

Edition 42 : 17/10/25



Calendar and Events



- Mon 20th & Tue 21st Oct : PD Days
- Wed 22nd to Fri 31st Oct : HALF TERM
- Mon 3rd Nov : PD Day
- Tue 4th & Wed 5th Nov : Beauty and the Beast Auditions
- Thu 6th Nov : Sixth Form Parents Evening
- 10th Nov - 22nd Nov : Year 11 Autumn Mocks
- Wed 12th Nov : Yr 11, 12 & 13 Careers Fayre, Alderford Lake

- Wed 19th Nov : Flu Vaccinations
- Fri 21st Nov : Christmas Hamper Project
- Thu 11th Dec : Year 11 Parents Evening
- Fri 12th Dec : Army Medical Services Visit
- Mon 22nd Dec : Christmas Holidays
- Mon 5th Jan : Back to School

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Michelle King - Headteacher



As we reach the end of the first half term, we look back on the past seven weeks with a real sense of joy and pride. It's been a busy start to the year, filled with sporting successes, vibrant fundraising days supporting local charities, and a host of events that have brought our school community together. From open evenings to visits from parents and new families, we've received so many kind comments about how special our school is, a timely reminder of just how lucky we are.

We are incredibly proud of our brilliant students and the hard-working staff who make our school such a fantastic place to learn, work, and grow.

Half term seems to have arrived in the blink of an eye, and I'm sure it will be a welcome break for many. A reminder that school resumes for all students on **Tuesday 4th November**.

For our Year 11 students, the return marks the start of their first mock exams so while rest is important, a little time set aside for revision over the break will be a wise investment.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term, filled with time well spent with family and friends.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, together we can ensure every child thrives.

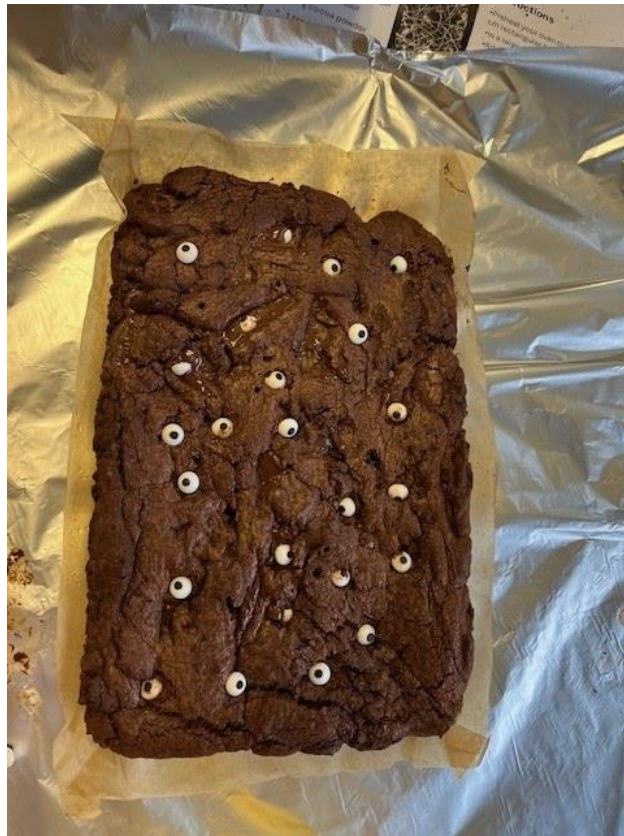
YEAR 7 & 8 NEWS

COOKING CLUB

Our year 7 and 8 students that joined the session 6 cooking club have been having a great time making some delicious looking marble cakes and Halloween Cookie slabs over the past few weeks.

Children have really worked enthusiastically to create some super results.

Cookie Slab :















Marble Cake :











YEAR 8

Football Warriors

There were no substitutes for this match so all girls knew they had a massive game ahead of them. Unfortunately an injury occurred just before half time, the girls had to play with 10 for an entire half.

We held Charlton off really well for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the match, but they eventually scored their 3rd goal, leaving us on 2.

The girls were absolute warriors for the duration of the match, showing grit and determination throughout. They did an incredible job of holding Charlton off winning the match but due to them all having worked very hard they were just too tired.

Massive well done to all girls involved—a difficult loss but a show of true Idsall spirit.



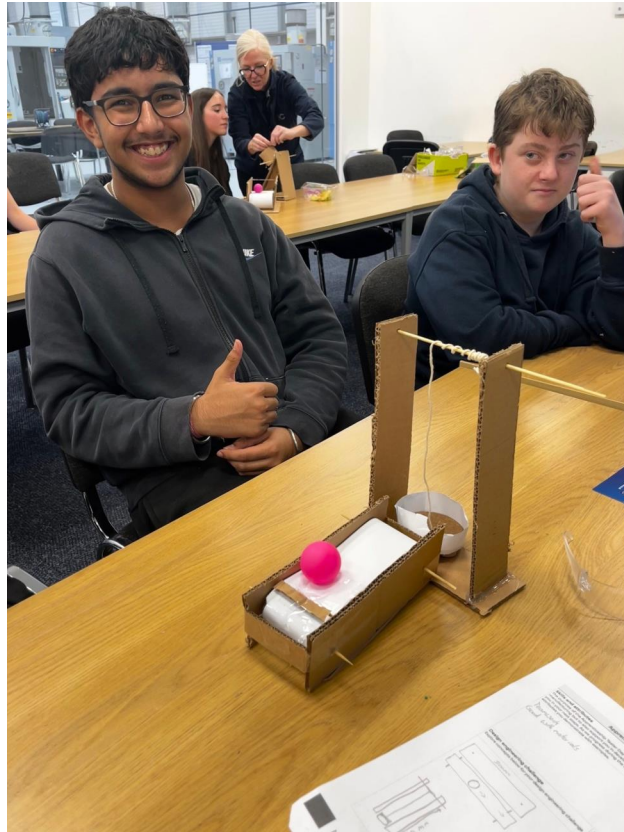
YEAR 10 NEWS

APPRENTICESHIPS AT IN-COMM

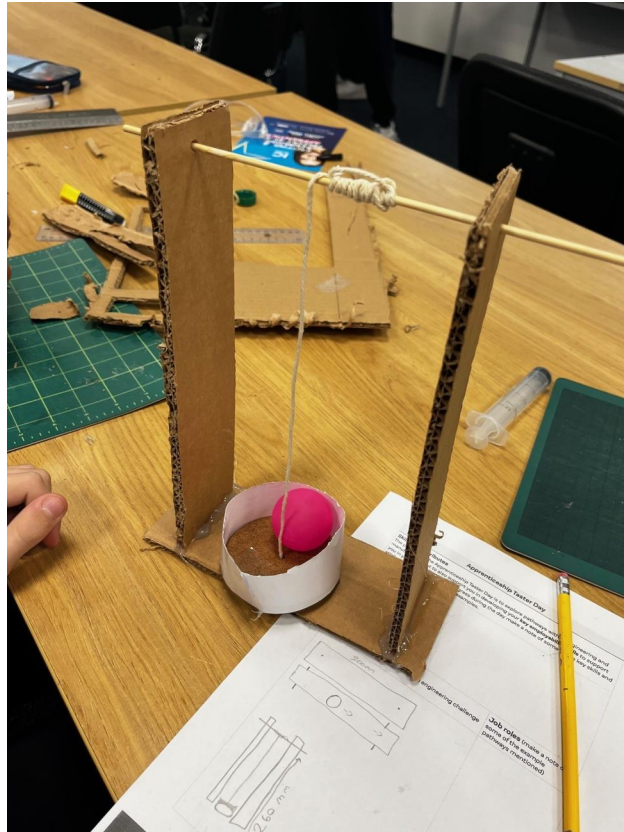
Our Year 10 GCSE Design and Technology students recently enjoyed an inspiring apprenticeship taster day at In-Comm Training in Shifnal. During their visit, they toured the impressive engineering facilities and participated in a hands-on practical workshop.

