

MADELEY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S POST: PARENT EDITION



• Yesterday morning, we welcomed 'The Mercians' to Madeley School. The Mercians are a group of Midlands-born indie rockers, who are bringing back the raw and unfiltered sound that the region is known for. The group provided sessions to both the Year 9 and Year 10 students. The sessions comprised of a live performance, followed by a talk about mental health (as part of the PSHE programme) and then questions & answers, where pupils asked questions directly to the band about the talk or about their career. The session ended with a short meet and greet, where pupils could get a signed flyer. Pupils really enjoyed & embrace the experience.

• U14 Girls Newcastle Schools Football Tournament. Superb performances by our Year 8/9 footballers who claimed 1st and 2nd place in the Newcastle Schools Football Tournament, being Clayton, St John Fisher and 2 teams from Chesterton. Team White was undefeated and Team Blue came runners-up, only losing to Team White with a 2-1 score line. Well done everyone!



• Congratulations to Year 7's Ruby, Freya, Olivia and Catherine who have finished and submitted their Bronze CREST award. Ruby and Freya created a cake out of natural flavourings and a reduced sugar content with the help of Mrs Halstead. Olivia and Catherine investigated the best methods to lift fingerprints off different surfaces. 2 brilliant projects! Well done! We look forward to seeing what the other groups create.

• During December, Miss Johnson was given the opportunity to take part in the UK Teaching Physics programme linked with STEM learning. She was lucky enough to visit CERN, Geneva Switzerland. Those of you who follow the Madeley Instagram, would have seen Miss Johnson and the exciting activities she did on her trip. CERN is known as the home of Particle Physics, where thousands of groundbreaking discoveries have taken place. Miss Johnson visited the first particle accelerator at CERN - the synchrotron - several linear accelerators and was lucky enough to go to one of the collision sites in the Large Hadron Collider. She also listened to talks delivered by several renowned Physicists on Particles Physics, Particle accelerators, computing at CERN and Medical Physics. Miss Johnson can't wait to share everything she learned with the students.



• Term dates for 2024/2025 have now been released and can now be viewed on the school website, under Parents/Term Dates.

• Year 11 mock exams commence Monday 28th January. Can students ensure they have the correct equipment including a pen, a pencil, ruler, protractor and a calculator. Calculators will be required for Maths and all science examinations.

Young Curators
Through the Frame
Madeley School

The Brampton Museum
Brampton Park
Newcastle-under-Lyme
ST5 0QP

'Through the Frame' an exhibition curated by pupils from Madeley School featuring artworks by:
David Hockney, Tracey Emin, Eduardo Paolozzi, Harland Miller, Jeff Koons and Kaws.

10th February - 14th April 2024
Tuesday to Saturday: 10:00am to 5:00pm.
Sunday: 1:30pm to 5:00pm.

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Back-to-school advice from Public Health

There are 5 simple steps parents can take to reduce infections spreading in the community:

- Teach good hygiene habits** - Regularly wash hands in soap and warm water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser. Use a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, bin it and then wash hands.
- Stop the spread of stomach bugs** - If you or your child have diarrhoea and vomiting, wash your hands with soap and warm water and use bleach-based products to clean surfaces. You should avoid visiting people in hospitals and care homes. Do not return to work, school or nursery until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.
- Spot the signs of when to keep your child at home** - If your child has a fever and is unwell, they should stay home from school or nursery until the fever has passed and they are well enough to attend.

If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they should stay off school or nursery for at least 48 hours after their symptoms clear up - this will help stop the spread of stomach bugs.

If you suspect your child has [scarlet fever](#), contact your local GP and if your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.
- Get vaccinated** - Flu vaccines can be booked through your GP or [local pharmacy](#). You can take a look at the [childhood vaccination schedule](#) to make sure your child is up to date with all their vaccinations.
- Use NHS resources** - NHS UK provides easily accessible guidance for parents to [help manage winter illness at home](#).

Further information
To find out more, you can read our [blog about keeping children healthy this school term](#).

Useful dates:

- Monday 22nd January – Y9 Drama Trip
- Monday 29th January – Year 9/10 Drama Trip
- **Thursday 8th February - Year 9 Option/Careers afternoon Face to Face (2.00pm - 6.15pm)**

The school will close at 1.15pm on this date and school transport will collect early to reflect the earlier close.

