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Michelle King - Headteacher



Welcome to this week's school newsletter!

There is lots of information to share with you to keep you up-to-date with all that's happening here at school. From upcoming events to important reminders, we're here to keep you connected and informed.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school community such a great place for learning and growth!

Remembrance



"Remembrance Sunday is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

We remember the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those who have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism."

(Quote taken from the RBL website).

As a school we will be recognising this by holding a two minute silence at 11am on Monday 11th November along with a service of Remembrance where we welcome members of the Armed Forces, Royal British Legion and Local Dignitary's to join our students on this important day.

What's New and Why

What We Are Doing	What's New and Why
New Parent Group	Our goal is to create a welcoming space where parents can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Connect with each other and share valuable insights. · Partner with the school on ways to enhance the student experience. · Be part of meaningful discussions on school events and initiatives. · Discuss upcoming events, including planning and volunteer needs. · Open the floor to parent suggestions and ideas for improving the school community. · Plan fundraising efforts that support our students and school resources.
We're excited to announce the launch of a Parent Group and invite interested parents and carers to get involved.	
<p><i>Whether you can join regularly or attend as you're able, we'd love for you to be part of this supportive community. Interested?</i></p> <p>Email admin@ids.mmat.co.uk</p>	
Have your Say	<p>The QR code for you to have your say on uniform rules has expired so please use the new link below.</p> <p>We really need your ideas and opinions so please click on the link and share your thoughts so we can make the best decisions for the school.</p>

Uniform survey link

<https://edurio.com/teacher/poll/2nNJvh7HYuU0PtpBW3NSuqRHjz5>

Stand Up Against Bullying: Your Voice Matters!



Our Culture of Kindness

We are proud to foster an environment where kindness and respect are at the heart of everything we do. A positive school culture is one where every student feels safe, valued, and supported—and together, we can make it happen!

Standing Up for Each Other

One of the most important ways we can create a safe and happy community is by standing up against bullying. Whether it's unkind words, physical intimidation, or online harassment, bullying has no place here. We encourage all our students to take an active role in keeping our school safe by speaking up if they see or experience any form of bullying. Your voice is powerful, and reporting helps ensure that everyone feels welcome and respected.

How We Handle Bullying

Here's what happens when a bullying report is made:

- **Quick Action:** As soon as bullying is reported, we act immediately to investigate and stop the situation. Our priority is to ensure that all students involved are safe and supported.
- **Support for Victims:** Any student who has experienced bullying will receive the care and support they need, from listening to creating a safe space.
- **Resolving Conflict:** For students involved in bullying, we work to resolve the issue through open conversations and, when necessary, appropriate disciplinary actions. Our goal is to create understanding and positive behaviour changes.
- **Ongoing Monitoring:** We follow up to ensure that the bullying doesn't happen again and continue supporting everyone involved.

A Call to Action: Your Voice Matters!

Every student can play a role in creating a positive, kind community. If you see bullying or feel uncomfortable, don't hesitate to report it. You're not alone—we're here to help, and together, we can make a difference.

Reporting bullying isn't about getting someone in trouble; it's about standing up for what's right and ensuring everyone feels safe.

Calendar and Trips

- Mon 11th Nov : Remembrance Service and two minute silence

- Mon 11th Nov : Year 11 Mock Exams Start
- Thu 21st Nov to Wed 27th Nov : Scholastic Book Fair
- Tue 26th Nov : Army Artillery Group in School
- Sat 23rd Nov : Shifnal Lights
- Fri 29th Nov : Big Birmingham Sleep Out
- Thu 12th Dec : Year 11 Parents Evening
- Tue 17th Dec : Christmas Concert at St Andrews Church
- Fri 20th Dec : Break up for Christmas Holidays

TRIPS

We are presently putting together potential / already in process trips for :

- Year 10 & 11 - Wolverhampton Grand Theatre Trip for Performing Arts Students to see Warhorse (20 March 2025)
- Year 7 & 8 - France Disneyland Paris and Paris <https://www.idsallschool.org/disneyland-paris-trip-presentation/> (April 2025)
- Year 8 - PGL (May 2025)
- Year 9 - France and Belgium Battlefields Trip (May 2025)
- Year 8 & 9 - Las Vegas Geography Trip (see Mrs Green in G3 for more information) (October 2026)
- Year 10, 11 & 12 - Kenya Expedition (see Mr Pittam in G2 for more information) (Summer 2026)

Las Vegas Parental Briefing



Thank you to all the parents that attended the parental briefing for the Las Vegas Geography trip. For those that were unable to attend please find the link below for the powerpoint from the evening.