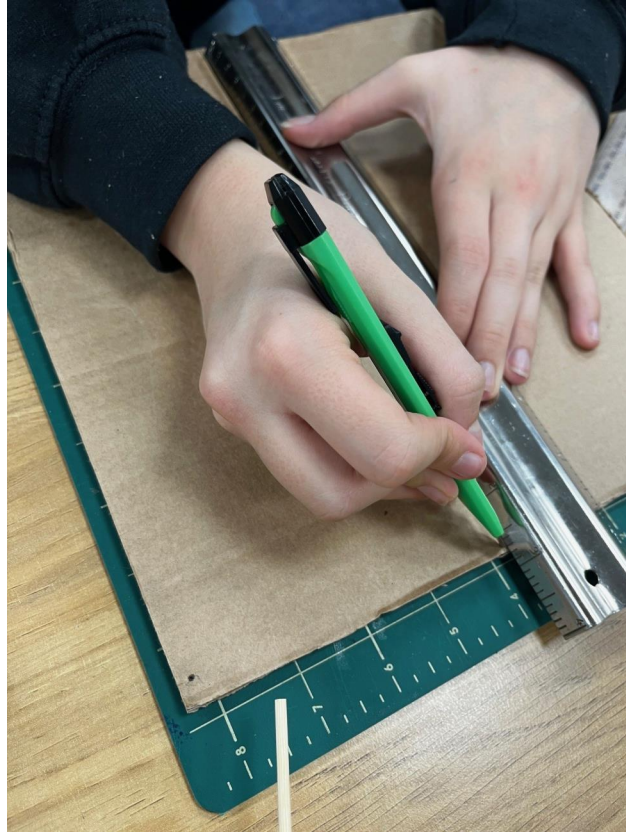
Throughout the day, students showcased a wide range of employability skills, including teamwork, problem-solving, and creative thinking. They also had the opportunity to speak with current apprentices—one of whom is a proud former Idsall School student—offering valuable insights into life after school.

The students were exceptional ambassadors for Idsall, demonstrating maturity, enthusiasm, and curiosity. A huge well done to everyone involved—you were a credit to the school!









SIXTH FORM NEWS

SIXTH FORM WELCOME

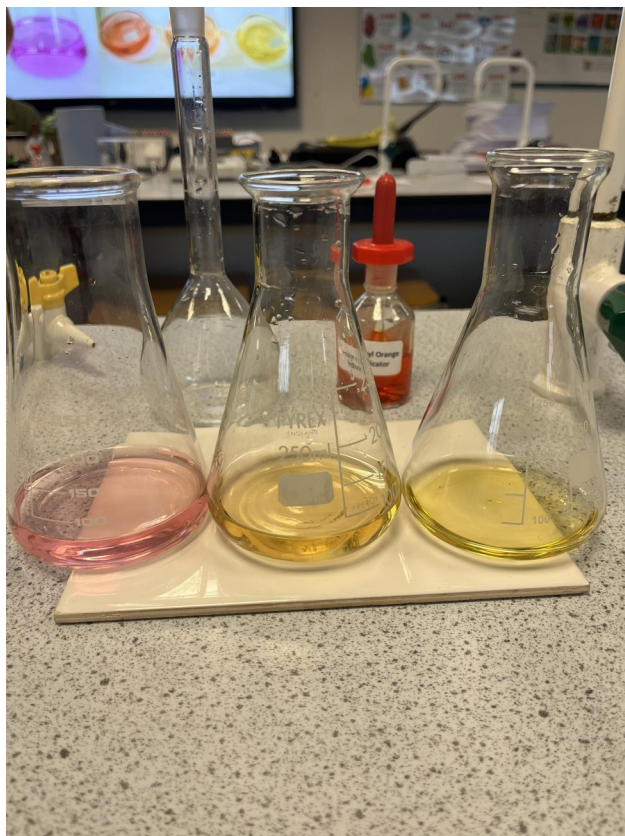
Last week we welcomed over 250 visitors for our annual Sixth Form Open Evening. Families including prospective post 16 students had the chance to find out about our 2026 offer and speak to current students and staff about their experiences. From engaging demonstrations to student-led tours, the atmosphere was phenomenal. As well as our onsite offer, our Open 6 remote subjects, including Further Maths, Law and Government and Politics, are an exciting addition to our flourishing Sixth Form for 2025 onwards.

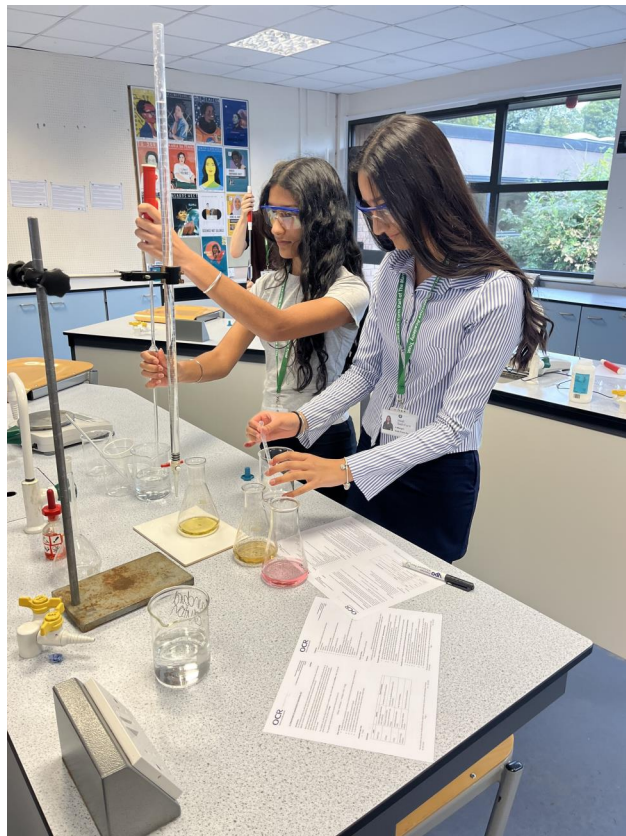
The feedback we have received from this event has been overwhelmingly positive, and we have already received over 40 applications for places in 2026! For anyone wanting to apply, our application form can be found here :

