

Edition 34 : 11/07/25



## Calendar and Events



- 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 Theatre Trip

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## Michelle King - Headteacher



This week, we had the absolute pleasure of welcoming our local primary schools into our community to enjoy a special performance of *Footloose*! The energy continued into the evening with a fantastic show, and it was heartwarming to see so many students and parents coming out to support our talented cast.

I've had the privilege of working closely with this incredible team—from the performers on stage to the backstage crew and technical team. It's been one of those truly special moments where every year group came together as one. The collaboration, the support, the hard work, and the joy they brought to every rehearsal and performance was inspiring.

What stood out most was the sheer dedication of our students. They worked tirelessly to learn choreography, perfect their timing, and memorise pages of lines—no small feat! Their commitment and determination really paid off, and it showed in every moment on stage.

A huge well done to our Performing Arts department for their outstanding leadership, creativity, and support throughout the entire production. Their passion and guidance helped bring this show to life and gave our students an unforgettable experience. That's the magic of school productions—bringing out the best in our young people and showcasing their amazing talents. It's been an honour to be part of this journey.

Here's to more moments like this!

### Hot Weather Update - Uniform Adjustment Reminder

As the warm weather continues, students will be allowed to remove their ties and blazers during the school day to stay comfortable. This temporary change will remain in effect until the end of term on Thursday, 24th July.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep students safe and comfortable.

### YEAR 8 NEWS

Some of the year 8 classes have been investigating this week how different metals react!





## SIXTH FORM NEWS

### Sixth Form Induction Day 2025

Last Friday, we welcomed students to Idsall Sixth Form to give them a sample of sixth form life in readiness for the start of Key Stage 5 in September. Students attended from many local schools, with the vast majority being from our own Year 11 cohort, who are preparing to start the final phase of their Idsall 7 year journey. Students experienced a full day of events, which started with a warm welcome from the Head of Sixth Form, Mr Bowler and Deputy Head Teacher, Mr Thomas.

The next part of the day provided students with a variety of taster sessions of subjects on offer from September. We are extremely proud to be offering an even wider breadth of courses at Key Stage 5 in order to allow students plenty of choice, whilst still being able to benefit from a smaller Sixth Form environment. This includes the introduction of Applied Criminology, Double BTEC Sport and A-Level Combined English - all new courses for this year.







Following the taster sessions, the afternoon programme showcased a variety of fun filled activities typical of our sixth form, including crafting, taskmaster, rounders and tug of war. For this part of the day, prospective students were joined by our current Year 12 cohort, who, as part of our vertical tutor system will act as mentors to our new Year 12 students in the new academic year.





*We are pleased to report that feedback following the event was overwhelmingly positive and we look forward to enrolling students into the Sixth Form on Thursday 21st August, following the collection of their GCSE results.*


## **A Level of the Week**


### **Physics**


#### **Why study A-Level Physics?**


A-Level Physics opens up opportunities into many careers, including building, developing new technology, engineering, architecture, astronomy, games development, coding, climate modelling and space exploration.


Other transferrable skills from studying physics include, programming, writing research papers and reports, problem solving, communication skills, teamwork, planning, research and organisation.

**Deepen your understanding of the world:** Physics is all about uncovering the fundamental laws that govern everything from the tiniest atoms to the vast universe. Studying A-Level Physics will give you a deeper appreciation for how things work, from the mechanics of flight to the nature of light and energy.

**Develop valuable transferable skills:** A-Level Physics is a challenging but rewarding subject. It will hone your analytical and problem-solving skills, teaching you to approach problems logically and methodically. These skills are highly sought after by employers in many different fields.

