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Michelle King - Headteacher



What a week it has been, full of activity here at school! We had the pleasure of welcoming the talent of 2025 by hosting **Boogie Nights** for Idsall, our primary schools, and Robinsons Theatre Academy. It was an unforgettable night, packed with outstanding performances by children aged 5-16, showcasing their talents in front of a fully packed hall. A huge well done to all the performers and the Idsall crew behind the scenes for making this happen. It was a brilliant night that many parents and performers will never forget #SoProud.

In addition to the excitement, we also conducted a lockdown drill practice this week. It went smoothly, with everyone knowing exactly what to do. These drills will continue to ensure that we can keep everyone safe and well, although we hope we never need to use them.

Year 11 students have completed their mocks, and there is a lot of positive discussion about understanding the results and planning the next steps to improve even further. They have approached the mocks really well and are working hard to ensure the summer exams are a great success. Well done, Year 11!

Year 13 students are also preparing for their exams and deserve **positive praise** for their dedication and hard work. They are showing great commitment and determination, and we are confident they will achieve excellent results. Many of them are also eagerly awaiting their university offers, and we wish them the best of luck. Keep up the fantastic effort, Year 13!

Year 9 students are busy choosing their options, making thoughtful decisions about their future paths.

It's a busy time with some great work taking place across the school and lots more planned.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Year 7 Social Club

This week, Year 7's have enjoyed the re-launch of a games and social club – held in Mrs Reeve's room in The Shore at lunchtime. Each lunchtime, from 1:30pm until 2:10pm, Year 7's can come to B4 and complete homework, play computer games or play with some of the many games that we have purchased for them.

Board games include

- Game of Life
- Guess Who
- Jenga
- Scrabble
- Chess
- Draughts
- as well as Year 7's having exclusive use of the table tennis tables in the euroquad.

The lunchtime club in B4 is staffed by some of our fantastic 6th form pupils – who can often be seen playing the games and joining in with the Year 7's. It is brilliant that the Year 7's can benefit from the experience and support of our 6th form pupils – most of whom have been at Idsall for the full 7 year journey themselves, and I know they are very jealous of the facilities our Year 7's are benefiting from.





It's A Boy!

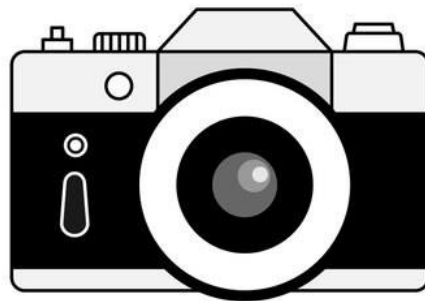
Year 11 assembly today saw a lovely message from their HOY Ms Whitehouse after leaving on maternity. The message we got was

"IT WAS TEAM BOY ALL ALONG! Noah was born on 2/3/25 weighing 7lb 11oz 😊 totally in my mom era!"

Congratulations to Ms Whitehouse from everyone at Idsall School - we can't wait to meet the new addition!



Year 11 Photo



Monday 24th March 2025

Next Week is the Yr 11 GCSE Geography Field Trips



Final reminder that Thursday and Friday the year 11 Geography students are heading to Carding Mill Valley. This is to support their work preparing for their forthcoming GCSE Geography examinations. Whilst there, they will be conducting a river study.

Emails have been sent regarding arrangements for these trips and consent needs to be given via Evolve.

The trips will be on:

- Thursday 20th March 2025 – Groups C and D (Mrs Smith's group and Mr Pittam's 'new in Y11' group)
- Friday 21st March 2025 – Groups A and B (Mr Pittam's 'original' groups)

Boogie Nights 2025

On Wednesday 12th March, Idsall School hosted 'Boogie Nights 2025 - Around the World!'

A fantastic event to showcase dance within the local area. 90 children between the ages of 5-15 years old from St Marys, St Andrews, Shifnal Primary, Robinson's Theatre Academy and Idsall School created an unforgettable evening that was thoroughly enjoyed by all spectators.