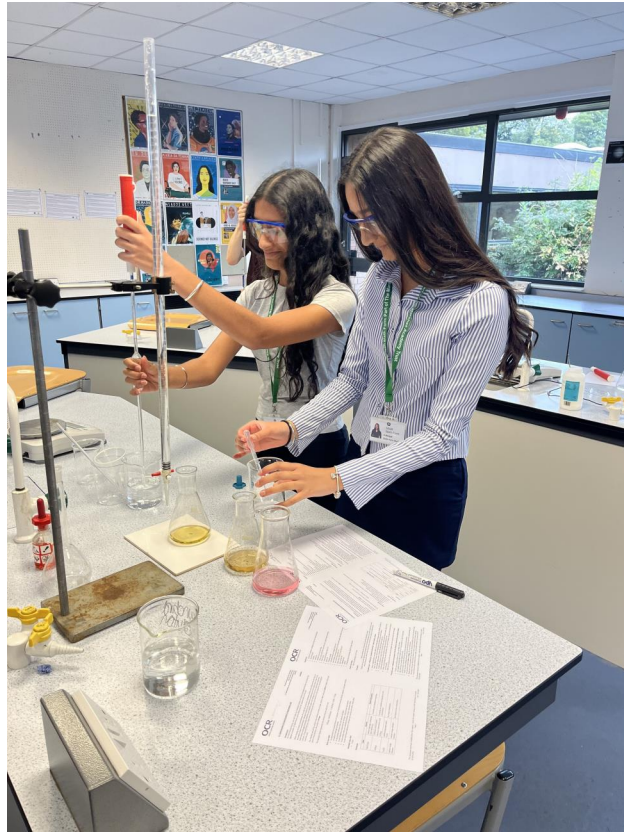
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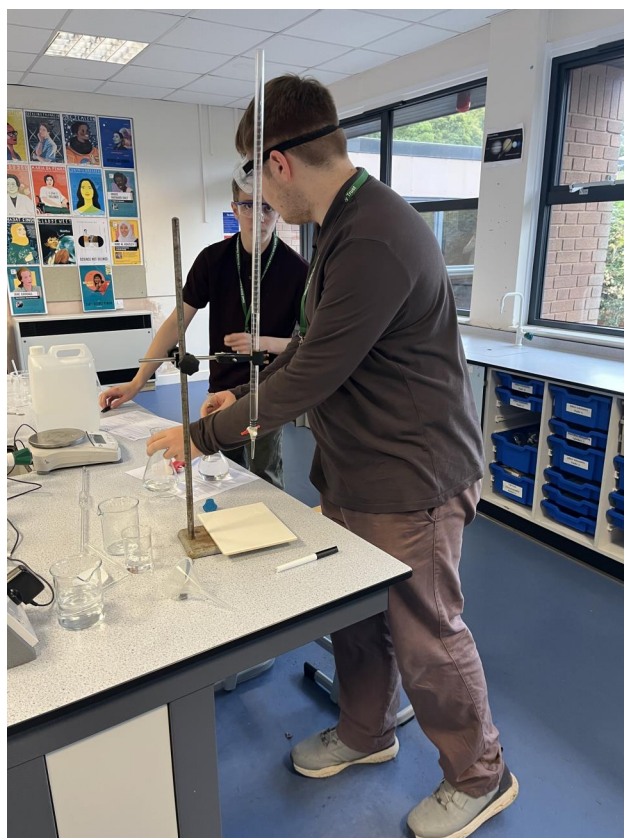
TITRATION

This week year 12 students have had to carry out an acid base titration with an unfamiliar indicator to find the volume of the unknown substance that was neutralised, then use that volume to carry out a series of stoichiometric calculations to deduce the chemical formula of the unknown substance.









BAKE OFF

On Thursday last week, Idsall Sixth Form students took part in an autumn themed Bake Off competition. The entries were outstanding, from the autumnal flavours to the design genius, there wasn't a soggy bottom in sight!

It was such a tough job to judge the entries, but after much deliberation, Mr Bowler, Mrs Case and Mrs McMahon awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the categories of 'taste', 'design' and 'overall'.

Design

- 1st place - Zoe
- 2nd place - Elissia
- 3rd place - Amelia

Taste

- 1st place - Arminah and Dhawiya
- 2nd place - Ava and Jasmine
- 3rd place - Tiff and Bethan

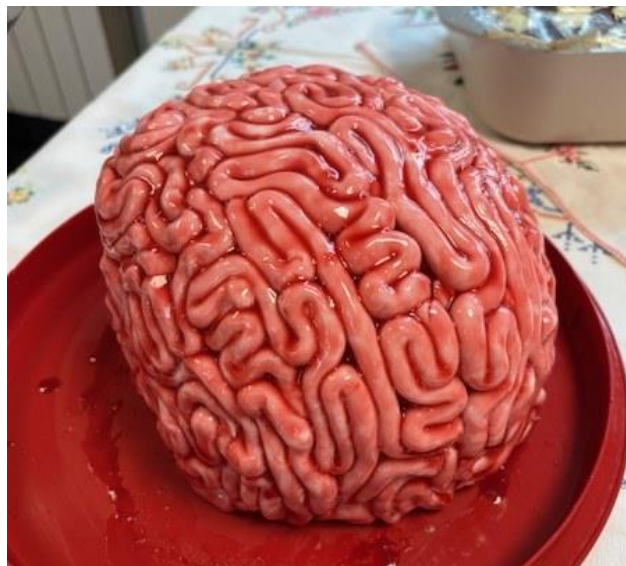
Overall

- Joint 1st place - Aminah and Dhawiya
- Joint 2nd place - Ava and Jasmine
- 3rd place - Zoe

After the judging in the afternoon, cakes were cut and sold to make money for our Idsall Kenya expedition going out in Summer 2026. Amelia, Coby and Heidi set up a cake stall at Sixth Form Open Evening for this and raised well over £100.

A huge thanks to all of our bakers and those who purchased some cake to support the fundraising efforts.







TASKMASTER

Sixth Form Taskmaster is back!

The first taskmaster challenge of the year has been taking place this week. Our sixth form teams have designed and dressed a pumpkin. They await the points from the taskmaster after the holiday.

Happy half-term break from all the staff and students in the sixth form team.



EXEMPLARY STUDENTS CELEBRATED

Earlier this month, we asked Team Leaders to nominate two pupils per tutor group, who are exemplary in every aspect.

Pupils from year 7 to 11 have been rewarded for their hard work, excellent behaviour and overall commitment to school, with hot chocolate, cookies, donuts, pastries and Haribo this morning.

Congratulations to all those that were nominated!





FREE SCHOOL MEALS



Note for Free School Meal eligible students/families:

Shropshire Council will be providing funds for 1 week of support; £15 per eligible student over the October Half Term holiday for FSM students.

Vouchers were sent out by Edenred on Wednesday 15th October 2025. Please also check your spam/junk email folders.

PLEASE NOTE:

Parents/Carers have 2 MONTHS to redeem their eCodes into a voucher (this has been reduced from 3 months). 30 days before expiry, Edenred send out a reminder once a week, automatically. If a parent/carers hasn't redeemed their eCode in that time, they cannot be reissued. The food vouchers are provided to support eligible students during each specific school holiday period and should therefore be redeemed by the parent/carers as soon as possible.

FLU VACCINES



Flu Vaccines will be taking place on **Thursday 19th November** for students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11.

Please check your emails the eConsent link has been sent home for parents/carers to complete – the eConsent link will close on Wednesday 12th November.

Any problems please contact the Immunisation Team direct on 01743 730028 or shropcom.immunisationteam@nhs.net

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



The Performing Arts department are excited to announce that this years school show will be...

Beauty & The Beast!

Auditions will be held for main cast only.

These will take place on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th November during session 6 in D1.

There will be no other opportunities to audition after this.

For those who wish to be a member of the ensemble, you do not need to audition- simply turn up to rehearsal when the schedule is published.

Please see below the audition pack you will need to prepare for auditions, make sure to read it carefully!



Audition Pack Main Cast



When are the auditions?

Auditions will take place during session six on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th November

Auditions will take place in D1 with Mrs Creighton and Mr Austin

What do I have to do?

1. Practice the music and scripts in this packet.
2. Turn up for an audition.
3. Have fun and try out!

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Audition Information

Audition Procedure

During the audition, you must:

- Sing ONE of the solos listed for males and females. Girls choose between "Home" or "Beauty and the Beast." Boys choose between "Kill the Beast" and "Be Our Guest." Pick whichever song is easiest for your voice.
- Act out BOTH of the scenes included in this packet (Pages 9-10). You do not need to memorize the script, but you should be prepared to act as any of the speaking characters on those pages.

Frequently Asked Audition Questions

Do I have to sing in my audition? What if I just want a speaking role?

YES. Every role in Beauty and the Beast will have to at least sing and dance with the ensemble/chorus.

Can I do stage crew if I don't make the show?

Absolutely! If you don't make the performing cast, you'll be automatically considered for the stage crew. Alternatively, you can sign up with Mrs Creighton if you don't want to audition.

Can I be part of the ensemble/chorus if I don't get a main role?

Yes! There are no auditions for the chorus, just sign up with Mrs Creighton! However, you must be prepared to also sing, dance and act.

When will rehearsals be?

Every Tuesday and Wednesday during session 6 in D1. Singing rehearsals will take place during lunchtime in Studio A with Mr Austin (day to be confirmed).



List of Characters

Belle - A bookish young woman who falls in love with the Beast and finds the kind-hearted human inside him.

The Beast - A cold-hearted prince transformed into a beast as punishment for his selfishness, but later warms, with the help of Belle, and ends up being transformed back into a handsome prince as a reward.

Gaston - A highly egotistical hunter who vies for Belle's hand in marriage and is determined not to let anyone else win her heart, even if it means killing her true love.

Lumière - The kind-hearted but rebellious maître d' of the Beast's castle, he has been transformed into a candelabra. He has a habit of disobeying his master's strict rules, sometimes causing tension between them, but the Beast often turns to him for advice, and he is arguably the Beast's closest friend after Belle.

Mrs. Potts - The head of the castle kitchens, turned into a teapot, who takes a motherly attitude toward Belle.

Cogsworth - The castle majordomo and Lumiere's best friend, transformed into a clock. While he is as good-natured as Lumiere, he is extremely loyal to the Beast so as to save himself and anyone else any trouble, often leading to friction between himself and Lumiere.

Chip - A teacup and Mrs. Potts' son.

LeFou - Gaston's bumbling and often mistreated sidekick.

Maurice - Belle's inventor father.

The Narrators - Two people who tell parts of the story for the audience, including the how the **Prince** was turned into the Beast, and Belle's attack by the wolves.

Madame de la Grande Bouche - The castle's authority over fashion, and a former opera singer, turned into a wardrobe.

Babette - A featherduster and Lumiere's girlfriend.

Silly Girls - **Thee** ditsy village girls with her eyes on Gaston.

Monsieur D'Arque - The owner of the Maison de Lune. Gaston bribes him to help him in his plan to blackmail Belle.



Girls Audition Song #1: "Home"

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51 home? Am I here for a day or for - e - ver?

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54 Shut a - way from the world un - til who knows

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57 when Oh, but then as my

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60 life has been al - tered once, it can change a - gain

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63 Build high - er walls a - round me Change ev - ry lock and

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67 key No - thing lasts No - thing holds all of

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way Home and free

poco rall. *f* *ten.* *ten.*

A Tempo

mp *Meno mosso*

rit.

A tempo *poco rit.*



Girls Audition Song #2: "Beauty and the Beast"

34 Tale as old as time 35 Tune as old as

37 song 38 Bit - ter sweet and 39 strange Find-ing you can

40 change Learn-ing you were 41 wrong 42 Cer-tain as the

43 sun 44 Ris-ing in the east 45 Tale as old as

46 47 *rit.* 48 *molto rit.*

49 Tale as old as time 50 Song as old as rhyme 51 Beau-ty and the

A tempo, più dolce **MRS. POTTS:** Off to the cupboard with you now, Chip.
It's past your bedtime. Goodnight, luv.

52 Beast. 53 *molto rit.*



Guys Audition Song #1: "Kill the Beast"

me ————— Through the

(GASTON:)

mist Through the wood Through the dark-ness and the sha-dows It's a

night-mare but it's one ex-cit-ing ride Say a

prayer Then we're there at the draw-bridge of a cas-tle and there's

SOME VILLAGERS:

some-thing tru-ly ter-ri-ble in-side It's a

OTHER VILLAGERS:

beast He's got fangs ra-zor sharp ones Mas-sive

GASTON:

paws kil-ler claws for the feast Hear him

ALL VILLAGERS:

roar See him foam But we're not com-ing home 'til he's

BELLE:

I won't let you do this!

dead. Good and dead. Kill the beast!

Guys Audition Song #2: "Be Our Guest"

12 Be our guest 13 Be our guest 14 Put our ser - vice to the

16 test 17 Tie a nap - kin 'round your neck 18 cher - ie and

19 we'll pro - vide the rest 20 Soupe du jour hot hors

22 d'oeuvres Why we on - ly live to serve 24 Try the

25 CHIP: 26 LUMIERE:
grey stuff It's de - li - cious Don't be -

27 lieve me? 28 Ask the dish - es They can

29 sing They can 30 dance Af - ter 31 all Miss This is 32 France! And a

33 din - ner here - is 34 ne - ver se - cond 35 best 36 Go on un -

37 fold your men - u 38 Take a glance and then - you'll be our

41 guest 42 Oui! our guest 43 Be our guest 44 *mf* Beef ra -



Audition Script: Scene #1

BELLE

(reading)
"Then, for the third time, Arthur drew forth the sword..."

BEAST

(excited)
So that must mean that he's the king!

BELLE

Wait and see.

BEAST

(shakes his head with wonder)
I never knew books could do that.

BELLE

Do what?

BEAST

Take me away from this place and make me forget... for a little while.

BELLE

Forget?

BEAST

Who I...
(correcting himself)
... what I am.

*(BELLE looks at the BEAST. He has touched her heart.
LUMIERE enters and watches them from afar.)*

BELLE

We have something in common, you know.

BEAST

What?

BELLE

In the town where I come from, the people think I'm odd.

BEAST

You?

BELLE

So I know how it feels to be... different. And I know how lonely that can be.

Audition Script: Scene #2

GASTON
Poor Belle. It's a shame about your father.

BELLE
Gaston, you know he's not crazy!

GASTON
I might be able to clear up this little misunderstanding if...

BELLE
If what?

GASTON
If you'll marry me!

BELLE
What?!?

GASTON
One little word, Belle... that's all it takes...

BELLE
Never!

GASTON
Have it your way!
(to MONSIEUR D'ARQUE)
Take the old man!

(Two VILLAGERS grab MAURICE.)

BELLE
Wait! I can prove my father's not crazy!
(pulls out the Magic Mirror)
Show me the Beast!

(The image of the Beast appears in the Magic Mirror.)

MAURICE
That's him! That's him!
(The VILLAGERS gasp, terrified.)

A MOTHER
Is he dangerous?

BELLE
Oh no, he'd never hurt anyone. I know he looks frightful... but he's really kind and gentle. He's my friend.

GASTON
If I didn't know better, I'd say you have feelings for this monster.

BELLE
He's not the monster, Gaston! You are!

ARMED SERVICE STUDENTS



Parents/Guardians of our armed service students should have received a letter / email informing them of the amazing opportunity for their student. Your student can attend our **Armed Forces Support Network** sessions taking place in school.

These sessions are being delivered by **The Happiness Club** and are designed to offer support and provide strategies for emotional management and wellbeing.

The sessions will take place on the following dates:

- Thursday 9th October
- Thursday 16th October
- Thursday 6th November
- Thursday 13th November

Each session will last for one hour and will be held during the school day.

For more information your student can speak to Ms Bailey-Williams in room S6.

TRIPS UPDATES

KENYA

There will be a parental briefing on the Camps International Kenya Expedition on Monday 17th November 2025 from 7.00 pm.

The briefing is intended to update parents and students on details pertaining to the expedition and feedback from the inspection visit over half-term. As such it is a recommended attendance for all participants and parents/carers.

LAS VEGAS

It is hard to believe it is almost 12 months until the Geography trip to Las Vegas and SW USA!

A big thank you for keeping up with your payments and for your continued support. Your cooperation helps ensure everything runs smoothly as we prepare for this exciting experience.

We kindly advise that you continue to follow the payment schedule closely to avoid any penalties or additional charges.

If you have any questions or want more information on this trip please see Mrs Green in room G3.

LANGUAGENUT COMPETITION

Leaderboard So Far

Well done to

- **1st : Marcus in Yr 9 with 247,400 points**
- **2nd : Millie in Yr 10 with 233,700 point**

- **3rd : Alex in Yr 7 with 90,200 points**
- **4th : Rafe in Yr 11 with 89,200 points**
- **5th : Harriet in year 10 with 84,000 points**
- **6th : Lydia in Yr 11 with 60,600 points**
- **7th : James in Yr 11 with 59,000 points**
- **8th : Isla in Yr 7 with 55,400 points**
- **9th : Nancy in Yr 11 with 53,200 points**
- **10th : Hettie in Yr 7 with 53,000 points**

Don't forget the competition is still open so why not join in!

The Languagenut competition is in full swing. Use your logins to complete tasks and earn points.

- Open to all students
- Easy to log in
- Fun assignments to complete
- Rack up points
- Work independently on site or at home!
- Improve your French
- Top point scorers will win prizes.

Lets put Idsall on the map and get on to the school leaderboard!



NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT



SESSION 6 & LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

We are excited to attach the list of session 6 and lunchtime activities available to students in the school. Session 6 activities are from 15.10 - 16.10.

If your student would like any further information please ask them to speak to a member of the department.

Please be aware : 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.

Monday's Session Six Activities		
Activity	Year	Location
GCSE Mathematics	Year 11	Various Mathematics rooms
English Language (Week A)	Year 11	Various English rooms
French (Week B)	Year 11	L2
Study Zone	All Years	Library
Computer Science (Week A)	Year 11	B1
Music (Week A)	Year 11	STA
BTEC Sport (Week A)	Year 11	P2
English Literature (Week B)	Year 13	E5/9

Tuesday's Session Six Activities		
Activity	Year	Location
Football	Year 7/8/9 GIRLS	PE
Football	Year 7/8 BOYS	PE
Netball	All Years	PE
Badminton	All years	PE
A Level Mathematics for Biology	Year 12/13	S8
GCSE Geography	Year 11	G1/G2/G3
A Level History (Russia 1894-1924)	Year 12/13	H4
GCSE RE (Week A)	Year 11	R2
Study Zone	All Years	Library
Food (Week B)	Year 11	D2
D&T (Week B)	Year 11	D2
Health and Social Care (Week B)	Year 11	D2
Sociology (Week A)	Year 13	C2
Databases resit group (Week B)	Year 13	B1
Biology (Week B)	Year 13	S8
History	Year 13	H4

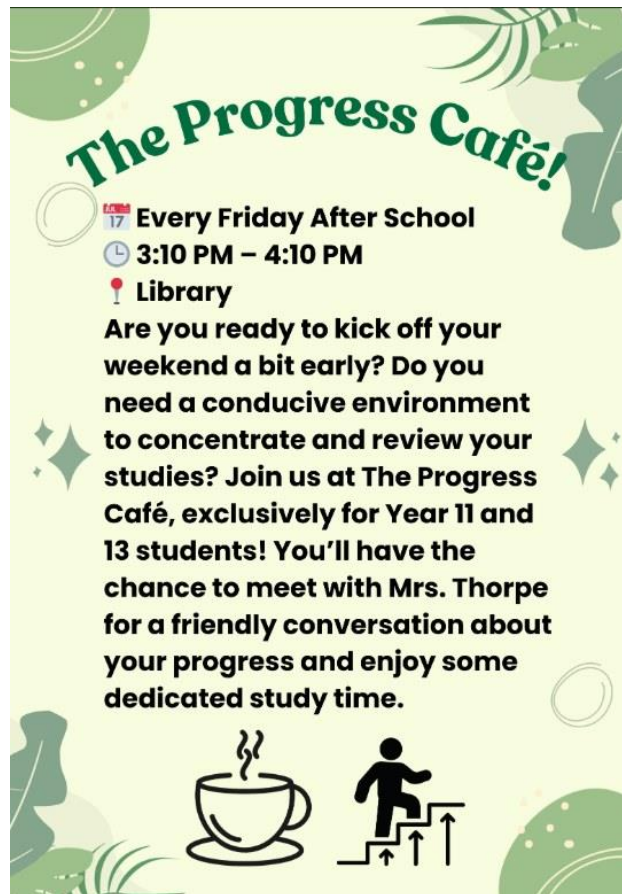
Wednesday's Session Six Activities		
Activity	Year	Location
French Online Learning Club (LanguageNutz)	Year 7/8/9	L2
ECO Club (Week B)	All Years	S8
KS5 Chemistry	Year 12/13	S3
GCSE History	Year 11	H4
GCSE Business	Year 11	Lecture Theatre
Cooking Club (Week A)	Year 7/8	D2
Study Zone	All Years	Library
IT (Week A)	Year 11	B1
GCSE PE (Week B)	Year 11	P2
GCSE English Literature (Week B)	Year 11	Various English rooms
GCSE Science (Week A)	Year 11	Various Science rooms
Mathematics	Year 13	Various Mathematics rooms

