

Thomas Telford School



2024 - 2025 DRAFT Governors' Report To Parents

November 2025

To All Parents of Students

Welcome to this Annual Governors' Report to Parents. There is no longer a statutory requirement for Governors to meet formally with parents and as the meeting has not attracted many parents in the past, no such meeting is planned to be held this year.

However, if you have any queries or concerns, please send these in writing to the Headmaster or to the Chair of Governors and these will be dealt with appropriately.

M Davies
Clerk to the Governing Board

Chair's Introduction

This Annual Report provides you with details of the students' achievements during the last year. Whilst there is no legal obligation for Governors to provide this Report, the Board understands the importance to parents of making this information available about the School.

Firstly, therefore, I am delighted to inform you that the School has enjoyed yet another successful year with tremendous GCSE results being achieved together with excellent results at A Level. 94% of students also achieved a grade 4 or above in both English and Mathematics. We believe that this will place the School amongst the top performing Comprehensive Schools in the Country, which is great credit to all stakeholders. GCSE results were additionally complemented by excellent A Level results with A* and A grades at 49% (including Vocational subjects), 94% at C and above and 100% pass rate.

Teaching and Support Staff

None of this would be possible without the outstanding contributions of our teaching and support staff. The Governors are immensely grateful to this dedicated, talented and caring team, they work long hours and constantly seek ways to ensure that every student achieves her or his full potential. The School continues to maintain a full complement of staff, and 98% of lessons are judged Outstanding or Good. Supply teachers are never used to cover absences, as we are convinced that the flexibility and commitment of our permanent staff is far preferable.

The School has also continued to develop its "Session 3" programme to provide a wide range of opportunities for students to work with staff in small, select groups, which is particularly beneficial for those students who need extra support. Examples of the types of innovative contribution from our staff, and the resulting achievements of our students at all levels, are set out on the following pages. The Governors wish, particularly, to thank the Headmaster, Mr Ian Rawlings, and his teaching and support teams for all their work throughout the year and for continuing to deliver outstanding outcomes.

Destination of Leavers

All Year 11 students benefit from face-to-face careers interviews and are supported by both the Careers Team, Head of Year and their Personal Tutors to ensure smooth transitions at the end of Year 11. Of our Year 11 students, 64% progressed into our Sixth Form, 27% continued in full time post-16 education and training at other providers, 6% gained scholarships at professional football clubs, and 3% accepted posts as apprentices.

After A Level Results Day 2025, 73% of our 6.2 students have progressed to university, with 55% moving to Russell Group, Times Top 25 Universities, one of the premier Stage Schools or a university rated in the top 25 for the subject. Six students have secured places on medicine or veterinary courses. Five students secured their places at Oxford or Cambridge Universities.

It was also positive to note that 18 students were awarded places on higher and degree apprenticeships programmes, including with prestigious employers such as KPMG, Capgemini, BBC, Collins Aerospace, Barclays, Grant Thornton, Severn Trent, Dyke Yaxley, Government economic service, Phoenix group, Crowe, The Valuation Office & RSM. We are incredibly proud of the students who have secured these fantastic apprenticeship offers. These students have shown particularly outstanding resilience and determination over the past 12 months, presenting themselves professionally in highly competitive virtual interviews and assessment centres.

Careers Provision and Business and Industry Links

Our Careers and Industry Links provision remains integral to the School curriculum and the service ensures that our students are provided with high quality programmes to guide and support them to make well-informed decisions about their future careers. This is particularly important in the current context of changes in both the local and national economy, in the School leaver and graduate employment market, and also Higher Education. The School also recognises the transformational potential of Artificial Intelligence ("AI") and preparing students for the future world of work, whilst equipping students to develop the skills to use AI responsibly and effectively as they embark on their employment pathways.

