# PRINCIPAL'S POST: PARENT EDITION





Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another truly memorable year at Madeley High School, I am delighted to introduce this special summer edition of the Principal's Post for 2024-25.

This year has been one of growth, achievement and affirmation. Our February Ofsted inspection was a resounding endorsement of everything we stand for as a school community. Inspectors noted that "Pupils' achievements exceed expectations" and described Madeley High as a place where "behaviour is impeccable" and pupils "ooze confidence as ambassadors of the school." They highlighted the ambitious, exciting curriculum" that ensures pupils thrive and praised the "superb provision for pupils with SEND" and the "exceptional personal development offer." To read such powerful recognition of our shared work was hugely rewarding and is a testament to the incredible staff, students, parents, and carers who make this school what it is.

Personally, I would also like to say a heartfelt thank you for the kind words, cards, and good wishes I received during my recent surgery and recovery. Your patience and support during this period meant a great deal to me and my family. I am pleased to share that I will be back fully suited and booted from September, ready for another exciting year.

This edition of the Post is packed with highlights from every area of school life – our record-breaking number of trips, visit and enrichment opportunities, our numerous successes both in and out of the classroom and even the news that, for the first time ever, Madeley will have its very own equestrian team competing nationally! I am so grateful to the parents who had the vision and drive to make this possible, and I can't wait to see the team in action next year. If your son or daughter would like to get involved, please do get in touch with the school.

We continue to be the school of choice in the local area, with record numbers of applications for Year 7 next year - something we are incredibly proud of.

This growth and success has been matched by significant site developments. This year we have moved into two brand-new English classrooms, opened a new Science laboratory, and added a covered outdoor dining and social space, which will be enhanced further early next year with an external catering point to provide an even better dining experience for our pupils.

Looking ahead, we are entering more detailed discussions with the Local Authority about the creation of the "Inspiring Excellence Arena", a floodlit, all-weather outdoor sports facility that will benefit both the school and the wider community. Over the summer, we are also completing the upgrade of pupil toilets in the Science corridor as part of our ongoing commitment to improving the school environment.

Excitingly, our pastoral support is also evolving. From September, we will be launching 'The Hive', a dedicated space for internal support and well-being, alongside our expanding pastoral team with more brilliant colleagues, joining without any teaching commitment, ensuring even stronger support for our young people.

# Ofsted Highlights - February 2025

- "Pupils' achievements exceed expectations."
- "Behaviour is impeccable. Pupils ooze confidence as ambassadors of the school."
- "An ambitious, exciting curriculum that inspires pupils and ensures excellent outcomes."
- "Provision for pupils with SEND is superb."
- "The school's personal development offer is exceptional."

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As always, the end of term brings some fond farewells and heartfelt hellos.

Bon voyage, thank you and best wishes to	Role changes, hello, congratulations and welcome to Madeley School
Mr Pugh -Technology	Mrs Mayland - Teacher of Technology
Mrs Stephenson - Teaching Assistant	Miss Blandford - Now permanent Teacher of Humanities and English
Mrs Pearson - Teaching Assistant	Mrs Bates - Promoted from Pastoral Support Officer to Pastoral Leader &
	Head of Year 10
Mr Dale - Guest Teacher	Mrs Stokoe - Joining as Pastoral Leader & Head of Year 7
Mrs Fuller - Finance Officer, who is retiring but will	Mrs Day & Mrs Staton - Joining our Teaching Assistant team
remain into the new term to support a smooth	
transition as we recruit her replacement	
	Mrs Brown & Mrs Robinson White - Now permanent members of the Teaching
	Assistant team
	Mr Richards - Recent Year 11 leaver, joining as an Apprentice ICT Technician
	Mr Fleming - Stepping back from Head of Year after 5 excellent years but
	continuing as Teacher of Maths
	Miss Leath - Stepping down as Head of Year but remaining Teacher of Art and Director of Pupil Enrichment and Culture
	Miss Evans - Promoted to Head of Spanish
	Mr Sargeant - Promoted to Head of Drama

In order to maintain our exceptional team of teachers and support staff, we have decided to roll some vacancies into next term. We are seeking to recruit an outstanding part-time Teacher of English and a full-time Teaching Assistant to join our talented, dedicated team.