Thursday's Session Six Activities		
Activity	Year	Location
Study Zone	All Years	Library

Friday's Session Six Activities		
Activity	Year	Location
The Progress Café	Year 11/13	Library

Lunchtime Sessions 1.40-2.10pm			
Activity	Day	Year	Location
French Online Learning Club (LanguageNut)	Friday	Year 7/8/9	L2
Drum club	Tuesday	All years	STA
Young voices	Thursday	All years	STA
Kaleidoscope orchestra	Wednesday	All years	STA
Music session	Everyday	All years	STA
School of rock	Wednesday	All years	STA
Drama	Friday	Y11	D1

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The Progress Café!

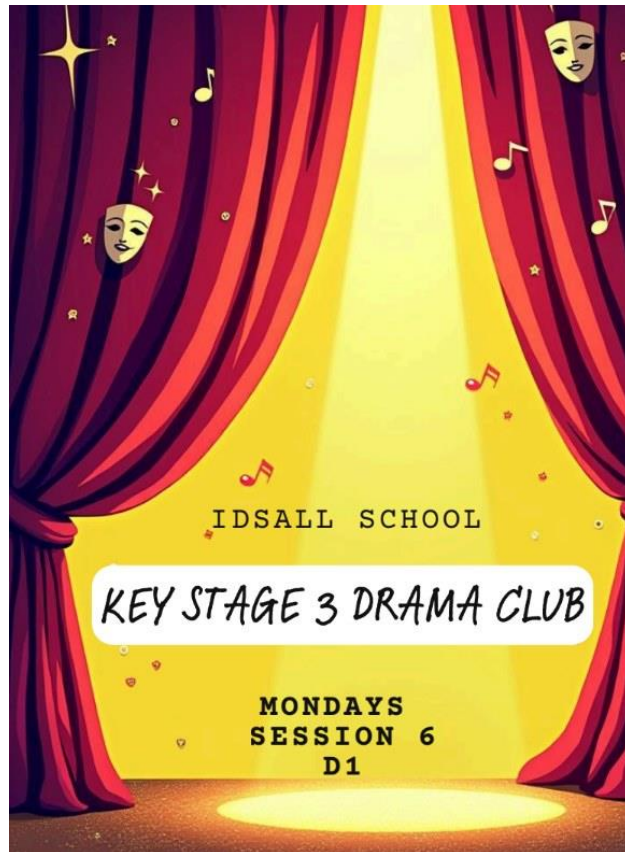
Every Friday After School

3:10 PM – 4:10 PM

Library

Are you ready to kick off your weekend a bit early? Do you need a conducive environment to concentrate and review your studies? Join us at The Progress Café, exclusively for Year 11 and 13 students! You'll have the chance to meet with Mrs. Thorpe for a friendly conversation about your progress and enjoy some dedicated study time.





COMING TO YOU

WEDNESDAY 1.30 – 2.00

IN THE POD (INTERVENTION ROOMS)

WORKSHOPS THIS TERM INCLUDE:

- 24TH SEPTEMBER – WHAT IS MENTAL HEALTH?**
- 1ST OCTOBER – SELF CARE ISN'T SELFISH**
- 8TH OCTOBER – HEALTHY DIET = HEALTHY MIND**
- 15TH OCTOBER – SLEEP HYGIENE**
- 22ND OCTOBER – THE INTERNET & MY MENTAL HEALTH**

COME AND TALK TO US IN A SAFE SPACE ABOUT PROBLEMS AND ANYTHING WORRYING YOU





- . FRENCH ONLINE LEARNING CLUB -IN L2
- . WEDNESDAY PERIOD 6 AND FRIDAY LUNCHTIME
- . YEARS 7-9



TIME 2 TALK

Coming to The Pod - Wednesday lunchtimes 1.30 - 2.00 pm.



The poster features a stylized orange background with a large white speech bubble containing the text 'Time 2 Talk' and a small 'SYA' logo. Below this, the text 'COMING TO YOU' is written in blue, followed by 'WEDNESDAY 1.30 - 2.00' and 'IN THE POD (INTERVENTION ROOMS)' in bold blue. A section titled 'WORKSHOPS THIS TERM INCLUDE:' lists five dates and topics in orange: 24th September - What is Mental Health?, 1st October - Self Care Isn't Selfish, 8th October - Healthy Diet = Healthy Mind, 15th October - Sleep Hygiene, and 22nd October - The Internet & My Mental Health. At the bottom, it says 'COME AND TALK TO US IN A SAFE SPACE ABOUT PROBLEMS AND ANYTHING WORRYING YOU' in blue. Logos for SYA, a tree, and mpft.nhs.uk are at the bottom.

Time 2 Talk
SYA
ALL ABOUT YOUTH

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UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT DONATIONS

DO YOU HAVE OLD UNIFORM OR SCHOOL EQUIPMENT, FOR EXAMPLE CALCULATORS, THAT YOU NO LONGER USE?

Whether it is a blazer, trousers, shirts, ties, PE Kit etc if you have any uniform items that you no longer use, we would love to take it off your hands! Also if you have any calculators or other school equipment that would be useful in classrooms, please drop off at reception.

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.

SAFEGUARDING



At the National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National College Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [thenationalcollege.com](https://www.thenationalcollege.com).

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTH VIOLENCE

Youth violence affects one in four children in the UK, but it doesn't have to. When parents, carers, and educators understand the risks, they're better placed to support young people. The right support, mentoring, therapy, and guidance can help young people affected by violence to feel safe, manage conflict, and make positive choices.

UNDERSTANDING YOUTH VIOLENCE

WHY DO YOUNG PEOPLE COMMIT SERIOUS VIOLENCE?

A recent study surveyed over 10,000 young people affected by violence, asking why serious violence occurs among their peers, such as an assault involving a weapon or sexual violence. The most common reasons given were due to a personal characteristic of the victim (e.g., race, religion, sexuality, gender, or gang or school rivalry), and being provoked. While not all young people have these issues, many lack the emotional regulation skills needed to manage provocation.

WHAT ARE SIGNS A YOUNG PERSON IS AT RISK?

