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Michelle King - Headteacher



What a busy and inspiring week it has been at Idsall!

We recently welcomed Ofsted inspectors into the school, and we're incredibly grateful to our students and staff who shared their learning experiences with them.

A huge thank you as well to the many parents who reached out to share their thoughts and views; your support is invaluable as we work to drive the school forward. We look forward to sharing the reports details with you all as soon as it's available.

Beyond the inspection, there has been a lot happening around school, including numerous sporting fixtures and a moving Remembrance Service that brought the whole school community together.

Read on for more updates and highlights from the past week!

Remembrance



On Monday 11th November Idsall school respectfully became silent as the whole school joined in on holding a two minute silence.

This was proceeded with students watching a 10 minute video of the Remembrance Service that was held at Idsall on Friday, where members of Armed Forces, Royal British Legion and Local Dignitary's joined our year 7 and other students.

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Calendar and Trips



- Mon 11th Nov : Year 11 Mock Exams Start (2 weeks)
- Thu 21st Nov to Wed 27th Nov : Scholastic Book Fair
- Sat 23rd Nov : Shifnal Lights
- Tue 26th Nov : Army Artillery Group in School
- 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 :

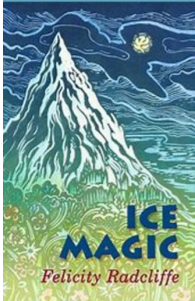
- Year 10 & 11 - Wolverhampton Grand Theatre Trip for Performing Arts Students to see Warhorse (20 March 2025)
- Year 7 & 8 - France Disneyland Paris and Paris <https://www.idsallschool.org/disneyland-paris-trip-presentation/> (April 2025)
- Year 8 - PGL (May 2025)
- Year 9 - France and Belgium Battlefields Trip (May 2025)

- Year 8 & 9 - Las Vegas Geography Trip (see Mrs Green in G3 for more information) (October 2026) <https://www.idsallschool.org/las-vegas-trip-presentation/>
- Year 10, 11 & 12 - Kenya Expedition (see Mr Pittam in G2 for more information) (Summer 2026)

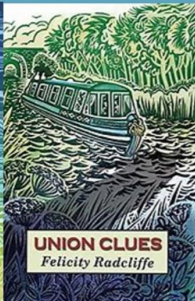
Guest Author

Creative writing workshop

On Monday 25th November, we have esteemed author, Felicity Radcliffe at Idsall to conduct a creative writing and literature workshop for our A Level English students, potential A Level students in year 11, and budding authors. If your child is in year 11 or Sixth Form and would like to attend, please complete the MS Form to register interest.




**ICE
MAGIC**
Felicity Radcliffe




UNION CLUES
Felicity Radcliffe

The workshop aims to be an engaging and supportive environment where students can explore their creativity without pressure. It's a unique chance for them to develop their writing skills and gain confidence in their abilities. Ms. Radcliffe has expressed her enthusiasm for inspiring our students, encouraging them to write, not frighten them off!



Felicity Radcliffe



The Dark Side of the Book Club

<https://forms.office.com/e/US8BiwbtsS>

Disneyland Update



After a lot of phone calls we can now finally confirm that all 71 students from year 7 and 8 that applied and paid the deposit for the Disneyland trip have got places! An email is going out to all parents / guardians with further information and the consent form.

It has been quite challenging for the company sourcing the extra hotel beds and a coach big enough, hence why it has taken a bit of time, but as a school we were determined to do

everything we could to allow all the students requesting places, a chance to visit ***"The Most Magical Place on Earth"***!

The deposits will now be paid into the bank.

Please note : 2nd Deposit of £215.00 payable by : Thursday 12th December 2024.

If you have any questions about the trip please email : cathy.leverington@ids.mmat.co.uk

Ski Trip



Mr. Goodison has said that he will be sending out information for a parental meeting for the students attending the Ski Trip in the next couple of weeks. The meeting will be held sometime in December.

This is an information evening on all aspects of the trip.

We are awaiting a date from Equity as they will send a representative to also talk to you.

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.



Scan the QR code to pay for your books online
or visit bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay

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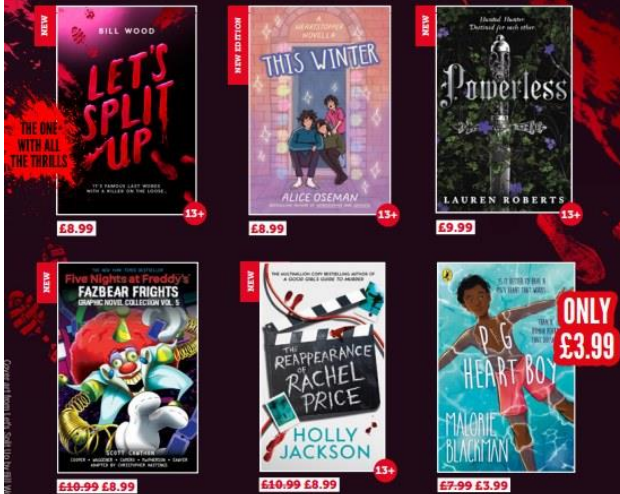
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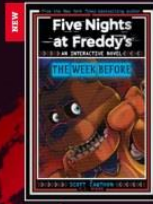


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Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books

- You can pay online at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payment link at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- 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.