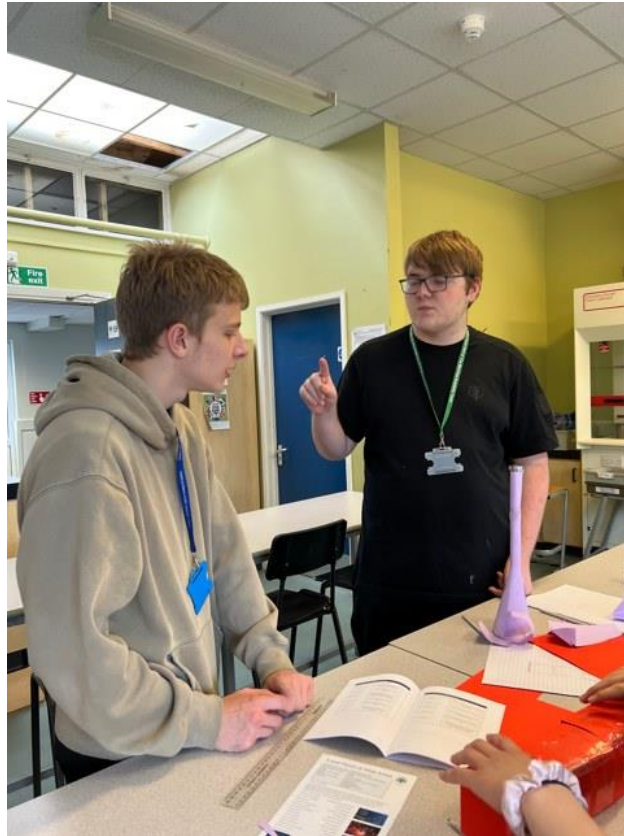
**Opens doors to exciting careers:** A-Level Physics is a great foundation for a wide range of physics-related degrees and careers, such as engineering, astrophysics and medical physics. But even if you don't go into a physics-specific field, the strong analytical and problem-solving skills you'll develop will be valuable assets in many professions.

**Boosts your maths skills:** Physics and math go hand-in-hand. A-Level Physics will significantly improve your maths skills, which are highly desirable to universities and employers alike.

**Overall, taking A-Level Physics is a great way to challenge yourself academically, develop valuable transferable skills, and open doors to exciting future opportunities.**









### **Worried about the Cost of University?**

Earlier this week Mrs Case met with the Shifnal Exhibition Foundation, who awarded six pupils university grants totalling £2000.

Shifnal Town Council provided an additional £500 to further support local students as they embark on the next chapter in their lives.

Students will receive their letters this week detailing their awards and inviting them to the Celebrating Shifnal Awards Ceremony in October.

Applications are open to all year 13 who have had impeccable behaviour, good attendance and a positive attitude to their time at Idsall.

Applications are launched just after the Easter holidays and all applications are considered.

### **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 Cataluña. 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.



## **FABULOUS FOOTLOOSE!**

On Tuesday 8th March, the Performing Arts department welcomed families, pupils and staff as they pulled up a chair and got ready to cut loose as they watched our school show Footloose.

There was an incredible atmosphere and buzz in the hall all night.

Staff and pupils received amazing feedback from the audience as the night ended on a high note!

Well done to all pupils involved both on stage and behind the scenes. Your commitment, time, energy and resilience shone through! Everyone at Idsall is extremely proud of you. A big shout out to our year 11's who took a break from their study leave to perform and help out with lighting and sound!

Ms King also made her acting debut as Principal Clarke, much to the delight of the staff and audience!

Whilst Mrs Creighton and Mr Austin take a well-earned break, they will be thinking about next years show. Watch this space! For now, please enjoy some of the photos taken of our fabulous cast.









## EAL Welcome Shrewsbury Academy

On Thursday the members of Idsall EAL Club (English as an additional language) invited Shrewsbury Academy M&M club to come to Idsall for lunch and to meet up.

The students started talking to one another almost immediately and were soon tucking into lunch together. After this we moved through to the main hall where we were treated to an amazing cultural dance show by the M&M club! A brilliant highlight for what was an incredible first visit. It was great to see the students talking about furthering their friendships after only meeting for 90 minutes!