The showcase was filled with a range of dances to celebrate different dance styles and songs from around the world.

It was fantastic to see all the children come together in the afternoon for rehearsals before putting on the show that evening. A massive well done to all those taking part, you really have shown your talents off beautifully and we look forward to the event next year.

We would like to thank all the sports leaders, site team and staff at Idsall School for helping to run this amazing event. It takes a real team effort to pull off such a big event!





Making Lifetime Memories

Written by Leon Williams, year 8, whilst in hospital :

Saturday 8th March 2025, a memory to last a life time.

I play football for the Wolves Foundation Disability Team, all I ever wanted to do was play football and be accepted something a SEND child longs for, I see the world different and that's the only difference between me and you.

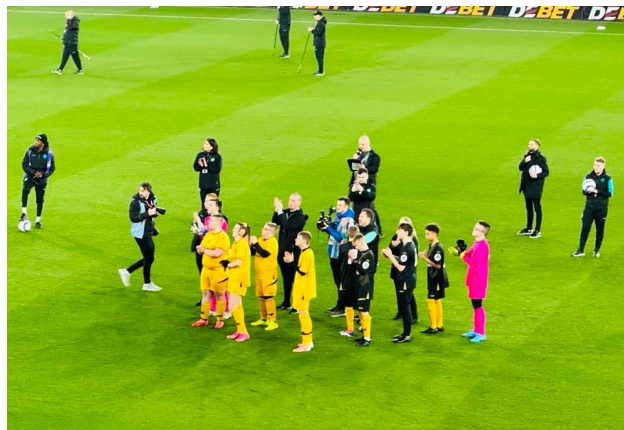
After hounding my mom to try and get me on a football team and never been selected for the school team, she reached out to Wolves Fans Service who directed her to the Wolves Foundation.

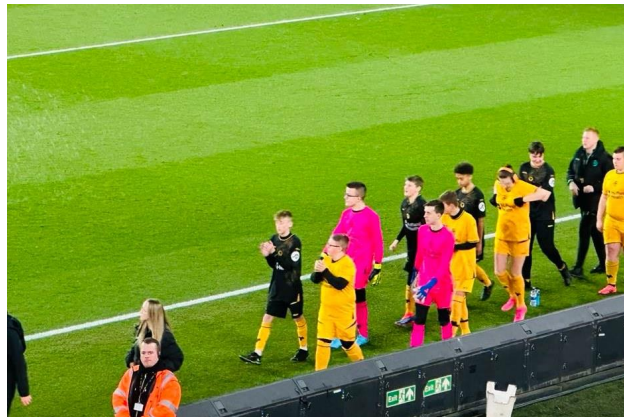
Gav (Community & Cohesion Officer (Disability)) contacted us and invited me to a training session, I went and loved it, it wasn't a disability team it was like minded young people playing a game they loved with any ability needs.

Wolves Foundation believed in me before I believed in myself and on 8th March 2025 they ask if I would do the greatest honour of walking out on the hallow turf to play the half time match against Everton, 30,738 attendees.

I recall my anxiety being at its highest, I was the youngest player on the pitch this was my team, the biggest achievement to date. The fans were chanting, I led the front of team A onto the pitch, we knew the match about to be played was in honour of a former Wolves Foundation Player who died at 19, we paid our respects and the whistle blew, the most magical feeling ever when all I could hear was the fans chanting "Wolves Ay We".

Wolves Foundation a charity that prides themselves to educate and inspire local people and communities, creating opportunities and changing lives.







Year 11 Prom



Deposits Needed

If you wish to attend Prom then your deposit of £15.00 needs to be paid by Friday 28th March.

This can be dropped in to reception at school or passed to your form tutor. If you do not pay the deposit by this time you will not reserve yourself a place. Should you decide after that you want to go, then you will be added to a reserve list and we cannot guarantee you a place.