Big Birmingham Sleep Out

The
Big Sleep Out
Supporting St Basils a charity dedicated to helping vulnerable young people experiencing homelessness

St Basils
Works with young people

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](#)

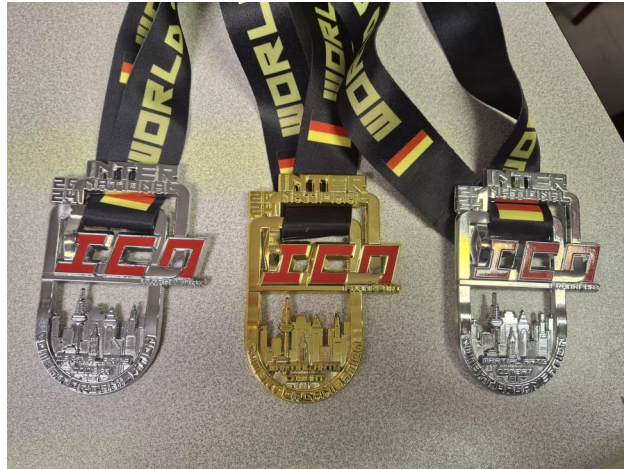
Gold and Silver Medals for Edward



Edward in Year 10 recently went to Frankfurt, Germany to compete in the 2024 International Combat Organisation Kickboxing and Boxing World competition.

He won one Gold and two Silver medals.

Huge congratulations for such an outstanding achievement!



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 digital lives.

Most people are part of the online world and there are many positives to children to be able to access online material. Therefore, we have to have a responsibility to educate children about the hazards they may encounter.

Below is a information sheet that gives tips for encouraging open discussions on the subject.

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

Tips for Encouraging Open Discussions about DIGITAL LIVES

The online world is an entirely familiar and commonplace part of life for today's children and young people, far more so than for previous generations. There are many positives to children being able to access online resources, so it's important not to demonise the internet, games and apps, and limit the benefit of their positive aspects. At the same time, we do have a responsibility to educate children about the hazards they may encounter online (just as we would about real-world dangers). So it is essential that we don't shy away from talking to them about the complex – and often sensitive – subject of what they do and what they see when they're online.

Here are some suggestions for kicking off conversations with your child about their digital life...

MAKE YOUR INTEREST CLEAR

Showing enthusiasm when you broach the subject signals to your child that you're keen to learn about the positives of their online world. Just consider why you're interested and what they use the internet for, or what games and apps they're into and how these work. Asking to see their favourite games and apps in action could help you spot any aspects that may need justification – and so that children could feel that it might require a degree of permission to limit contact with strangers. Keep listening even if your child fidgets for a long time. They should be considering how to show something specific, or their own gaming reaction.

BE OPEN AND HONEST, APPROPRIATE TO YOUR AGE

At various stages, children and young people become aware about puberty and how their body changes, about relationships, about how bodies are made, and about sexual health. If your child knows that they can discuss these sensitive subjects with you, they need to be less likely to go looking online for answers – which could then provide them with misleading information and, in some cases, lead to them contacting harmful content. Don't worry if you don't remember a lot of facts; it's better to be honest and go back to them once you have the facts.

REMINDE YOUR CHILD THEY CAN ALWAYS TALK TO YOU

In any role, work with young children and young people who aren't being fearful to tell a trusted adult about what's going on. If they're worried about what's going on, it's important to remember that they're not alone. If you're there to listen and help, you're there to listen and help. Remember that if they do see harmful content, then they are not to blame – but asking about it could well help. Children should be encouraged to tell someone about what they see or feel that it's their job to prevent it.

KEEP TALKING!

The most valuable advice we can give is to keep talking with your child about their digital lives. You should try using every opportunity to ask questions about their online experiences.

DISCUSS THAT NOT EVERYTHING WE SEE ONLINE IS REAL

Here, you could give examples from your own digital life of the online world. Instagram posts which show the perfect houses and cars, for example, are messy and inaccurately decorated. Explain to your child that there are many other aspects of the online world which are also deliberate, presented as an someone's relationship, their body, being perfect and so on.

TRY TO REMAIN CALM

As much as possible, try to stay calm even if your child tells you about an online experience that makes you feel angry or fearful. Our intention is to help you talk, so it's possible that your initial reaction to a point or even a comment could cause a child from speaking openly about what they've seen. Give yourself time to consider the right approach, and perhaps speak with other family members or school staff when you are considering your next steps.

CREATE A 'FAMILY AGREEMENT'

Inviting your whole household to contribute to a family agreement about how to use the internet (and for how long) is OK to use phones, tablets, computers and so on. The whole household can agree on the same rules to each other about things we've seen or experienced online. Even games and apps. Explaining and discussing will help children to understand that, as trusted adults, we want to make sure they are well informed and kept safe. Encourage children to have their say when coming up with your family agreement. This makes them more likely to stick to it in the long term.

Meet Our Expert

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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.

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 :



Excellence: striving always for mastery and personal success



Integrity: consistently acting with honesty, compassion and respect



Empathy: embracing and supporting the uniqueness of every individual



Creativity: inspiring and challenging through invention, experimentation and exploration



Equality: ensuring fair opportunity for all