Across the year, our pupils have taken part in residentials, sports competitions, Duke of Edinburgh Award challenges, theatre performances, academic competitions, bushcraft skills, Personal Development workshops and a vast array of enrichment activities. They have once again proved themselves to be a real credit to you and to Madeley School. Their kindness, resilience, aspiration and joy make me proud every single day.

To our Year 11 leavers, we wish you every success and happiness in your next steps. You have left your mark on Madeley, and we hope you stay connected through our growing alumni network.

Finally, as we look ahead to September, I am excited about the next phase of our journey. Our school values remain at the heart of everything we do and with the Ofsted recognition as a clear endorsement, we are ready to build on this momentum and continue to Inspire Excellence in all aspects of school life.

Please take time to enjoy this end-of-term edition as it captures just a flavour of what makes our school so special, and remember - our "School is a building which has four walls with tomorrow inside", where together with your support we nurture dreams, unlock potential and shape the leader, innovators and changemakers of the future.

On behalf of all the staff at Madeley School, thank you for your continued support. Wishing you a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer holiday and see you in September for another inspiring chapter.

A reminder that school reopens for Year 7 and Year 11 only on Wednesday 3rd September and for all students on Thursday 4th September.

Kind regards,

Lee Nixon Principal

# **Important Dates:**

- End of School Term Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 3.05pm
- GSCE Results Day Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August (School will be open from 10.00am to 12.00pm to collect results)
- School re-opens for <u>Year 7 and Year 11 Students only</u> Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 at 8.35am
- All Students in school Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 8.35am









#### • Music

#### Year 7

Year 7 have sung a pop song in their bands, performed an African percussion piece, notated 'Eight Days a Week' by The Beatles, composed a Samba Rhythm on Logic Pro and completed an end of year music exam! All pupils have progressed brilliantly this year and have shown a lot of confidence and talent throughout the year. They have demonstrated their skills in many different aspects of music appraisal, composition and performance. Well done Year 7, your first year has been a very steep learning curve but you have laid the foundations for the next part of your journey into year 8! Excellent effort overall!

#### Year 8

The Year 8 cohort have studied the Blues and performed in this genre. Soul and Rock 'n' Roll were also studied and performed this year with performances in this genre being very well perceived and assessed. The pupils have also studied Popular Music composition with a project in Logic Pro and have notated 'Blinding Lights' by The Weekend.



Finally, they have also composed a piece of music to the film Spiderman in Logic Pro!

An excellent year indeed all round and Year 8 pupils have also taken part in the summer concert which was very well received by the audience!

#### Year 9

Year 9s have completed their KS3 journey in music with some pupils opting to take it even further into GCSE Music which is wonderful to see. The pupils in this year group have composed and performed in the style of Rock music, a Pastiche assignment, Remixing Rhianna's 'Diamonds' and finally Electronic Music, using the Logic Pro software to notate 'Sweet Dreams' by Eurythmics. The performers have delivered an electronic music interpretation to an excellent standard overall. Well done to Year 9 for 3 years of hard work that, for some, has led to opting for GCSE music, with a lot of confidence in the subject area. This will put you in good stead for college applications as well as professional work in the music industry.

## Year 11

The Year 11s have completed their musical journey through the school of and have benefitted from a rich and diverse curriculum of learning and development. Their talents have been nurtured and developed over the course of 5 years and each pupil has demonstrated such resilience, pride and respect, as well as positivity in their approach to their learning of music. This year group will be dearly missed and I want to officially wish them all the best of luck in the future! Well done Year 11 and I look forward to receiving the grades that you deserve in music, after all the hard work you have put into the coursework and the exam! Good luck in your endeavours!

## **Summer Concert**

It was a fantastic spectacle to witness such talent and musicianship at the Madeley concert, with friends and family joining the celebration of our brilliant musically gifted students! I want to officially congratulate all the performers for their resilience, tenacity, confidence, courage and positivity towards their performances. A special thanks goes to the choir who have exceeded my expectations and pulled off an outstanding debut performance in front of all their friends and family, showing that hard work and rehearsals really do pay off. I am particularly proud of all the Year 7 performers who for some was their debut on the stage, as they showcased an unbelievable amount of courage to stand up by themselves and sing solo, or play piano as a soloist, which takes a lot of confidence in your own abilities. Well done to the Summer concert cast and let's look forward to the Christmas concert which will be here in no time! So please keep practicing and enjoying your music until then!



