

MADELEY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S POST: PARENT EDITION



• Year 9 Take London by Storm!



Last week, 46 Year 9 students enjoyed an unforgettable 3-day residential trip to London, packed with exciting activities, cultural experiences and plenty of fun!

Highlights included a puppet-making workshop at Danceworks, a Q&A session with an actor from *Paddington*, and spectacular performances of *Beetlejuice the Musical* and *Paddington the Musical*. The students also explored the spooky London Dungeons, discovered fascinating exhibits at the V&A and Natural History Museums, and stepped into the magical world of the *Harry Potter* Studios Tour. There was even time for shopping in Covent Garden and enjoying meals at restaurants across central London.

It was a fantastic opportunity for students to experience the best of London, make lasting memories and enjoy time together outside the classroom. A brilliant trip was had by all with students displaying impeccable behaviour and positive attitudes throughout.

Miss Walker is incredibly proud of the Year 9 students that attended.

• Bikeability Level 3



On Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th October, small groups of our Year 7 and 8 students took part in the Level 3 Bikeability. The course helped to develop confidence, road awareness, independence, as well as healthier and safer travel habits.

All students did incredibly well and passed! Congratulations to the students who took part.

• Wear It Pink Day!

Today, we held 'Wear it Pink Day' at Madeley to raise funds for Breast Cancer Now. Pink ribbons were sold for £1.00 and for a donation of £1.00 both students and staff could wear an item of pink. As well, other fundraising activities went on in school such a raffle and a bake sale.



If you would still like to make a donation, the JustGiving page is: https://www.justgiving.com/page/madeley-school-5?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



Thank you to all pupils, parents and staff who supported, contributed and donated to this important cause. We will advise on the amount of raised in the next edition.

• Polite Parking Reminder

Parents and carers are reminded that at pick up and drop off, of the need to park safely and to be respectful to the local residents.

The Madeley Centre allows parents and carers to park on their car park so that students, parents and carers can walk into the school. We also ask that parents and carers do not drive onto the school site to pick up or drop off or to park on the bus park. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Important dates:

- Wednesday 21st October - Bikeability Level 3
- **Thursday 22nd October - School closes at 3.05pm for the half term break**
- Thursday 22nd October - Year 7 Form Catch Up 3.15pm - 5.15pm (**Selected students only**)
- Thursday 22nd October - Year 7 Halloween Disco 6.00pm - 8.00pm
- **Monday 2nd November - School re-opens**
- Monday 2nd November- Friday 6th November - Year 8 Standon Bowers Trip
- Monday 2nd November - Friday 13th November - Year 11 Mock Exams



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• **Football News**

Year 9 Boys’ County Cup Football

Congratulations to the Year 9 Boys’ team who won on Tuesday 6th October in their 1st round of the County Cup. It was a fantastic performance which saw the team progress to Round 2 with a 4 - 0 victory.

Result: Madeley 4 - 0 Repton



Year 11 Boys’ County Cup Football

This week, the Year 11 Boys’ team played in their 1st round of the County Cup with a win too. Well done!

Result: Madeley 3-1 Blythe Bridge



Year 11 Boys’ League Football

Last Thursday was a great start to the league campaign for the Year 11 Boys’ team, where they achieved a 6 - 0 win against Kidsgrove. An excellent win!

Results: Madeley 6 - 0 Kidsgrove

• **Year 7 Halloween Disco**

The Year 7 Halloween Disco will take place on Thursday 22nd October from 6.00pm - 8.00pm. Tickets are £2.00, if bought in advance, and £3.00 on the door.

- 👤 Dress up in your best Halloween costume
- 🎃 Pumpkin carving competition - pre-carved entries only 🎃
- 🍬 Food, sweets, music, dancing, games & more!
- 👤 Have a spooktacular evening! 👤

• **Jamf Parent**

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 week days 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>



• **HAF Fun this October Half Term**

HAF fun

this half term

Holiday Activities and Food funded for children and young people aged 5-16 who get targeted free school meals. Paid places also available.

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