



As we finish another eventful week at Idsall, our focus remains on supporting our students as they gear up for their upcoming examinations. With anticipation mounting, we extend our best wishes to our Year 13 and Year 11 students who are about to embark on this significant journey. Your dedication and hard work have brought you to this pivotal moment, and we have every confidence in your abilities. Remember, you've prepared diligently, and now it's time to shine. The entire school community stands behind you, cheering you on every step of the way. "You've got this!"

In addition to exam preparations, this week brought an exciting opportunity as we welcomed representatives from the Army. Through interactive sessions and presentations, students gained invaluable insights into various career paths and opportunities within the armed forces. This visit promised to be both informative and inspiring, offering our students a glimpse into the diverse range of options available to them beyond their academic journey and it certainly delivered. Wherever possible we encourage all students to engage actively and make the most out of the enriching experiences we are bringing into school.

Additionally, we kindly remind everyone to check the revised term dates for the upcoming academic year 2024/25. These changes, aligned with our Trust, include a longer two week October half-term break. The full calendar can be found on [the website](#). The success of good attendance cannot be overstated; it fosters a sense of responsibility, consistency, and commitment, essential traits, supports exam successes and next steps into life beyond school.

Have a lovely long weekend,

*Michelle King*  
Headteacher



### FOCUS Year 9 Boys Football Final



The Year 9 Boys Football team have made it into the Telford Cup final on Tues 7th May. The team worked amazingly hard to beat Charlton in the Semi Finals.

The final is being hosted at AFC Telford United stadium The New Bucks Head in Wellington (TF1 2NW)

There is a small charge for entry, but please feel free to come along and support #TeamIdsall

The match kicks off at 4.30pm.



### Upcoming Events

Events at a glance:

- \* Fri 3 May: Staff Professional Development Day. School closed to students
- \* Mon 6 May: May Day Bank Holiday. School closed to all
- \* Tues 7 May: Year 6 Uniform Evening, Main Hall, 4pm-6pm
- \* Thurs 9 May: Year 7 Parents Evening, 4pm - 7pm
- \* Mon 13 May: External Exams begin
- \* Mon 27 May - Fri 31 May: Half Term
- \* Mon 3 Jun: Return to school for all students and staff



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### 🔔 Reminders & Notices

#### Safeguarding Focus

 We are hearing from a number of young people that they are consuming energy drinks outside of school, sometimes in large quantities, and therefore felt it pertinent to share this information with you, regarding some of the health concerns related to energy drink consumption. Consumption of high caffeine energy drinks can lead to:

- Disturbed sleep pattern
- High heart rate
- Impacts to mental health
- Potential for dependency

#### Key Stage 2 Tennis and Tri-golf

On Wed 24 April, the Idsall Sports Leaders planned and delivered a Tennis & Tri-golf event for primary school children in Years 5 and 6. Children from Shifnal and St Andrews Primary enjoyed a tennis tournament which involved a round robin format indoors and a tri-golf activity session outdoors. All students worked hard for their schools and demonstrated the School Games Values of Respect and Self-Belief. The 17 strong Sports Leaders were outstanding, demonstrating excellent knowledge and are a real credit to our school.



#### 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.

- ♦ Wimbledon Tennis Championships, Year 9-13, July 2024, Trip leader: P Goodison
  - Parent Meeting, Wed 12 Jun, Lecture Theatre, 5.30pm - 6pm
- ♦ 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



#### RAF World Virtual Event

The RAF is holding its next Virtual World event on Wed 8 May. The theme is Engineering and students aged 16+ are invited to join online to find out more about the RAF, their mission, people, and the roles on offer. There is no cost to attending and parents are encouraged to join as well. Booking for the event is via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk).

#### LRC Closure: Exams

The LRC will close from Mon 13 May due to external examinations. This includes breaks and lunches, as afternoon exams begin at 1pm. Session 6 is open as usual.

#### Cake Sale for Turtles



Well done to a small group of Year 7 students who organised their own cake sale at lunchtime last week, in order to raise money for charity.

The chosen charity was Save The Turtles, and over £120 was raised. The money has been used to adopt a turtle - and the pupils have chosen to name it Cookie!

Thank you to everyone who supported this.

#### Boxing Success

Connor (Year 9) had his first boxing bout last Friday. His was the first bout of the night and he won by unanimous decision. He was also awarded 'Best Bout of the Evening' out of a total of 18 bouts.



Well done for the hard work and determination it took over the past 12 months to earn this award! Connor trains tirelessly with Bright Star Boxing and has improved his fitness, strength and conditioning as well as his awareness of health and nutrition. Connor's friends also turned up to his first bout to show their support.

#### Deconstructed Triathlon Update

Mr Brayshaw completed his 15km swimathon last weekend. Each 5km swim took around 1 hr 25 mins to complete (4 hours 15 mins total) and Mr Brayshaw has already raised over £600 for Prostate Cancer UK. His next challenge is the Northallerton 10km run alongside his sister on 16 May and his [Just Giving](#) page is still open for donations. "Thanks to everyone who is supporting the cause"