## Computing

## Room 16 Ready for September!

Earlier this year, Room 16 which is one of our main computer suites, underwent a full refurbishment, creating a more modern and engaging learning environment. We're now excited to share that the final upgrade is complete: brand-new PCs have been installed, thanks to the hard work of Mr Dixon and our fantastic Year 10 work experience students.



This refreshed space will support a wide range of digital learning, from coding and creative media to research and project work. We look forward to seeing Room 16 in action next term!

# **Lego Donations for Next Year's Lego-based Project**

The Computing department is planning some exciting Lego-based projects for next year and would greatly appreciate any donations of unwanted Lego. We are not necessarily looking for complete sets -any loose bricks, pieces, or accessories would be very welcome and put to good use. If you happen to be clearing out or know someone who is getting rid of Lego, please consider donating it to the school. All contributions, big or small, will help support creative and engaging learning opportunities for our students. Thank you for your support!



#### Spanish



Spanish has enjoyed another successful year at Madeley, with a bumper 54 sitting the GCSE and a very healthy number of Year 9s choosing it for next year.

#### Year 8

Class 8Ye recently produced some excellent postcards in Spanish as part of their Holiday topic and all KS3 students have finished the year working on a Travel Agent Project on their iPads.



# Volleyball Match - Year10 v Staff fund Raising

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, the school enjoyed a Year 10 vs The Staff Volleyball match as a fundraiser for an extra activity on the Year 10 Spanish trip - a guided tour of the San Mamés Football Stadium in Bilbao! In total we raised over £320.00 so thank you to everyone who has supported in any way!



**Final Score:** 

Year 10



Staff

#### Year 10 Spanish Trip

28 of our Year 10 Spanish Students have just returned from an action - packed week in Spain with Srta Evans, Sra O'Leary and Sr Royall. We visited the coastal cities of Santander and Bilbao, enjoyed a rather lively boat trip, a tour of the Cabárceno nature park and explored the picturesque villages of Santillana del Mar and Potes. We drove high up into the Picos de Europa and to the top via a dramatic cable car ride so that they could walk at over 1800m and enjoy spectacular Mountain Views. In Bilbao, we again visited the iconic Guggenheim Museum and, this year, also had a tour of the San Mamés football stadium. Evenings on the beach opposite the hotel saw us relaxing and playing lots of sports, including entertaining local youngsters with our epic rounders game! Overall, a wonderful time was had by all and we all returned exhausted in the early hours of Friday morning!



## English

As usual, it's been a busy final term for the English Department. We have focused on supporting our Year 10 students to achieve their potential and get a real taster of what their GCSEs will be like as we delivered Masterclasses after school to support both their Literature and Language exams. These were very well attended and we appreciate the students who have invested in their learning and the parents who have facilitated this too.

# **Sparx Reader**



We have also seen lots of success with Sparx reader as student engagement

with reading is continually growing, helping to further develop our culture of careful and accurate reading. This year, Madeley students have completed 21,174 hours of careful reading; read 7,089 books (in Sparx alone) and have read 136,830,944 words this year in Sparx Reader! We have seen some really excellent dedication to reading and are proud of all our students who are committed to improving their reading ages by engaging with Sparx reader.



#### Science

#### **Manchester Science & Industry Museum**



Last Thursday, we took 30 of our Year 7 and 30 Year 8 students to the Science & Industry Museum in Manchester.

They had a great time visiting the special exhibition called "Brains, Bogeys and You" from

the BBC's programme "Operation Ouch" to look at interactive games, models and challenges based around the human senses.

We also visited the Experiment Gallery to look at hands on fun science experiments like how a tornado is formed and how to make music with your body.

A fun day out was had by all, including the Science staff!



#### **Year 8 Science Day at Keele University**

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 10 of our Year 8 students also took part in an exciting Science Day at Keele University. The day began with a fascinating chemistry workshop, where students carried out the impressive iodine clock experiment which was an engaging demonstration of chemical reactions and timing.



They also enjoyed a tour of the university's observatory, gaining insight into astronomy and space science, followed by a hands-on physics workshop that brought key scientific concepts to life. It was a truly inspiring experience, and all students came away with

new knowledge and a deeper appreciation for the world of science.

