

A SCHOOL FOR THE 21ST CENTURY!

THOMAS TELFORD SCHOOL provides the people of Wolverhampton and Telford with a new choice of school. It has been designed specifically to prepare students for the challenges of the 1990's and beyond. Hi-tech facilities provide a whole new spectrum of learning opportunities for students and our partnership with industry and commerce ensures we are fully informed of new developments. Each student will have a personal lap-top computer to use at home as well as school. Inter-active video, telecommunications links and satellites play a major role in the exciting new courses on offer at Thomas Telford School. Although there is an emphasis on Science and technology, a dance/drama studio, sports hall and music suite guarantee that the Arts are also high profile.

ABOUT OUR SPONSORS

TARMAC PLC and THE MERCER'S COMPANY have generously funded the school in joint partnership with the government. This means Thomas Telford School can provide non-fee paying education to all its students.

Tarmac PLC

Wolverhampton based Tarmac is the largest United Kingdom controlled building materials and construction group. The groups interests span construction materials, civil engineering, private house - building, industrial products, and property development both at home and abroad.

Tarmac's involvement in Thomas Telford School is an example of the group's solid commitment to education in the Midlands.

The Mercers Company

The Mercer's Company, the premier Livery Company of London, had its first charter granted by Richard II in 1394 but its origins are much older. Best known Mercers include Sir Richard (Dick) Whittington, Sir Thomas Gresham, William Caxton, Dean John Colet and Sir Thomas Moore. From 1600 the Company ceased to act as an association of merchants concerned in overseas trade but developed into a charitable and educational foundation.

THOMAS TELFORD SCHOOL NEWS

'Thomas Telford School News' is a newsletter designed to inform parents, students, and the wider community about the progress and activities of the school. It will be published every six weeks and distributed to all students, parents, sponsors and friends of the school. If you would like to contribute

an article or make any suggestions for future issues, please contact Miss V Evans at the Project Office:

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents and Residents,

I am pleased to have this opportunity to write to you in this our first Newsletter.

Firstly, may I say how proud I am to be the Head of Thomas Telford School and how much I look forward to securing educational excellence for the students we serve.

May I stress at this early stage that expectations from the students will be of the highest order. This will include punctuality, appearance, behaviour and of course hard work in their studies. Parents and employers constantly inform me of how important these issues are and I agree totally with them.

I firmly believe that all students should have their talents fully realised. Therefore, I intend to ensure that student successes are always responded to positively.

Finally, it is with great enthusiasm that I look forward to working in partnership with parents and industry. Our intention must be to secure for our students the finest opportunities available to them.

Yours sincerely,

K J Satchwell
Headmaster

NATIONWIDE RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN



HUNDREDS OF ENQUIRIES were received in response to just one national advert as teachers competed for jobs at Thomas Telford School. Applications arrived from mainland Europe and the U.S.A. along with

hundreds from all over the country.

The large field has afforded the Governing Body an excellent choice. Committed professionals who can offer the right blend of technological capability and

expertise will be appointed. Eight Teachers have been appointed and the four deputies will join the team in April. An advertisement for further posts will be published later this month.

WHO MANAGES THE SCHOOL?

The day to day running of Thomas Telford School is organised by Headmaster Mr Satchwell, and his team of seven senior deputies. The Governing Body made up of the sponsors, parents and members of the community are ultimately responsible for the organisation and efficiency of the school just like a board of directors of a company.

The Chairman of Governors at Thomas Telford School, is Mr Jack Mawdsley, Chief Executive of Tarmac Quarry Products Limited. Mr Mawdsley joined Tarmac in 1970 and was appointed a Director of the holding company Tarmac PLC in 1987.



WAITING LISTS ALREADY!

ALL 180 PLACES in the First Year at the Thomas Telford School have been allocated. The School is delighted with the confidence demonstrated by the parents of Telford and Wolverhampton.

Sadly there was some disappointment for those unable to secure a place because parents were unable to move into the catchment area. A small number of places were offered to students on the waiting list.

The School is keen to streamline the admissions procedure and is already drawing up guidelines for next year's intake.

INFORMATION SERVICE

If you have any queries regarding your child's transfer to Thomas Telford School or require information, we are always pleased to help. Please contact the Project Office on Telford 292707.

BUILDING PROGRESS

The School is taking shape and the builders are already a month ahead of schedule. A team of senior staff meet with the architects every two weeks to review developments and advise on design. This regular consultation and the involvement of a nationwide network of experts will ensure a building designed to the highest specifications.

THOMAS TELFORD SCHOOL TEAM

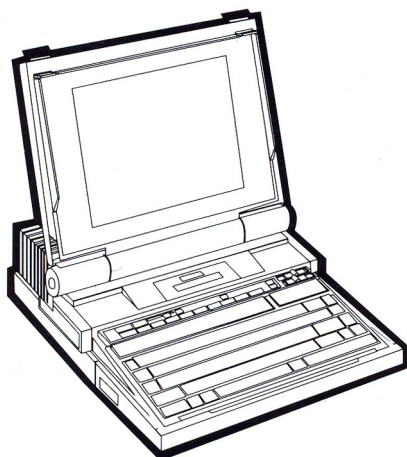
Headmaster, Mr Kevin Satchwell, started his new post in January with a team of three deputies, Miss Vivienne Evans, Mr Victor Maher, and Miss Hilary Phillips.

The major thrust of their work so far has been staff recruitment, forming links with industry and shaping the innovative curriculum. The nerve centre of operations has been Telford Development Headquarters at New Town House, but this month will see a move to larger premises at Darby House to accommodate new staff as they join the team.

