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# **IDSALL SCHOOL**

"great oaks from little acorns grow"

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# Michelle King - Headteacher



Welcome back to the summer term!

We ended the Spring term on a high with two amazing trips that we posted on our social site for everyone to keep up with. Thank you for all the lovely comments – students were brilliant and really enjoyed themselves.

We have also started this term with a trip to London for some sightseeing and a visit to the Houses of Parliament. Students came back buzzing, not only enjoying every minute but reciting new things that they had learnt and seen. This is what these experiences are about.

This term, there are more trips and lots more visitors planned to work with our students. It's full of activity.

Exams have now started and year 13 and 11 in particular are busy getting ready. A last push always makes a difference, good luck!

Here's to a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

# **Hot Weather**



After a very hot week, temperatures return to normal next week and **FULL** school uniform is required from Tuesday 6th May.



We have now finalised the Year 11 Prom!

We have extended full payment from the 1st May until 9th May due to the issues with access to ParentPay. We will be confirming places and arranging tickets following this date.

Please be aware deposits are non-refundable. Places will be allocated after the 9th May and tickets will be issued to students week beginning 19th May by the Prom committee.

# **Calendar and Trips**



- Mon 5th May : Bank Holiday
- Tue 6 May: Athletic Trials
- Tue 6th May: Year 6 Uniform Evening
- Wed 7th May: Year 8 PGL Parental TEAMS Meeting
- Fri 9th May : Year 11 Photo
- Fri 9th May: Commemorating VE Day 80th Anniversary
- Mon 12th May: First Day of Year 13 Study Leave
- Wed 14 May to Fri 16 May: Year 8 PGL
- Thu 15th May: Year 8 Parents Evening
- Mon 2nd & Tue 3rd June : Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
- Thu 5th June: Year 7 Parents Evening
- Wed 25th Jun: Year 11 Prom
- Mon 30th Jun: Year 13 Prom

#### **TRIPS**

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

- 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)

# **Disneyland Paris and Ski Trip Final Updates**

After exhausting but fabulous trips it has been great to get so many emails from parents saying what a fantastic time their student had whilst on both the trips.

We know many of you were watching the continuous updates and photos on the facebook page - please feel free to download those photos of your students.

For the next few days you can follow the link below which may be an easier option.

Please note: these are for personal viewing and should not be shared.

We have a few passport cases etc that were removed before we went on the trip - if your student is missing one or any other lost property please ask them to pop to see Mrs Leverington.

**Disney Trip Link**: <a href="https://we.tl/t-1nl0PqjFVW">https://we.tl/t-1nl0PqjFVW</a> **Ski Trip Link**: <a href="https://we.tl/t-luqGi716PC">https://we.tl/t-luqGi716PC</a>



# **Baby News**



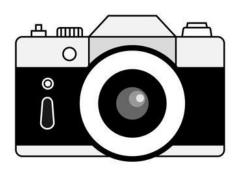
Just before we broke up for Easter we had the fabulous news that Mrs Thompson had her baby!

"I just wanted to share our wonderful news that our daughter, Bryia Kate Thompson, was born at 02.25am on Sunday 6th April, weighing 8lb exactly. She didn't want to wait until planned date and arrived a day earlier in the middle of the night. Her big brothers are besotted with her and we are adjusting to family life as a 5 well.

Mrs Thompson"

Huge congratulations from everyone at Idsall to Mrs Thompson and her family.

#### **Year 11 Photo**



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We are going for a third attempt on capturing the students of year 11 on their year group photo.

The photo will now take place on Friday 9th May. We are aiming that the photo will be taken approximately 9.50 - 10.00 am.

#### **Year 8 HPV Vaccinations**

We have been asked to pass on the following letter to all year 8 students regarding the HPV Vaccination. This has also been emailed out to all parents. If you need any further information please email the school.

Dear Idsall School,

Human Papillomavirus (Universal HPV Gardasil 9)

**Date Of Visit: 2 & 3 June 2025** 

Attached to this email is a letter for the 2024 Human Papillomavirus vaccination (HPV), please can you distribute this to the parents of all Year 8 pupils.

The eConsent link will close at 9am on 28 May 2025

We would be very grateful if you could use your communication platforms for the duration the link is open to remind parents to complete a consent form.

