

SELWOOD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

21st Feb - Year 7 Black country museum trip

21st Feb - Year 5 Paris information evening

22nd Feb - Year 8 HPV vaccinations

27th - 28th Feb - Interform

29th Feb - Year 7 Parents Evening - Online

1st Mar - Year 7 Black Country museum trip

5th Mar - Year 7 Coffee Morning

7th Mar - World Book Day

World book day (7th March) - Pupils will be allowed to dress up as their favourite book characters.

looking forward to seeing how creative they can be with their outfits!

Appointments

If your child has an upcoming appointment that requires them to come in later or be picked up early, please be sure to inform the attendance team in advance on the following email address:

selwood.attendance@selwood-academy.co.uk

We are seeing an increase in pupils chewing gum and as a result of this, more is appearing around the school site.

Please can you remind your children that they are not allowed gum in school.

Thank you.

Forgotten Items

Please can parents and carers ensure that their child has all they need for the school day when they come to school each morning.

With Selwood being a large and busy site, we cannot guarantee that we will get forgotten items and messages to children throughout the day, especially when after 12.30pm.

Thank you for your support with this.

Deadlines

Please complete the google forms below, if you wish to order a hoodie or your child is interested in going to the prom:

Year 8 leavers hoodies - order deadline 16th February: <https://forms.gle/irHJrEughtPHF6bt9>

Year 8 Prom - Register or interest - deadline 23rd February: <https://forms.gle/JBfwEziQmnriQouy9>

COMPETITION TIME



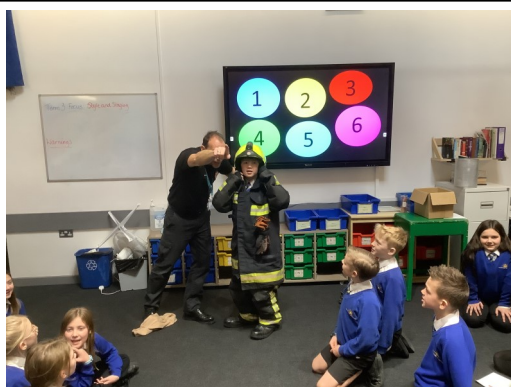
We are excited to announce that our amazing animators storyboard competition is now live!

We are inviting all KS3 pupils to create an animation storyboard that conveys an important message about recycling and why it is important to help protect our environment. We want pupils to think creatively and help us to inspire others to recycle better.

Pushed, a professional animation company in Plymouth will be helping the Raising Digital Engagement team to judge the designs and choose our winner. Not only will the winning pupil(s) receive a £25 gift voucher each and a £250 gift voucher for their school but they will also have their storyboard turned into a real-life animation by working together with students from City College Plymouth.

Closing deadline to submit any entries is **Thursday 28th March 2024** and the winner will be announced on **Monday 22nd April 2024**. Pupils in year 7, 8 and 9 can enter with a maximum of 4 pupils per entry. Please ensure that any entries include pupils name(s), age and name of school.

More information can be found on our website: <https://skillslaunchpad.org.uk/ks3digital/competitions/>



Year 5 pupils had an important visit from the Fire Service!

They learned valuable lessons about fire safety and the crucial role that firefighters play in our community.

A big thank you to the Fire Service for taking the time to educate our children. Their knowledge and expertise were invaluable, and we are grateful for their dedication to keeping our community safe.

BREAKING NEWS



Breaking News - Cooperative Partnership for Selwood Academy

We are incredibly excited to announce that Selwood Academy and Kingswood (Senior and Prep Schools) are forming a cooperative partnership that will enable us to work collaboratively, further enhance the curriculum being delivered to our pupils and extend their numerous enrichment opportunities.

Both Selwood and Kingswood are passionate about providing the best possible educational opportunities for their pupils and in embodying shared principles enshrined in the Methodist tradition to support their communities, "Doing all we can" in the service of others, making this partnership a fantastic opportunity for both schools. The Headteachers of Kingswood Prep and Senior schools visited Selwood Academy last week and took away many areas of great practice to share with their team. Mr Jeffries and a group of pupils will be visiting Kingswood on the 8th March for a Climate Change conference to establish the partnership. To find out more about Kingswood please take a look at their website <https://www.kingswood.bath.sch.uk/>

The partnership will allow us to create inspiring educational experiences, cultivate ethical champions and student leaders, develop servant leadership, develop wellbeing through sport, understand and celebrate our shared heritage, develop entrepreneurial skills, nurture creative skills, inspire the next generation of Engineers, and continue to develop our staff through a variety of planned activities, training, resources and shared experiences.

We believe our two schools complement one another and the partnership will enable us both to raise the bar, continue to thrive and provide an exceptionally high standard of education for our pupils.

*Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.*

SUBJECT NEWS



MATHS

Year 5 - We are starting to look at fractions including identifying equivalent fractions, converting between mixed and improper fractions and comparing and ordering them.