<https://www.idsallschool.org/las-vegas-trip-presentation/>

Big Birmingham Sleep Out



The
Big Sleep Out

**Supporting St Basils a charity dedicated
to helping vulnerable young people
experiencing homelessness**

Friday 29th November - Saturday 30th November 2024

In a couple of weeks staff and students from year 11 and year 12 are heading to Birmingham Think Tank to partake in the Big Birmingham Sleep Out in support of St Basils, a charity dedicated to helping vulnerable young people experiencing homelessness.

Students and staff will be sleeping outside the Think Tank in cardboard boxes, bin bags and sleeping bags.

The students have been encouraged to seek sponsorship for their participation to help raise funds for St Basils.

More information on the event can be found following this link : [The Big Sleepout 2024](#)

Please if you are able to help them raise funds please follow the **just giving** page on the link below :

[Idsall School is fundraising for St Basils](#)

PD Day



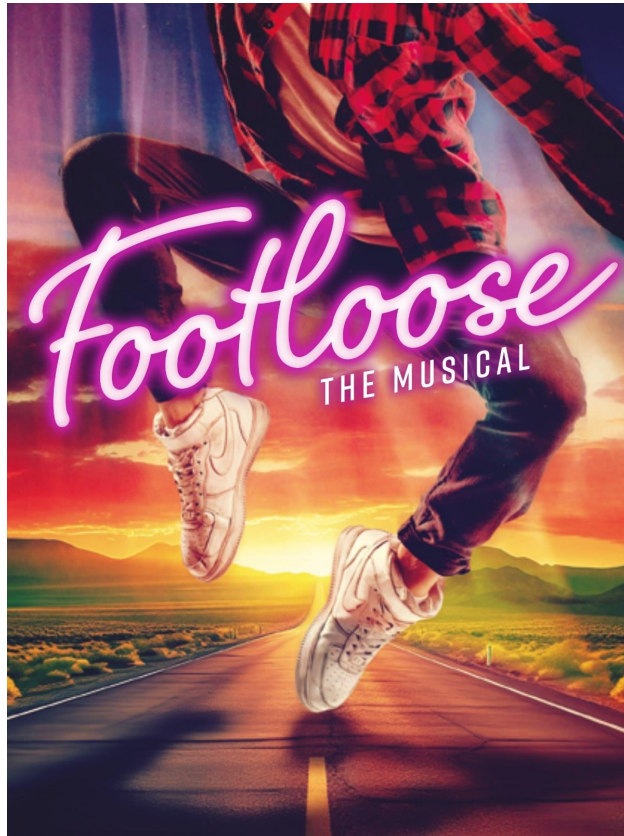
On Friday 18th November staff at Idsall were able to spend time training on some key school priorities.

Mrs Marston began the day with a Learning for Life update ensuring that all staff were aware of the huge number of interventions in place for our students on the different stages of the WAVE system.

Later in the day staff were able to choose from a number of workshops run by our Idsall expert staff covering a wide range of subjects including robust Data Management, strategies to support students with ADHD and supporting Sixth Form students with UCAS references.

Staff commented that training has developed their understanding of student individual needs and helped prepare lessons to support students making progress to greater depth understanding in the curriculum.

Footloose - The Musical



Ever wanted to be part of a show now is your chance!

Although the auditions have now taken place for the main parts for the Idsall School production of Footloose, it doesn't mean it is too late to take part and join in or help out and be part of the back stage creative crew.

A show is not just about the main parts and cannot run without the chorus roles / ensemble / back stage / set designers / scene changes so if any of those parts interest you then pop along to room D1 and speak to Mrs Creighton as you are needed!

BBC Young Reporter



Ms Donohue is going to be running a Session 6 for the **BBC Young Reporter**. This amazing session 6 is set for all year groups and will be held every Week A Monday in room BA1 (The Shore).

So maybe you are a budding reporter or love research or one of the many other aspects for a career in broadcasting then this is definitely a session 6 for you.