Our Careers provision currently includes:

- A personalised approach to careers ensuring each student can access advice and guidance about their chosen career path
- An extensive programme to support those students wishing to apply to Oxford, Cambridge, and other highly selective Universities
- A package of focused support for students pursuing a career in Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science
- Practical support for the processes of job search, preparing effective CVs and job applications, developing interview presentation skills, and performing highly at assessment centres
- Opportunities to experience the world of work and understand how the curriculum is applied in the workplace

A large number of students used the Careers Resource Area during the last 12 months, seeking help on a broad range of issues, including volunteering opportunities, finding employment, careers advice, gaining entry to university or stage school and advice on the best combination of subjects for certain careers. The Careers Team also arrange for students to take part in virtual interviews and assessments as students can book private spaces, lap-tops and headsets in the Careers Resources Area and/or meet employers in person on site.

Career and Activities Week July 2025

Careers and Activities week is always an opportunity for students to try out new activities, develop their employability skills such as teamwork, problem-solving and communication skills and spend some time thinking about their future career choices. As far as possible, we always try to take students out of School for at least one trip or visit, in order to extend their experience and expose students to different environments and people.

During the week, students in Year 7 undertook a visit to Chester Zoo with Science Department, a field trip to Ironbridge with the Humanities team, the Wrekin Walk, a French spelling Bee and took part in an Enterprise challenge with a guest speaker from Virgin Atlantic, which enabled them to develop and better understand employability skills. They also set up a Unifrog account which enabled them to link the skills and knowledge they are developing in lessons, to future careers.

Year 8 students developed their presentation and evaluation skills by showcasing their investigations as part of the Science Fair, completed the Wrekin walk, a well-being carousel, futbol lingo, a meet the author session and a sports festival.

The Year 9 students took part in a trip to the National Space Centre and enjoyed a carousel of careers activities covering higher education, apprenticeships and a series of 'careers in the curriculum' workshops. The Year 9 History students completed a local trip to Coalbrookdale whilst Year 9 Geography students were on the Carding Mill valley field trip.

We were delighted that the vast majority of Year 10 students undertook a work experience placement which gave them direct experience of the world of work or a virtual work experience with Springpod. One group were fortunate to gain places on the engineering project which enabled them to work alongside engineers from UTC Collins Aerospace and visit local firm PolyTec.

The Year 12 students participated in UCAS and employability workshops, which were tailored to their individual career choices, and helped them to start their University and/or job applications. University trips were offered during the week, and university staff, alumni, employers, Careers and other staff ran workshops on registering on the UCAS system, choosing courses, writing personal statements, apprenticeships and budgeting. All Year 12 students also had the opportunity to undertake at least one week of in-person or virtual work experience, and we are grateful for the continuing support of local and regional employers for supporting our programme.

On behalf of the Governing Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Careers Team for the tremendous support and guidance given to the students during this very important stage in their lives.

Sport

It has been another fantastic year for sport at Thomas Telford School. Our students have excelled in all aspects of sport and physical education. The foundations for the growth and development of sport at the School continue to be through our Session 3 programme, with attendance at clubs and team practices remaining high throughout the year groups. Football continues to lead the way for both boys and girls in terms of participation and performance. The Session 3 programme remains varied and available for all students, offering an extensive choice across sports and opportunities to participate competitively or recreationally with their peers.

Thomas Telford School students achieved some remarkable representative honours, with well over 150 students representing their District, County, Region, or Country in a wide variety of sports. Over 50 boys and girls played football for their County, District, or Professional Clubs. At the very highest level, students represented England, Wales, Ireland, or Great Britain in Football, Athletics, and Netball. A number of students are also nationally ranked in events such as Swimming and Athletics, while others have competed in European and World Championships for their respective sports.

Football Dominance

Thomas Telford School has solidified its reputation as the most successful school in England for Football, culminating in a remarkable achievement of reaching 6 ESFA National Finals this year. This unparalleled success highlights the School's dedication to excellence in Football, with our teams consistently performing at the highest levels. The finals were again played at The Hawthorns, home of West Bromwich Albion Football Club, and at Stoke City Football Club. Many of our other teams came very close to the National finals, with other teams from Years 8, 10, 11 and the Sixth form boys missing out at the semi-final stages.

