



This week has seen lots of parents come into school with Year 8 Parents Evening and the Disneyland Paris Parents Meeting, together with some external visitors; it has been great to welcome so many parents and visitors into our school.

Over 70 students took part in the Varsity Games event at Shrewsbury yesterday. After a long day of competing in a range of sports Idsall came third with the joint winners beating us by only 1 point. As Mr Goodison said "do not worry, we will be back". It was close with just one point deciding the winners and students played and competed with pride. Well done Team Idsall, and to the Winners the Marches School!

In the coming weeks, we are delighted to have a range of guest speakers coming in to work with Students. We will be welcoming the Army, local councillors, an MP, the police, the RAF, local businesses and the NHS into school. It is a pleasure to be working closely with our community and share the great work they do, making students aware of important issues and developing vital skills for life.

This week with the introduction of reading into the school day, it has started really well, remembering "the more you read the more you will know, the more you learn the more places you will go" perfectly quoted by Dr Seuss.

Have a lovely weekend,



Michelle King  
Headteacher

### FOCUS



#### John Beswick International Sports Awards Evening

Every year the Shropshire Schools' Sports & Athletics Association recognises the significant achievement of young people participating in sport at an annual awards evening, this year held at Wrekin College on 22nd February.

The picture shows current Idsall Sixth Form Handballers picking up their International awards. These students were nominated by Mr Goodison for playing in International Competitions representing either England or Great Britain in Handball in the 2022/2023 season.



Idsall also had other students winning awards on the evening from other sports and we are very proud of all of them.

#### Medical and Dental Appointments

**MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.** Appointments should, where possible, be scheduled out of school time. We appreciate that this isn't always in your control.

If an appointment is required during school hours, please inform the school office, in advance, by phone or email, of the date and time of the appointment. On the day, your child should carry a note that clearly states the time they will be collected and who will be collecting. Please wait in Reception to meet your child. The note will excuse them from class and should then be handed to staff when signing out at the attendance office.

### Upcoming Events

Events at a glance:

- \* Mon 26 Feb - Fri 8 Mar: Year 11 Mock Exams
- \* Wed 6 Mar: TrustEd Year 3/4 Tennis Festival, 2.30-4pm
- \* Thurs 7 Mar: World Book Day: Quizzes in LRC & Session 6 Escape Room
- \* Thurs 7 Mar: Sixth Form Varsity Rowing
- \* Thurs 7 Mar: Year 12 Parents Evening, 4-7pm
- \* Fri 8 Mar: TrustEd Schools Girls Football Festival, 9am-12.15
- \* Wed 13 Mar: TrustEd Boogie Nights Show, 3-8pm
- \* Thurs 14 Mar: Medical Mavericks Visit, see page 2



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# Idsall School

'From little acorns large oaks grow'

Friday 1st March 2024

## Idsall News

### Reminders & Notices

#### Safeguarding Focus



This week's focus is on TikTok. Many parents have shared with us that they struggle to understand "the ins and outs" of social media apps such as TikTok – which is being increasingly used amongst young people.

TikTok is a video sharing social media platform used to create and share short form videos that allows users to express themselves through singing, dancing, comedy, and lip-syncing. Risks include profiles being public and viewable by "anybody", accessing inappropriate content, communication from unknown individuals, in-app purchases, addiction, and more.

Please see [the website](#) for more detail regarding features and risks.

In addition, if you have any requests for any safeguarding topic to feature in a future newsletter, please let Mrs Reeve know.

#### "Never have I ever heard a theatre audience scream so much!"

Fifty Year 9 students visited Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre on Tues 8 Feb to watch the ever popular West End production of Susan Hill's *The Woman In Black*. The visual and sound effects of the play added to the foreboding and spine-chilling atmosphere of the story of young solicitor Arthur Kipps. Sent to the mysterious Eel Marsh House, Kipps sorts out the affairs of recently deceased Mrs Drablow. Whilst there, he is exposed to the superstitions of the locals surrounding Eel Marsh and its lonely inhabitant; determined not to be put off, he experiences visitations from *The Woman In Black*. Ending with a shocking tragedy, the play is sure to stay with students and staff for a very long time to come. Don't have nightmares!

