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IDSALL SCHOOL

"great oaks from little acorns grow"

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Michelle King - Headteacher



It's been a short but incredibly busy week here at our school!

We had the honour of celebrating the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe with a series of special events. Highlights included a visit from a military vehicle, a weapons display, and an archery session with 20 soldiers from the Army joining us for the day.

Our students have truly shone this week. Fifty students represented the school at the flagraising ceremony at St. Andrew's Church, where they performed readings and led special assemblies back at school. They were a real credit to us all—well done!

Looking ahead, we have an exciting activity planned for Monday. Aico, a leading business, will be hosting a Business Enterprise session for Year 7. Students will have the opportunity to create and market a product—who knows, we might have a future winner of The Apprentice among us!

It's truly amazing what our students achieve. They are incredible!



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



- Wed 8th May to Wed 18th June : GCSE Exams
- Mon 12th May: First Day of Year 13 Study Leave
- Wed 14 May to Fri 16 May : Year 8 PGL
- Mon 2nd & Tue 3rd June: Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
- Thu 5th June: Year 7 Parents Evening
- Mon 9th to Fri 20th June : Year 10 End of Year Exams
- Wed 11th to Fri 20th June : Year 12 End of Year Exams
- Mon 23rd to Fri 27th June : Year 10 Work Experience
- Wed 25th Jun : Year 11 Prom
- Mon 30th June: Year 13 Leavers Brunch & Assembly
- 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)

Farewell Year 13



Today we said a farewell to the year 13 who have started their study leave.

From now on, they will only be required to attend their exams, however their teachers will continue to provide revision sessions and additional support for them all.

We wish them all the all the best in their upcoming exams and hope that allowing them to be on study leave will allow them to have some additional time for rest, relaxation, and personal study.

Sharp Suit Thursday

There were a lot of comments being heard today about how extra smart some of our sixth formers looked! So we did some investigation and questioned Mrs Case. This is what we found out:

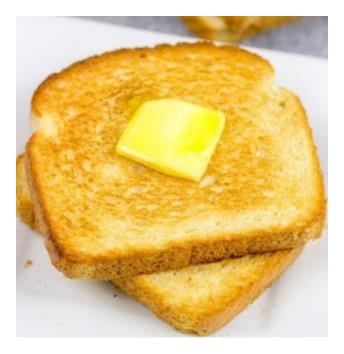
"The current year 13 have, for the past two years engaged in their own, unique tradition of 'Sharp Suit Thursday'. They decided that as it was their last chance of "Sharp Suit Thursday" as they are starting their exam leave they decided to go all out for their one final dress up day".

Hopefully this is a new tradition they have passed down!





Free Exam Breakfast

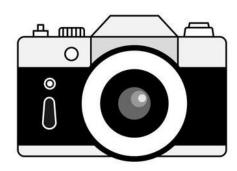


During the exam period, if your child has an exam at 9.00am, they are invited to come to the canteen for some free breakfast between 8.00am and 8.45am, where members of the teaching staff will be available for any last minute queries and help.

For afternoon exams:

- The canteen will be open for early lunch break only for students that are on an exam that starts at 1.00 pm. The canteen will be open to those students from 12.30 pm.
- If your child is on study leave, they are expected to sign in at front reception no later than 12.50 pm and make their way to their exam venue where they should 'line up' with other students ready to be invited into the exam venue.

Year 11 Photo



1 - **TAKE 3**

YES! Take 3 was successful.

The year 11 photo has been taken with again, a lovely surprise visit of their Head of Year who is currently on maternity. Mrs Whitehouse turned up with baby Noah so there were plenty of oohs and ahhhs before, during and after the photo. Mrs Whitehouse said how lovely it was seeing them and wished them all well in their exams - she is also planning, hopefully, a few more visits before their time is officially over.

Sixth Form Taskmaster

Sixth Form taskmaster comes to an end for this school year with a quartet of events in the final week before Easter.

Event 1 – Toilet Roll Bunnies:

Each tutor group was given a toilet roll to make an Easter Bunny (no other instructions).





Event 2 – The Chicken and the Egg:

Each tutor group was given a story board and asked to create a story of which came first – the chicken or the egg? Most inventive story wins.

There were all kinds of weird and wonderful ideas, from Dr Who, to meteors, from dinosaurs to Formula 1.