Once again, we have made a massive impact at the National level in Football. The U18 girls made back-to-back National Finals at Stoke FC, showcasing their remarkable consistency and talent. Our U16 Boys won the ESFA Elite cup with a 3-1 victory also at Stoke City Football Club. Several of those students; Jayshadee G, Hayden F and Xander G receiving International honours for England U16's as well this season, showing they will have a bright future in the game.

Additionally, Katy-Jay S and Beth M represented England Colleges for the U18 Girls, while Harvey S and Theo E represented England Colleges for the U18 Boys. Ania D represented Wales U19's, and Ellie C represented England U15 girls.

In the County Cup, our Year 7, 9, and 10 boys were victorious in their recent finals, matching the success of all the girls' teams who also lifted the county title for their age groups. We have numerous boys and girls who have represented the county at Football, helping Shropshire to become one of the rising counties in the Midlands for football talent and progression.

Our Football Officials Programme developed on the back of last year with more qualified football officials in School who help to officiate all of our school football fixtures.



Year 9 Boys County Cup



Year 10 Boys County Cup



Year 10 Girls County Cup



Year 8 Girls County Cup

Cross-Country Excellence

The Thomas Telford School Cross-Country teams were once again hugely successful in the Telford and District XC league. Following a season of big team wins, we once again walked away with the Overall Team title and honour of being best overall XC school in the region. Both boys and girls ran brilliantly throughout the four-race series. Every team winning their respective team title and other individual title winners in what was an excellent start to the Cross-Country season for our teams.

It has been another amazing year for Cross-Country with the ESAA Cup National Championships being the pinnacle of the success. We had four teams qualify for the National Finals in Leeds where they were able to race against the country's finest athletes in the biggest race for schools Cross-Country in the UK. The Shropshire Schools Cross-Country Championships took place in Oswestry, and our teams were out in force again with team titles for the Junior girls, as well as both the Senior Boys and Senior Girls. Lots of individual medallists on the day ensured that we cemented our place as one of the best schools in Shropshire for Athletics and Cross-Country.

The annual Bayley Mile Road race around the streets of Wellington was once again an extremely successful event for the school. Winning both team and individual honours. On an individual note, Zoe G once again represented Great Britain in the European U23 Cross-Country Championships. Beth T represented Great Britain in the 800m during the European Championships and Adam B represented England mountain running.



Bayley Mile



Senior Girls County-Cross Country

Basketball Success

Basketball at Thomas Telford School is thriving, with increased participation and notable successes across various year groups. The growth in Basketball is evident, with more students attending session three and representing the school in teams, contributing to the vibrant sports culture at Thomas Telford School. Coach Mr Green continues to work tirelessly with the teams and in the process is creating a great ethos for Basketball at Thomas Telford School.



Year 8 Basketball



Year 10 Basketball

Swimming

In the recent County Swimming championships, our swimmers claimed an amazing number of medals, across the age categories and disciplines. This success backed up our District swimming dominance after we claimed all of the titles on offer for Years 7 to 10 in both boy's and girl's categories.

Our Learn to Swim Programme continues to be a great success. The hard work of new Swimming Teacher, Miss Lee, has allowed us to focus on ensuring that all students are water confident and competent by the end of Year 7. We have continued to work closely with Redhill Primary Academy and Madeley Academy, offering swimming lessons and access to the facility so that they can develop swimmers at their schools. During these sessions, both Mr Plant and Miss Lee have assisted with provision and assessment.

The Fun Swim and Recreational Swim session numbers for Session 3 are always oversubscribed, and our GCSE students also continue to use swimming as part of their practical assessment for the course, always with great success.