#### U14 Boys Rugby County Cup

Well done to Idsall's U14 Boys Rugby team, who beat Shrewsbury School 37-34 in the latest round of the Rugby County Cup.

#### 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](mailto:attendance@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk) for years 7 to 11 absence and email [6thformattendance@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto: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.

- ◆ English National Badminton Open, School Badminton Team, Mar 2024, Trip Leader: G Pargeter
- ◆ Reward Trips for Easter 2024, Coming Soon
- ◆ Disneyland Paris, Year 7/8, March 2024, Trip Leader: C Leverington
- ◆ Wimbledon Tennis Championships, Year 9-13, July 2024, Trip leader: P Goodison
- ◆ GCSE PE Climbing Trip, Year 10, 18th, 25th June 5th July 2024. Trip Leader P Goodison
- ◆ Skiing Trip Austria, Year 10-13, Easter 2025. Trip Leader P Goodison



#### Apprenticeship Opportunities

Schneider Electric run Apprenticeships nationwide and have a number of opportunities in Telford. This is an amazing opportunity for some of our students to gain a foothold with a high paid salary and room to grow. To search vacancies, get more information and to apply, please see [their website](#).

#### Languagenut Competition Prizes

The Languages Department have Amazon vouchers for the winner and runners up of the latest Languagenut competition:

**1st prize:** Mason Y8

**2nd prize:** Lily Y7

**3rd prize:** Jamie Y11

Well done to them and to all other students who put in hours of practise online!

#### Opportunities in the Horse Racing Industry

The National Horseracing College situated in Doncaster, offers a 12 Week [Residential Foundation Course](#) for anyone wishing to pursue a career in the racing industry.

- The Residential Foundation Course is for anyone 16+ (no age limit).
- The course is residential meaning our learners come from all over the UK and abroad.
- The course runs every 4-weeks so immediate starts are available (we run 365 days of the year).
- No previous equine experience nor academic qualifications are required to apply.
- Riding and non-riding options are available.
- And upon successful completion of the course leads to full-time paid employment.

If interested, please see the information on our website, or contact [Haydn Cahill](#) for tailored support (07917178970).

#### Science Revision Guides

Guides have been ordered and will be distributed as soon as they arrive in school



#### British Athletics Update

Mr Walsh placed 4th for Team England in Belgium on 3rd Feb and made the finals of the National Indoor Championships on 17th Feb. He ends the indoor season being ranked 11th in the country for the 60 metres. Well done!

#### Interested in a career in Medicine?

On Thurs 14 Mar, for British Science Week, Medical Mavericks are coming into school. 40 students in Years 7-10 will be invited to take part as rewards in Science for hard work and progress.



There will also be a Session 6 on the same day where students can register to take part, also limited to 40 students. If you are interested in the Session 6, please [email](#) or see Mrs Mehra in S8.

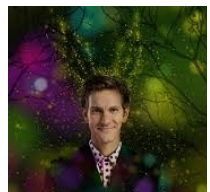
Medical Mavericks is a practical based session about careers in health; they have an ECG machine, ultrasound scanners, you can take blood from a fake arm and even try key hole surgery!

#### Disneyland Parent Meeting, 28 Feb 2024

The presentation, from Wednesday's meeting is now on the [school website](#).

#### A Midsummer Night's Dream at the RSC

"The course of true love, never did run smooth" 40 Year 7 students went to see a spectacular performance of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in Stratford-upon-Avon (Shakespeare's Birthplace) on Tuesday evening. Using a mixture of surrealism and physical theatre, the performance was truly spellbinding! It starred Ghost and Horrible Histories star Matthew Baynton, who played a very cheeky and over enthusiastic 'Bottom'. Students thoroughly enjoyed the production, and look forward to studying it in the Summer Term.



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