Immediately questions were being asked as to when they can meet up again .. fingers crossed we will visit them in October!

***EAL Club is open to any students who have English as an Additional Language - for more information on this students can pop and see Mr Northall in the Construction Unit or Mrs Leverington in the library.***















**Elvis Has Left The Building .....**

*and gone to the British Formula 1 Grand Prix ....*



*but do you know which member of staff this is!*

## ECO CLUB

It's been a busy and exciting term for the Eco Club!

Our young environmentalists have been hard at work with a variety of green-fingered projects. From propagating plants and tending to our thriving tomato crops, to caring for thousands (yes, thousands!) of baby Giant African Land snails, there's been no shortage of life in our little ecosystem.

The students have shown wonderful dedication to their horticultural and animal husbandry tasks — and if anyone is interested in adopting a tiny pet snail, we have plenty looking for loving homes!









## 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](#)

The poster is for the National Read-Aloud Challenge 2025, powered by Fonetti. It features a purple background with a list of benefits for schools. On the left, a girl holds a tablet showing the app interface. At the bottom, a group of children and a woman are posed together. The text includes the school's name, the challenge dates, and a hashtag.

Idsall School  
is reading aloud this summer!

National Read-Aloud Challenge 2025  
Powered by Fonetti

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 .....

*Session 6 will finish on Friday 11th July 2025. No more session 6's until September 2025.*

## Late Bus Update



Please be aware that as of September, the beginning of the new school year, there will no longer be a late bus available to students.

## Initial Teacher Training Clinic

As part of our ongoing commitment to grow and support future teachers within our school communities, Idsall is hosting an **Initial Teacher Training (ITT) Clinic**.

These informal drop-in sessions are designed to offer prospective teachers – including parents, teaching assistants, unqualified teachers, recent graduates, and career changers – the chance to learn more about the ITT route, ask questions, and speak directly with Kate Aspinall or Claire Jones.

We are hosting the clinic at Idsall from **3:30 pm to 6:00 pm** on the 21st of July.

## ITT text marketing text

### Join Our Drop-In Clinics and Train to Teach This Year

Do you know of or are you someone who is:

- **A graduate unsure what to do next?**  
Teaching offers a clear, supported career path with fast progression, professional development from day one, and the chance to make a real difference – every single day.
- **A parent tired of working around school holidays?**  
Teaching provides a work-life balance that aligns with family life. But more than that, it's a career where you'll be a role model, not just to your children, but to the next generation. Join a profession where your life experience and empathy make you an exceptional educator
- **An unqualified teacher worried about government changes?**  
Secure your future with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). Our school-based training supports you every step of the way, combining practical experience with expert guidance.
- **Ready for a meaningful career change?**  
Bring your life and professional experience into a classroom where every day matters. Join a profession with purpose, impact, and real rewards.

**Teaching is a career where you can make a difference – and be valued for who you are.**

At the **Alliance of Leading Learning**, we offer school-based training with expert mentors, professional development, and a supportive network every step of the way. Whether you're just starting out or stepping into something new, you'll receive personalised support and gain the qualifications you need to thrive.

#### Why Train to Teach with Us?

- **Structured progression** and career development
- **Work-life balance**, especially for families
- **Expert support** to gain your QTS
- A career that's **rewarding, meaningful, and impactful**

#### Come and Chat to Us

We're hosting friendly, informal **drop-in clinics** where you can ask questions, explore your options, and meet our team. Whether you're just curious or ready to apply, we're here to help.

#### The dates and locations are:

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July Shrewsbury Academy, 3-6pm
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July The Grove School, 3-6pm
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July, The Marches School, 3-6pm
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July Idsall School, 3:30-6pm

#### Need Help with Your Application?

We offer **full support with your application** – from choosing your training route to writing your personal statement. We're here to guide you through the process with advice that's personal and practical.

#### Don't wait until 2026. This is your moment.

It's not too late to apply for teacher training this year. Make the change now and take the first step towards a meaningful career where you truly make a difference.

