

Edition 29 : 06/06/25



Calendar and Events



- Mon 9th to Mon 30th June : Year 10 End of Year Exams
- Tues 1st June : Yr 10 Mock Exam Catch-Ups
- Wed 11th to Fri 20th June : Year 12 End of Year Exams
- Fri 13th June : Year 11 Leavers Assembly
- Fri 20th June : Collaboration Day
- Mon 23rd to Fri 27th June : Year 10 Work Experience
- Mon 23rd to Fri 27th June : Year 12 Work Experience

- Wed 25th June : Year 11 Prom
- Mon 30th June : Year 13 Leavers Brunch & Assembly
- Mon 30th June : Year 13 Prom
- Mon 30th June : Year 6 Induction Evening
- Mon 30th June & Tue 1st July : Year 6 Transition Days
- Fri 4th July : Sixth Form Induction Day
- Tue 8th & Wed 9th July : Footloose Performances - **BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!**
- Thu 24th July : Break up for Summer

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Michelle King - Headteacher



Welcome Back – A Busy and Exciting Start to the Term!

We've launched into the first week back with great momentum! It's been a packed schedule with exams underway, a successful Year 7 Parents' Evening, and our Year 10 students deep in preparation for their upcoming assessments. Following this, both Year 10 and Year 12 will be heading out on work experience placements—a fantastic opportunity that continues to grow in value. Employers increasingly recognise the importance of real-world experience, and we're seeing colleges and universities place greater emphasis on students who have had a taste of the working world.

We've also had the pleasure of welcoming Year 6 pupils from Shifnal Primary, who will be joining us weekly until the end of term. They'll be getting a feel for secondary school life through a series of exciting mini projects. It's wonderful to have them with us early and to help ease their transition into the next stage of their education.

Key Dates: Reminder: Collaboration day – school closed to students on Friday 20th June. Students will be set work to complete as previously on collaboration days that they can work on independently. For all years this work will be part of their usual curriculum back at school and be used in lessons upon return.

YEAR 7 NEWS

Las Vegas Trip

Exciting News! We have had some extra places allocated to us for the trip to Las Vegas! Due to this we are now opening it up to year 7 students who will be year 9 when the trip goes in October 2026.

Should your student be interested in this Geography trip, I have put below a link to the original parental meeting powerpoint presentation. Please take a look. Any further questions, or to book a place on this incredible trip, please ask your student to see Mrs Green in room G3.

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

Athletic Trials

Tuesday 10th there will be a dedicated session on offer for just year 7 to trial out for any athletics events they are interested in. This is crucial in allowing us to select students for June 18th when it is the year 7 Telford athletics competition.

Events they can participate in are:

- 100m sprint
- 200m sprint
- 800m run
- 1500m run
- Relay
- Hurdles
- High jump
- Long jump
- -Discus
- -Shot put
- -Javelin

YEAR 8 NEWS

Sporting Success

On Saturday 11th May, two Idsall Students, Mia Vernon and Paige Bennett played in the England Handball U14 Girls National Finals tournament at WV Active, Aldersley.

After closely fought games, Shropshire came in 2nd with Dorset winning on goal difference.

Congratulations to the team on their silver medals!



YEAR 9 NEWS

Jessie Payne and her horse River recently took part in a showing clinic together with her riding club Wrekin North Riding Club and was talent spotted for **The Showing Register Amateur Rider of the Year**. Jessie will go off to compete in September in Warwickshire in the New Star 12-18 year old class, with potential to qualify for Horse Of The Year Show.

She has worked very hard to get to where she is now with her best friend enjoying every step of the way.

Huge congratulations to Jessie and River! Good luck in September .. we will keep you all updated!



YEAR 10 NEWS

Level 1 H&S Certificates

Idsall school were really happy to welcome ANTA Education into the school as they offered some of our year 10 construction students a fantastic opportunity to achieve their level 1 Health and Safety certificates.

Claire from ANTA was fantastic with our students and built up a great rapport, the students really took to the course and some great results were the outcome! This now opens the door for our year 10 construction students to apply for a CSCS card when they finish their Idsall journey with us.

