



It has been a really busy week, as we have been interviewing for new teachers. We are delighted to have made some brilliant appointments to the team, who will be joining us at Easter. Interviews are never easy, but with the support of the student panels, we can work together to find the right person to join us. Students are very much an important part of the interview process and get to interview each candidate and feedback their thoughts. We are always amazed by the level of maturity and depth of thought that they use when deciding who they think is the right candidate for the job. They also have a 96% success rate of choosing the right candidate. A huge well done to the students taking part, you are a real asset to the interview panel #TeamIdsall.

We really want to get more students involved in having Student Voice heard. We have launched a VOICE programme where students are videoed talking about a topic which is shared weekly across the school, and together with the constant Student Voice sessions we are getting more and more students involved. Working together, the Student Voice is really important in both supporting and driving positive change, to ensure an understanding of things students need to know. We would love to see more students get involved. Anyone interested, please encourage them to speak to Mrs Martin or Mr Bailey.

On return from half term, all students in Years 7,8 & 9 will receive their chosen reading book. They are expected to have these with them everyday to take part in our dedicated reading time, which will be timetabled. All students have been busy choosing their first book to read. For Years 10-13, texts will be given related to their subjects for reading during this time. We are looking forward to Drop Everything and Read time.

A reminder that next Friday is our Collaboration Day where students are not required in school but will receive work to be completed for the day. Therefore, the last day in school will be Thursday 8th February. All students will return on Tuesday 20th February to start the new half term up until the Easter holidays.

Have a lovely weekend,

Michelle King
Headteacher



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East Shropshire Dodgeball qualifiers On Wednesday, Idsall School hosted the Year 5/6 Dodgeball qualifiers. The event was run by 17 sports leaders who did a fantastic job to officiate and score over 50 rounds of game play. Over 130 children took part in the event from across ten different primary schools in East Shropshire and enjoyed a fantastic afternoon demonstrating the School Games values of teamwork, respect and honesty. This has been one of our biggest hosted events to date this year and a masterclass in leadership was on show. Well done to St Andrews and Claverley Primary School who will now represent East Shropshire in the next round. An amazing event, well done team!

Upcoming Events

Events at a glance:

- * Tues 6 Feb: Year 11 Mock Exam Parents Meeting, 6 - 7pm, Main Hall
- * Fri 9 Feb: Staff Collaboration Day; students learning from home
- * Mon 12 - Fri 16 Feb: Half Term; School closed to students
- * Mon 19 Feb: PD Day, school closed to students
- * Tues 20 Feb: All students return to school
- * Tues 20 Feb: Year 9 Options Information (via Teams) Evening, 6-7pm
- * Mon 26 Feb - Fri 8 Mar: Year 11 Mock Exams
- * Wed 28 Feb: Disneyland Paris Parents Meeting, 5.30pm, Main Hall



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Reminders & Notices

Safeguarding Focus



This week's safeguarding focus is on the topic of group chats.

Group chats can lead to friendship difficulties and fallouts which also then impact within school time, as well as being a risk in terms of:

- Bullying
- Inappropriate image sharing
- Communicating with unknown individuals
- Private information being shared
- A child's location being shared with others

Please see the [website](#) for further details.

Free Health Careers Webinar

NHS Careers are offering this free Zoom Webinar on Wed 28 Feb at 4pm. The session will provide an overview of roles, entry points, apprenticeship and graduate opportunities, work experience, financial support and useful resources. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. Register via [Google Forms](#).

Year 8 Boys Rugby

Idsall played their first round fixture against Ercall Wood with a dominant first half display that stopped the main running threat from Ercall with some superb tackling. The second half saw some outstanding support play and effort in attack, meaning the final score was Idsall 31 - Ercall Wood 0. Their next game is on Tuesday at home to William Brookes.



British Athletics

Mr Walsh has been chosen to represent England on Saturday (3 Feb) in Belgium, in the 60m sprint. He will also be competing at the British Athletics National Championships in Birmingham on Sat 17 Feb in the 60m sprint. Good luck from all of us at Idsall! Let us know how you get on!



Year 11 Revision

The timetable for Year 11 Revision Sessions is below. Please speak to teaching staff for more details. The timetable can also be found on the [school website](#).

	Week A	Week B
Mon	Maths English GCSE P.E BTEC Sport French	Maths English GCSE P.E BTEC Sport French
Tues	Science Comp Sci Geography Business R.E French	Science Comp Sci Geography Business R.E French
Wed	IT Health & SC Design Food History R.E Psychology	IT Health & SC Design Food History R.E Psychology
Thurs		
Fri	German	Geography German

MATLitFest

Next Friday, Key Stage 3 students are invited to submit an entry for the MATLitFest. Each of you will need to complete up to 3 tasks from the list for your year group. All tasks are on the One Voice themes of Sustainability or Mental Health and Wellbeing. You can create a poem, make a book, or write a song. If you would like to enter, please follow the instructions on the 'Collaboration Day' work for Friday 8th February and submit your entries to your English teacher.

Celebrating Attendance

Year 7 celebrate great attendance termly and some of these celebrations will soon be spreading to other year groups. Tutors get weekly updates about their groups' attendance, alongside reports about positive and negative behaviour points. Tutors also get a brief overview of other groups to see how they compare to the rest of the year group. Each term, the best attending tutor group wins a prize.

Guidance about when to keep sick children off school can be found on the [NHS website](#). Some handy facts, as well as links to a variety of resources are available on



the [school website](#). You can also contact school if you wish to discuss attendance, or any concerns. Contact details are below.



Student Absences

Please ensure that you ring the school attendance office first thing in the morning, every day of your child's absence (01952) 468 400 or email attendance@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk for years 7 to 11 absence and email 6thformattendance@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk for Sixth Form absence. Thank you.

Trips

Planned trips appear here. Please see communications or trip leader for more information.

- ◆ 'Oh, What a Lovely War', Theatre Severn Shrewsbury, Feb 2024, Trip Leader: D Williams
- ◆ 'A Mid Summer Nights Dream', Year 7-9, RSC Stratford Upon Avon, Feb 2024, Trip Leader: A Thorpe
- ◆ Reward Trips for Easter 2024, Coming Soon
- ◆ Disneyland Paris, Year 7/8, March 2024, Trip Leader: CLeverington
- ◆ Wimbledon Tennis Championships, Year 9-13, July 2024, Trip leader: P Goodison
- ◆ GCSE PE climbing trip, Year 11, 18th, 25th June 5th July 2024. Trip Leader P Goodison
- ◆ Skiing Trip Austria, Year 10-13, Easter 2025. Trip Leader P Goodison

