

MADELEY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S POST: PARENT EDITION



Year 8 Standon Bowers Trip

The week commencing Monday 4th November, 92 Year 8 pupils headed off to Standon Bowers for our annual residential. The week really promotes our core values and it is wonderful to see the pupils thrive in spite of any worries and fears they may have. Pupils showed great resilience when tackling challenges such as high ropes and bouldering, confidence in their approach to problem solving tasks in Flying Eggs and Scavenger Hunts, pride and respect to others in their teams, aspiration to be better every day, positivity even after some fell off their BMXs on the Pump Track and politeness to the Standon Bowers staff. An impromptu highlight was a mass game of musical statues in the dark; who knew that the "YMCA" could get so competitive!! Huge thanks to the staff who gave up their time to support and organise the trip, especially Mrs Lee, Mr Sargeant, Mr Fleming, Mrs O'Leary, Mrs Skelding and Mr Royall.



Year 9 Remembrance Day Enrichment Day Reflection

On Remembrance Day, our Year 9 students took part in a special Enrichment Day to develop their understanding of World War I. Through immersive activities, students reflected on the diverse experiences of individuals involved in The Great War, connecting with history in a personal and impactful way. Each student began by adopting a character from a specific region, representing the wide range of backgrounds and roles in the war. This unique approach encouraged them to view the war from new perspectives, imagining the lives of those who served on different fronts or supported from afar. Throughout the day, students engaged in various sensory activities that brought their characters' experiences to life.

A significant part of the day was dedicated to creating artwork inspired by their characters' stories. Working closely with both the history and art departments, students expressed their reflections through words and imagery, adding a creative and personal dimension to their learning. Students shared how this process helped them empathize with the emotions, sacrifices, and resilience of those who lived through the war. By the end of the day, students had gained a deeper appreciation of the diverse contributions to WWI and developed a newfound empathy for those who experienced it.

This Enrichment Day not only commemorated Remembrance Day but also gave our students a meaningful way to engage with history and honour the memories of all those who served. We are proud of the thoughtfulness and creativity shown by our Year 9 students throughout this experience and hope these reflections will stay with them as they continue their journey of learning and remembrance.



Important dates:

- Year 9 & Year 10 Art V & A London Trip - Wednesday 20th November
- Year 7 & Year 8 Quarry Bank Mill Trip - Thursday 21st November
- Year 7 to Year 11 Flu Vaccinations - Thursday 28th November
- Year 7 Christmas Disco - Wednesday 4th December
- Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 6th December
- Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 11th December



• **Remembrance Day**



In addition to the on-site activities, a group of students had the opportunity to visit the local memorial service to represent Madeley in the community. This visit provided a powerful moment of reflection as they paid their respects to the soldiers from our own community who served in the conflict. Guided by their teachers, students laid a wreath on behalf of the school and observed a moment of silence. Also on Monday Morning, a 2 minute silence was also observed at 11.00am at school.

• **Art Department Remembrance Ceramic Poppies**

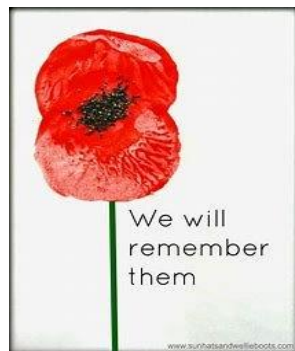


Thank you to all who purchased a ceramic poppy this week. The sales exceeded our expectations and we have raised over £200 with a considerable amount of money still to come in. We are proud that we will be giving a sizeable donation to The Royal British Legion.



• **KS3 English Remembrance Competition**

This year, our Key Stage 3 students were invited to take part in a creative writing competition centred around the theme of Remembrance. The competition encouraged students to reflect on the significance of remembering the past, honouring history and understanding its impact on the present.



The entries were thoughtful, unique, and often moving, with students exploring a variety of perspectives - from personal reflections on loss to imaginative stories that captured the spirit of resilience and hope. Congratulations to our Year 7 winners, Aaron, Amelia, and Eva, whose creative and heartfelt pieces stood out for their depth and originality. A big thank you to all who participated in making this event so meaningful!

• **Christmas Card Competition**



Entries for the Christmas Card Competition needs to be with Mrs Stockdale no later than Friday 29th November. There will be prizes for the top 3.

• **Children in Need - Friday 15th November**

Today, the school supported Children in Need which was a non-uniform day. Students & staff donated a minimum of £1.00 to wear their own clothes. Thank you to everyone who helped organise and supported the events in school.



• **Arbor**



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Thank you to all parents and carers who have logged into Arbor. Through Arbor, you can view your child's timetable, Attitude to Learning (A2L) points, behaviour records, rewards, homework, and more. We appreciate your patience as we familiarised our staff with the new system before encouraging wider parent/carer participation.

All registered guardians should have received a welcome email in July 2024. **If you haven't logged in yet or need assistance, please email:**

arbor@madeley.set.org

We aim for 100% of students to have a logged-in parent or guardian, as Arbor will soon be our primary platform for communication and essential updates.

• **Autism Workshop for Parents/Carers on Thursday 28th November**

The Autism Inclusion team are doing a parent/carer workshop on Thursday 28th November from 4.00pm - 5.30pm in school. Your child does not need a diagnosis. All Parents/Carers welcome.

• **School Vacancy**

Madeley School currently has a vacancy for a **Pastoral Leader**, all the job details can be found on our school website, under the Vacancies Tab. The closing date for applications is 28th November 2024.

• **Year 7 -Year 11 Flu Vaccinations**

An email was sent out on Tuesday 22nd October to all parents advising that the School Immunisation team will be in school on Thursday 28th November. See the letter with the link to the Consent form. Please be aware Consent forms must be completed and returned by Thursday 21st November at the latest.

• **Important Parent's Evenings Dates**

Please note Parents Afternoon's will be held on:
 Year 11 - Tuesday 10th December, Year 9 - Thursday 13th February,
 Year 8 – Thursday 13th March, Year 10 -Tuesday 1st April
 and Year 7 - Thursday 8th May

The school will close at 2.15pm on these dates to all students and School transport will collect early to reflect the earlier close.