Junior Girls Swimming District Champions

Hockey

The Hockey programme has had another successful year at Thomas Telford School. The students embarked on inter-school fixtures as the initial section to develop their fitness and teamwork. Teams then completed friendly fixtures versus local schools to sharpen themselves ready for District, County and Regional competitions. The success within hockey continues to blossom with our beginner students in Year 7 boys securing County titles. Continuing with the boys success, the Year 9 boys won two county titles, and the Year 10 boys were runners up in the Shropshire state 7's. Our Year 8 Girls were both Winners and also came third with our B team in the County Cup, while our Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 Girls were all crowned county champions. From an individual point of view, we had students from Years 7-11 represent the County and Year 13 student Logan M and Year 12 Student George P representing Regional Talent Centres.

Netball

Our Netball teams continue to flourish both locally and regionally. The Year 7 girls team got the year off to a fantastic start, winning the District Championships. The Year 8, 9 and 10 girls team followed a similar path of success. After claiming the District title early in the academic year, they competed in the County Championships, with Year 8 Girls finishing runners up.



Year 7 Girls & Year 8 Girls Netball District Champions

Tennis

Our Under 19 boys' Tennis team started the summer season in fine style. Although the first three fixtures against private school opposition proved difficult, the boys went on to qualify for the regional finals. The Junior programme commenced following the May half-term break and our younger students enjoyed another great season. Tennis Session 3s continued to be a focus for Year 7 and 8 as we continued to prepare students for future competitions and encourage participation. There was a positive interest in our pathway to Wimbledon Competition, and popularity in the sport has increased on the whole.

Cricket

The cricket season has seen us compete in different formats of the game. We have had success in the U13 Cricket Shropshire Schools Tape Ball Competition winning the first ever title in this competition. We have had both boys and girls representing the school in district and county indoor competitions and all our teams managed to play at least one game of hardball cricket.

Gymnastics & Trampolining

Last year saw the return of our gymnastics team, and we also had entries for the trampolining competitions that took place in Telford. Our girls were excellent, performing their routines winning both individual and team medals across both competitions. The girls were a credit to the school and hopefully they can continue their success and inspire other gymnasts to test themselves on the county stage.



Junior Girls Gymnastics and Trampolining District Medalists and Team Awards

International Representations

A large number of our students have also excelled on the international stage:

Football

Year 11- Xander G
Year 11 – Haydn F
Year 11 – Jayshade G
Year 10 – Eleanor C
Year 13 – Theo E
Year 13 – Harvey S
Year 13 – Beth M
Year 12 – Katy-Jay S
Year 13 – Ania D
Year 10 – Leon H

Netball

Year 10 - Emily F and Ruby M

Ice Hockey

Year 11 Taylor S
Year 13 Jace G

Athletics

Year 12 Beth T
Year 13 Zoe G
Year 12 Joe F
Year 12 Adam B

Summary

Success this year has been a testament to the hard work, talent, and dedication of our students and staff at Thomas Telford School. From dominating local leagues to making a mark on the national and international stage, our athletes have showcased their prowess across multiple sports, particularly in Football. These accomplishments not only bring pride to our school community but also set a benchmark for future generations.

Performing Arts & Music

This academic year has been a vibrant and inspiring one for the Performing Arts Department, marked by outstanding student achievements, exciting productions, and a continued expansion of opportunities across Music, Dance, and Drama.

Key Highlights

- **Major Productions:** The Sixth Form delivered a dynamic performance of *“Footloose”* in April, showcasing exceptional talent and teamwork with a huge supporting cast of Key Stage 3 and 4 students. Our popular *Arts Nights* in November, featured a wide range of student-led performances. An Evening of Song and the Dance Showcase further demonstrated the Performing Arts Academy students’ excellence. The Christmas and Summer Concerts, produced by Music staff featured a variety of musical styles from all year groups. “80 Days Around The World” by the Key Stage 3 Drama club showcased the developing Drama skills of the lower school students.
- **Instrumental & Vocal Lessons:** The Music School has currently, **100 students** enrolled in instrumental and vocal lessons. Many of these students also contribute to Music Session 3s.
- **Examinations:** Instrumental and vocal Music examinations for various examination boards were a part of the Music School provision, and we successfully entered a growing number of students, all of whom passed their qualifications.