Year 6 - After our assessments last week we are continuing to build our knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages before going on to look at area and perimeter.

Year 7 - We are completing our block on fractions, decimals and percentage equivalents.

Year 8 - We are completing our 5th unit which is based around graphs including distance-time graphs, line graphs and curved graphs.

Parent Challenge Question:

Checkpoint 18: The inbetweeners

Choose a fraction or decimal that is between:

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| a) 0.5 and 1 | e) 0 and $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| b) 0.5 and 0.6 | f) $\frac{1}{6}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| c) 0.55 and 0.6 | g) $\frac{1}{6}$ and $\frac{2}{6}$ |
| d) 0.61 and 0.6 | h) $\frac{5}{10}$ and $\frac{6}{10}$ |



What is the largest possible answer for question a)?

What is the largest answer that:

- doesn't include the digit 9?
- doesn't include the digit 9, but does include the digit 7?

SPORTS NEWS



The Year 7 Netball team represented Selwood Academy at the Millfield U12 Netball Tournament on Wednesday 31st January against other Private Schools in the area. We are extremely proud of the hard work, commitment and dedication to Netball they have shown since starting training in September. The Year 7 Team won 2 matches and lost 3 matches. Player of the Match was awarded to Ava, Meredith and Emilia C. All the students played excellent netball, well done.



A massive well done to our Year 8 Netball team at the U13 Millfield Tournament on Wednesday 24th January. The girls played some outstanding netball against some strong local private Schools. The Year 8 Team, won 1 game and lost 4 games. With a very close game against Millfield Prep School 3-2. We are really proud of the all the players for their dedication to School Netball club, with 7 of our students playing for Frome Netball Team outside of School. Player of the match was awarded to Ava, Daisy and Lilly, well done.

SCHOOL EVENTS



EASTER BINGO



Join us for an exciting night of Bingo with friends and family. Fantastic prizes, laughter, and a whole lot of fun await you.

FRIDAY 15 MARCH

6:30 PM - Selwood Academy

All proceeds go to projects
benefiting our pupils
Children must be accompanied
by an adult



SCHOOL EVENTS



Join us for a chat!

COFFEE MORNING

Upcoming dates:

Yr 7 Parents & Carers: Tuesday 5 March, 11.15am

Yr 8 Parents & Carers: Thursday 21 March, 11.15am

Yr 6 Parents & Carers: Friday 19 April, 11.15am

Yr 5 Parents & Carers: Friday 17 May, 11.15am



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SAVE THE DATE
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



SELWOOD ACADEMY NEEDS YOU!

Be part of inspiring our pupils future careers

JOIN US FOR OUR CAREERS DAY

20TH JUNE 2024

We are seeking a variety of people and companies to be a part of our Careers Day. If you, or someone you know is interested, keep an eye out for upcoming details or get in touch via email on either

molly.smith@selwood-academy.co.uk OR
andy.ellett@selwood-academy.co.uk

CAREERS



What it Takes	Day to Day
<p>What it takes: Skills and knowledge you'll need</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • knowledge of animal medicine and dentistry • knowledge of biology • customer service skills • excellent verbal communication skills • to be thorough and pay attention to detail • patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations • the ability to work well with your hands • the ability to use your judgement and make decisions <p>to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently</p> <p>Other requirements you may need a driving licence for some jobs</p> <div data-bbox="354 1133 587 1391" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p>Day to day: In general veterinary practice you could be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • diagnosing and treating sick and injured animals • performing surgery • carrying out tests such as blood analysis, X-rays and scans • providing care for animals in veterinary hospitals • carrying out regular health checks and giving vaccinations • checking farm animals and advising how to stop diseases spreading • supervising veterinary nurses and support staff • keeping records of treatments • communicating with pet owners and insurers • neutering animals to stop them breeding • putting severely injured or terminally ill animals to sleep • following public health and hygiene laws <p>working in animal health research</p> <p>You could work at a veterinary practice, in remote rural areas or in a laboratory. You may need to wear a uniform and protective clothing. Your working environment may be physically and emotionally demanding and outdoors some of the time.</p>

If you are already thinking about the future and possible careers there is quick and easy way you can find out key information which may help you when considering opportunities for the future. Follow the link to first careers website where you can search and find out about different careers

<https://www.firstcareers.co.uk/>

In addition, you may also find it useful to access @The Buzz Quiz via the link below which is a personality quiz designed to increase your awareness of your natural strengths, how you might work in teams and what courses or jobs might suit you best.

https://www.northeastambition.co.uk/buzz?fbclid=IwAR1pZ_878bd_04lv5LhhWMMRg3VoK4HQkqbVOufotRW_58cGtAwWc2oYE_aem_AXTWhi1hPpi2HEJuZ4jcmn-tec-Drv_Co0a87ivrW54b3ITK8uLnec8MXMkFig_eWQk

Where can different subjects take you?

<https://arthurterry.bham.sch.uk/students/careers/where-can-x-take-you/>