the project helps children and young people explore healthy ways of understanding and expressing their emotions. The students were fully engaged and we had lots of enthusiastic volunteers. Well done to everyone!

For more information about the project and to see how you could help, please visit [We are Sky \(A4\)](#).

- **Important Parents'/Carers' Consultation Afternoons/Evenings**

Parents'/Carers' Consultation Afternoons/Evenings will be held on:
 Year 9 - Thursday 12th February, Year 10 - Tuesday 24th March and
 Year 8 - Wednesday 22nd April, from 2.00pm - 6.00pm.

The school will close at 1.15pm on the above dates to all students and school transport will collect early to reflect the earlier close, with the exception of the 2 D& G buses (routes 445 & 446) which collect at 3.05pm.

Please notify the office if your child will be remaining on site until you arrive at school for appointments or until 3.05pm, for safeguarding.

Important dates:

- Sunday 8th February - Wednesday 11th February - Creative iMedia/Computer Science Disneyland Trip
- Monday 9th February - GCSE Revision Parent/Care Workshop 5.00pm-6.00pm
- Thursday 12th February - Year 9 Parent/Carer Options Afternoon & Evening from 2.00pm - 6.00pm
- **Friday 13th February - School Closes at 3.05pm for February Half Term Holiday**
- **Monday 23rd February - School Re-opens at 8.35am**
- Monday 23rd February - Friday 6th March - Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams
- Thursday 26th February - Year 9 Bletchley Park Trip



- **Harrison's Success in Amsterdam!**

Last Weekend, Harrison in Year 7 travelled to Amsterdam to take part in Hyrox Young Stars. Harrison finished in the top 1/3 for his age group with a time of 13mins 57secs.
Well done, Harrison!



- **Hockey**



The Year 7 Girls' Hockey Team continue their success with victories over Trentham Academy, The Grange School and Wilmslow High School. There are more fixtures to follow and the County Championships.

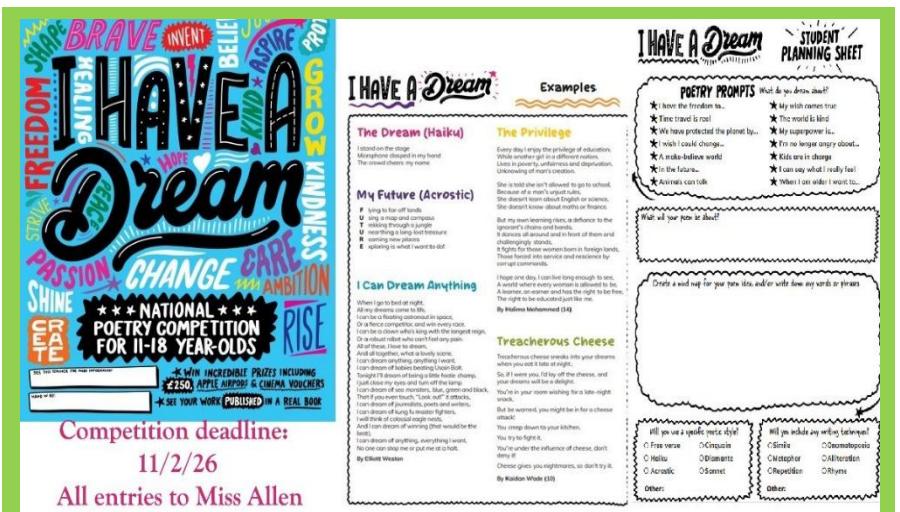
- **British Heart Foundation - Love Your Journey**

During the month of February, Staffordshire County Council is running the 'British Heart Foundation - Love Your Journey.'



- **Year 7 & 8 Poets - 'I Have A Dream' Competition**

This year's theme is "I Have A Dream" - what do you dream about? Your poem can be any style and the prizes include £250.00, Apple AirPods and cinema vouchers. Your poem could be published in a real book. Also, everyone gets a certificate! So, dream big, write boldly and get it published!



- **Year 7 & 8 Disco**



The Year 7 and Year 8 Disco will take place on Wednesday 11th February from 6.00pm - 8.00pm. Tickets are available from Miss Hartley's Room and are priced: £2.00 for Disco entry only or £4.00 for Disco entry plus food.

Food options will be:

- Pizza and chips
- Hot dog and chips
- Cheesy chips

- **JamfParent App**

We would like to make you aware of **Jamf Parent**, an app that allows you to manage and guide how a student uses their school-issued iPad outside school hours, giving parents limited but helpful controls to support responsible device use at home. We have had the app under test by a small number of parents for some time. It has recently significantly improved and has new support videos on YouTube.

- ✓ **What Parents Can Do**

- **Pause or block apps**
Parents can temporarily disable specific apps (e.g., games or social media) so the student can focus on homework or family time.
- **Set device restrictions.**
They can limit features such as the camera or Safari if appropriate.
- **Schedule downtime**
Allows setting time periods when the iPad cannot be used fully (e.g., bedtime).

- 🔒 **What Parents Cannot Do**

- They cannot see school data, student work, messages, or personal content.
- They cannot install apps - only the school can do that.
- All controls operate within limits set by the school's IT team.

- ✳ **How It Works**

- The student iPad has a **QR code** in the Jamf Student app.
- Parents scan it using the Jamf Parent app to link the student's iPad.
- Controls apply **only between 3:15pm and 8:30am weekdays and during weekends**.

Unfortunately, the school cannot offer any support with using the application. Please refer to the many online help videos and articles. Here is the latest 'How To' video from Jamf.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8OMlhMRTG0>



- **BBC Young Writers' Award Competition**



- The BBC Young Writers' Award is open to writers between the ages of 14-18 years.
- All you need to do is write a story of up to 1,000 words - no theme, no subject: as long as it's a story and your own work, you can submit it.
- Entries close at 9am (GMT), Monday 23rd March 2026.
- If you are interested, click the link to find out more: [BBC Young Writers' Award 2026 resources - BBC Teach](https://www.bbc.com/teach/resource/live/bbc-young-writers-award-2026)