

# The Sixth Form Newsletter



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# Remembrance Day

On the 12th November 2023, Eloise and I had the pleasure of representing the school at the Remembrance Day service in Ledbury. It was great to be able to pay our respects by laying a wreath for the school at the War Memorial in the centre of town. It was also very nice to be able to interact with the local community both before and after the service, especially on such an important day.

In the week leading up to Remembrance Day, members of the Sixth Form Student Leadership team were able to go around the school selling poppies to both students and teachers of John Masefield. The appeal helped to raise money in order to support the Armed Forces and was well supported, with many poppies sold and many more donations made.

Photo— Eloise Jones and Hayley Wixey in front of the war memorial in Ledbury

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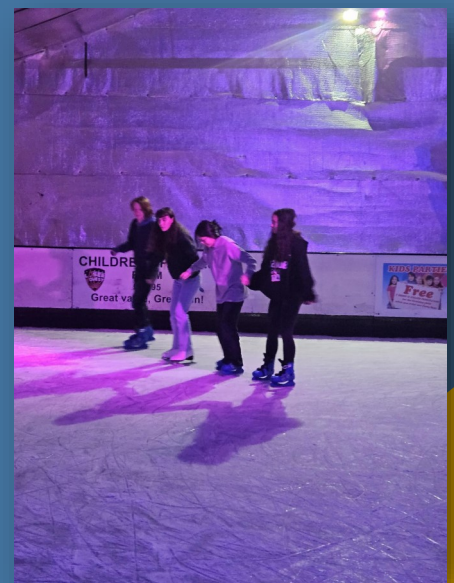
# Sixth Form Trip to Ice Quest in Malvern

On the 29th November, a group of sixth formers, both year 12 and 13, were given the opportunity to go on a trip to Ice Quest in Malvern for Enrichment on a Wednesday afternoon. Leaving at the end of lunch, the group, accompanied by several teachers, travelled by bus to Malvern to start their activities. There was a choice of three activities – Laser Tag, Ice Skating or Escape Rooms – with each student being able to complete two activities within the afternoon.

All the activities were thoroughly enjoyed by the sixth formers, with the escape rooms providing the fun but difficult task of escaping to those willing to try. Ice skating was also enjoyed by many, despite the challenge of staying upright with the help of some skating aides that were provided.



The trip came to an end just after 4pm, where the students were picked up and taken back to school by bus, before being able to leave for home. Overall, the trip was a great success, providing a nice afternoon away from the sixth form for the students



# Marathon in a Month

Throughout the month of November, a group of sixth formers took part in the challenge of running 2.5km over the course of the month, which added up to the length of a marathon. In total, the challenge took 3 hours 30 minutes to complete and the group ran the marathon over 17 days. Overall, 15 sixth formers ran the distance of 2.5km for at least one day, with 8 completing the whole challenge. The marathon was aimed to be a challenge for the group, and also as a way to help improve both their physical and mental wellbeing.



The idea for the marathon was initiated by one of the sports captains, Lucas Recordon, though another suggestion made was that the marathon could be used to help raise money for a cause within the local community. It was decided that the marathon would be used to raise money for St Michael's Hospice, in honour of Colin Thorne, who passed in mid-October 2023.



Colin ran a small barbers shop in Ledbury and vowed that the shop would reach 75 years of service, in honour of his father, who passed away, and was the previous owner of the shop. However, Colin exceeded his goal, with the shop reaching 75 years of service, and he also donated all profit made from the shop to St Michael's Hospice, again in honour of his late father. Colin was greatly loved within Ledbury, due to his community spirit and tenacity in keeping the shop open for as long as he did.

In total, £220 was raised for the cause, with many generous donations given. Many thanks as well to Mrs Hunt in the Sixth Form, who helped to set up an easily accessible funding page, for people to donate to.



# Pyjama day in the sixth form



On the 17th November, the sixth form had a pyjama day in order to raise money for Children In Need. Many students happily came in their pyjamas, donating a minimum of £1 towards the cause. A great variety of pyjamas were seen throughout the day, with some students embracing the theme of pyjamas more thoroughly than others!

Overall, the day was a success, with a total amount of £47 being donated in cash on the day from 6th formers, with a further £27 being donated via Parent Pay towards Children In Need, in addition to the donations from the rest of the school, who had a non-school uniform day