The VENUE, the PHOTOGRAPHER, the DJ, the DRINKS ON ARRIVAL, the FINGER BUFFET and the RED CARPET are all booked!

When : Wednesday 25th Jun 2025

Who : Year 11 - the Class of 2025

Where : The Shropshire, Graville Park, Muxton, Telford 7pm to 11pm

Cost : Total cost is £45.00

Join us all for the end of school PARTY!

Year 13 Prom

Senior Prom

Monday 30th June 2025

The Sixth Form Prom will be held at the Parkhouse Hotel, Shifnal on Monday 30th June. a £15 deposit is required by Monday 17th March to secure your place. Please see Ashvin or Matthew for payment details.

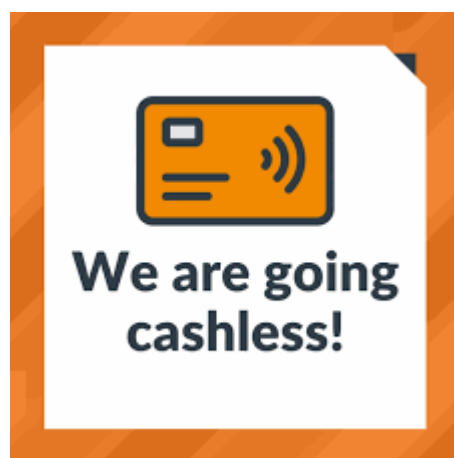
KS3 Science Assessments

Students in KS3 will be sitting Science assessments week commencing 31st March, 2025. These will take place in their usual Science lessons.

Details to follow.



Do You Send Your Child To School With Cash?



Important update regarding our school's payment system

We are transitioning to a completely cashless system for all payments.

For many years, the majority of our community has successfully used ParentPay to top up dinner money and pay for trips. Moving forward, ParentPay will be the only method available for these transactions from Easter 2025. The machines for putting money on student accounts will be removed over the easter holidays.

The primary reason for this change is to enhance the security and efficiency of our payment processes. By eliminating cash handling, we can reduce the risk of loss or theft and streamline administrative tasks. Additionally, this system enables us to trace all payments quickly, avoids

the need for pupils to carry cash, and saves valuable time for both parents and staff. Currently, there are fewer than 60 transactions processed through our cash machines each week, making this transition a practical and timely step.

We understand that this is a significant change, and we appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we make this transition. To ease the process, we will continue to accept cash for the purchase of planners and ties for the time being. However, our goal is to eventually eliminate all cash transactions within the school.

If you have any questions or need assistance with ParentPay, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We are here to help and ensure a smooth transition for everyone.

Upcoming Career Events



Upcoming Events:

- **British Army Careers in STEM Webinar** – Explore career opportunities within STEM fields in the British Army.
- **Brain Tumour Charity Ball** – Sixth Form support at Park House.
- **Mrs. Janine Webber Holocaust Survivor Talk** – A personal and moving account from Mrs. Webber.
- **Aberystwyth University Talks to Years 12 & 13** – Learn about student life and interview preparation.
- **Army Royal Engineers Practical Sessions** – Hands-on experience in engineering careers within the Army.
- **Telford Skills Show** – A chance to explore local career opportunities and skills development.

- **Auschwitz Survivor Talk - Mr. Arek Hersh** – A powerful reflection from a Holocaust survivor.
- **Careers Talk from Head of Birmingham Law School** – An insight into pursuing a career in law.
- **Army Royal Signals** – An interactive session to discover roles in Army communications and technology.

Jars Needed



If anyone has any jars with metal lids, preferably of the jam variety, please could you donate them to the food tech department at school - preferably cleaned!

Thanks very much - The DT Dept

Calendar and Trips



- Thu 20th Mar : Year 11 GCSE Geography Field Trip
- Fri 21st Mar : Year 11 GCSE Geography Field Trip
- Sun 23rd Mar : World Book Tokens Expire
- Mon 24th Mar : Year 11 Photo
- Tue 25th Mar : KS1 Primary Cross Country

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)

Sport Updates

County Finals for Basketball



Last week saw the county finals Basketball for Idsall Students representing East Shropshire from the counties 6 areas.