- **Collaborative events:** Year 9 Drama students presented their piece of “Theatre in Education” to the Year 5 and 6 students of Redhill Primary Academy, this focused in on cyberbullying and mobile phone use. 100 Dance Academy students took part in the annual Thomas Telford School Dance festival in January which brought together a number of schools from the local areas as well as the affiliated schools of Thomas Telford Multi Academy Trust (“TTMAT”). The standard of Dance produced at these events continues to rise.

Performing Arts Academy

- The Performing Arts Academy students have participated in a variety of professional workshops with alumni.
- They have received career guidance through visits to Stage Schools and mock auditions. This allows students to understand the audition process and to ensure that they are prepared for their upcoming auditions. Alongside this, they will receive a higher education meeting, which provides further detail on the audition process and selecting the appropriate stage school/university.
- Students have watched a variety of professional works throughout the academic year and have received multiple performance opportunities, internally & externally.

Session 3 Activities & Clubs

- Music Session 3 has expanded from school year 2023-2024 to 2024-2025
- Orchestra now includes students from Years 7 - 13 with a steady attendance growing from 15 (2023-2024) to 22 (2024-2025). We have also extended the regular repertoire of the group to engage and challenge the more able players. The lower school members of Orchestra worked on their skills at the inaugural Orchestra trip to Boreatton Park in June 2025.
- Our Choir has steadily grown in numbers, including the Sixth Form Performing Arts Academy students. Students were invited to sing a selection of festive songs at the Telford Town Centre Christmas launch event in November which was a resounding success.
- Rock bands in both the lower and upper school worked towards both the Christmas and the Summer concerts performing mainly covers but also some original songs. The Intermediate Rock Band and the Advanced Soul Band also performed at the Shropshire County Show in May and at the Shrewsbury Food Festival in June.
- String Group is aimed at the more able Violin, Viola and Cello players. This small group plays more challenging Music and focuses on developing the ensemble key skills of these young musicians.
- Dance Academy continues to be oversubscribed and a prime example of dance excellence.
- Force Dance Academy, which is focused on boys’ dance, grew in number and performed their own pieces in the TTS Dance Festival.
- Key Stage 3 Drama Club participation steadily increased as students embraced the performance of “80 Days around the world” which was adapted to develop the student's confidence and Drama skills.

Academic Support & Catch-Up

- Students attended academic Session 3 activities in Music, Dance, and Drama throughout the year. Additional intervention sessions ensured that all students could catch up on missed learning and achieve their full potential.

Trips & Enrichment

- 45 students attended the Classic FM Hall of Fame concert at Birmingham Symphony Hall in December 2024.
- 40 students, Year 9 to 6.2, attended the Theatre Severn to watch Jasmin Vardimon’s ‘NOW’.
- Sixth Form students visited leading institutions including Performers & Millenium.

- 20 lower school students attended an Orchestra rehearsal trip to PGL Boreatton Park in June.

Session 3

A comprehensive programme of Session 3 activities (3.15pm – 4.50pm) provides a wide range of sporting, performing and cultural activities which are accessible to all year groups. Combined with subject specific support in small groups, or individually, the Session 3 programme, the full details of which are displayed on the School website, provides exceptional opportunities for every student at the School.

Finance, Administration and Premises

The Director of Finance has maintained a strong focus on the School's finances, achieving optimum value for money. The annual programme of repairs and a refurbishment of several areas took place in the summer holidays, alongside several more significant capital projects, notably the installation of Solar panels, the conversion of Learning Centre 2 into a suite of four classrooms with computers, the renovation of the fitness centre and the creation of two additional office spaces.

The phased programme of external and internal maintenance ensures that the fabric of the School is maintained to the highest possible standard, and the groundsmen have once again kept all areas tidy and have ensured that playing surfaces and pitches have been conserved in good order. It continues to be very pleasing that students respect the quality of their environment and contribute to its ongoing pristine condition.

