

MADELEY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S POST: PARENT EDITION



• **Bletchley Park visit**



45 of our Year 9 Students explored the historic site where groundbreaking codebreaking work took place during World War II, gaining a deeper understanding of the people and processes that helped shape history. They also took part in an interactive coding and cipher workshop, learning how the Enigma machines worked and discovering that there were an astonishing 103 sextillion possible settings - helping them understand why the Germans were so confident their codes could never be cracked.

The trip was a fantastic opportunity to bring learning to life and show how Computing and History connect in the real world.

A huge thank you to Miss Hartley and Mr Stevens for organising the trip, and to Mr Nixon, Mr Dixon and Mrs Sheppardson for their invaluable support on the day.

• **Year 8 Celebrate Mars Day**

Year 8 went live with scientists from the incredible Boulby Underground Laboratory 1,100m beneath the Earth's surface. They discovered how scientists at Boulby are exploring space, searching for dark matter, advancing environmental science and developing quantum technologies. Plus, the students got to meet the team and ask questions about what it's like to work in one of the most unique labs on Earth!



• **Year 10 Assembly**

In the week commencing 16th March, Students in Year 10 will be attending a 'Healthy relationship awareness assembly' which will be delivered by GLOW- a domestic abuse charity. During the assembly students will be shown how to identify risk, create a safety plan and what support services are available.

• **Big Walk and Wheel challenge**

Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into children's daily routine. It helps them arrive to school more relaxed and alert, and is great for their mental wellbeing. This year the challenge will run from 16th - 27th March 2026.



• **Active Travel Ambassadors**

Our wonderful Year 7 Active Travel Ambassadors have helped our school achieve a 'Very Good' award in recognition of their outstanding efforts to increase levels of walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable travel.

Through their enthusiasm, leadership and commitment to promoting healthier and more environmentally friendly journeys to school, they have made a real difference to our school community. Well done, Year 7!



• **MenAcwy/TdIPV Immunisations for Year 9**

The School Immunisation team will be in school on Friday 20th March. An email was sent out with an attached letter which provided the link to the consent form. A copy of this letter can be found on our school website under: Parents/Recent Communications - Year 9 Parent letter from School Immunisation Service regarding Friday 20th March. **Please be aware consent must be provided using the link by 10.00am Wednesday 18th March at the latest.**

• **Year 10 Consultation Afternoon & Evening**
Year 10 Parents'/Carers' Consultation Afternoon & Evening will be held on Tuesday 24th March from 2.00pm - 6.15pm. **The school will close at 1.15pm 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.**

Important dates:

- Tuesday 17th March & Wednesday 18th March - Year 11 GCSE Art Exam
- Thursday 19th March & Friday 20th March - Year 11 GCSE Photography
- Friday 20th March - Year 9 MenAcwy/TdIPV Boosters Immunisations
- Saturday 21st March - DofE Bronze & Silver Training
- Tuesday 24th March - Year 10 Parents'/Carers' Consultant Afternoon & Evening from 2.00pm - 6.15pm
- Wednesday 25th March - Year 10 Medical Mavericks Workshop
- Wednesday 25th March - Year 11 Drama Students Performance Exam
- Thursday 26th March - Year 8 Loudmouth Production
- **Friday 27th March - School Closes at 3.05pm for the Easter Holidays**

