



As we come to the end of the first week back, we have been steadily settling back to learning and preparing for the up-and-coming examinations. Following further discussions with the transport companies and the on going issues with the reduced train times to and from Shifnal, we have been informed the reduced service will continue in the long term, so we have had to revisit the timings of the school day again this year. The consultation will start shortly and we will send out a letter very soon.

To support the year 11 students we will be providing the late bus service for free to enable them to attend the additional sessions. Students will need to book a place on the late bus with the finance office at breaktime. Attendance and revision are essential as we work towards the exam period.

We have a full week to look forward to next week, followed by two 4 day weeks, as Monday 1st and Monday 8th May are bank holidays.

For your information, the school will remain fully open during the NEU teachers' strikes.

Have a lovely weekend,

Michelle King
Headteacher



Reminders & Notices

Safeguarding Focus

With smartphones, tablets, laptops and games consoles now the norm, it's no surprise to learn that almost nine out of ten (89%, to be exact) 10 to 15 year olds in the UK go online every day. Whilst there are some positives to the online world, it can bring around stress, depression, anxiety, addiction and more. A guide to managing device stress can be found on the [school website](#). It may be of particular interest to those with examinations in the coming weeks.



Fundraising Success

Eco Club has raised over £170 through a delicious Springtime Bake Sale last term to improve our beautiful Eco Garden. Thank you everyone for the support! If you would like to get involved in improving the environment, join us on Tuesdays Session Six in S8.



Telford Crisis Food Bank

Over the Easter break, a team of Sixth Formers volunteered their time at Telford Crisis Food Bank. They worked hard to produce family breakfast packs and hampers to support the homeless with no facilities to cook. The students said they found it a really rewarding way to spend a few hours of their holidays, knowing they were helping families that needed some extra support. They also added in a few extra Easter goodies such as delicious Easter eggs and chocolate treats.

Spring has Sprung!

The Spring Photo Competition has come to an end, and the winner has been selected. We want to thank everyone who sent in their amazing photos. It's been a challenge to find the best image that captures "SPRING". After long consideration the winner is: Isla in Year 9 (photo, right). Congratulations to all who took part!



Music achievers

Congratulations to James who got a Merit in his Grade 1 Drum Exam and Biba who got a Distinction for her Grade 5 Musical Theatre Singing Exam. Excellent news and just rewards for their hard work!

Sixth Form Easter

Our wonderful sixth formers helped at messy church on Good Friday, giving up their own time to help out; students helped with multiple crafty activities from Easter cross sun catchers to story wheels. In addition to this they also helped collect materials for upcycling and stayed to clear up the mess made afterwards. Thank you to all involved.

Free Audiobooks for Teens

Sign up to get free audiobooks to download and keep. Two titles are available every week until 2nd August! See [the website](#) for titles and instructions.

Ice Hockey Super Summer

Josef (Year 10) has been selected for Draft Showcase, as one of the top 80 players in the country. Emmie (Year 7) has been selected for the England Under 13 girls squad, and will be playing in Bratislava, Slovakia! Congratulations to both and good luck for their tournaments this summer!

Meet the Army Event, 3 May

A Meet the Army event being held at the Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury on Wed 3rd May, 6.30 - 9pm. It is a free event and there will be a buffet also. The event is a good opportunity for young people and adults to learn more about the Army and what they do. You can register for the event via [this link](#) or see the [school website](#).

London Marathon, 23 April

Good luck to Deputy Head Mr Thomas and Operations Manager Mr Hughes as they run the London Marathon on Sunday. Mr Thomas is running in aid of [Lingen Davies Cancer Fund](#) and Mr Hughes is running for [Severn Hospice](#). Please follow the links and donate what you can to such worthy local causes and help them reach their targets!

FOCUS Sing for Shifnal Charity Concert Congratulations to the musicians and singers at Idsall who took part in a fundraising event at the very end of last term. Idsall joined with Shifnal Primary and Shifnal Male Voice Choir and performed to a full house, including the Mayor and other guests from our local community. As always, the Idsall students rose to the occasion and wowed the audience with their confident displays of musical talent. Mrs Shaw is proud to have stood with them as their teacher. Some very positive comments were given by the audience too, praising everyone involved and the contagious enthusiasm of the performers.



Upcoming Events

Events at a glance:

- * Thurs 27th April: Year 10 Parents Evening
- * Mon 1st May: May Day Bank Holiday; school closed
- * Tues 2nd May: Uniform Evening for new Year 7 intake, 4pm - 6pm
- * Thurs 4th May: Primary Multi-Skills Event, 3.30 - 5.30pm
- * Thurs 4th May: Parent Meeting regarding transfer to The Marches Academy Trust, 6pm



News

Visit our website to:

- * View our [upcoming events](#)
- * Check our [term dates](#)
- * Read the latest [news articles](#)



Why not follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#)?