Our IT Director has continued to focus on keeping the schools IT systems secure by ensuring our IT security is based on the DfE and NCSC standards. A full review of the software in use across the site has been undertaken resulting in the very latest packages being made available for staff and students alike.

Parent communication and engagement has been enhanced by the adoption of the My Child At School application and student portal. Pilot schemes in staff use of AI solutions including Sparx, CoPilot and Turnitin are underway, promising to engage and optimise student results and staff efficiency.

As always, our non-teaching staff and administration team have worked tirelessly to provide effective support to the senior management team and teaching staff, whilst members of the catering and cleaning departments provided an excellent service for all.

Sponsors

The Mercers' Company and Tarmac Holdings Limited ("THL"), the School's main sponsors, are committed to the aims and objectives of the School. They continue to offer generous support to the students in a wide variety of ways, including financial support. Each Sponsor nominates up to four Governors to serve on the Governing Board, and this provides the Sponsors with ongoing information regarding the achievements of the School. The Headmaster is also able to seek advice from Sponsors when needed.

Governors

During the year, there have been several changes to the composition of the Governing Board, with Mr Haywood and Mrs Evers being nominated by The Mercers' Company and Mrs Harding-Jack joining us as a Coopted Governor. I would like to express my thanks to all Governors for their commitment and support to the School.

Action and Events During 2024-2025

Students' are awarded "TTS Points" for taking responsibility, taking opportunities and doing well in their schoolwork. Last year there were 76,837 TTS points awarded to students:

Key Stage 3 45,323 TTS Points

Key Stage 4 31,514 TTS Points

When students reached 30, 60 or 100 TTS points, they received a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate at assembly and a prize ranging from a free breakfast to gift vouchers. The Year 7 student who receives the most TTS points is recognised at Achievement Evening where they are awarded a trophy and a prize. The winner of the Headmaster Award at Achievement Evening in July 2025 was Year 7 student, Andriana K.

Other top performers to receive a certificate and prize for their TTS points were:

Year 7
Mason D

Year 8
Angela S
Ella S

Year 9
Lexie B
Nathan S

Year 10
Vinnie S
Oliver G

Below are some of the main events of 2024-2025: -

- Student Led Conferences for Years 10 and 11
- Achievement Evening
- Sixth Form Taster Sessions for Year 11 students
- Sixth Form Information Evening for external Sixth Form applicants
- Music, Drama and Dance Events
- Year 7 Harvest Festival
- Year 8 Remembrance Service
- Holocaust Memorial Day
- European Day of Languages
- GCHQ National Languages Competition with Year 9
- Year 7 French Spelling Bee
- Options Taster Sessions for Year 8 students
- School Production of "Footloose"
- Sports Day
- Science Fair
- Induction Tours for Sixth Form Students
- Summer School for new Year 7 students
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Year 8 Science Fair

- TTMAT Science STEM poster competition
- STEM Quadcopter Challenge
- Key Stage 3 Physics visit to Leicester Space Centre
- Year 7 trip to Chester Zoo

On a termly basis, the Governing Board continue to monitor progress against issues arising from the School Development Plan.

Governors also monitor Health and Safety incidents, including near misses, by reviewing termly reports and considering what action might be necessary to minimise reoccurrences.

Students continue to receive an Annual Report at the end of the academic year, and parents and Personal Tutors discuss progress and set targets. Parents receive modular reports on progress every half term and are asked on each occasion if they are satisfied with homework and the general standard of work. We very much value this regular line of communication with parents.

Community and Outreach Programme

Sharing successful practice with other Schools is a natural part of the work undertaken by Thomas Telford School. We have a range of initiatives underway involving work with other Schools and receive support from The Mercers' Company and Training Schools Programmes. These are carefully planned and budgeted for, to ensure that they are successful and there is no negative impact upon the students or staff of Thomas Telford School. Below is an outline of the School's work with other schools.

