

# MADELEY SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S POST: PARENT EDITION



- **Holocaust Memorial Day**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January was the Holocaust Memorial Day. It was 80 years since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. The school entered the nationwide arts and education project '80 Candles for 80 Years' to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Students designed and created a candle holder inspired by individuals and communities persecuted by the Nazis. Miss Leath, Mr Stevens and the students involved in the project were invited to attend the UK National Ceremony Memorial Event which was held at the Guildhall in the City of London and was shown on BBC1 at 7.00pm. 2 of the pupils involved in the project were chosen to be in the candle procession, at the start and end of the memorial. The event was also attended by the Prince of Wales and the Prime Minister.



- **Hockey - Made in Madeley**

The Year 7 School Hockey Club has proved so successful this year that a new Junior Badgers team has been established at the North Stafford Hockey club named "The Tigers" which currently consist of just the Madeley players! The Tigers recorded their first win at the weekend! A team truly made in Madeley!



- **GCSE Science Live**

On Monday, 40 students enjoyed a trip to GCSE Science Live at Birmingham's Symphony Hall, learning hot tips for GCSE success and some cutting-edge science. We saw self-healing for sticky tape, a mixture that changed colour and back before our eyes and also looked at the science behind; why we have been able to see the Northern lights so far south, how science can help with fertility and the secrets to time travel. Inspiring stuff!



- **PE**

- **Football**

Last Thursday evening, the Year 9 boy's football team played their 2 final league fixtures. They won both games 1-0 against Chesterton and The Orme. Adam scoring both goals. This meant that Madeley won the league! Congratulations to the Year 9 squad, excellent performances over the past few Thursdays.

- **Athletics**

A massive well done to our Year 7/8 Sportshall Athletics teams, who performed fantastically last week.

- Year 7 girls finished 4<sup>th</sup>
- Year 8 boys finished as bronze medallist in 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Year 8 girls finished as silver medallists in 2<sup>nd</sup>

The highlight, however, was the performance of the Year 7 boys who claimed the gold medals and were crowned Newcastle Schools Champions with a string of exceptional performances in both the track and field events. They now go through to the County Finals on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Fenton Manor.



- **Year 11 GCSE Food Exam**

Last week, the Year 11 GCSE Food students took their GCSE Food practical exam. A huge well done to all students who produced some restaurant quality menus.

- **Year 11 Mock Exams**

Year 11 Mock Exams commence on Monday until Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February (inclusive). Good luck to all!

- **Curriculum Information for Parents and Carers**

Many of you have asked for more details about our curriculum. All our curriculum information, including subject-specific pages, is available on our website: <https://madeleyschool.org/our-curriculum/curriculum-intent>

- **Department Spotlight: Mathematics**

This month, we highlight the Mathematics Department, where students consistently achieve league-table-topping results year after year. Our approach ensures strong numeracy skills and academic success.

More details about our mathematics curriculum can be found here: <https://madeleyschool.org/our-curriculum/curriculum-intent> If you have any further questions, please contact us.

- **Cashless Catering Update**

Thank you to parents and carers for embracing our new **cashless catering system**. The benefits are already clear: **faster queues, fewer students losing money, and a smoother lunchtime experience for all.**

We will soon be **removing cash tills completely**, so if you still need support with the following, please contact the school:

- ✓ Giving **biometric consent** on Arbor
- ✓ Adding funds to your child's **ParentPay** balance for meals. Please contact the school for assistance.

- **Arbor: 4 months in**

We are now **four months into using Arbor** as a whole-school community, and we want to thank all parents and carers for adapting to the change so quickly. We are now **very close to 100% engagement**, surpassing levels achieved with previous systems. This change was introduced by the **Shaw Education Trust** to **streamline school processes** as much as possible. Future improvements are in development, including:

- ◇ **Centralised permissions for school trips**
- ◇ **A school shop**
- ◇ **Further streamlined communications**

A reminder that parents can access Arbor via the **website** or the **dedicated Parent App**. This allows you to see **real-time attendance, rewards and behaviour data** for your child.

As always, if you have any difficulties accessing or using Arbor, please contact our dedicated Arbor support team at [arbor@madeley.set.org](mailto:arbor@madeley.set.org)

**Important dates:**

- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February (Inclusive) - Disneyland Computer Science Trip
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Year 9 Parents/Carers Options Afternoon Face to Face (2.00pm - 6.15pm)

**The school will close at 1.15pm on the above date and school transport will collect to reflect the earlier close**

