FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2026

MADELEY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S POST: PARENT EDITION



- **Standon Bowers Residential**



The week commencing Monday 2nd November, our Year 8 students enjoyed their 5-day residential at Standon Bowers. This was an action-packed week including scrambling, walks, high ropes and various other challenges. The week was made even more enjoyable with good weather and the students were brilliant. Mrs Stokoe was very proud of the students.

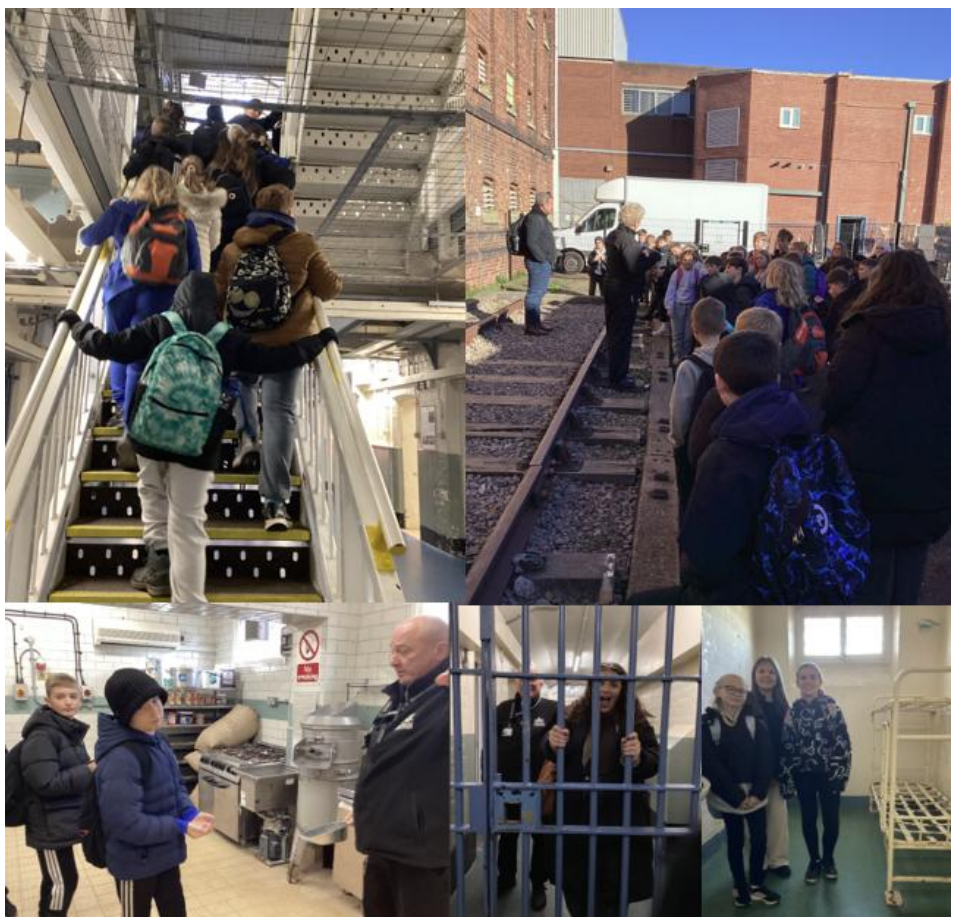
- **Important Parents Consultation Afternoon/Evenings Dates**

Parents' Afternoons/Evenings will be held on the following dates: Year 11 - Tuesday 8th December, Year 7 - Thursday 21st January, Year 9 - Thursday 11th February, Year 10 - Tuesday 23rd March and Year 8 - Wednesday 21st April, from 2.00pm - 6.15pm.

The school will close at 1.15pm on the above dates to all students and school transport will collect early to reflect the earlier close, with the exception of Kayal Travel transport & the 2 D& G buses (routes 445 & 446) which will collect at 3.05pm. Please notify the office if your child will be remaining on site until you arrive at school for appointments or until 3.05pm for safeguarding.

- **Year 7 locked into learning at Shrewsbury Prison.**

Last Thursday, some of the Year 7 students explored the Victorian judicial system. They uncovered the harsh conditions faced by inmates and gained valuable insight into the world of *Oliver Twist* and the notorious Bill Sikes. It was a truly convicting experience that brought literature and history to life. Don't worry, everyone was released on good behaviour!



- **Children in Need**

Last Friday and today, the school has supported Children in Need with each year group organising different events including Bear Pong, Wear Yellow or Spots, Copper collection, Sweet Sale, Name the Bear and a Bake sale.

Thank you to everyone who has donated, helped organise and supported the events.



Important dates:

- Monday 30th November - Thursday 3rd December - Frozen School Show starting at 6.30pm
- Thursday 3rd December - Year 7 to Year 11 Flu Vaccinations

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- **Year 11 Boys' League Football Champions!**



Despite their final game defeat to Clayton, the U16 boys were deservedly crowned Newcastle Schools Champions! This is a fantastic achievement given the strength of the Newcastle Schools' competition at U16 level. Well done to all the boys who have been involved.

- **Year 10 Music Students visit University of Derby**

On Wednesday 11th November, the students of Year 10 GCSE Music were treated to an experience they'll not soon forget. The University of Derby trip was a big success with the Year 10s recording their GCSE ensemble performances in the state of the art recording studios at the University of Derby. All pupils were fantastic; they behaved superbly and treated the facilities with the utmost respect. The staff at the University were very proud of their achievements in the studio and the impeccable behaviour that they demonstrated whilst rehearsing and recording. The staff have asked us to return again next year with another cohort of enthusiastic young musicians! Well done year 10 and keep up the excellent work in GCSE music!







- **Attendance Competition**

Back by popular demand, we are running the Attendance Advent Competition again between the 30th November and 17th December.



For every day that a pupil attends school on time, we will give them a prize draw token. For every full week they will receive an additional 2 tokens. The more tokens, the bigger chance of winning!

The final draw will take place at the end of the term with a £100 gift voucher for the 1st prize and 2 students will get a £50 voucher each for the 2nd prize.

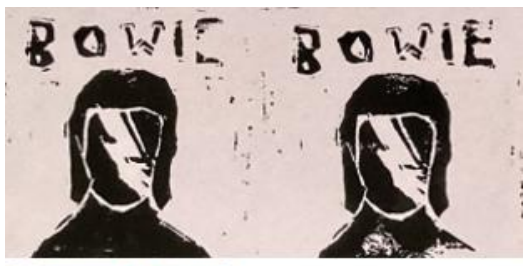
It is great to see our pupils coming in every day with resilience and a positive attitude to learning; even when the days are cold and frosty!

- **Art**

Congratulations to Isobel S who won the Christmas card competition, along with Aleiah and Jessica C who have now been entered into the Shaw Trust competition. Such worthy winners! You can see their work and more of the fabulous entries on Instagram @artphotographymadeley



We have been busy in the Art department with artist @softpineapples Becky Bell, working with our afterschool art club creating their own lino prints and stamps producing some stunning work. This work will inform their project exploring the title 'We are Here' as part of a pilot project with the Tate Modern. Their work will go in a big online exhibition on their website and in the gallery itself. Keep an eye out for more posts to come.







Year 10 Art students and Creative Ambassadors now have their tiles on display in the new Learning Space at the Potteries Museum and Art Gallery. These were inspired by a visit to PMAG in September when they saw the Minton Archive. They designed and made the tiles during a workshop in school with the BCB. The public now have access to this space so students can visit with families to see their work on display. The Learning Space is on the Ground Floor opposite the Prehistoric area in the Archaeology Gallery.





- **Reminder - Frozen Tickets**



The tickets for this year's School show 'Frozen' are on sale from the school reception.

Performances will take place on Monday 30th November, Tuesday 1st December, Wednesday 2nd December and Thursday 3rd December commencing at 6.30pm.

Tickets are priced as:
Adult - £8.00 Child - £6.00

- **Be Bright, Be Seen Campaign**



Staffordshire County Council have launched the Be Bright Be Seen Campaign in November. Form Tutors have been discussing the campaign with their students, to raise awareness during the dark winter months.

Fluorescent strips/tags for bags are available from the school office, if any student would like one.