Joint Professional Development with TTMAT Family of Schools

Staff from Thomas Telford School, Madeley Academy, Walsall Academy, Sandwell Academy and Thomas Telford UTC regularly support each other with moderation of assessment, curriculum development, and other training at departmental level during the annual collaboration training day. The School also collaborates with Redhill Primary Academy, particularly to provide children at that school with access to our facilities.

Projects

TTMAT - Primary Club with Redhill Primary Academy
 Inter TTMAT Mathematics Competition
 STEM Quadcopter with Collins Aerospace
 UKMT Mathematics Competitions
 Harvest Festival
 Black History Month project
 TTMAT Netball @ Madeley Academy
 TTMAT Football @ Sandwell Academy
 TTMAT Table Tennis @UTC
 TTMAT Basketball / Handball @ Walsall Academy
 TTMAT Tennis / Rounders / Cricket (Year 9) Madeley Academy
 TTMAT Hockey / Swimming @ Thomas Telford School
 TTMAT Art staff workshop at Woodsetton Pottery with Artist Lorraine Bates
 TTMAT joint PD Day Cyanotype technique and Gelli plate printmaking
 Artist in Residence programme Year 11 and Sixth Form
 Printmaking competition Sixth Form
 TTMAT Spoken Language showcase Year 10

Charity and Community support

The school currently supports three charities, as chosen by the student headship team, these are:

- Hope House Children's Hospice
- Telford Stay for homeless people
- Telford Young Minds

Through our excellent fundraising efforts, we have donated over £30,000 to these charities over the last three years.

Thomas Telford students and staff have continued our strong tradition of supporting the community. We have done this in a variety of ways, are really pleased with the fundraising efforts and are extremely grateful for the support of everyone that contributed. Over the past few years, we have also been fortunate enough to be able to raise funds and donate thousands of pounds to a wide variety of other charities, including “Love from George”, a Telford charity set up by an ex-student. We donated goods for hampers designed for parents in hospital where they have lost their newborn child.

The student headship team visited RAF Cosford and were shown around by the West Midlands Air ambulance team. This was followed by a “wear it red” day in school in aid of the air ambulance and we donated £5,000.00 to the cause.

Our #HelloYellow day in October saw us raise over £1,200.00 for World Mental Health Day. This was followed by our Christmas Jumper day in December, raising a further £1,250.00.

Again, this year, a number of 6.1 Business Academy students ran events to raise money for the School’s charities. Events included afternoon tea experience for staff, a football tournament for lower school students to raise awareness of the importance of exercise in maintaining good mental health, and a year 7 movie night held during Session 3.

July saw the whole school embark on our Wrekin Walk challenge. Students from Years 7 and 8 walked the 12-mile journey up the Wrekin and back, to raise money for our school charities. Staff and students took part and had a great time, raising money for some great causes.

At the end of the school year, following their A Level examinations, 30 6.2 students embarked on the trip of a lifetime, to support students less fortunate in Kenya. Students fundraised the expenses themselves and then travelled to Kenya to teach in two separate Kenyan schools. The students taught children from the ages of 3 – 14 and helped to build and decorate new classrooms in the schools that they volunteered in.

We are extremely pleased to have raised over £12,000 for the schools nominated charities throughout 2024-2025. Thank you to all parents, students, and staff for their continued support.

Governors

The School is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, registered under the Companies Act. Its Governors (who are directors of the Company) are nominated by the two Sponsors of the School, which are The Mercers’ Company and Tarmac Holdings Limited, and by the Governors themselves.

The Governors retire by rotation in accordance with the Company’s Articles of Association, which provide that at each Annual General Meeting of the Company, one third of the Governors must retire, being those longest in office since last election, but are eligible for re-election.

Chair and Secretary

The Chair of the Governors is Mrs G L Ruoss, and the Company Secretary is Mrs M Davies.

Financial Statements

The audited accounts for the 2024-2025 academic year will be submitted to Governors on 12 November 2025 for their approval and the full Annual Report and Financial Statements will be made available via the School’s our website, in due course.

G L Ruoss

Chair of Governors

November 2025