Children and young people often express that something is wrong through behaviour rather than words. As well as signs such as sudden mood changes, secrecy around friendships, excessive phone use, withdrawal, anger, unexplained injuries, fear of school, aggression, being missing or absent from school, they may be struggling with sleep, eating, or other issues. These behaviours may indicate underlying issues that can lead to violence.

ONLINE INFLUENCES

Social media plays a powerful role in normalising and escalating violence. Platforms like TikTok and Instagram can expose young people to harmful content often shared by algorithms. Many see violent material that affects their ability to feel fear and deactivation. A recent study found 70% had seen real-world violence online, and 60% felt less safe in their communities. Alarmingly, 35% said it made them more likely to carry a weapon. Online conflict can often spill into real life, with serious and sometimes tragic consequences.

WHEN IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

For children and young people in England and Wales, the hours between 4 pm and 6 pm – just after school – carry a particularly high risk for serious violence. This can stem from conflicts that escalate during the school day, online arguments, or simply missing through unfamiliar areas on the way home. Understanding this risk helps us support safer travel and routines. Our recent report shows that over one in three young people don't feel safe in the areas they live in, and 45% don't feel safe walking the streets.

WHY MIGHT A YOUNG PERSON CARRY A WEAPON?

Young people may carry weapons due to fear, threats, peer pressure, or a false sense of protection. Many young people tell us they feel unsafe and carry weapons 'just in case', while others carry for self-defence by social media, peers, or criminal activity. Some don't realise it's illegal to carry a knife or sharp object.

WHERE IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

Violence often happens in certain places. Busy areas like transport hubs carry a risk simply because lots of people gather there. Other hotspots, like places linked to drug activity, attract those more likely to be involved in violence. Some areas become risky due to peer supervision, such as under-reported public spaces. Understanding where violence tends to occur helps us guide young people safely through their communities and advocate for better support and safer spaces.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT STAYING SAFE

Choose a safe moment for the conversation, emotionally and physically. If a child is upset or angry, help them settle before discussing serious topics. Listen actively without judgement, even if what they share is difficult. Avoid interrupting or offering advice when the time has right. If you're worried, please get advice, support is available.

HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND CONSEQUENCES

Young people can be searched by police or teachers if suspected of carrying a weapon. If found with a knife, they could face arrest and criminal proceedings. A conviction can result in a criminal record. Even being present during a violent assault, encouraging it, filming, or sharing footage can lead to prosecution. Open and honest conversations can help children understand these risks and make safer choices.

AVOID CONFLICT & MANAGE ESCALATIONS

Encourage young people to consider the 'rule of 10' – their emotions, take a breath, and then act in a heated adult. When triggered or provoked, they may react from their natural state, unable to think clearly about the consequences. Taking a breath helps calm, and helps them access their 'thinking brain' – demand them that moments pause, and seeking support from trusted adults builds resilience and safer decision-making.

REPORT INFORMATION

We all have a role in preventing violence. If a child shares concerns, you can act. For education, it's important to follow your school's safeguarding procedures. Other adults can report concerns through local police, CrimeStoppers, and speak with other parents, the school, or local police through UK. If someone is in immediate danger, always call 999. These steps help protect children and the wider community.

Meet Our Expert

The Ben Kinsella Trust is a UK anti-bullying charity educating young people through immersive workshops, awareness campaigns, and community resources. Visit [benkinella.org.uk](https://www.benkinella.org.uk)

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SCHOOL NURSE



HEALTH & TEENS

NHS
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NHS Trust

School Nursing

The School Nursing Team provide health and wellbeing information, advice, support and guidance to children and young people, teachers, families, carers and the wider community across Shropshire. We are part of the 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service which contains Specialist Nurses (School Nurses and Health Visitors), Registered Nurses, Healthy Child Practitioners and Support Workers.

Every Local Authority funded school in Shropshire has a named School Nurse. We offer a broad range of services, workshops and events enabling schools to contribute to PSHE outcomes, as well as targeted one to one support for children and their families.

Young people in secondary school can see a school nurse in school for confidential discussions about any concerns they have around their health, we would not usually contact parents or carers to share this information unless we have consent from the young person or we feel that the young person is at risk of harm.

Here are some examples of the topics we can support with:

- Oral/dental hygiene
Toileting and constipation
Diet and restricted eating
- Sleep
Transition and change
- Development
Relationships and Sexual health
Puberty (including management of periods)
- Behaviour
Risk taking behaviours (including vaping)

Anything else you might be concerned about!

Parents and carers can also call or text us for confidential advice and support around any health or development concerns or worries they may have about their child, we will not share this information with your child's school without your or your child's consent.

You can get further information, ask questions or simply contact your School Nurse for a chat by calling our **Single Point of Access (SPOA)** on **0333 358 3654**
OR texting: **07507 330 346**

WHAT'S ON IN THE LOCAL AREA

Shifnal Events

As we approach the first day of autumn, here's a reminder of the fantastic events happening in Shifnal right through to the end of the year.

It's brilliant to have these events for all to enjoy, so get involved, support local, and most of all — love local.

[#LoveShifnal](#) [#shifnal](#) [#supportlocal](#) [#lovelocal](#)



Shifnal Events 2025



14 SEP	Harvest Praise St Andrews Church will be holding a Harvest Praise service from 12pm-3pm.
22 SEP - 5 OCT	Scarecrow Festival "Harvest of creativity" Follow a trail of handmade scarecrows throughout the town for this week-long festival celebrating Autumn and creativity. For more info and to enter the competition or join in, visit www.shifnaltowncouncil.gov.uk . There will also be a service at St Andrews Church on Sunday 28 September with a theme surrounding fear, following a likeness of Wizard of Oz. Members of the church will be dressed for the theme, in what promises to be a fun and inspiring service.
27 SEP	Harvest Fair There will be a Harvest Fair at St Andrews Church, with live music, craft and food stalls, traditional games, scarecrow awards ceremony and children's workshops and activities.
19 OCT	Celebrate Shifnal Celebrate Shifnal is a service held at St Andrew's Church to celebrate and recognise anyone within the community who has made a difference or deserves recognition for their achievements in Shifnal.
25 OCT - 1 NOV	Spooktacular Shifnal - Halloween Trail This Halloween, Shifnal comes alive with a 'Spooktacular' trail, involving shops and businesses all around town during Autumn half term week. Maps can be collected from Nan's, Presence and Woods the Cleaners.
29, 30 OCT	Lantern Making, Parade and Storytelling This Autumn, children of Shifnal will once again be bringing the streets to life with a lantern parade. Returning for its second year, the lantern making will be run by Shifnal Scouts and there will also be a cosy storytelling session organised by Love Shifnal and Shifnal Town Council. The event will be held at St Andrew's church and the parade will be in the town centre. Details of how to book will be posted on the Love Shifnal Facebook page.
9 NOV	Remembrance Sunday Service & Parade A remembrance service held at St Andrew's Church Shifnal and a remembrance parade through town.
29 NOV	Shifnal Christmas Lights Switch-On Lighting up the town in Shifnal town centre, the light switch on is always a festive event, guaranteed to put you in the Christmas spirit.
5, 6, 7 DEC	Christmas Tree Festival Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrews Church. Beautifully decorated trees sponsored by local businesses, organisations and families create a delightful display. Raising money for the church funds. More information to follow.
14 DEC	Christingle The annual Christingle service at St Andrew's Church will begin at 5pm - everyone welcome.
21 DEC	Christmas Carol service A beautiful Christmas Carol service will be held at St Andrews Church at 6pm. Enjoy singing festive carols, everyone welcome.
24 DEC	Christmas Carols Singing Christmas Carols in Shifnal town centre on Christmas Eve at 5:30pm. A festive Shifnal tradition!

