

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

MADELEY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S POST: PARENT EDITION



• Liverpool Philharmonic Hall visit



On Sunday, our GCSE Music students experienced a brilliant day of live music at the Philharmonic Hall in Liverpool. All pupils were very impressed and learned a lot about how the Philharmonic Orchestra works. The students also experienced different genres of music in the Music Room at the hall, such as Poetry, Acoustic, R&B and Soul music styles. All GCSE music students involved have been able to appreciate what live music is all about from a different perspective and will be able to reflect on these experiences in their GCSE course work, enabling them to incorporate influences from the music they've discovered whilst on the visit. Well done Year 10 and 11 for your outstanding enthusiasm and magnificent behaviour whilst on the Music trip. An excellent start to the year so far!

• Drama GCSE Residential Trip to London

Last week, our Year 10 and 11 Drama GCSE students headed to London on a 3 day residential trip with a jam-packed itinerary.

The students watched Harry Potter and the Cursed Child Parts 1 and 2, Moulin Rouge, The Story and The Hunger Games. Also in this time, they managed to visit 7 different theatre spaces, took part in 2 workshops, a careers backstage tour and even managed to squeeze in a little bit free time to explore Covent Garden!



• Prospective Open Evening - 1st October 2026



• Culture & Enrichment



This term, we have been given the opportunity to explore the incredible Minton Archive at The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery. Students experienced some of the beautiful materials from the Minton collection in this special project, designed and delivered by British Ceramics Biennial and The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery (PMAG) with Stoke-on-Trent City Archives. Year 10 Fine Art students and some of our Creative Ambassadors took part this week and this will support

their GCSE or Arts Award portfolio work. This project involves a workshop at PMAG where students learnt about the Minton collection and gained access to the Stoke-on-Trent City Archives with an archivist who showed them examples from the wonderful primary resources housed there. Students also learnt about the work of an archivist and what it takes to preserve a valuable collection. They found out about ways of researching and documenting resources and how to use their research to design their own Minton-inspired piece. There will be a follow-up session in school where students can create their own clay work in response to their research, and a celebration afternoon where students will receive their fired work, meet with other participants and reflect on their experience.

• Inclusion Ambassadors

Next week, students will be receiving information from their Form tutors about the launch of 'Inclusion Ambassador'. To apply, students need to see Mrs Derrington in Room 4 on Friday 25th September during Form time.



Important dates:

- Monday 21st September - Monday 28th September - Year 11 GCSE Spanish Speaking Mocks
- Tuesday 22nd September - Year 8 Standon Bowers Parents'/Carers' Meeting 5.00pm - 6.00pm
- Wednesday 23rd September - Year 7 Bush Craft Day for 7X1(BI), 7X2 (Gr) & 7Z1 (Pu)
- Thursday 24th September - Year 7 Bush Craft Day for 7Y1(Na), 7Y2 (Or) & 7Z2(Ye)
- Friday 25th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning 2026
- Monday 28th September - Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Revision Workshop 5.00pm-6.00pm



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