- *"The BBC is committed to helping people become more media literate and develop the skills to better use, understand and create media - especially in relation to new online technologies and services. This includes being able to use new technology, find and navigate information, engage critically with the content, understand the context, manage any risks, and create new content." (taken from the BBC Website)*

It is based on the BBC's media literacy project supporting young people to develop content creation skills and find out about careers in broadcasting.

Hopefully we will see future Young Reporters featuring in this newsletter!

Support our Library - Book Fair

- **The Scholastic Book Fair is now in production**
- **The titles have been purchased**
- **The fair is being packed ready for delivery**

Scholastic Book Fair is on its way!

On Thursday 21st November we are expecting 3 cases of books to be delivered to the library for our annual book fair. Students of years 7, 8 & 9 will have the opportunity to come along and

look at the books during one of their English lessons. The library and book fair will also be available for students during break and lunch.

For parents the book fair will be open from 15.15 - 15.45 on the 20th and 21st November in the school library.

Books can be ordered and bought using the QR code (this can be found below) or at the school with cash.



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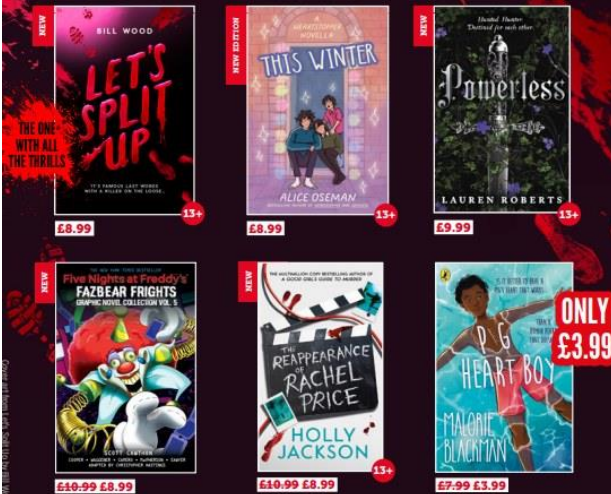
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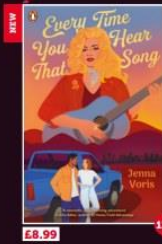
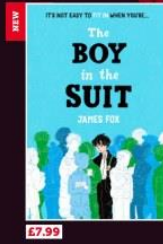
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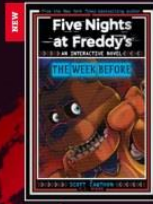
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- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List – please ask your school for details.

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*Free books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organizer or Scholastic Book Fairs for details.

Approximately 24% of titles are under £5. Book packs starting from £1.99.

Professional Cellist Visits Idsall Music Department

Idsall School Music Department was delighted to welcome a visit from it's first professional musician in residence before half term.

Mr Jonathan Kitchen is a professional cellist currently touring with the new production of "Mary Poppins" - in fact, if you have seen "The Lord of The Rings" trilogy you have probably already heard him play as he appeared on all three film soundtracks!

Mr Kitchen took time out of his busy schedule to chat to students about the music industry and future career progression, how to rehearse a rock band and play bass, insights into operatic Mozart and even how to set up and prepare a snare drum.

Students gained valuable insight and experience into the musical world.

Idsall Music is now busy preparing for its next outing, a **live appearance** at Shifnal Christmas Lights on Saturday 23rd November"







Shropshire County Cross Country Runners



Seven of our dedicated students from across all year groups have been selected to run in the Shropshire County Cross Country Event on Saturday 16th November at Himley Hall & Park.

This is a massive compliment to these young people who spend hours training and running outside of school to ensure their fitness is in peak condition to compete in these races.

These students were chosen after the end of a very successful series of cross country runs, of which we held the final just before we broke up for half term.

Huge congratulations to the students - **Simon Bagshaw, James Gaulder, Isla Harding, Ffion Williams, Ellie Dowell, Henry Mackinnon and Lily Lewis** - hopefully we will have some pictures and an update on the event!

Year 7 Handball Session 6



Handball as a session 6 is now up and running for year 7 students.

The session is every Friday from 15.15 - 16.15 and will be run by two of our year 13 students, Fran and Harvey. Both students have played at national level and have played since they were year 7. Mrs Reeve will also be on hand to support, so whether you are a beginner or a professional - everyone is welcome .