A NEW STYLE OF LEARNING

THE OLD DAYS of lining up in the playground waiting for the bell to ring have gone! At the Thomas Telford School students can arrive between 8am and 9am and go straight to work, after registering themselves through their personal computer and ordering their meals for the day. The day will include group meetings and an action plan session to determine individual activities. The students will have to collate a summary of their

progress to show and discuss with their parents daily. Opportunities to remain on site working until 5 pm will be provided.



PARTNERSHIP WITH INDUSTRY

One of the hallmarks of the Thomas Telford School is its special relationship with partners in industry and commerce. The newly appointed teachers are already working closely with local employers designing courses which are relevant to tomorrow's workforce.

Students can expect to have regular contact with employers

both in school and when they go out on work placements, (a regular feature of sixth form life.).



FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD!

Breakfast will be served daily and students will be able to choose from a wide menu in the self-service restaurant. We also intend to provide light evening snacks as well as a choice of lunches. Working a longer day than most schools, it is important that an appropriate catering service is available. Tenders are currently being drawn up to ensure the school secures a quality catering company which gives value for money.

UNIFORM NEWS

A distinctive new uniform has been especially designed for the First Year. All students will wear a burgundy jumper, bearing the school's insignia, the school tie, a white shirt and a black blazer. Mid-grey trousers (optional for girls), or skirt, completes the outfit. Jumpers and ties will only be available from the School. Full details regarding uniform and sportswear will be distributed to parents later this year.

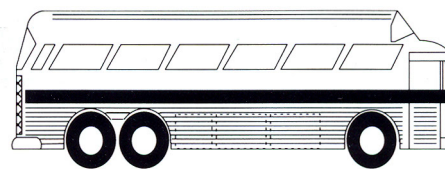
In the Sixth Form the School aims to create the same environment as a modern city office. Students will be expected to adopt smart office dress ie. collar and tie with jacket or suit. This affords some choice and prepares students for off-site work placements.

Everyone, including our visitors, will be given identity badges. We want to get to know everyone as quickly as possible!

SIXTH FORM PLACES

The number of sixth form places has been increased to meet the anticipated growing demand as students complete G.C.S.E. courses. 80 offers have already been made to prospective students. Parents and students have already met with senior staff this month. Information Evenings were held over five nights at the The Telford Racquet Centre. Parents were able to meet in small groups to discuss plans in depth and students were given the opportunity to express individual course preferences with teachers.

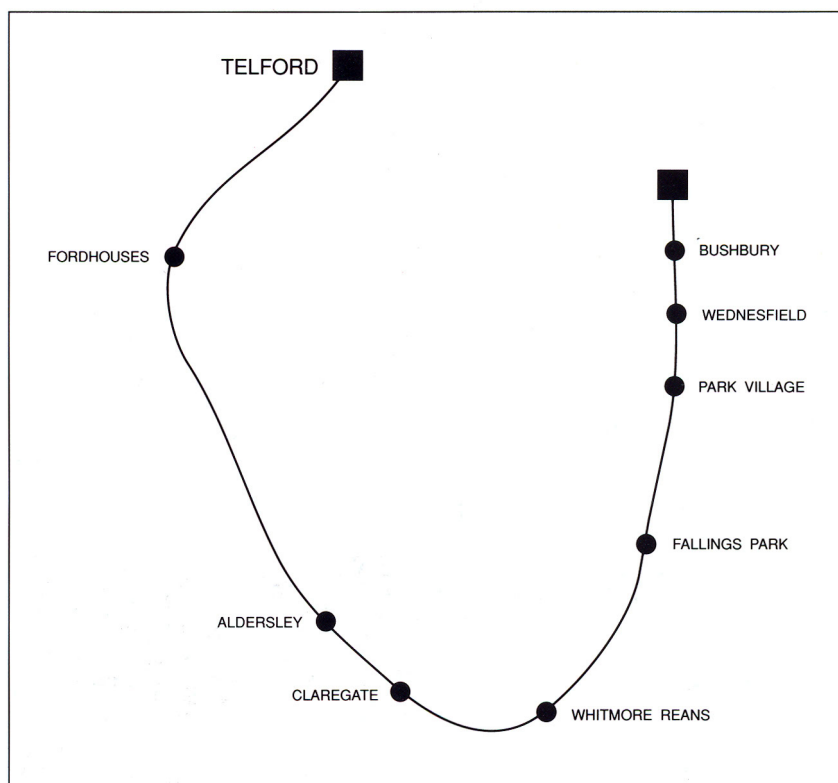
TRANSPORT



Students should have a safe and convenient journey to school. These were the essential requirements of the Thomas Telford Coach Route.

The school has been very fortunate to receive advice from one of our parents Mr. P Jones. As a member of West Midlands Police, Mr. Jones was able to offer local knowledge and expertise regarding the location of the pick-up points.

Two coaches will provide free transport from Wolverhampton to Telford each day. Detailed information will be made available to parents as soon as contracts have been negotiated with the coach companies. If you have any queries about transport, please contact Miss H Phillips.



ROUTE 1

ROUTE 2

**CALLING
ALL
PARENTS!**

The Governors are keen to work together with parents to create the right conditions for the students. An Advisory Council is to be set up to act as consultants to the Governors over a wide range of issues, eg. transport, uniform, the school's profile in the community. If you feel you would like to be involved, please contact Mr V Maher, Deputy Head on Telford (0952) 292707 for more information.