#### Shropshire Community Health NHS

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School Aged Immunisation Team
Coral House
11 Longbow Close
Harlescott Lane
Shrewsbury
Shropshire
SY1 3GZ
Phone: 01743 730028

Dear Parent or Guardian,

#### Human Papillomavirus (Universal HPV) Gardasil 9 - 1 Dose Vaccination

The School Aged Immunisation Service will shortly be offering the Human Papilloma Vaccination (HPV) for all students in <u>Year 8</u>. The vaccination is **free**, safe and effective.

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV):

  > Human papillomavirus (HPV) is the name of a very common group of viruses.

  > HPV affects the skin. There are more than 100 different types.

  > They do not cause any problems in most people, but some types can cause genifal warts or cancer.

  > HPV can also cause ential warts. HPV can also cause genital warts.
- HPV has no symptoms, so you may not know if you have it.
   This virus increases the risk of developing some cancers stater in life, such as: cervical cancer, some moth and throat cancers and some cancers of the arus and genital areas.
   The HPV vaccine does not protect against other sexually transmitted infections.

To find out more information about the Human Papillomavirus vaccine, visit the link below or scan the QR



HPV vaccine - NHS

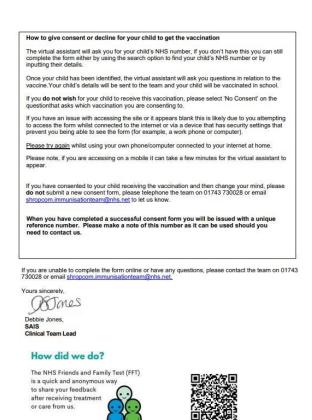
The team will be visiting Idsall School on 2 & 3 June

Once you have read through the information, please complete the electronic consent form

#### The link below will close at 9am on 28 May 2025

Please click here or scan the QR code to complete your child's HPV vaccination





#### A Level of the Week

#### what our current pupils think about their post 16 subjects

Please scan the QR code or click h

#### Sociology

Sociology complements the study of a range of other subjects in further education, including the *Humanities subjects, English* and *Business*. In addition, mainly due to their overlap in both content and skills, Sociology also works well if studied alongside the other Social Sciences; *Criminology, Economics* and *Psychology*.

The A-Level Sociology course offers students the opportunity to explore important sociological theories and methods, and the social changes reshaping the world today. It will transform your understanding of important aspects the social world and give you the confidence, knowledge and skills to help you to think critically and ethically about society and social change.

Sociology focuses on answering 'what', 'how' and 'why' questions, providing a strong academic foundation for students considering a range of different degree courses at university including *Anthropology* and *Law*. The study of Sociology could support pathways into a number of different careers including; *Civil Servant; Family Support Worker; Forensic Scientist; Journalist;* 

Market Researcher; Policy Analyst; Police Officer; Public Relations Officer; Social Researcher/Statistician; Teacher and Youth Worker.

#### I chose to study A level Sociology because:

- "I picked Sociology because I wanted to have a more educated perspective on society and to understand why things happen and how topics can be viewed differently"
- "I'm aiming to study primary education and Sociology links to this as we study education and the inequalities children face, I will be able to apply my knowledge to teach children and treat them fairly".
- "Mrs McMahon is the best!"
- "I enjoy learning about crime and deviance in society"
- "I want to go into marketing and business understanding society is beneficial in understanding customers and consumer preferences".
- "I picked A Level Sociology because I am interested in the way people interact with wider societal structures"



### **Year 13 Study Leave**



A reminder that year 13 study leave starts at 3.15pm on Friday 9th May. Students will be working as per their normal timetable up until this point.

A letter was sent out before Easter ... it read :

"I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to provide you with an important update regarding the schedule for our year 13.

As of Friday 9th May, Year 13 will be required to attend exams only, teachers will continue to provide revision sessions and additional support. We hope that this is welcome news to both you and your young person. Please note, some subjects do require your attendance still as they still have a small amount of content to cover prior to sitting their examinations. Subject teachers will communicate their requirements to students.

This aims to better support our students during this intense period of revision, allowing them to have some additional time for rest, relaxation, and personal study."

# **Year 8 Parent's Evening**



The date of the year 8 Parent's Evening has been changed due to many of the year 8 students being on PGL.