#### Apply now or register your interest today

<https://leadinglearning.co.uk/become-a-teacher/>

#### Alliance of Leading Learning

Where passionate people become inspiring teachers.

## 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 domestic abuse.

Telford and Wrekin council have shared a 7 minute briefing, which states that 1 in 4 women, and 1 in 6 men, will experience domestic abuse in their life time.

Please see the infographic below for more information and support that is available.

### 1 What is a domestic abuse?

Domestic Abuse is any behaviour which is violent, controlling, coercive or threatening to those aged 16 or over. There are many forms of abuse which can take including, but not limited to, any behaviour which damages a person's confidence and sense of wellbeing, intimidation, threats around revenge porn, isolation from family and friends, control over a person's finances and appearance, threats made about a person's loved ones or direct physical abuse. The abuser may be a partner, ex-partner, family carer or one or more family members, in an existing or from a previous domestic relationship.

### 2 Why is domestic abuse a concern?

Nationally, an average of just over 100 women and 30 men are killed by a current or former intimate partner each year. 30 women a day attempt suicide, and each week, 3 of these attempts are successful. Domestic abuse is a crime and has more repeat victims than any other crime – we all have a duty to act and help prevent the hundreds of domestic abuse related suicides and murders.

### 3 Who is affected?

Research suggests that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will experience domestic abuse at some point in their lives. This means that during the course of your work you will encounter people who are experiencing domestic abuse. Remember, colleagues are not immune from Domestic Abuse either – any one of them may be experiencing domestic abuse of one form or another. Children in households where there is domestic abuse may carry the psychological scars for decades and where the behaviour is normalised, there may be a greater likelihood of them becoming perpetrators or victims in their teenage/adult life.

### 4 What to look out for

People affected by domestic abuse may exhibit one or more of the following signs:

- always checking in with their partner
- change in socialising and behaviours
- unexplained injuries
- financial worries
- become withdrawn, having low self-confidence and esteem
- changes in how they present themselves (clothes, hair, make up etc.)
- Repairs – have the Police asked for a lock change? Is there damage to internal walls and doors? (Especially bathroom/toilet doors)

### 5 What's my role?

If you work with the public, you are working with Domestic Abuse and doing nothing is not an option! Take the time to familiarise yourself with the information and training available to you.

**Are you worried about someone?**  
**Don't sit in silence!**

Please contact Family Connect on 01952 385385 or in an emergency call 999.

### 6 Resources

Clare's Law – this scheme gives any member of the public the right to ask the police if their partner may pose a risk to them. It is often called 'Clare's Law' after the landmark case that led to it.

[www.westmercia.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/daa-domestic-abuse/alpha2/request-information-under-clares-law/](http://www.westmercia.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/daa-domestic-abuse/alpha2/request-information-under-clares-law/)

[www.familyconnecttelford.co.uk](http://www.familyconnecttelford.co.uk)

### 7 What happens if I make a report?

Your local domestic abuse champion or Safeguarding lead may ask you for more information. Details will be shared with the Police and other agencies who will decide on how best to respond. The fact that you made the referral will not be shared with any of the parties involved.

Telford and Wrekin  
**Safeguarding**  
PARTNERSHIP

**7**  
MINUTE  
BRIEFING

**Domestic Abuse**

## What's On In The Local Area

### Taekwon-Do Classes - NEW VENUE!

### Two FREE Trial Classes for New Beginners!

## TAEKWON-DO CLASSES

### for NEW BEGINNERS

**AGES 5+**

### IDSALL SCHOOL SHIFNAL

### CLASSES EVERY WEDNESDAY

to reserve your place  
call **Mr Neil Morris (5th Dan)**  
on **07969 996055**  
or email [neilmorris14@btinternet.com](mailto:neilmorris14@btinternet.com)

LEARN  
SELF-DEFENCE

HAVE  
FUN!

IMPROVE  
YOUR FITNESS

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.***

**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