#### Maths

The Maths Department was delighted to welcome our prospective Year 7 pupils for their induction day, where they tackled a series of stimulating tasks based around pentominoes- shapes made by joining five equal squares edge to edge. Pupils explored symmetry, tessellation, and spatial reasoning as they attempted to classify all 12 unique pentominoes, identify lines of symmetry, and determine which shapes could be used to tile a rectangle without gaps or overlaps. One of the more challenging activities involved calculating different combinations and rotations to fit pentominoes into a fixed area, encouraging them to think strategically and persevere through trial and error. It was fantastic to see every pupil so engaged, communicating mathematically, and confidently using vocabulary like translation, reflection, and congruence. We were incredibly impressed by their enthusiasm and problem-solving skills and we look forward to watching them thrive as they begin their mathematical journey with us in September and how they will continue to grow and progress as young mathematicians.

Two examples are below; can you find all twelve? What size rectangles can you make?



#### Geography

#### Year 10 Geography Fieldwork on Friday 4th July

We were hit by a 'near sandstorm' when our Year 10 Geographers arrived on the West Shore beach at Llandudno to collect primary data which would enable them to answer the Year 10 Physical Geography fieldwork enquiry question: 'Do pebble beaches have a steeper gradient than sand beaches?'

Never miss a learning opportunity; look at the beach. Are these the ideal conditions for the development of sand dunes? Why? Our students were quick off the mark and drew upon classroom taught theory. 'Yes! An onshore prevailing wind direction, a low angled beach with a large tidal range exposing a wide area of dry sand, plenty of beach debris to act as a growth nuclei.' Brilliant! The huge amounts of wind- blown sand whipping our faces and the drifting sand which covered the path and road, as experiential as it gets, proved why fieldwork is an invaluable part of learning Geography. Finding that there were well-developed sand dunes at the back of the beach, held in place by the ever-stabilising marram grass, was perfect ... and all the evidence they needed to prove their theory correct.



The afternoon was spent working hard to complete a land-use map, again as a source of primary data collection to help them answer the Human Geography fieldwork enquiry question: 'Does Llandudno fit the UK Tourist resort land-use model? We had good weather, if not a little windy, with only a brief shower for 10 minutes at the meeting point underneath the Alice in Wonderland 'White Rabbit' statue. Unlike the rabbit, no-one was late! Great day's fieldwork.



#### History

#### **Year 9 WWII History Project Reflection**

Year 9 students have explored some of the most significant operations of World War II in Europe through a creative history project. As part of our ongoing commitment to developing historical understanding, pupils engaged in collaborative research and visual presentations that brought these pivotal moments to life.

Working in groups, students investigated key military operations including D-Day, The Battle of the Scheldt and Operation Market Garden. Each group developed a display board summarising their research, combining historical analysis with creative design. These visual pieces captured both the scale of the events and the human experiences behind them.



Throughout this project, students demonstrated confidence working with historical sources, understanding military strategy, and presenting complex events in accessible and thoughtful ways. Their presentations reflected not just what happened, but why it mattered. A key skill in historical thinking.

We are incredibly proud of the maturity, creativity, and analytical thinking shown by our Year 9 students. Their work has deepened their understanding of WWII and provided a lasting connection to the people and events that shaped the modern world.

# Design & Technology - Mr Pugh Year 9 Night Lights



Well done to Year 9. This year, we had some well-designed and made, night lights.

## **Model Aeroplane Club**

The Model Aeroplane club pupils have had great fun building and testing their radio-controlled hovercrafts. Many thanks to the PE department for letting us use the Sports hall and the field for flying our model aeroplanes.



## • Design & Technology - Mrs Sharratt

There has been some outstanding work seen by every year group in KS3.

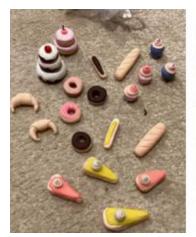
#### Year 7

Year 7s have produced some outstanding light up keyrings and are now busy completing their self-directed Dino suit mini product.



#### Year 8

The Year 8 students have been working on one sustained project of board games, very professional results achieved by some.





Year 9

Year 9s worked for 3 months on a V&A Innovate competition in teams then followed this up with their own self-directed game project.







