

Edition 31 : 20/06/25



Calendar and Events



- Mon 9th to Mon 30th June : Year 10 End of Year Exams
- 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 head into the final stretch of the summer term, it's been a very hot week filled with activity and anticipation. With most exams now completed, our Year 10 and Year 12 students are preparing to step into the world of work through their upcoming work experience placements. We wish them the very best and look forward to checking in to see how they're getting on.

Exciting plans are also underway for the last week of term. Each year group will enjoy a dedicated Activity Day, and we're hoping the weather will allow us to host a whole-school Sports Day—a fantastic opportunity for everyone to get involved and celebrate together.

Please note that school will break up on Thursday, 24th July, so keep an eye out for letters detailing the end-of-term activities. Alongside these events, we're also welcoming our new Year 7 and Sixth Form students, and continuing with end-of-year assessments, ensuring a strong finish to a busy and successful term.

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Sixth Form Induction Day

Sixth Form Induction Day will take place on **Friday 4th July**.

To book your place for induction, please complete the following MSForm:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JrQkp8FnXkeoqbxzu3pJLv50Z5HaroNMkWZliKE758VUOFBEVjIRVEE4WUxLMII2RIFYM1A3Ulc4Ni4u>

If you are unable to attend this event, but would like to be sent any information regarding subjects you would like to study, then please email Mrs Case (amy.case@ids.mmat.co.uk), Mr Bowler (ashley.bowler@ids.mmat.co.uk) or Mrs McMahon (vickie.mcmahon@ids.mmat.co.uk) with your chosen subject choices. Any holiday reading given out can then be forwarded to you.

A Level of the Week - HISTORY

what our current pupils think about their post 16 subjects

A - Level History at Idsall covers both British and Russian History.

Paper 1: Britain 1625-1701: Conflict, Revolution and Settlement

Between 1625 and 1701, Britain experienced two revolutions. A momentous date in British history: 30th January 1649. Revolutionary events that had begun in the years prior would result in the trial and execution of the king, Charles I. The causes of this revolution were founded on one important issue: where the power should lie – essentially King vs Parliament. The relationship between Charles and Parliament completely broke down and resulted in Civil War due to fundamental differences in politics and religion. This revolution led to 11 years of Republican Rule that ended in the restoration of the monarchy in 1660, under Charles II. The

second revolution occurred in 1688. Popularly known as the Glorious Revolution, when King James II vacated his throne and the Dutch Prince William of Orange was invited by Parliament to take the throne with his wife, Mary. This paper requires a breadth of knowledge of the historical period focusing on 4 themes – the quest for political stability, religion: conflict and dissent, social and intellectual change, and economy, trade and empire, as well as a knowledge of the historical debate around the Glorious Revolution.

Paper 2: Russia 1894-1924

... an autocratic, oppressive, bureaucratic and militaristic police state under the Tsars ... was replaced by an autocratic, oppressive, bureaucratic and militaristic police state under the Bolsheviks. How true is this paradox? Your study of Russia involves four Depth Studies combining key aspects of political, social and economic history that examine life in Tsarist Russia and the causes of the 1905 and February 1917 revolutions and the doomed attempt to create a democratic state before the Bolshevik coup d'état shaped Russian history for the ensuing 74 years.

Paper 3: Poverty, Public Health and the State in Britain 1780-1939

This unit explores two of the major social problems that arose from industrialisation and urbanisation: poverty and public health and the ways in which the state (national government) gradually took control of the situation, involving a considerable change in attitudes amongst the public. There are two 'Breadth' studies 1780-1939 that give a broad, general view of why change was needed (impetuses for public health reform) and the ensuing changes that improved public health. Thereafter, the five Depth studies give a more in-depth examination of the gradual transition to state provision of welfare.

Assessment for Papers 2 and 3 is a combination of essays and the utility of sources.

Students are encouraged to 'read around' both specifications, reading lists of both fiction and non-fiction texts are issued. Fieldwork may include a visit to the Houses of Parliament and the Black Country Museum.

Why we picked to study A-Level History:

- "I really want to study law at university, and History is a perfect humanities study to lead into this."
- "I continued with A-Level History as I enjoyed the GCSE course so much. The teachers at Idsall are amazing and passionate about their subject."
- "History works well with Sociology as I want to go into Politics."
- "I just love reading about past events, the depth we go into, is fascinating."