Tandom Skydive for Ex Students



Two ex Idsall Students, Cameron and Carl Laing, faced their fears on Friday 18th October as they completed a tandom skydive in aid of charity.

In 2021 they sadly lost their grandma to vascular dementia. It is a cruel disease that took her away even before the end. Carl and Cameron both said "being a Grandmother was the biggest thing she loved and we were privileged to have her live with us at our home for her last three years of life."

To date they have raised £270. If anyone would like to donate to this worthy cause the link is below.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/jane-laing-1723563453696?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fjane-laing-1723563453696&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Prepared for Learning - Uniform



At Idsall School we take pride in everything that we do. This is driven by the high standards and expectations of all our students, including school uniform.

We endeavor to support parents and students by providing temporary uniform, when needed, to ensure that learning can take place.

Students agree to return all borrowed items when they sign out uniform.

To support us in successfully running the uniform lend shop, please could you ensure that any borrowed items are returned to the school reception. If items are booked out and are not returned, you may be charged for these.

If we can support in any way in purchasing uniform, please contact your child's Head of Year. We understand how difficult the current climate is but want to support where we can.

Our goal is simple: **everyone in full school uniform every day.**

Safeguarding

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

An alarming number of children have stated that they have received an unwanted image on their mobile phone – whether this be via message, WhatsApp, Snapchat etc, from someone they know, or more alarmingly perhaps, a stranger. Not only is sexting illegal, but once an image is “out there” – it cannot be recalled – putting young people in a potentially harmful situation.

Below is an infographic, with some further details.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What parents need to know about **SEXTING** 18+

Sexting involves sending, receiving or forwarding explicit messages, images, or videos of a sexual nature. Although mobile phones are the most common vehicle for sexting, the term can also apply to sending sexually explicit messages through any digital media such as email, instant messaging, and/or social media sites. They can be sent to or from a friend, boyfriend, girlfriend, or someone your child has met online. Sexting is often described as the new flirting for children, but it is illegal for anyone under the age of 18. Some of the main platforms it occurs on are Snapchat, Tinder, WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, Instagram and Kik.

IT IS ILLEGAL

Sexting is illegal if you share, make, take, take, or distribute an indecent image or video of a child under the age of 18. It is an offence under the Protection of Children Act 1978, the Criminal Justice Act 1988, and under section 67 of the Serious Crime Act 2007. Sexting or 'sexting' is also a criminal offence if you share or distribute an indecent image or video of a child under the age of 18, even if they are in a relationship and any images are shared consensually.

FEELINGS OF REGRET

Although some children willingly exchange messages, images, or videos, many may regret sharing them after they've been sent. Once it's out there, there's no going back and your child may feel ashamed, vulnerable, or worried about the images or videos being taken seriously if a relationship or friendship has broken down.

PERCEIVED AS 'BANTER'

Many young people under 18 see sexting as 'banter' and it's easy for them to believe that they are not doing anything wrong. However, the reality is that sexting is a criminal offence, the reality of growing up, understanding their own sexuality, and establishing a relationship. However, whilst most images and videos are taken and shared privately, there can be unintended consequences, embarrassment, humiliation, and emotional hurt.

NO CONTROL

Once a photo or video is out there, there's no way of knowing how many people have saved it, tagged it, or shared it. Children like to feel that they are in control, but once an image has gone beyond its intended recipient, it's out of their control. Images and videos can be shared, saved, and used in a way that the child never intended. Once an image or video has been shared online, there's nothing to stop it being archived and repeatedly shared.

ONLINE BLACKMAIL OR BULLYING

Sexting can also expose young adults to the risk of being exploited by predators, who then use images to extort additional photos, sexual favours, and sometimes money from victims. Your child may also feel pressured into sexting as they don't want to seem to be boring, or think it's a way to show someone they care for them. They may feel under pressure to give in to repeated requests or feel obliged to share sexual messages and images which could then be used against them as a form of bullying or intimidation.

Safety tips for parents 18+

THINK ABOUT LANGUAGE USE

Teenagers often prefer to use the word 'sexting' to 'sexting'. One reason for this is the misunderstanding of this behaviour: another is that most children share that a sense of embarrassment when discussing any issue with the word 'sex' is in. Sexting is better described as an 'inappropriate sexting'. Using this term with your child might make the discussion less embarrassing.