Sparx Maths

# Sparx Maths

Congratulations to all the Sparx maths winners:

- Year 7 Rana E
- Year 8 Gracie-Ann N
- Year 9 Nour
- Year 10 Alex D
- Year 11 Niamh T







#### Art Exhibition

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Art and Photography exhibition. It was wonderful to see so many of you celebrating our students' achievements. The hall looked fantastic with such a variety of work on display in a variety of forms including large scale projections and 3D work. Whilst only KS3 work could be photographed the KS4 pieces were truly incredible. It was an inspiring end to the school year.





#### PE

#### **School Games Champions**

For the first time, the PE department has awarded a pupil from each year group in Key Stage 3 with the award 'School Games Champion'. This is in recognition for outstanding contributions to PE and School Sport throughout the academic year. Our inaugural winners are:

> Y7 - Barnaby C Y8 - Sophie C

Y9 - Betsy B





**Year 7 Girls Newcastle Schools Football Tournament** 







WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!! Well done to the Year 7 girls' football squad who were undefeated and claimed the title of Newcastle Schools Football champions.

# **Year 7 Boys Newcastle Schools Football League** The Year 7 boys won 3 and lost 1 of their games to finish

in runners up spot.



# **Newcastle Schools Cricket Festival**



After 2 days of non-stop, fast and furious cricket, both the U13s and U15s gave a fantastic account of themselves in what was an extremely competitive festival with games in some cases being decided on the final ball of the innings!!

The U15s won 3 out of their 5 games and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> position behind NULS 'A' & NULS 'B', whilst the U13s went one better winning 4 out of their 5 games and finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> position behind NULS 'A'.

## **Newcastle Schools Athletics Championships - Seniors**

Earlier this term our Year 9, 10 and 11 athletics took part in the Newcastle Schools Athletics Championships at Northwood Stadium. There were a number of outstanding performances which resulted in...

4 Gold Medals

7 Silver Medals

**11** Bronze Medals





Stand out performances came from:

Francesca U15 Girls Long Jump Gold Betsy U15 Girls High Jump Gold Caden U17 Boys 100m Gold Jasper U17 Boys Javelin Gold

# **Newcastle Schools Athletics Championships - Juniors**

A massive well done to all our athletes who took part last Thursday at Northwood Stadium who performed exceptionally well. Our 16 medal haul included:

2 Gold Medals

8 Silver Medals

6 Bronze Medals

Stand out performances came from:

Max U14 Boys High Jump Gold Charlie U13 Boys Javelin Gold





#### • Drama

Year 10 performed their Drama mock from the play 'Two' by Jim Cartwright. The play is set in a pub and students learned lines, performed the characters and built the pub set as part of their assessment.



#### **Award Winning Script**

Mr Sargeant has been writing a short screenplay called 'Breathless'. This script has been awarded 7 awards around the USA including New York and Hollywood, as well as in the UK and the rest of Europe. Mr Sargeant hopes to raise funds to start production soon.
Fingers crossed for more awards.



#### Year 7 Peer Mentor Day

We were thrilled to be able to welcome Nova Science into school, to work with our Year 7 peer mentor team, earlier this term. The day provided our brilliant volunteers with the opportunity to develop their teamwork, communication and leadership skills, while literally having a blast!



Nova Science were able to (virtually) land them on a far-flung planet, where they had to work together to solve a series of challenges, culminating in a nail-biting online battle with digital pirates. The photos capture only a fraction of the excitement of the day, so please have a look at the online gallery of additional photographs and clips on our social media accounts and website.

We are incredibly lucky at Madeley to have pupils who volunteered to give up their time so willingly to help younger pupils who may find the transition to secondary school daunting, and I know that they are going

#### Year 7 - HOY Mrs Walker

As we approach the end of an exciting and successful year for our Year 7 students, we were excited for our Year 7 Fun Day - a celebration designed to give students a memorable experience to round off their first year at Madeley School. The full-day event took place on Tuesday, on the school field. The day was packed with high-energy, laughter-filled activities that brought joy, adventure, and plenty of memories!

Activities included:

- A giant inflatable obstacle course
- Thrilling go-kart rides
- Action-packed Gladiators-style games
- Challenging and fun orienteering
- Engaging team-building games that bring out the best in teamwork and communication

Students took part in these activities in groups and occasionally in smaller mixed groups, helping them build friendships and confidence while having a fantastic time! It was an amazing day, despite the weather!