Full of hope after domination of the East Shropshire 4 team qualifier earlier this year. We knew the standard would be high and games get tougher in this round robin tournament of each team playing each other. Each team had won their groups so the county cup final is very high standard!

First game vs Bishops Castle representing South Shropshire saw Idsall crash the boards on rebounds with great defensive play - final score a win to Idsall 18 points to 1.

Next up a very well organised Meole Brace representing Shrewsbury, these had the best player of the tournament who we knew we had to keep quiet, we did that and took our chances with both layups and set shots being on target for a 11-9 points Win.

Third game was actually the decider against a very Fast Charlton team with over 15 players so they were well rested and we had just come off playing back to back. A few missed rebounds at both ends meant our first defeat to the eventual winners - 6 points to 13.

Still with hope we battled on knowing if we won our remaining games we could still win.

Game 4 vs HLC representing Telford and we despite being tired and the boys rotating well during games we hung on for a 10 points to 5 win, there was still hope.

Final game, if we win and Charlton lose we told ourselves before tip off, we can still go for it. And what a great half Vs Thomas Adams we went up by 8 points at half time. However news from the other court that Charlton were also winning comfortably got into the Idsall mind set, we started rushing shots and this allowed Thomas Adams representing the north to come back in, with an on the buzzer 3 pointer for them, they drew level for a 16 points to 16 draw.

Second place for the Idsall Y9 boys, top work and next year we will be back to go again.

Mr Goodison was very proud of the players for their team work and tenacity. Runners up in the county is a great result, well done to the 6 player squad - Chidie, Kaelo, Isaac, Leon, Madden and Harry.

Year 9 TWSA Netball Plate Champions!

Having not played much school netball this year, we went into the TWSA Year 9 Plate competition with no preconceptions on how the team would perform.

Grace, our captain, worked hard in the lead up to the game organising the team to ensure we had the eight players needed.

The girls kicked off the competition with a strong 8-4 win against Madeley Academy, they took a while to settle and at half time we were losing 4-1. The girls really stepped up and pulled back a solid win having got back into their netball groove.

Next Idsall played Holy Trinity Academy, winning 9-1.

Our third game was against a tough Ercall Wood side, it was goal for goal, drawing 3 all at half time, however, we managed to edge ahead and take a 7-5 win.

Burton Borough School were the final game of the tournament, and we knew it was going to be tough. It was a very close game, drawing at half time 2-2. The game was increasingly physical, but Idsall kept their nerve. The second half we found our stride and took a 6-3 win.

Idsall won all their games and therefore were awarded TWSA Netball Plate Champions!!!

This team are a group of fabulous netballers, they are competitive, skilful and resilient, a real credit to Idsall school.

Coaches' players award goes to Brook and Maizie for amazing play in and around the attacking D, but I'm super proud of the whole team, a wonderful evening of netball played!



Year 7 & 8 Netball Training Match

On Wednesday 11th March our Year 7 and 8 teams travelled to Wrekin College to play in a training match. This was a friendly, with the aim of giving the girls a real challenge. Wrekin College are renowned for their netball success; they are a very tough opposition.

The Year 7 girls found the challenge a bit daunting, and we struggled to find our rhythm. Wrekin's defence were absolutely solid and Idsall struggled under pressure. After a tough first 20 minutes the Year 7's did settle, and we managed to pull a couple of goals back in the last 10 minutes.

Well done for not giving up and showing determination to the end.

We are now looking ahead the County tournament on Tuesday 20th March. Email with detail will come out on Monday.

Year 8, although they only had half a team, performed well in the first 10 minutes, drawing 2-2 but Wrekin over the 30-minute game, pulled ahead and took the win.