Event 3 – Origami Tulips:

Each tutor group was given 2 pieces of coloured card and some green card and tasked with making Mrs McMahons favourite flower – the tulip.

Some tutor groups made entire bouquets. One even wrote a poem to go with their flowers.





Event 4 – The Spring Quiz:

Each tutor group was given, well oddly enough, they were given a quiz.....



Which meant that Twinkle the gnome was able to hand out a basket of treats to the winning tutor group:

OK3	Specific Color
	Tutor Group
מסנו	1st Place 6RST
3	2 nd Place 6HBA
2	Joint 3 rd Place 6SCO
こう	Joint 3 rd Place 6SDU







Idsall SST

The Senior Student Team had their first fund raiser of the year in aid of Hillbrae Rescue Kennels.

The day before they broke up for Easter, they came dressed as something beginning with their first initial.

We had two sets of chipmunks (Alvin, Simon and Theodore), a Luigi, some Minions, a Lorax and even Peter Pan and Tinkerbell.







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)

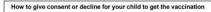
Date Of Visit: 2 & 3 June 2025

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.





The virtual assistant will ask you for your child's NHS number, if you don't have this you can still complete the form either by using the search option to find your child's NHS number or by inputting their details.

Once your child has been identified, the virtual assistant will ask you questions in relation to the vaccine. Your child's details will be sent to the team and your child will be vaccinated in school.

If you do not wish for your child to receive this vaccination, please select 'No Consent' on the questionthat asks which vaccination you are consenting to.

If you have an issue with accessing the site or it appears blank this is likely due to you attempting to access the form whilst connected to the internet or via a device that has security settings that prevent you being able to see the form (for example, a work phone or computer).

Please try again whilst using your own phone/computer connected to your internet at home.

Please note, if you are accessing on a mobile it can take a few minutes for the virtual assistant to appear.

If you have consented to your child receiving the vaccination and then change your mind, please do not submit a new consent form, please telephone the team on 01743 730028 or email <u>shropcom.immunisationteam@pnis.net</u> to let us know.

When you have completed a successful consent form you will be issued with a unique reference number. Please make a note of this number as it can be used should you need to contact us.

If you are unable to complete the form online or have any questions, please contact the team on 01743 730028 or email shropcom.immunisationteam@nhs.net.

Yours sincerely.

Debbie Jones, SAIS Clinical Team Lead

or care from us.

How did we do?

The NHS Friends and Family Test (FFT) is a quick and anonymous way to share your feedback after receiving treatment





Please scan the QR code or click here to complete our Friends and Family Test

VE Day



On Thursday at midday Idsall school went silent as staff and students respected the national 2 minute silence to remember and thank those who fought for our freedom and to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe Day).

Help With Exam Stress



Tips to help parents support their child with exam stress

Tests and exams can be a challenging part of school life for children and young people and their parents or carers, but there are ways to ease the stress.

The NHS.UK website gives lots of really helpful information on helping everyone deal with exam stress. Headings like

- Watch for signs of stress
- Make sure your child eats well
- Heap your child get enough sleep
- Be flexible during exams
- Help them study
- Talk about exam nerves
- Encourage exercise during exams
- Do not add to the pressure
- Make time for treats
- When to get help

It really is a very useful read. The link is below.

Help your child beat exam stress - NHS

AMHIE



A Level of the Week

what our current pupils think about their post 16 subjects

Psychology

This week year 12 students have been looking at theories of attachment and bonding. Part of this includes caring for their very own egg babies.







Studying A-level Psychology can be beneficial because:

- It teaches a broad range of subjects, including social and cognitive psychology, child development, and psychology beyond typical behaviour.
- It provides analytical skills, essay writing, and scientific research methods.
- It improves teamwork, interpersonal, and communication skills.
- It enhances critical thinking and understanding of research methods.
- It prepares you for university study and future careers.

EAL Club (English as an Additional Language)



Today we held the first meeting of the EAL club. This was well received by the students as we talked about the aims of the club and how it is being set up to support them. There was some real discussions going on between the students and staff as they talked about language barriers and how this can be helped along with how the school can help support their needs.

We are meeting next on Friday 23rd May in room A1.

If any students want to get involved and have English as an additional language they can speak to Mr Northall or Mrs Leverington.