## • Year 8 - HOY Miss Bentley

As we reach the end of the academic year, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the warm welcome I have received since joining in January. It has been a real privilege to get to know all students these past two terms.

Year 8 has been such an exciting year- full of energy, growth and transition. I have been incredibly impressed by the students' enthusiasm, resilience and sense of community. Whether it's in the classroom, on trips or during activities, they've continued to represent Madeley School with pride.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to continue working with you and the wider school community to support our young people as they step into Year 9 and we start to discuss GCSEs, options and future plans.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable summer break!



#### • Year 9 - HOY Miss Leath

#### **KS3 Graduation**

Last Friday, the Year 9 students celebrated their
KS3 Graduation, along with their parents and carers
and Form Tutors (Miss Blandford, Mrs Dobson,
Miss Jones and then with Mrs Clarke/Mrs Drohan,
Mr Edwards and Mr Goodwin). The students were
presented with their certificates on stage by Mr Nixon, to mark the
end of this important Key Stage.



The hard work, care and guidance from all the staff in school, along with all the support from parents and carers of the young people over the past 3 years, has seen the pupils grow and develop in all areas.

The students have worked hard over their first 3 years at Madeley School, which will give them a solid base on which to flourish in Key Stage 4.

## • Year 10 - HOY Mr Walker

The Year 10s completed mock exams in all their different subjects in June, and then celebrated the end of the academic year with a trip to Alton Towers on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The weather was perfect and the attraction, although busy, was far quieter than it gets in the final week of term, so a fantastic time was had by all.

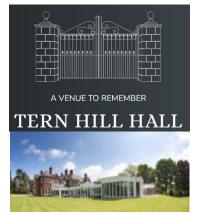


This preceded the Work Experience week, where the Year 10 pupils completed placements at various different workplaces and locations around the region. The feedback from the employers was overwhelmingly positive.

The pupils who participated in the Spanish visit completed their work experience in the final week of term.

Over the summer, I've asked the Year 10s to consider applying for the position of Prefect in Year 11 and the coveted Head Prefect positions.

#### Year 11 - Mr Fleming



We are thrilled to share that the Year 11 Prom was a fantastic evening full of fun, laughter and celebration. The students looked absolutely stunning in their formal wear, adding a real sense of occasion to the night. After the heartfelt speeches and well-deserved awards, everyone was straight onto the dance floor; wonderful to see them enjoying themselves so wholeheartedly while behaving with the utmost maturity

and respect throughout. It truly was a night to remember!

This event marked the culmination of 5 years of hard work, growth, and determination. It was a fitting and emotional end to their time at Madeley, as they celebrated not just the end of exams, but the friendships and memories they've built along the way. We couldn't be prouder of everything they've achieved and we wish each and every one of them the very best for the future.

#### Behaviour and Attitude to Learning

The whole school continues to show strong positive behaviour and a huge number of certificates have been given out to reflect the positive attitude to learning points the students have gained.

A year in to our new behaviour policy aligned with Arbor, we continue to make a few tweaks so that there is more consistency and to incorporate our school values of pride and respect, confidence, resilience, aspiration, positivity, enjoyment and politeness.

All parents are encouraged to login to Arbor regularly to check on how their child's progress and behaviour.

#### • Uniform

Can we please remind parents and carers about buying the correct uniform over the summer ready for the start of the new academic year in September.

The policy link is here:

https://madeleyschool.org/about-us/policies

We would like to emphasise specific parts of the school policy which are:

- All footwear needs to be plain black leather or faux leather and NOT boots. We are permitting the black Air Force One style shoe providing they have black soles and black insignias. Pupils must bring different training shoes for PE lessons.
- Jewellery is one stud for each ear only. No other jewellery.
- No other piercings including nose, eyebrows or lips are allowed.
- No nail extensions or nail varnish except clear varnish.

We will be raising the profile of uniform in general and will be putting in more sanctions for those who persist in flaunting the policy particularly rolled up skirts and shirts which are constantly untucked. More to follow in September.

## • Equipment

To help with pupils if they need equipment, we will continue to offer equipment for sale from the main office that will sell basic stationary. e.g. pens, pencils, rulers, sharpeners and erasers.