Alfie Berridge said: *"This was the perfect course for me, I have an apprenticeship ready for when I leave school and now, I don't have to take the Health and Safety course because I have already done it, it means I can take my CSCS test quicker meaning I can go on site sooner"*

Mr Northall has already planned further meetings with Craig Howard the director of ANTA training on what other courses and sessions they can offer not only construction students but also other students within our school community - watch this space!

Teacake Showcase of Creativity

Year 10 food students have been refining their food plating techniques. As part of their challenge, they worked with a Tunnock's Teacake, carefully arranging elements to highlight colour, texture, and composition.

After an exciting showcase of creativity, Oliver Johnson emerged as the overall winner. Congratulations to all the students for their hard work and dedication!







LAMDA Success

Congratulations to Jessica Johnson who passed her LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art) exam as follows: Devising Drama Grade 4 - Solo 87 - **Distinction!**

The examiner had some wonderful things to say about Jessica's performance:

"Jessica, you are a powerful, fearless and gritty performer who brings emotional depth and raw sincerity to a stage. You are imaginative and inventive and show a strong sense of spontaneity in performance. You are articulate and bright, with thoughtful choices that hold an audience's attention. It was a pleasure being your examiner today"

Congratulations Jessica- we are all very proud of you!

YEAR 11 NEWS

Sixth Form Transition Day

This will be held on Friday 4th July 2025.

This is open to all **applicants**.

Those who have applied to Idsall Sixth Form will have received an email from Mr Bowler containing a link to an MS FORM. You need to complete the form to secure your place at this exciting event. The form will close at midday on Tuesday 1st July, so we can plan accordingly.

Dancers Shine at Prestigious Competition

We are incredibly proud to share that a group of our talented Year 11 students recently took to the stage at a major dance competition, performing in front of a packed audience of hundreds. The group, led by one of our very own students, delivered a stunning routine that lasted over ten minutes—executed with flawless timing and captivating energy throughout.

Their performance was a true testament to the dedication, discipline, and countless hours of practice they've invested in perfecting their routine. Every movement was in sync, showcasing not only their technical skill but also their passion for dance.

Their hard work paid off as they secured a well-deserved joint second place, brilliant performance from the dance group Castillo. It was a moment of celebration and pride for everyone involved, and a shining example of what can be achieved through teamwork and perseverance.

Congratulations to all the dancers!





Don't Forget - 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.

Help With Exam Stress

exams

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
- Help 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*](#)

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SIXTH FORM NEWS

A Level of the Week

what our current pupils think about their post 16 subjects

Art

A-Level Art and Design is a comprehensive course crucial to developing a student's creativity, critical thinking, and visual communication skills. It is an initial starting point for students passionate about fine art, graphic communication, textile design, and more.

Career paths in Art and Design can include becoming a Professional Artist, a Graphic, Web, Textiles or Fashion Designer, a Photographer or Architect. There is also the possibility of becoming an Illustrator, an Exhibition Curator, or working in gallery education. The list of careers in the creative industries is endless.

“I chose AS level Art along side my 3 main A-Levels as I enjoy drawing and being creative”

“Creative subjects like Art are so good for my mental health”

“I want to go to university to study animation – A-Level Art is a requirement for this course”