Next Meeting: Friday 23rd May in room A1 at 09.00

Sports Update

Idsall school Boys Year 10's boys narrowly missed out on winning U15 County Cup, losing to Thomas Telford 2: 1 in the final at Lilleshall on Thursday evening.

Mr Bell said "It was a very close game, but they just got edged out of it, however congratulations to all the lads as they have had a fantastic season, playing 13 games winning a total of 10 and only losing 3.

They will come back even stronger next season."

Well done to the year 10 lads for their incredibly achievement!



Athletics Session Six

Each week a different activity will be put on for students wanting to improve their athletic ability. There is only one option per week so please make sure you attend the week you want to improve in that area. There wont be an option to change the activity (unless the weather is really poor)

This will also be printed off and put up on the athletics notice board outside of the PE office. Any questions, please see Miss Broughton

- Tuesday 13th May: Throw (javelin/shot put/discus)
- Tuesday 20th May: Jumps (long/Triple)

HALF TERM

- Tuesday 3rd June: High jump (weather pending)
- Tuesday 10th June: Relay
- Tuesday 17th June: hurdles

Trip Updates

PGL - Boreatton Park



Thank you to all those of you who attended the Teams meeting on Wednesday.

On Wednesday 14th May, we will be leaving school at around 10.10am and we will return to school on Friday 16th May no later than 4pm.

Points to note:

- Students to drop their bags at the old gym from 08.30am
- Students will go to their timetabled registration and period 1 on Wednesday then meet at the end of period 1 on the gym patio
- Students are to bring a packed lunch (this can be left in the old gym till we go)
- Any medication is to be clearly labelled with the students name and clear instruction on dosage and times - this is to be handed to Mr Bell on Wednesday morning. (Students should not have any medication in their bags without it first being cleared by Mr Bell)

Please check the kit list.

- Students will not be allowed to do some of the activities if they do not have the correct clothing please ensure your student has
 - long sleeved shirt/t-shirts and long trousers and socks so that arms and legs are
 covered two sets in case one is wet
 - T-shirts that cover the shoulders
 - Old pair of trainers that will get wet

https://www.idsallschool.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2025/05/Parent-Meeting-PGL-14th-May-2025.pdf

Don't forget the sun tan lotion, hat and water bottle!



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 ruth.strachan@ids.mmat.co.uk

Safeguarding



This week's safeguarding focus for parents and pupils is on the topic of the struggling to sleep.

Does your child struggle with their Sleep?

Free Sleep Tight Groups

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups which run for 5 weeks and:

- Find out why sleep is important for our health and emotional wellbeing
- · Get support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines
- Meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences

Our next groups start:

Sleep Tight SEND Monday 9th June 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm

Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight Monday 16th June 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am Virtually via MS Teams

SEND groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups.

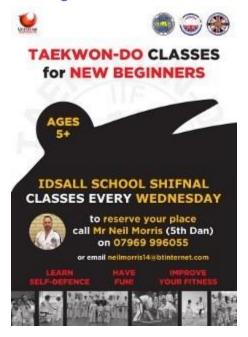
To book a place email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call 01743 250950



What's On In The Local Area

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.

Family Hubs



Protect, care and invest to create a better borough













Drop in at Dawley Town Hall, New Street, Dawley TF4 3JR
Monday's term time 10am-12noon
Join us for advice, guidance and themed discussions with our

Family Hubs Team.
See below for upcoming dates and further information
Please call 01952 385465 for any enquires

12 th May	Family Hubs advice drop in
19 th May	Family Hubs advice drop in - MIND Telford & TACT -Branches attending
2 nd June	Challenging Behaviours and Emotional Regulation
9 th June	Talking tots, Child development and School readiness - Home Start, School nurse and health visiting team attending
16 th June	Family Hubs Advice drop in - PODS, Autism Hub & Send IASS attending
23 rd June	Keeping safe online & mobile phone safety
30 th June	Family Hubs advice drop in
7 th July	Apologies - Family Hubs drop in, not open this week
14 TH July	What's on over the Summer – Find our what is on in your

Shifnal Senior Youth Club



Shifnal Cricket Club



Session Six Guitar (Private Sessions)



Session Six Karate (Private Sessions)



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Our values:

