

Edition 33 : 04/07/25



## Calendar and Events



- Mon 7th July : Year 10 Food Technology Trip to Harper Adams
- Mon 7th July : Footloose Matinee Performance to Local Primary Schools
- Tue 8th & Wed 9th July : Footloose Performances - **BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!**
- Thu 10th July : EAL Meet & Greet Shrewsbury Academy
- Fri 11th July : Sixth Form Keele University Visit
- Mon 14th July : Trust Orchestra Day
- Mon 14th, Tue 15th & Wed 16th July : Geography Fieldwork Trip, Shifnal

- Tue 15th July : Year 10 Business Trip to Cadbury World
- Mon 21st July : Whole School Sports Day
- Tue 22nd July : Year 7 & 8 Trip to Drayton Manor
- Wed 23rd July : Year 9 & 10 Trip to Alton Towers
- Thu 24th July : Break up for Summer - Early Finish 14.00
- Thu 31st July : Mary Poppins Theater Trip

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## Michelle King - Headteacher



It's been a fantastic week here as we welcomed our new Year 7 students for their induction days ahead of joining us in September. It's been wonderful to see them settling in so well, and we're excited about the many talented young people joining our community—they will undoubtedly add to the strength of our already exceptional student body.

We're currently finalising numbers for the end-of-term trips and will be sharing further details via email shortly. For those not attending trips, school will continue as normal.

Looking ahead, we're excited for our annual Sports Day on Monday 21st July. Thanks to the flexibility of our activity days, we have a contingency plan in place should the weather not cooperate. We'll aim to hold some events indoors if needed, but we're hopeful for a full day of outdoor fun and participation from everyone.

Next year brings even more exciting developments. We're relaunching our House System, which will become a central part of school life—supporting rewards, celebrations, and a strong sense of community. Alongside this, we're introducing a new tutor programme called Team Time, starting in September. There's a lot to look forward to!

## YEAR 7 NEWS

### Niamh Achieves GOLD

What an incredible performance Niamh, year 7 gave at the ASFO Cheshire Cup at the weekend. She got 3 Gold Medals and 1 Silver in kickboxing. The results are below :

ASFO Cheshire cup .....

- Gold 🏆 K1 light novice 12/14. 45 - 50kg
- Gold 🏆 PF advanced 12/14. 40 - 50kg
- Gold 🏆 PF advanced 15/17. 50 - 55kg
- Silver 🥈 K1 light advanced 12/14 40 - 45kg

**ALSO :** Niamh is also the 1st girl in top ten individuals with 5 JBBBA members in top ten!

**And to top all this .....**

November she is competing the worlds and representing **Team GB**

To get here has taken alot of hard work, courage and training and Niamh deserves all the awards she is working so hard towards. We can't wait to here where her kickboxing takes her in the future. Good Luck with Team GB Naimh!



## SIXTH FORM NEWS

### A Final Farewell to Year 13

On Monday this week, we said a final farewell to our Year 13 students, most of whom are coming to the end of their 7 year journey with us.

Students spent the morning reminiscing over their time spent as part of the school community with a celebratory brunch, alongside their Sixth Form tutors. This was followed by a short assembly where Mr Bowler passed on some final words of wisdom to the class of 25'.

In line with tradition, the Sixth Form '**I did it**' award was presented to three students, who, over the course of their time at Key Stage 5 have shown sheer determination and resilience, ploughing through often unseen adversity.

This years well-deserving recipients were **Dan, Evie** and **Zach**.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 13 students every success in their future endeavours, wherever their adventures may take them. As a forever part of Team Idsall, we look forward to following their journeys and hearing about their stories and successes, as we encourage them all to stay in touch #idsallalumni





### Sixth Form Students Build Employability Skills

Last week, the vast majority of our Year 12 students went out of school to gain valuable, hands-on experience in the world of work. Our students independently sourced a variety of placements, many of which gave them the opportunity to not only experience, but also discuss routes into work, including both apprenticeship and university pathways.

One of our students, who is currently putting together his application to study Medicine at university, spent a week at The Princess Royal Hospital. During this experience he was able to visit a number of different settings within the hospital, including an operating theatre!

In addition, two of our students secured placements at local vet surgery's with two further students placed at companies who provide financial and accountancy advice.

Feedback on this experience was overwhelmingly positive from students. Here are some of the things they told us on their return to Sixth Form:

- *I enjoyed the insight into corporate/office life while meeting countless new people and learning about their role.*
- *It was very hands on.*
- *I felt very supported but also engaged in independent work.*



- *They were very welcoming to me and taught me so much.*
- *It's pointed me in the right direction for what I need to do in and out of school to get to where I want to be.*
- *I have learned information to help me process which career path I believe would suit me most.*



**Sophie spent her work experience week at Severn Edge Vets**



**Lucy and Amelia got an insight into Teaching during their work experience week**



## Employability Masterclass

On their return to Sixth Form this week, students have continued to spend time working on their post-18 university and apprenticeship applications.

In addition, on Thursday, students took part in an employability masterclass delivered by a Theresa from Young Enterprise.

Students began by taking part in a skills audit, as well as having a go at a Myers Briggs aptitude test commonly used by employers in the early stages of the recruitment process. Students then went on to examine how to write an outstanding CV, the importance of their digital footprint when seeking employment and how to ace an interview.

An important part of the day involved students exploring 'jobs of the future', where they had time to consider jobs that are both increasing and decreasing in the wider world, reflecting on the implications of this for their future.



## Trip to Barcelona

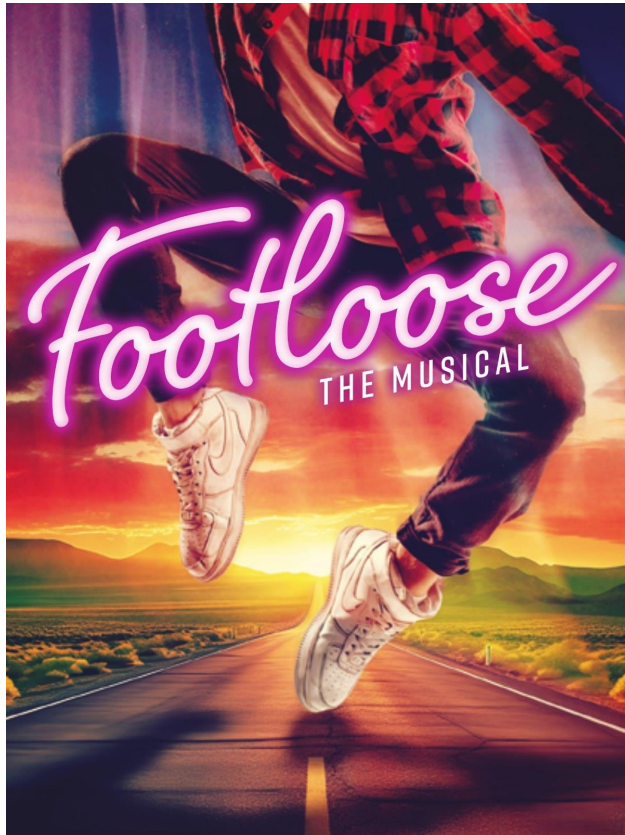
We are delighted to be taking current year 12 (who by then will be year 13) to Barcelona in February 2026. This four-day trip gives students the opportunity to visit the sights and take in the culture of Catalunya. Students will be visiting iconic sites such as Las Ramblas, Sagrada Família, Olympic village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

*Showcase - Tuesday & Wednesday from 6.30 pm*



This is your last chance to buy tickets for our amazing show **FOOTLOOSE!**

Having seen some of the fabulous rehearsals, I can confirm that you are in for a real treat of dance and music whilst watching some amazing talented students.

The cast are all set and have a final technical and dress rehearsal on Friday 4th July before they do their matinee performance in front of the local primary school.

Tickets are selling fast - so see below how to get yours!

### *How to get your ticket ....*

- 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

## **Year 6 Visit Idsall**

Mrs Reeve (and the whole school!) were so excited to welcome our latest cohort of pupils - who are due to join us in Year 7 from September.

More than 200 Year 6 pupils have joined us for two actioned pack days - which have included a lengthy PE session, a Maths challenge, some exciting Science experiments involving chemicals and flames (which are apparently VERY exciting!), a tour of the school and some time getting to know each other in tutor groups - amongst other things.

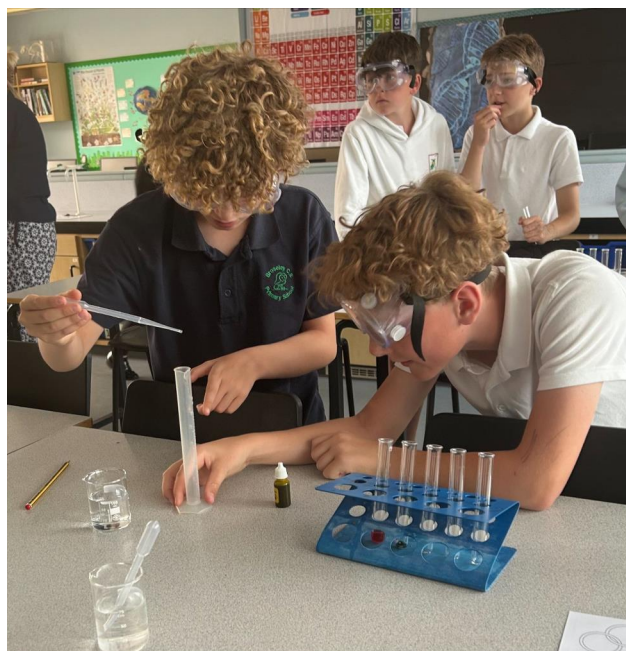
Comments from the pupils have included how great the canteen food is, how they love the Shore area and how they are sad they can't come back to Idsall until September!

The days culminated on Tuesday afternoon with the awarding of some certificates, and the pupils being led in a mass singing of "Mamma Mia!" by Abba- led by Mr Austin, assisted by a number of our very talented and musical Year 7 - 10s.

Mrs Reeve is looking forward to welcoming the next cohort formally in September.







## Read Aloud This Summer!

### *National Read-Along Challenge -1st July to 31st August!*

Get ready for the UK's biggest summer reading adventure – the **National Read-Aloud Challenge** is back for its third and most ambitious year yet. Whether through school or at home, every child in the UK can take part – completely free of charge!

The National Read-Aloud Challenge is designed to build confidence, fluency, and a lifelong love of reading – all while having fun.

- Read aloud independently using Fonetti (download free of charge for 2 months)
- Earn stars and achievements as you progress
- Climb the national leaderboard to win prizes
- Stay motivated with gamification features, instant feedback, and real-time recognition

Check out the website for lots more information : [National Read Aloud Challenge](#)

Idsall School  
is reading aloud this summer!

**National  
Read-Aloud  
Challenge 2025**  
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Enrol Now



- ★ Help our school by reading aloud this summer
- ★ Compete with your friends and with other schools  
Earn your place on the national leaderboard
- ★ Fun and engaging summer activity
- ★ Competition, gamification, leaderboards and prizes
- ★ **Prizes** to be won for you or your school
- ★ Top 2 readers from the winning schools  
win a fully-funded day trip to London to the awards  
event hosted by **Clare Balding CBE** at Amazon HQ

**"Reading is fuel for our  
imaginations and reading  
aloud is all about  
confidence...  
So let's get reading!"**

Clare Balding CBE  
National Read-Aloud Challenge  
& Fonetti Brand Ambassador



**#BeProudReadAloud**

## News from the PE Dept .....

We had a brilliant email a couple of days ago from Ian Rawlings, Shropshire Schools Athletic Association informing the school that two of our students have been selected to represent Shropshire at the English Schools Track and Field Championships, which will take place at **The Alexander Stadium on 11 and 12 July 2025**.

As a school we are very proud of Chidi year 9 and Kadisha year 11 on this fabulous achievement and wish them both all the best of luck at this competition - everyone at Idsall will be routing for you both!

Watch this space for an update!

## Las Vegas Update

Thank you to all parents for continuing to make payments and for adhering to the dates and payment plan for the Geography trip to Las Vegas. Your support is greatly appreciated.



For new parents who have recently expressed interest in their child joining the trip, please note that the information letter and payment schedule are now available.

You may either:

- Contact Mrs. Green to have the letter emailed directly to you, or
- Ask your child to collect a copy from Mrs. Green in G3.

Thank you once again for your cooperation and support.

## Work Experience 2026

Work Experience is 29 June - 3 July 2026 for students in years 10 and 12.

The date for details to be uploaded to Unifrog is Friday 27th March 2026

*(this is for our current 9 and 11 transitioning into sixth form).*

## Safeguarding



This week's safeguarding focus is on the topic of online / e-safety.

'Every child will have contact with a stranger online' – was the title of an alarming news story I read this week ([here](#)). It contained the statement from the CEO of a charity called Link To Change, that said: *"At some point, every child will have contact with a stranger online," warns Hayley Brown, its chief executive. "Find me a young person that doesn't have a phone or a tablet, and if a young person has a phone or tablet, there is a way and means they can be contacted," she says.*

What is important, is staff and parents preventing this happening, or at least recognising the signs that a child may have been contacted and becoming involved with or groomed by strangers online, so that it can be stopped. We have had more than one occasion at Idsall this

year where young people have been communicating with strangers online, whilst they have been at home.

Signs to look out for include:

- Sudden changes in behaviour, particularly after time online
- Mentioning or meeting new friends they met on gaming or social apps
- Talking about offers of making "easy money"
- Being secretive or withdrawn about online activities

At Idsall, in Computing, we deliver sessions during Year 7 and Year 9 regarding online safety, and it is also covered in the PSHE curriculum.

If you have any concerns, please report via the CEOP website here: [Report to CEOP](#) which is part of the police's response, and also let the safeguarding team at school know.

## 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](mailto: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



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Telford and Wrekin  
**FAMILY HUBS**

# 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

<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Family Hubs advice drop in
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Family Hubs advice drop in
<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Challenging Behaviours and Emotional Regulation
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Talking tots, Child development and School readiness
<b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Family Hubs Advice drop in
<b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Keeping safe online & mobile phone safety
<b>3rd July</b>	Apologies - Family Hubs drop in, not open this week
<b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Family Hubs Advice drop in
<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	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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<b>9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Talking tots, Child development and School readiness - Home Start, School nurse and health visiting team attending
<b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Family Hubs Advice drop in - PODS, Autism Hub & Send IASS attending
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Keeping safe online & mobile phone safety
<b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Family Hubs advice drop in
<b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Apologies - Family Hubs drop in, not open this week
<b>14<sup>TH</sup> July</b>	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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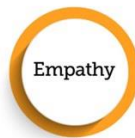
### Our values :



**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



**Equality:** ensuring fair opportunity for all