



Welcome to this weeks newsletter. After a rainy week we are all hoping for a dry weekend. We have seen some lovely lessons this week, with lots of learning taking place. We have also welcomed our first year 7 meet the tutor evening; it was really busy and lovely to see so many parents and happy students. They have all settled in really well, along with our Year 12 students who are adapting to a new way of studying and working hard. This week we have also seen our first post 16 visit from the Trust, it has gone really well with lots of positives.

Recently students asked for a new water fountain, I am pleased to share some good news that we have placed an order for two new water fountains which will be installed in different areas of the school as soon as they arrive. These will allow students to fill up water bottles much easier #yousaidwedid. We have also seen our first Idsall Gets Talking event - a walk around the fields at lunch time supported by our senior Sixth Form team and the One Voice group, great work by the team.


Have a lovely weekend,

Michelle King  
Headteacher



### 🔔 Reminders & Notices

#### Safeguarding Focus

 We have been made aware of a free course, that you may wish to view; that can be done on your phone. It relates to the [brain development of teenagers](#), and how we can better support them at this crucial time. There is a short registration form, and then it gives you access to a number of free courses, mostly related to child development. Use access code DARWIN18 to get the course for free. There is also a version of the course for [your teen](#).

#### Flu Vaccinations, Wed 8 Nov

Letters and consent forms have been sent to parents and carers. Please complete and return the signed consent form to school by **Mon 16th Oct**. All forms need to be handed in to the Attendance Office, next to reception. Electronic copies of the forms can be [emailed](#). If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please still return the consent form indicating No Consent. More information, including copies of forms, can be found on [the website](#).

#### Parent Governor Vacancies

An opportunity has arisen for the appointment of two Parent Governors to serve on the Local Governing Body of Idsall School. If you are interested, you can find all the details on [our website](#) about what the role involves and how to apply. If you wish to have a paper copy of the nomination form please ask at reception. The closing date is the end of the school day on Friday 20th October.

**FOCUS** Looking after Mental Health On Tuesday, the Sixth Form marked World Mental Health Day by decorating the Sixth Form area, wearing yellow and selling crocheted jellyfish stress relievers at break and lunchtime to raise money for the Young Minds charity. The jellyfish were hand made by some of our very own sixth form students during well-being time with Mrs Case. Well done to the sixth formers who raised over £60 for this very worthwhile cause.



Mrs Case regularly runs a 'Crafternoon' for Sixth Form, getting away from screens and stress to create something fun. Next week's Crafternoon is Halloween themed, so watch out around school for origami flapping bats, pom pom ghosts and more!



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### Free Climate Café

Former student Ellie has been in touch about her latest project. As part of Force of Nature, Ellie is planning a Climate Café on October 29, 2023, at 11:00 AM at the Bolthole in Ironbridge. Inspired by similar events across 46 countries, Climate Cafés are a place for casual discussion on climate change and related topics over coffee and good vibes! This event is being run alongside Zero Carbon Shropshire and Shropshire Wildlife to make a space for climate conversations. It's a scary time at the moment for young people, especially in the face of climate change and it's more important than ever before to open up spaces like this for young people. Here's what you can expect from our climate café:

- A safe and inclusive space: Our café will be a safe haven for open discussions, where everyone's perspective is valued, and all are welcome to share their thoughts and ideas.
- Signposting to mental health organisations
- Workshop, activities and brainstorming session
- Call to action: kick-starting community projects

More information, and ticket bookings are available [online](#).

### PE Session 6: Wed 18 Oct

No PE Session Six will run on Wed 18 Oct as staff are all hosting the final Cross Country run (see right).

### Catering Update

The latest updates from the catering team are now available on [the website](#).

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### International Handball



Grace and Jasmine, from Year 13, as well as former student Isabel, have been representing Great Britain in the 2023 Women's International Handball Federation Trophy - Youth: Europe in Kosovo this week. On Wednesday, they beat Albania 34-18, and Jasmine scored many of the goals, earning herself Player of the Match. Well done!

### Marches Digital Careers Fair

Learn Live have been in touch about the free, educational and informative broadcasts they have coming up for students, parents and carers.

The Marches Careers Hub will be hosting [digital careers fairs](#) during this term to provide the opportunity for young people in Herefordshire, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin to understand technical and vocational pathways and the opportunities available locally. They are running on Mon 16 Oct at 9.15am, Fri 20 Oct at 5.30pm and Wed 25 Oct at 9.15am.

These events will provide young people with:

- An overview of the technical qualifications or apprenticeships offered by local employers
- Information on the career opportunities that link to these
- A description of what learning / training would consist of
- Opportunities to question employers and providers during a live Q&A session

### Cross Country Update

Idsall host the final race on Wed 18th Oct with most teams very close, if not in, the Top 3 for the team events. Final placing will be shared next week, however all and any students who want to run in the final races should sign in at the PE office with Mr Goodison or Miss Broughton ASAP - Anyone who has run any of the races so far will automatically be included already and do not need to sign up again.

Well done to all of the Idsall runners for this weeks gruelling course up at Chetwynd Deer Park in Round 3. Best results of the day came from Rubie and Simon in the girls and boys senior races winning Second place each. Dan in Y8 won a 5th place. Super running from everyone!

### LRC Book Fair & Competitions

One more week until the Scholastic Book Fair! Prices range from £2.99 to £9.99 and previews of some of the books are available on the [Scholastic website](#). Letters have been sent with information about secure online payments and a Parents/Carers Event on Tues 24 Oct, 3.20 - 4.20pm. Come along, browse the books and help to pick their next read. Please email [Miss Basini](#) if you would like to attend.

There is still plenty of time for students (and staff) to enter one of the four competitions and win vouchers you can spend on books at the fair. Design a bookmark, write a review, or poem or take the movie book quiz! Please ask in the LRC, or see the noticeboard at the Cross Roads for more information.

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