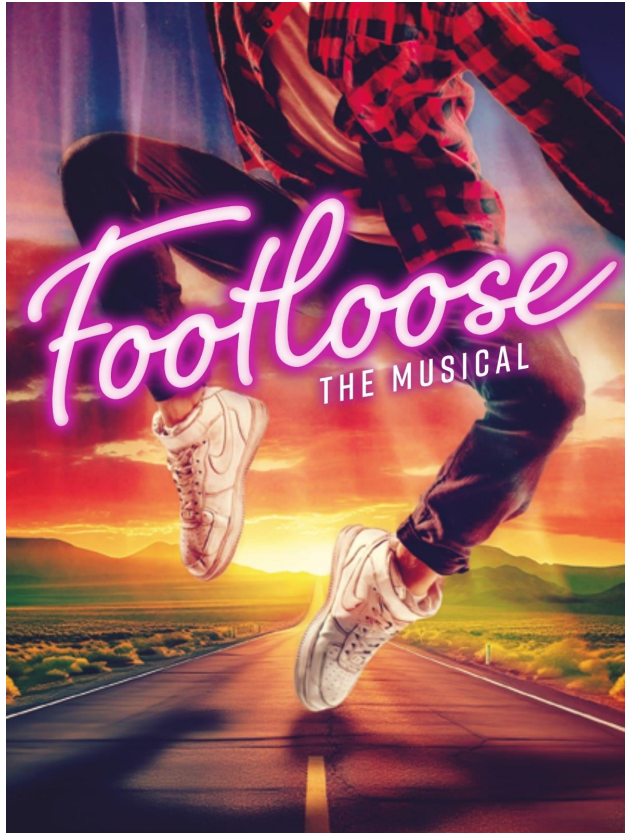
“I have always been passionate about Art, having studied it at GCSE. I’m so glad that Idsall offers this subject at A-Level”







FOOTLOOSE TICKETS - Buy Them NOW!



- Tickets for the school show, Footloose ARE **NOW LIVE ON** ParentPay.
- Pupils will be able to collect tickets from finance once payment has been received.
- Adult tickets are priced at £7.50 and pupils/concessions are priced at £6.50.
- Performances will take place on 8th and 9th July at 18:30.

- The Performance will last approximately 2 hours including a short intermission

Pupils and staff are working hard behind the scenes to prepare for what will be a memorable and exciting event!

Parent Voice Survey

Below is a copy of our school specific flyer which we have emailed out to all our families. Please check your emails for more information.

The survey is open and live now.

Teenage phone use is in the news with more understanding about the impact of smartphones on developing brains.

Idsall School

Parent Voice

Thank you so much to everyone who got involved in our autumn consultation about uniform.

We have another topic we need your thoughts on. Please can we have 5 minutes of your time, we have a few questions for you.

Dive straight in to the survey [here](#), or click the links below to learn more first.

Teens with problematic smartphone use are twice as likely to have anxiety - and many are eager to cut down

● King's College London

11 ways phone use impacts children, according to Parliament's Education Committee.

● Yorkshire Evening Pds

Using mobile phones hinders academic success

● TeacherToolki

Rest of Europe should follow Denmark's lead in banning phones in schools, says expert

● The Guardian

Ready to help us in our survey?

Did you know...

Even in schools where there is a ban, students still look at their phone in lessons without the teacher knowing.

Illicit phone use in class

Percentage of secondary school teachers and pupils in England reporting non-permitted mobile phone use in class in the past week, May 2023

Source: Ofsted National Behaviour Survey • Pupil question: "Thinking about the lessons/lessons you attended during the past week of term, how often, if at all, did the following occur when it was not supposed to: Pupils using mobile phones?" Teacher question: "Thinking about the lessons you taught during the past week, how often, if at all, did pupil(s) using mobile devices when not supposed to occur?" Chart created on 28 March 2025. Read the article on [teachup.org](#).

TV shows worth watching

Marches Academy Trust

Message From The Canteen

POLITE NOTICE

- Please check you're Parent Pay accounts daily and make sure they are topped up.

- Monies are being deducted from your accounts to ensure the food taken during the tills outage is paid for.
- ***We are now fully cashless***
- The revalve machines are no longer in action & will be removed
- We can't accept cash payments

Trips Updates

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

- Year 7, 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)

Battlefields Trip

We counted 43 out and 43 back in, thankfully the same ones, a success by any other name!

Our WW1 Battlefields Trip Thursday 22-Saturday 24 May gave some of our Year 9 and 10 students the opportunity to experience learning beyond the confines of the classroom. We visited several key sites pertaining to our GCSE Medicine Unit, where students gained good insight into the privations and horrors of trench warfare. Our excursions to the Menin Gate, Vimy, Thiepval and Beaumont-Hamel enabled students to empathise with the sacrifices made by that generation of young men.

... watch this space for WW1 Battlefields 2026!



To download all the photos from the trip please follow this link : <https://we.tl/t-9ToMRajgjI>

*Please be aware the link is only available for the **next 3 days** (until Sunday evening) and photos are only to be used for personal use.*



Session 6 Activities

Here are this terms session 6 activities. They say alongside each one which years they are open to. All these session 6 activities are free to attend and there is a late bus that students can book onto.

Session Six Activities – Summer Term 2025

Monday's Session Six Activities			
Studyzone	3.15 – 4pm	All Years	LRC
Footloose Run Through		All Years	D1/Main Hall
Maths Revision	Week A	Year 11	Rooms BA5/6/9/10 EN2/3/4/6/8
A Level Geography Revision		Year 13	G2 
A Level English Language Revision	Week B	Year 13	Bay 1
Year 11 Revision Sessions			
Week A		Week B	
Maths (See above)			

Tuesday's Session Six Activities			
Studyzone	3.15 – 4pm	All Years	LRC
Cricket		All Years	Grass Pitches
Rounders		All Years	Grass Pitches
Tennis		All Years	Blue Courts
Athletics		All Years	Grass /All Weather
A Level History - Russia 1894-1924		Year 12 & 13	H4
A Level Chemistry Revision		Year 12 & 13	S3
Computer Science Paper 1	Week A	Year 10 & 11	B4
Science Revision	Week A	Year 11	Invited Group S1 Open Revision S6
Footloose Run Through		All Years	D1/Main Hall
Eco Club	Week B	Year 7 & 8	S8
Computer Science Coding Club	Week B	Year 10 & 11	B1
Year 11 Revision Sessions			
Week A		Week B	
Science (See above)	RE (R2)	Geography (G1 & G2)	RE (R2)

Wednesday's Session Six Activities			
Studyzone	3.15 – 4pm	All Years	LRC
A Level Maths Revision		Sixth Form	EN2
A Level Biology Revision		Sixth Form	S8
Exploring the Christian Faith	with Mark Williams	All Years	R1
Kaleidoscope Orchestra		All Years	ST A
Athletic Fixtures	Teachers will give details as they arise		
Year 11 Revision Sessions			
Week A		Week B	

Thursday's Session Six Activities			
Studyzone	3.15 – 4pm	All Years	LRC



Friday's Session Six Activities			
Studyzone	3.15 – 4pm	All Years	LRC
Handball		Year 7	Sports Hall
Year 11 Revision Sessions			
Week A		Week B	
French (L1)			



Lunchtime Sessions 1.40 – 2.10pm			
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 Mark Williams		R1
Wednesday	RE Revision	Year 11	R2
Thursday	Young Voices	All Years	ST A
Friday	Footloose Singing Rehearsals	All Years	ST A
Friday	RE Revision	Year 11	R2

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.

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 won't 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

HALF TERM

- Tuesday 10th June: Relay
- Tuesday 17th June: Hurdles

Session 6 Tennis cancelled next week (w/c 9th June)

Safeguarding



Safeguarding Notice: Media Use and Attitudes Report

Each year, Ofcom releases a “Media Use and Attitudes Report”, and the one for 2025 has just been released. The summary of key statistics can be found below, but some that I would like to raise your attention to include:

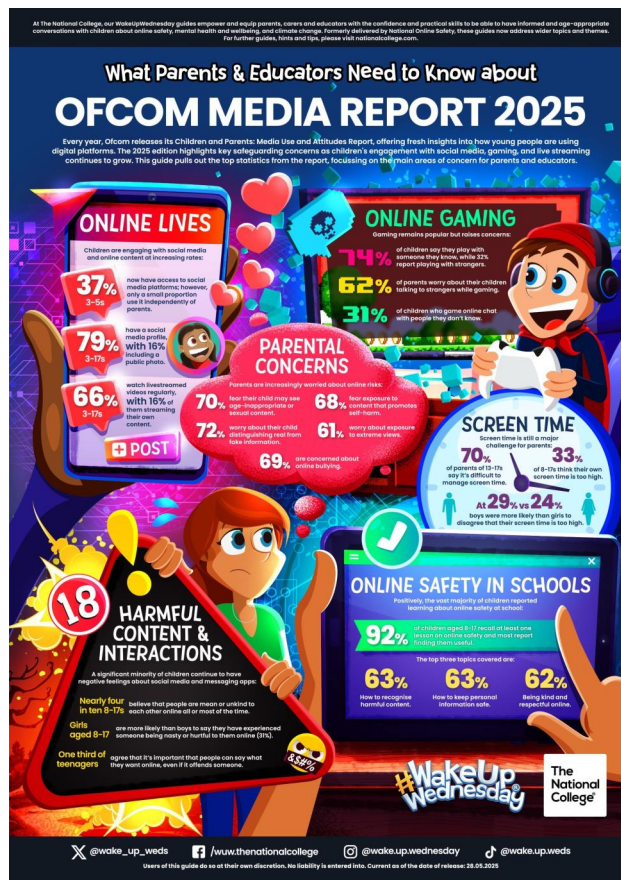
32% of children play online games with strangers

37% of 3-5 year olds have access to some form of social media!

31% of young people chat to someone online that they don't know.

In Computing and PSHE at Idsall, we endeavor to educate pupils around the dangers of online use and communication, including addiction, misinformation and talking to strangers.

Please do follow up with your own conversations at home, as needed.



Free 'Online Safety for Parents' webinar

Message from West Mercia Police

In September 2024, we introduced our **free** 'Online Safety for Parents' webinar and since that time almost 400 parents from across the region have attended. During these sessions, parents

are given the opportunity to increase their confidence in technology with the 1-hour long webinars covering topics such as **dangerous apps**, **emojis** you should know, the **rise of AI** and the impact of **online influencers**.

Some of the feedback from our webinars includes:

"Thank you so much for the information and last night's presentation. Very well presented and very informative"

"This was a very thought-provoking course and definitely made me think about online dangers we do talk regularly about this to our daughter just hope she remains sensible. Thanks again"

"Many thanks for this, and for webinar yesterday- it was very informative, and a nice balance between reassuring me that I'm not completely ignorant about these matters and highlighting some details about which I was not previously aware"

Scan the QR code to find out more about our awareness training and to sign up to one of our free sessions or go to **www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops**





Parents and Carers Workshops

Comms For parents and carers workshop - engaging families at the right time - for you to arrange with nadine.last@shropshire.gov.uk

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. We know that puberty is the second most rapid period of brain development after the first few years of life. Teenage brains are reshaped in this period, and hormonal and developmental changes have a natural impact on how young people feel about their world as well as how they express themselves.

The *Understanding your teenager's brain* workshop can help you to understand and read their behaviours and how you might best support them in this critical period. The relationship you share remains one of the most important for nurturing their wellbeing and helping them to thrive as kind, sociable and resilient people throughout their lives. You might be recognising that your child is increasingly sensitive, expressing strong emotions, sleeping differently, and you might feel your relationship is changing. You are not alone. This workshop will explain some of the major changes children experience as they go through their teenage years.

Below is the link to the webpage with all online courses:

[Free wellbeing online courses in Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin – inourplace](#)

This link has all details for the *Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)* course - This could form part of your PSHE curriculum/tutor time.. Wherever you see it might fit.

[Online Learning](#)

And this one for the *Understanding your feelings (for teenagers only!)* course

[Online Learning](#)

There is the course for parents/carers *Understanding your teenager's brain*

[Online Learning](#)

Which could be an alternative for parents/carers who can't come to the workshop

Shropshire Parenting Team are really pleased to be partner with us to impact as many students and families as they can across the county.

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



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ARLESTON DROP IN



Drop in at Arleston Community Centre, St Giles Close, Wellington,
TF1 2AB, Thursday'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

15 th May	Family Hubs advice drop in
22 nd May	Family Hubs advice drop in
5 th June	Challenging Behaviours and Emotional Regulation
12 th June	Talking tots, Child development and School readiness
19 th June	Family Hubs Advice drop in
26 th June	Keeping safe online & mobile phone safety
3rd July	Apologies - Family Hubs drop in, not open this week
10 th July	Family Hubs Advice drop in
17 th July	What's on over the Summer – Find out what is on in your community

DAWLEY DROP IN



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

Session Six Guitar (Private Sessions)



Session Six Karate (Private Sessions)



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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



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