Players, players (nominated by the opposition); were Megan (Yr8) and Betsy (Yr7)



Year 7 Football

Year 7 girls took part in a CVL tournament at TCAT against 6 others teams.

Both keepers (Lucy and Katie) didn't allow a goal into their net so kept a clean sheet for all of the games they played.

The girls represented Idsall beautifully and showed great team work in all games. They organised themselves well with substitutions and communicated effectively throughout each game.

Results haven't been released yet, as soon as they are we can let you know the outcome for both teams.

Well done to the 16 girls who took part.



Year 8 Plate Win

Year 8 B team go through to the 1/4 finals with a game of two halves win against HLC!

Due to illness a reduced 12 player squad went across to HLC who had already knocked our A team in both the county and Telford cups this year.

With a 4,4,2 formation we looked strong at the back but struggled to put together phases of play in attack due to HLC overloading midfield. We went in 1 nil down at half time due to a wonder goal hit from 30 yards.

Second half team talk meant we switched to a 3, 5 2 formation and what a difference it made. 2 goals in 20 mins from Jack and Ethan and a hatful more chances came from dominated possession and territory.

Final score 2-1 after hanging on after a late charge from the opposition. We eagerly await the opponents in the next round.



Trip Updates

Disneyland Paris



Disneyland Trip

For the powerpoint from the Disneyland meeting, please follow the link :

<https://www.idsallschool.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2025/03/Final-Presentation-for-Disneyland-2025.pdf>

- All passports should now have been handed in to the school.
- I know some of you are still waiting for the GHIC's to come through the post, as soon as you have that can you please send it into me at the school.
- I am hoping to meet with all the students during the week to sort their overnight rooming.

If you have any further questions or if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Email is : cathy.leverington@ids.mmat.co.uk

Ski Trip 2025



All passports should now have been handed into the school.

We know some of you are waiting for your GHIC's but if you can please send those into the school as soon as you receive them.

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

Las Vegas



Due to recent inquiries, we want to reassure you that the Geography trip to Las Vegas is still scheduled as planned (October 2026). There are no concerns despite the current political climate.

Please ensure you stay up to date with your payments. We appreciate those who have been meeting the payment schedule as well as those who have chosen to pay in full.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Green

Safeguarding



TEXT SLANG		
DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS		
GENERAL		
BFF: Best friend forever IRL: In real life NR: Not responding WTV: Whatever OMG: Oh my god ISTG: I swear to god SU: Shut up YOLO: You only live once WSG: What's good GNG: Gang SMH: So much hate DND: Do not disturb DIY: Do it yourself AFK: Away from keyboard ALR: Alright TN: Tonight CBA: Can't be asked ATP: At this point	AKA: Also known as FYI: For you Information POV: Point of view TBH: To be honest TMI: To much information GG: Good game DBI: Don't beg it IG: I guess FR: For real UR: Your WTH: What the hell LMAO: Laughing my ass off GAL: Get a life FWIW: For what it's worth YW: Your welcome ASAP: As soon as possible MYOB: Mind your business IRL: In real life	HU: Hurry up SM: So much RN: Right now TYSM: Thank you so much GRWM: Get ready with me TTYL: Talk to you later TC: Take Care MMB: Message me back AMA: Ask me anything WBU: what about you W/O: Without OBV: Obviously TIA: Thanks in advance BBT: Be back tomorrow NMU: Not much, you OT: Off Topic KMT: Kiss my teeth IKYKYK: If you know you know
SEXUAL		SOCIAL MEDIA
BGG: Big batty girl/baby girl TDTM: Talk dirty to me IPN: I'm posting naked S2R: Send to receive FB: F*** buddy PIR: Parents in room		SMO: Shout me out PU: Pop up/Pull up PM: Private message TT: TikTok FYP: For you page HMU: Hit me up
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Taekwon-Do Classes

New Beginners Programme Starting






TAEKWON-DO CLASSES

for NEW BEGINNERS



AGES 5+

IDSALL SCHOOL SHIFNAL
CLASSES EVERY WEDNESDAY



to reserve your place
call **Mr Neil Morris (5th Dan)**
on **07969 996055**
or email neilmorris14@btinternet.com

LEARN
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IMPROVE
YOUR FITNESS



Mr Morris is starting up a new beginners programme in Taekwon-do on a Wednesday evening at Idsall School.