Trip to Barcelona

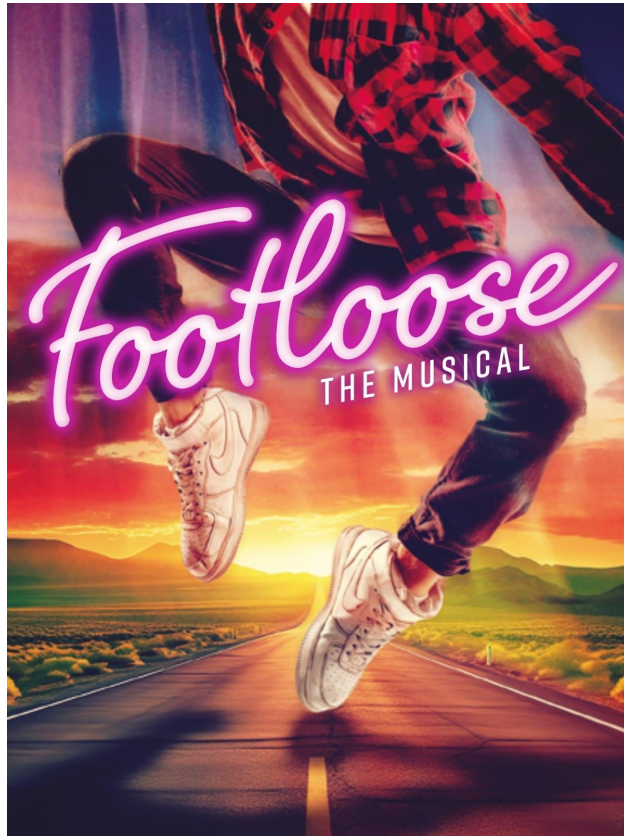
We are delighted to be taking current year 12 (who by then will be year 13) to Barcelona in February 2026. This four-day trip gives students the opportunity to visit the sights and take in the culture of Catalunya. Students will be visiting iconic sites such as Las Ramblas, Sagrada Família, Olympic village and more.

We will also be soaking up the local markets, sampling local cuisine and having dinner in the Hard Rock Cafe. The trip promises to be a great experience. For any enquiries regarding this trip, please see Mr Bowler.





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!

KS3 Apprenticeship Lesson

All our KS3 pupils have been gaining a better understanding of apprenticeships in PSHCE on Wednesday.

Former pupils, Elena and Nicole, came to tell them all about apprenticeships at Savills and the road pupils need to take to get there. It was great to see some of our successful alumni back to visit and inspiring the younger years to work hard and reap the rewards.

All pupils are currently completing a survey to help us to understand what aspects of careers they would like to know more about and we hope to welcome more visitors very soon.



Baby News - It's a GIRL!

We are pleased to hear the fabulous news that Mrs Blud-Jones had a beautiful baby girl last week. She has been named Iona.

Congratulations to the family from everyone here at Idsall.



Athletics News from Ms Broughton ...

Year 9/10 boys went to the Shropshire County Finals on Monday and worked their socks off.

The top 3 results were:

- 1st place with 212 points: Adams Grammer
- 2nd place with 210 points: Burton Borough School
- 3rd Place with 201 points: Idsall School

SO CLOSE!!!!!!

At the event Connor McNamara and Nehemiah Myers were scouted for clubs!

Kadisha (year 11) last weekend broke a Telford athletics record in the triple jump. This was a 19 year record. She jumped 11.26m which is a massive 36cm more than the previous record held from 2006. She is brilliant and the club have publicly praised her.



Athletic Events What's Next

Weds 25th June:

Year 7,8,9 Telford Athletics Champs Final. All students go to PE Dept at the start of break and be out until 5.00 pm.

Good luck to all those taking part and we look forward to the results!

Safeguarding



The Family information Service (FIS) at Shropshire Council has been designed to give families the information and resources they need to help their family life run a little smoother. They can help with anything and everything to do with family life, whether that's something for parents or something for children and young people. They are a free, universal service so anyone can use them.

They can provide information on a wide range of topics, such as:

- Finding and paying for Ofsted-registered childcare, including childminders, day nurseries, pre-school playgroups, out of school clubs and holiday clubs
- Local baby and toddler groups
- Parenting support for understanding your pregnancy, your child/teen, their sleep, their mental health
- Events, clubs, activities and fun things to do in the school holidays, for all ages
- Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- Family finances and the cost of living
- Family support such as relationships, bereavement
- Physical health, emotional wellbeing and mental health support
- Family relationships

There are several ways in which the FIS provides information, advice and support, including digital channels, face to face and through a dedicated helpline.

FIS telephone helpline: Call 01743 254400.

The FIS telephone helpline is available:

- Monday: 9am to 6pm
- Tuesday to Friday: 9am to 3pm

Families can call the helpline and speak to a trained advisor who can undertake research and pull together tailored information, which can be emailed or posted out to the family.

The FIS has a dedicated email address to send through requests for information and enquiries. This mailbox is monitored throughout the day. The email address is ShropshireFIS@Shropshire.gov.uk

Their [online family information request form](#) enables families to select topics of information they're interested in to help and support their family. This includes subjects such as:

- Childcare and children's activities
- Family relationships
- Health and wellbeing
- Support needs

- Safety
- Family finances and homes

You can find lots of useful info, events, activities and things to do on the FIS social media pages, linked below:

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Twitter/X](#)

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

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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

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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