# • Mobile Phone Policy

The changes to the mobile phone policy last year have been a great success with a huge drop in the number of in school phone related incidents. We will continue to be vigilant and ensure our site is mobile free during the school day. To reiterate the policy this will mean that mobile phones will not be switched on or on show at any time during the school day, from when students enter the school building to when they leave the school building.



#### Attendance

The latest Department of Education attendance figures have been released (June 2024) to show Madeley is still way above the national average with a gap of 3.5%.

Nationally attendance is 90.1% attendance.

Madeley School is 93.6% attendance.

We still wish to aim towards our target of 96%.

Attendance is key to ensure consistency with routines and behaviour and to ensure there are no gaps in pupils' learning. Please look at our new attendance pages on our school website.

Thank you to parents, carers, pupils and staff for their continued efforts.

#### Rewards

It has been amazing to see the number of certificates given out this term following on from all the positive behaviours that the pupils have contributed to within school.



#### Mental Health over the Summer break

Although the summer season can be a very happy one for most of us most of the time, it can be a time that may impact on our mental health

There are lots of support services you can access, if needed, via our Safeguarding pages on our website.

Younger Minds have advice, if you need it at this time. Please see the link below.

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/?scrlybrkr=4c09f6b8

# YOUNGMINDS fighting for young people's mental health

# Online safety advice and mental health

Below is a link for online safety and mental health when it comes to using mobiles and devices.

Online and mobile safety | Childline



# ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

# Google Family Link

Do you track your child's phone and usage? Have you heard of Google Family link?

With Family Link, you can locate your children on one map, as long as they're carrying their device. Get notifications and alerts – Family Link delivers critical notifications, including when your child arrives at or leaves a certain location. You can also ring devices and view the device's remaining battery life.

https://families.google/familylink/



<u>Family Link from Google - Family Safety & Parental Control Tools</u> (families.google)

# Anti bullying

What is bullying?

The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online'.

#### Bullying can be:

- Physical pushing, poking, kicking, hitting, biting, pinching etc.
- Verbal name calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, threats, teasing, belittling.
- Emotional isolating others, tormenting, hiding books, threatening gestures, ridicule, humiliation, intimidating, excluding, manipulation and coercion.
- Sexual unwanted physical contact, inappropriate touching, abusive comments, homophobic abuse, exposure to inappropriate films etc.
- Online /cyber posting on social media, sharing photos, sending nasty text messages, social exclusion
- Indirect Can include the exploitation of individuals

Below is a link for more information about anti- bullying and bullying of specific groups, including, Race, LGBTQ+, faith, disability, gender, SEN. <a href="https://www.kidscape.org.uk/advice/advice-for-parents-and-carers/what-is-bullying/autistic-children-and-bullying/">https://www.kidscape.org.uk/advice/advice-for-parents-and-carers/what-is-bullying/autistic-children-and-bullying/</a> <a href="https://www.kidscape.org.uk/advice-for-parents-and-carers/what-is-bullying/autistic-children-and-bullying/">https://www.kidscape.org.uk/advice-for-parents-and-carers/what-is-bullying/autistic-children-and-bullying/</a>

#### Park and Stride

**Polite notice:** Parents and carers that pick up and drop off students 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.

# School Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies:

# Teaching Assistant & Finance / Administration Assistant

If you are interested, please see further information on our school website <a href="https://www.madeleyschool.org">www.madeleyschool.org</a> and click on the Vacancies Tab.

## • Term Date for 2025-2026

## Autumn Term 2025

Staff: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September - **STAFF INSET DAY** (School Closed to Students)

Staff: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - **STAFF INSET DAY** (School Closed to Students)

Staff & **Year 7 & 11 Students only**: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September Staff & **All Students**: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October Staff: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October - **STAFF INSET DAY** (School Closed to Students) Holiday: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Staff & Students: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December Staff: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - **STAFF INSET DAY** (School Closed to Students)

Holiday: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

## Spring Term 2026

Staff & Students: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February Holiday: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February Staff & Students: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Holiday: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April

# Summer Term 2026

Staff & Students: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

May Day: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Holiday: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May Staff & Students: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Staff: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - **STAFF INSET DAY** (School Closed to Students)



# Madeley School Memories of 2024-2025



Have a lovely summer break from everyone at Madeley School!