So if you are looking at trying something new why not go along - you get **two free trial classes!**

- ***Offering Idsall pupils a 10% discount on monthly fees.***
- ***Classes every Wednesday 6-7pm in the main hall at Idsall.***
- ***Offering two free trial classes.***

INTERESTED ... contact Mr. Morris on 07969 996055 to book and for more information.

Singing for Shifnal



The poster features a teal background with a photograph of a microphone in the foreground and a blurred image of a person in a red shirt in the background. The text is white and yellow.

Singing for Shifnal

Charity Concert

Join us as we raise our voices to make a difference in our community

Tickets £5.00

The Choirs of Shifnal Schools, the Ukulele group and Shifnal & District Male Voice Choir are uniting to support local charities through the power of music

All money raised will support Shifnal Food Bank, St. Andrew's Warm Welcome and MHA Live at Home Scheme.

Tuesday 1st April

7:00PM at The Main Hall, Idsall School, TF11 8PD

Supported by: Shifnal Council

Tickets available from Shifnal Schools, St Andrews Church, Shifnal & District Male Voice Choir, Presence Card & Gift Shop or on the Door.


On Tuesday 1st April, the Choirs of Shifnal Schools, the Ukulele group and Shifnal & District Male Voice Choir are uniting to support local charities through the power of music.

Money raised is going to 3 excellent charities, and one that the school supports whenever possibly - Shifnal Food Bank. The other two charities are St. Andrew's Warm Welcome and MHA Live at Home Scheme.

So why not buy a ticket and go along, not only do you get a great evening of music but will be helping 3 fantastic charities at the same time.

Session Six Guitar

 After School Guitar Workshop – Book Your Place Now!

 Are you looking to improve your guitar skills or start your musical journey? Join our After School Guitar Workshop, where you'll be guided by an experienced guitarist who performs live music every week!

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced player, this workshop is the perfect opportunity for you.

What's Included:

- Learn by breaking down popular guitar songs with tailored lesson material for all skill levels.
- Jam with classmates in a supportive environment, where every question and idea is welcomed.
- Dive deep into the world of guitar, covering techniques, styles, and performance tips.

What to Bring:

- Your guitar 
- A pen and notebook to take notes 

This is your chance to get hands-on experience and grow as a guitarist!

Spaces are limited! To book your place, send a message to grantpritchard@outlook.com.

Don't miss out on this incredible musical opportunity!



Session Six Karate

🥋💥 Join Our After School Karate Classes! 💥🥋

Looking for an exciting way to stay active after school? Unleash your potential and gain new skills with our Karate After School Classes!

📅 Every Thursday | 3:15-4:15pm

📍 School Gym

Take part in fun and exciting martial arts classes that introduce you to traditional Karate, focusing on:

🥋 Pad Work Drills: Improve your focus and technique!

🥋 Self-Defence Applications: Learn essential blocks, kicks, punches, strikes, and take-downs!

🥋 Traditional Karate Kata Forms: Explore the artistic side of Karate while mastering useful self-defence techniques!

Your Instructor: A DBS registered instructor with dedicated experience in traditional Karate, ensuring a safe and professional learning environment.

What's more?

- ✨ Opportunity to progress and earn official Karate grades
- ✨ A comprehensive training approach that builds both karate skills and life skills
- ✨ Fun, motivating, and challenging for all levels!

Join us and start your Karate journey today!

🎯 Spaces are limited! Secure your spot and learn new skills with your classmates. See you on the mats!

Send a message to Shukokaishropshire@outlook.com to book your place.



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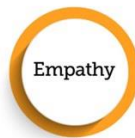
Our values :



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