BLOCK & PARENTAL CONTROLS

Show your child how to use the block button on their devices and favourite apps to stop people sending them unwanted messages. You can also set up parental controls with your internet service provider or on your child's phone to stop them from accessing harmful content.

EXPLAIN THE REPERCUSSIONS

Let your child know that once they have sent a message, they are no longer in control of it and the messages, images and videos that they may intend to share with one individual may end up where the whole world can have access to them. Even if they completely trust someone, other people using their phone might accidentally see it, and, due to this, it may affect their online reputation, especially if it's on a website, smartphone or tablet screen, across the internet.

TALK TO YOUR CHILD

Encourage your child to share appropriate information to share with others, both online and offline. Show them you understand that sexting can be about flirting and about reality, bodies and exploring their sexuality, but explain why it's important to think twice before sharing anything. Show them you are approachable and understanding and discuss what a healthy and trusting relationship with a partner looks like.

DISCUSS THE LEGALITIES

Children and young people may not realise that what they are doing is illegal. Show your child understands that when they are aged under 18, it's against the law for anyone to take or have a photograph of them - even if it is a selfie and even when the activity is consensual.

LEARN HOW TO RESPOND

If an image has been shared online, tell your child or you should speak to the person that the image was shared with and ask them to delete it. You can also use the report button on a website where the image was posted. Speak to your child's school or they may be able to notify police of it. If you know that they have sexual imagery stored, if you believe the child may be forced into sending the message, report this to the police. You or your child can also report the content to a child protection adviser at the CPS.

Meet our expert
Jonathan Taylor is an online safety expert and former Covent Internet Investigator for the Metropolitan Police. He is a specialist in cyber grooming and exploitation and has worked extensively with both UK and international schools in delivering training and guidance around the latest online dangers, social media apps and platforms.

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Safety Message



Safety message from the Passenger Transport Group:



**ALL PASSENGERS
MUST WEAR
SEAT BELTS**

Students must always wear the provided seatbelt during their journey on all transport provided by Shropshire Council.

Only one person is allowed in each seat fitted with a seat belt.
Never use the same seat belt across two or more passengers.

Wearing a seat belt not only helps protect your safety, but it also helps protect the safety of others.

Girls Coaching Session with Current England Red Rose



Red Rose #261
Lilli Ives Champion
to visit the Hornets
on 11th November

Ex age grade player, Lilli Ives Champion, in the centre, will be at the Hornets from 18:00 to carryout some coaching drills with the Girls section and their coaches. This will be followed by an opportunity to ask a current Red Rose on what it is like to play professional rugby for her Country. This session is open to all girls in the Telford community.

For more information contact Sarah Hill at s.j.hill28@gmail.com

THRFC, HINKSHAY ROAD, DAWLEY, TELFORD, TF4 3NZ



Lilli Ives Champion

Telford Hornets are hosting a girls coaching session with current England Red Rose Lilli Ives Champion (ex-Telford Hornets player).

at 6:00pm on Monday 11th November.

The session is open to girls aged 12 – 18 years.

If you are interested in rugby and want to try out some coaching drills contact :

Sarah Hill at s.j.hill28@gmail.com

Chatty Cafe Scheme



**At a loose end?
Fancy a cuppa?**

The 'Chatter & Natter table' is a wonderful way of encouraging people of all ages to talk to others. During the day and time below, the table will be hosted by a friendly volunteer. Do come along and sit for a chat.

**Where: Albrighton Library
Station Road
Albrighton WV7 3DG**

**When: Every Monday
2pm - 3pm (starting 4 Nov 24)**

Stay for five minutes or longer if you're enjoying chatting!



Having a chat can brighten someone's day

www.thechattycafescheme.co.uk

Shifnal Junior Youth Club

Nothing to do on a Wednesday evening want to make new friends get out and about in a safe environment, then why not give the Shifnal Junior Youth Club a try! Held every Wednesday evening at the Trinity Centre, Shifnal

There are two different groups

- Shifnal Junior Youth Club - Wednesdays 5.30 - 7.00pm - Open to students in year 6 to year 8
- Shifnal Senior Youth Club - Wednesday 7.30 - 9.00pm - Open to students year 9+

Follow this link for more

information : https://www.shifnaltowncouncil.gov.uk/council_events/shifnal-junior-youth-club/

[Shifnal Junior Youth Club | Shifnal Town Council](#)

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Our values:

