

Edition 30 : 13/06/25



Calendar and Events



- Mon 9th to Mon 30th June : Year 10 End of Year Exams
- Wed 11th to Fri 20th June : Year 12 End of Year Exams
- 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
- Tues 1st July : Yr 10 Mock Exam Catch-Ups
- 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



As we approach the end of another busy and rewarding week, we take a moment to reflect on the achievements and efforts of our students across the school.

Our Year 11 students are preparing to mark a significant milestone with their leaving assembly. With just a few exams remaining, we are incredibly proud of the commitment and resilience they've shown throughout the exam season. Year 13 students have also been sitting their final exams, and we commend them for their hard work and determination during this important

time. Both year groups have made excellent use of the extra revision sessions and are now looking ahead to their next steps—and a well-earned rest!

Meanwhile, our Year 10 students have begun their own exam journey and are preparing for their upcoming work experience placements. We're excited to see how they embrace these new challenges and take their first steps into the world of work.

Our Key Stage 3 students in Years 7 to 9 have also had a productive and engaging term. They've been working hard across all subjects, showing curiosity, creativity, and a growing sense of independence in their learning. Many have taken part in enrichment activities, clubs, and competitions, and it's been fantastic to see their confidence and enthusiasm continue to grow.

A reminder to all parents and carers: we recently shared a consultation regarding mobile phone use in school. Your feedback is important to us, so please do take a moment to have your say.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!

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/>

YEAR 11 NEWS

Message from the Head of Year

To year 11,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I wanted to write to you in person to mark a very meaningful time in your education and life. I still share my own memories with my family and friends as it is such a significant time in your life. It is poignant because you are so close but yet so far away from adulthood.

Today is your last official day as a Year 11 pupil at Idsall School. It seems incredible that five years ago you started your journey as a secondary school pupil – especially with the difficulties

of covid. Additionally, it doesn't seem that long ago I was introducing myself to you, my year 9 cohort, and I challenged you to always be the best you can be. I would just like to say you have risen to this challenge over and over again. As I have always reminded you that 'time is precious'. I stand by this statement even more so after becoming a mom; as I can't quite believe where the time has gone since my maternity leave started. Year 11, I hope you are guided by this statement in the future as it so important to seize every opportunity given to you which will allow you to always aspire to great things.

Of course, school is about more than exams and lessons. I know that many of you have made friends that you will have for the rest of your life and these relationships have built you and how you see the world. I know it hasn't always been plain sailing! Some of you have spent a lot of time either with myself or one of the pastoral team falling out and making up – we have always tried to offer the best advice possible to you. We hope we always supported you to make wise choices, treat people with respect and to be kind towards each other. As you move on to new chapters in your life, some of those friendships will thrive and others may drift as you make new friends at college, work or university but you will always remember the special relationships you formed at school.

Year 11, it has been a pleasure being your Head of Year for the last 3 years. You have made me laugh, cry and driven me nuts at times but I can wholeheartedly say it has been 100% worth it as I honestly couldn't have asked for a better year group. I have loved coming into your lessons (especially whilst you have been in year 11) and seeing the growth in your character, the progress you have made and the brilliant relationships you have with your teachers.

Remember the many talents you have and strive to achieve great things, set yourselves high expectations and work hard to achieve your goals. There will always be challenges, there will always be bumps in the road or unexpected twists and turns that life throws at you but try and draw upon that great resilience that I know you have and don't let diversions stop you from realizing your dreams. Challenges, however hard they seem at the time will inevitably make you stronger. Challenges also offer clarity, highlighting what's important and what type of people we need and want to be in the future.

Year 11, you all have made me so proud. It has been a privilege to get to know you and I've genuinely enjoyed getting to know your creativity, curiosity, your confidence and, mostly, your good humour. You are, and always will be my first ever year group I have seen through to year 11. There will be nobody else like you, you are so wonderful and I'm absolutely never going to forget you. I wish you all the very best for the future. Continue to work hard and remember to treat others how you wish to be treated. To those of you who will be staying on to year 12, always know you can come and say hello – plus, come and tell me the gossip! To those of you who will go on to pastures new, keep in touch – we love to hear success stories!

Finally, it is days like today that make my job so worth it. I wish you all the best of luck and bring on results day! I will be here as your biggest cheerleader.

Thank you all,

Miss Whitehouse 😊

Idsall Sixth Form Applicants

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.

SIXTH FORM NEWS

A Level of the Week - CRIMINOLOGY

what our current pupils think about their post 16 subjects

NEW FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Criminology is an incredibly fascinating field of study that weaves aspects of Law, Psychology, and Sociology together.

Why choose the Applied Criminology course?

If you have a keen interest in the application of the criminal justice system, the profiling of criminals or wish to pursue a career in law enforcement, then this is definitely the course for you.

You will work much more independently than at GCSE, we will train you in thinking critically, analysing the facts of case studies and debating the trials, tribulations and outcomes.

What will I study?

The course examines theories regarding the causes of different types of crime and what makes some people more 'criminal' than others. You will discover why certain crimes are underreported and will be given the opportunity to create a campaign for change that increases awareness.

Year 2 will focus more closely on crime and punishment, exploring the purpose of the criminal justice system and how and why we punish crimes. You will learn about the procedures around

crime, all the way from the crime scene to the courtroom, and gain an understanding of how the criminal justice system works. You will also be asked to review a criminal case to ensure that it has been tried fairly.

Where can it lead me?

Many students choose to progress into studying law at university, others choose to work in social care or law enforcement. This course has so many transferable skills that the possibilities of where this course can lead you are limitless.

EX STUDENT NEWS



Shifnal student taking on monumental challenge in aid of charity that saved his dad's life

You may have seen in the Shropshire Star that a Shropshire student has set himself the challenge of walking the length of the River Severn to raise funds for a charity that is close to his heart.

Jack Pitchford, an ex Idsall Student, has set himself the challenge after his father Phil, received a stem cell transplant in 2018 for myelofibrosis, a rare blood cancer.

Starting on June 22, with three of his friends, Jack will walk an average of 15 miles a day, camping along the lengthy route.

Jack said: "I am excited to raise funds because Anthony Nolan matched a stem cell donor for my dad which allowed him to successfully complete his transplant, allowing him to live a now fit and healthy life, forever grateful for his anonymous donor."

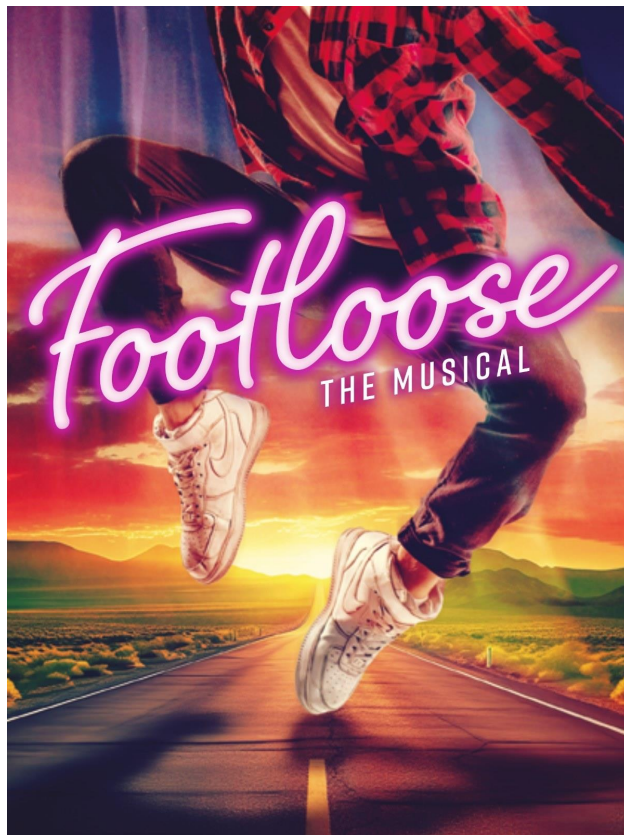
"I owe Anthony Nolan everything - this walk goes little way in repaying my gratitude, but I hope with the help of your selfless donations we can help save more lives."

Find out more about Jack's journey by reading the link below -also, if you can, please sponsor Jack on the monumental challenge.

[Jack Pitchford is fundraising for Anthony Nolan](#)

Good luck to Jack from everyone at Idsall!

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!

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)

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

HALF TERM

- Tuesday 17th June: Hurdles

Safeguarding



Safeguarding Notice: Media Use and Attitudes Report

West Mercia have shared that their findings show that the most common way that children are exploited or abused is now online – via mobile phones, games consoles etc.

They are running a series of one hour, online, parent awareness sessions, that we would like to draw your attention to.

Please see information sheet and the link below:

Protect our children!



Parents and guardians: Our kids are now most commonly abused online, via their mobile phones and games consoles. Do you know how to keep your kids safe?

Learn more about the dangers of kids being online and how you can keep them safe. Join our free one hour online parent awareness session to give yourself a head start in an ever changing digital world.



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

John Campion

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 VENUE!

Two FREE Trial Classes for New Beginners!



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 old gym 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



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.

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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

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Session Six Karate (Private Sessions)



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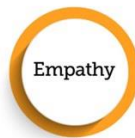
Our values :



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



Equality: ensuring fair opportunity for all