It will now take place on Thursday 8th May, 2025.

The appointment system is now open and closes at 3pm on Tuesday 6th May.

#### **Session 6 Activities**

Please see the timetable for the summer term session 6 activities.

Please note that Session Six and Lunchtime activities may be cancelled at short notice.

For Session Six cancellations - you will be able to remain in school until the agreed time if needed.



	Tuesda	ıy's Sessi	on Six Activities	<b>0</b>
Studyzone	3.15 - 4pm		All Years	LRC 📆
Netball			All Years	All Weather
Boys Football			Year 7	Grass Pitches
A Level History -	Russia 1894-19	924	Year 12 & 13	H4
A Level Chemisti	y Revision		Year 12 & 13	S3
Computer Science	ce Paper 1	Veek A	Year 10 & 11	B4
Science Revision	Week A		Year 11 Invited Gr	oup S1 Open Revision S6
Footloose Run T	hrough		All Years	D1/Main Hall
<b>BBC Young Repo</b>	rters Week A		All Years	BA1
Eco Club	Week B		Year 7 & 8	S8
Computer Science	ce Coding Club	Week B	Year 10 & 11	B1
Year 11 Revi Sessions				
	Week A		w w	eek B

Wednesday's Sessio	n Six Activities		
Studyzone 3.15 – 4pm	All Years	LRC	
Rugby	Years 7 – 10	<b>Grass Pitches</b>	
A Level Maths Revision	Sixth Form	EN2	
A Level Biology Revision	Sixth Form	S8	
Exploring the Christian Faith with Mark Williams	All Years	R1	
D&T - Product Design/Health & Social Care/ Food	Year 10 & 11	D2	
Kaleidoscope Orchestra	All Years	ST A	
Year 11 Revision	Sessions		
Week A	Week B		
History Business (Lecture Theatre)	History Business (Lecture Theatre)		

	Thursday's	Session S	Six Activiti	ies		
Studyzone	3.15 – 4pm	3.15 – 4pm All Ye		LRC		
	Friday's S	ession Six	x Activitie	s		
Studyzone	3.15 - 4pm	3.15 – 4pm All Years		LRC	Q.,	
Handball		Year 7	7	<b>Sports Hall</b>	ALTER CHE IN	
Year 11 Revision Sessions						
Week A			Week B			
	French (L1)					
	PE Lunchtime	Sessions	1.40 – 2.10pn	n		
	Sports Hall			Fitness Suite		
Monday	Badminton	Badminton All Years				
Monday	Leadership	All Years	<b>4 9</b>			
Tuesday	Badminton	All Years	in.			
Wednesday	Basketball	All Years	P)	Years 7 – 13	25	
Thursday				Years 7 – 13	students	
Friday				Years 7 - 13	max	

	Lunchtime Sessions	1.40 – 2.	10pm		
Monday	Sports leadership club	All Years	(1.45pm start)	E4	
Tuesday	Drum Club	All Years		ST A	
Tuesday	RE Revision	Year 11		R2	
Wednesday	School of Rock	All Years		ST A	
Wednesday	RE – 'Asking Questions' with M	RE – 'Asking Questions' with Mark Williams			
Wednesday	Future Writers Week B	All Years		E1	2011/2
Wednesday	RE Revision	Year 11		R2	1000
Thursday	Young Voices	All Years		ST A	
Friday	<b>Footloose Singing Rehearsals</b>	All Years		ST A	
Friday	RE Revision	Year 11		R2	
Friday	KS4 Drama Intervention	Year 10 & 1	1	D1	

## **Celebration of Storytelling Talent!**

We are absolutely thrilled to celebrate the remarkable creativity and storytelling talent displayed by our students during Storytelling Week!

This event has truly highlighted the imagination of our young authors, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts.

A huge congratulations to our two outstanding winners: Emilia Brocklehurst's enchanting story captured the attention of Mr Bailey, while Molly Smith's delightful narrative impressed Felicity Radcliffe. Both students have demonstrated exceptional skill in weaving words into captivating tales, and their achievements are a testament to their hard work and creativity.

We would also like to acknowledge our talented runner-up, Joseph Dobbins, whose story showcased a compelling narrative that resonated with both peers and judges alike. It is inspiring to see such enthusiasm and dedication to storytelling in our school community!

We celebrate every entry received and cannot wait to witness further creativity in future competitions.

Keep up the fantastic work, everyone!







# **Year 10 Food Students**

Year 10 Food students have been star bakers this week!

They have demonstrated an excellent understanding of the science behind breadmaking and have worked with seeds to increase the nutrition in their bread plaits.

Well done!







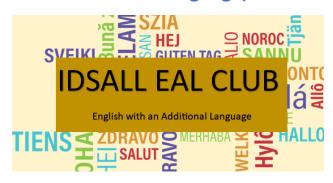








# **EAL Club (English as an Additional Language)**



As a school we are presently in the early stages of setting up a club for students who have English as an additional language.

You might be wondering what exactly English as an Additional Language is and what it means for your student. The meaning of EAL is pretty simple; it refers to teaching English to students who are native speakers of another language. Since students may be fluent in several other languages, we use the term 'additional' instead of 'second'.

We are hoping this is going to be a hugely popular club with the EAL students. We aim to make it a place for them to engage in meaningful conversation and discussions, learn about different cultures and life in the UK. The club is to encourage development of social skills, leadership, teamwork and improving confidence.

First Meeting - Friday 9th at 9.00am in Room A1

#### **Athletic Trials**



On Tuesday 6th May, there will be athletic trials taking place for the students who have signed up to do an event.

This will be for year 8, 9, 10, 11 only. No year 7 as they are doing work in lessons.

If they want to be selected for the team and there are multiple names down for the activity, they will need to attend the trial in order to pick the most competitive students.

It will run until 4.15pm.

#### 21 Mile Swim for Macmillan

One of our wonderful students Myleigh Van Der Woning is doing a 21 mile swim for an amazing cause MacMillan Cancer Support. Myleigh set herself the challenge to complete during June and July.

Myleigh says "I'd be so grateful if you can help me reach my goal, anything you can donate really will help make a difference. It'll keep me motivated to keep swimming too!"

If you can help Myleigh achieve her goal please go to her just giving page following the link below:

# Will you donate to Myleigh's Fundraising Page?

# **Running for English Schools**





Oliver Skelton, a 6th former at Idsall, has proven again what a fabulous athlete he is after taking part in English Schools in Sussex last month.

Well done on a fabulous performance Ollie!

#### **Year 12 Construction Visit**



Year 12 construction students went on a trip to Shrewsbury academy to have a look around the new STEM centre that is being built at our partner school, the educational trip was run through Tilbury Douglas construction LTD.

This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to look at how the structure was built, the time frame and the opportunities that are available to them once they finish the course.

# **Sport Updates**

#### **Presidents Trophy Cup Final**

The year 9 boys football team played at Lilleshall in the Presidents Trophy Cup final and won 1 - 0.

It has been a very long time since Idsall last won this Trophy at any age group (Possibly over 15 years now), so it's quite a big achievement for this group of boys.

The boys were a credit to themselves and the school giving 100 percent throughout the match.







# **Trip Updates**

#### **PGL** - Boreatton Park

Reminder there is a parent TEAMS Meeting on Wednesday 7th May at 4.30pm.

On Wednesday 14th May, we will be leaving school at around 10am and we will return to school on Friday 16th May no later than 4pm.





#### **Battlefields Trip**

#### WW1 Battlefields Trip 22-24 May

From Tuesday 6 May, please deposit Passports and GHIC cards with Mrs Strachan in room H4.

Further documentation will follow shortly. Any queries, please contact <a href="mailto:ruth.strachan@ids.mmat.co.uk">ruth.strachan@ids.mmat.co.uk</a>

# **Safeguarding**

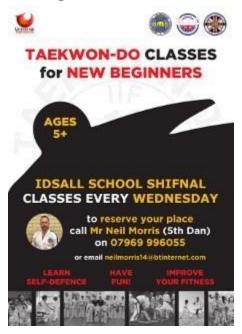


This week's safeguarding focus for parents and pupils is on the topic of the Parenting Help and Support Line.



#### **Taekwon-Do Classes**

#### **New Beginners Programme Starting**



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.

# **Shifnal Senior Youth Club**



#### **Shifnal Cricket Club**



#### **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**



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

i 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
- X 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:

