

MADELEY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S POST: PARENT EDITION



- **Year 9 London Trip**



On Wednesday 9th October, 46 Year 9 students headed off for the annual 3 day London residential. They took in the sights and sounds of the capital, toured Tottenham Hotspur's stadium, shopped in Covent Garden, saw "Back to the Future" and "Matilda" in the West End, screamed at the London Dungeons and finished the trip at The Harry Potter Studios Tour. Students had a wonderful time, and wherever the students went, staff at the venues and members of the public commented on their exceptional behaviour and manners; we were very proud of them. Thank you to all parents and carers for allowing us to take your children on this adventure.

Year 8: look out for the launch of next year's visit!

- **Important Parent's Evenings Dates**

Please note Parents Afternoon's will be held on:

Year 11 - Tuesday 10th December, Year 9 - Thursday 13th February,
Year 8 – Thursday 13th March, Year 10 -Tuesday 1st April
and Year 7 - Thursday 8th May

The school will close at 2.15pm on these dates to all students and School transport will collect early to reflect the earlier close.

- **Drama**

On Tuesday 15th October, the Year 10 Drama group attended a workshop at the City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College. This was a double workshop with both film/TV and Drama. The workshop started with an Introduction to the department and a tour of the facilities. This was followed by the Students being given a brief discussion on Film and TV terms. The students then participated in a drama workshop where they looked at a script and how to annotate and go through this as a professional. Once they had rehearsed the piece, they then took turns to be in front and behind the camera, filming the scenes, looking at different job roles and professionalism on set. Look out for the launch of next year's visit!



- **Year 11 Mock Examinations**

Year 11 Mock examinations will commence on Monday 4th November (after October half term) for 2 weeks. Can students ensure they have the correct equipment including a pen, a pencil, a ruler, a proctor and a calculator.

- **Academy Council**

We are currently looking to recruit new Parent Councilors to join our Academy Council. Initially, all we request is a communication of your interest in the role by emailing Mrs. M Bunker at melanie.bunker@madeley.set.org by 8th November 2024. A letter with further details has gone out via email.

Important dates:

- **School re-opens on Monday 4th November**
- Year 8 Standon Bowers Trip - Monday 4th November - Friday 8th November
- Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams - Monday 4th November - Friday 15th November
- Year 9 Bronte Museum Trip - Wednesday 13th November
- Children in Need - Friday 15th November



• **Warwick Castle**



Mrs Derrington and Mr Stevens took 40 Year 7 students to Warwick Castle on Wednesday 16th October, to support their learning of the Norman conquest. The students experienced 1000 years of History as they explored the castle and navigated the Horrible Histories maze. The students enjoyed an exciting bird of prey show as well as a Trebuchet talk on medieval warfare. A fantastic first school trip for many of our Year 7s!



• **Computers**

Year 9 have been creating some amazing work in computing from Vintage postcards to Spooky stories to Film posters. There are so many we would love to show off here are just a few.



Computer Lunchtime Clubs

BREAKING NEWS

Madeley Needs You!
Social Media Club

Are you passionate about creativity, storytelling, and connecting with others? Do you want to make our school shine online? Join the Social Media Club!

- Create engaging posts and stories
- Plan exciting campaigns and events
- Learn about social media trends and strategies
- Collaborate with fellow students and teachers

Who Can Join: Everyone is welcome! Whether you're a social media whiz or just curious to learn, we want your unique voice and ideas.

Room 24 - Friday Lunch Times



• **KS3 Awards Ceremony**

The Shaw Education Trust KS3 Awards Ceremony took place on Thursday 17th October at Wychwood Park. Mr Nixon attended the afternoon and was extremely proud of our students. Congratulations to all the students that won awards!



• **Wear it Pink**



As October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, we held "Wear it Pink Day" on Friday 18th October at Madeley to raise money for Breast Cancer Now. Students and staff could wear an item of pink (or lots of pink for some members of staff!) in return for a donation. Staff and students also organised a Bake sale, Super Mario Smash Bros gaming tournament, guess the number of sweets in the jar, guess the name of the pink dinosaur and pick a number to win a sweet bomb. Pink ribbons were also sold. Many thanks to everyone who made a donation, made cakes and biscuits and donated the prizes. We raised an amazing £505.00!

• **PE**

Football

Year 11 Football League results so far:
 Madeley 1-0 Chesterton
 Madeley 0-0 SJF
 Madeley 0-1 Orme



Year 10 Football County Cup result:
 Madeley 2-2 Trentham
 Penalties - Madeley 5-6 Trentham

This week, Port Vale's CEO came into school and gave a talk to our GCSE PE students which was followed by a Q&A session.

Year 7 Hockey



After 6 weeks of Hockey Club, the Year 7 girls played their first games this week vs Newcastle-under-Lyme School. Years 8s Nancy (Goalkeeper) and Mia also joined the team which enabled 2 teams to take part. The final score was: Madeley 3 goals to NULs 2. Seren And Mathilda scored the first Year 7 goals and Mia smashed in the third. Congratulations the girls!

• **Year7 -Year 11 Flu Vaccinations**

An email was sent out on Tuesday 22nd October to all parents advising that the School Immunisation team will be in school on Thursday 28th November. See the letter with the link to the Consent form. Please be aware Consent forms must be completed and returned by Thursday 21st November at the latest.

• **Term Date for 2025-2026**

Autumn Term 2025

Staff: Monday 1st September - **STAFF INSET DAY** (School Closed to Students)
 Staff: Tuesday 2nd September - **STAFF INSET DAY** (School Closed to Students)
 Staff & **Year 7 & 11 Students only**: Wednesday 3rd September
 Staff & **All Students**: Thursday 4th September - Thursday 23rd October
 Staff: Friday 24th October - **STAFF INSET DAY** (School Closed to Students)
 Holiday: Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October
 Staff & Students: Monday 3rd November - Thursday 18th December
 Staff: Friday 19th December - **STAFF INSET DAY** (School Closed to Students)
 Holiday: Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January

Spring Term 2026

Staff & Students: Monday 5th January - Friday 13th February
 Holiday: Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February
 Staff & Students: Monday 23rd February - Friday 27th March
 Holiday: Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April
 Easter Sunday: Sunday 5th April

Summer Term 2026

Staff & Students: Monday 13th April - Friday 22nd May
 May Day: Monday 4th May
 Holiday: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
 Staff & Students: Monday 1st June - Friday 17th July
 Staff: Monday 20th July - **STAFF INSET DAY** (School Closed to Students)