Hi All,

We are looking forward to the Celebrating Shifnal Service on Sunday 19th October at 5:00pm in St Andrew's Church, Shifnal, where we will be celebrating community and all that makes Shifnal a great place to live and work together. There will be awards by the High Sheriff of Shropshire, Jane Trowbridge and Mayor Paul Williamson to local community heroes making a big difference, including the Tim Day award for Young Person.

We are keen to invite pupils, staff and families to this important civic celebration. Please could you let parents and carers know via your school newsletters. I attach the poster.

Many thanks indeed.

Best wishes

Catherine Rogers

Outreach Enabler for St Andrew's Church



Sunday 19th October
5:00pm
St Andrew's Church, Shifnal

Celebrating community and all that makes
 Shifnal a great place to live and work
 together.

Awards and presentations by
 Rev Chris Thorpe and Shifnal Mayor Paul Williamson

Join us in person or online




Try Something New! Taekwon-Do FREE CLASSES!




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

LEARN
SELF-DEFENCE

HAVE
FUN!

IMPROVE
YOUR FITNESS



Mr Morris runs a beginners programme in authentic and original Taekwon-do every Wednesday evening at Idsall School in the old gym.

So if you are looking at trying something new why not go along - you get **two free trial classes!**

- ***Discounts available to Idsall Students!***
- ***Classes every Wednesday 6-7pm in the old gym at Idsall.***
- ***Offering two free trial classes.***

So what are the benefits of Taekwon-do for young people :

- *Physical Fitness: Taekwondo promotes overall fitness by engaging various muscle groups, enhancing strength, agility, and flexibility*
- *Self-Confidence: The goal-setting and positive reinforcement in taekwondo help build self-esteem in young people*
- *Discipline and Focus: Taekwondo teaches young people discipline and the ability to focus, which are essential life skills*
- *Mental Growth: It blends physical training with mental development, encouraging personal progress and resilience*
- *Character Development: Taekwondo fosters respect, perseverance, and teamwork, contributing to a young persons character development*

INTERESTED ... contact Mr. Morris on 07969 996055 to book and for more information.

CentreStage

CentreStage is a youth driven theatre group, with the aim to empower and train our young people. We are Shifnal's longest running theatre group, and best of all, the sessions are entirely free! No other group in the area offers this.

We already have students from Idsall at our sessions and we'd love to open it up for more students in years 7 to 11. All information is detailed on our poster.

CentreStage, Shifnal



Our Sessions

- 6:00-6:45pm - Mini's - School years 1 & 2.
- 6:00-7:45pm - Juniors - School years 3 to 6.
- 7:00-8:30pm - Seniors - School years 7 to 11.
- Tuck Shop every week!

When and Where

Every Monday during term time - 6pm until 8.30pm

St Andrew's Church, Shifnal TF11 9AB

Free Sessions!

Events through the year & Annual Showcase!

**CENTRE
STAGE**
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CentreStage, Shifnal, is an amazing community led performing arts group, catering for children and young people of all ages. Unlike other groups, we don't charge - we are available, no matter the financial circumstances. Singing, dancing, acting, art, staging, sound and vision, and so much more!

Now welcoming new members and leaders to join us. Come along to find out more!



Facebook: CentreStage, Shifnal



Instagram: centrestage.shifnal



Email: centrestageshifnal@outlook.com

Do you **have epilepsy** and
live in or near Birmingham?



Join our
FREE bowling
social today!

Event details
11:30am | 29 Oct 2025 | Birmingham

Want to meet other young people with epilepsy?
Are you aged 10 - 16 and living with epilepsy?
Come and meet other young people who 'get it'



Scan me
Or click to register



Young
Epilepsy

Coffee & Chat



The poster is for a 'Coffee & Chat Stay & Play' event. It features a teal header with a hand logo and the text 'Shropshire Supporting Families through Early Help'. A small inset image shows a group of children playing. The main title 'COFFEE & CHAT' is in large pink letters, with 'Stay & Play' in blue below it. The event is held 'Every Tuesday' from '1pm until 3pm' at 'Bridgnorth Library, 67 Listley Street, Bridgnorth, WV16 4AW'. It states 'All families within the local area welcome'. A list of topics for support includes Family Life, Housing & Finance, SEND, Parenting Support, Training & Employment, and Domestic Abuse Support. A QR code is provided for more information, with a pink arrow pointing to it. The Shropshire Libraries logo is on the left, and the Shropshire Council logo is on the right. A note about refreshments is also present.

Shropshire Supporting Families through Early Help

COFFEE & CHAT
Stay & Play

Every Tuesday
1pm until 3pm

Bridgnorth Library, 67 Listley Street,
Bridgnorth, WV16 4AW

All families within the local area welcome

Free information, support
& advice around:

- Family Life
- Housing & Finance
- Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)
- Parenting Support
- Training & Employment
- Domestic Abuse Support
- And much more...

Shropshire Libraries
Learn imagine discover

shropshire.gov.uk/early-help

Shropshire Council

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED
"PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SEALED CUP/TRAVEL MUG"

SEND - Meet & Chat



AUTUMN TERM

SEND MEET & CHAT FAMILY DROP-IN

Hosted by Shropshire Early Help



Do you care for a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

These sessions are open to anyone supporting a child with SEND – whether you're a parent carer, family member, or professional.

Come along to ask questions, get practical advice, and connect with professionals who understand your journey

Speak with experts in:

- EHCPs
- School support
- Health and wellbeing
- Social care
- Mental health
- Navigating SEND challenges

Each session will have different professionals available, so come along, have a chat, and find the help you need.



HAVE YOUR SAY!
Scan the QR code to suggest topics and activities for future drop-in sessions.

RAVEN HOUSE

Tuesday 23rd September 2025
2:00pm-4:00pm

Raven House,
129 Cheshire Street,
Market Drayton, TF9 3AH

BRIDGNORTH LIBRARY

Tuesday 14th October 2025
1:00pm-3:00pm

Bridgnorth Library,
Listley Street, Town Centre,
Bridgnorth, WV16 4AW

THE LANTERN

Thursday 13th November 2025
10:00am-12:00pm

The Lantern,
Meadow Farm drive,
Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG

OSWESTRY LIBRARY

Thursday 4th December 2025
1:00pm-3:00pm

Oswestry Library,
Arthur Street,
Oswestry, SY11 1JN





South East Hub Newsletter for October

- Please find attached the latest Bridgnorth Hub Newsletter for October.
- The sessions are free to attend.
- You do not need a child to attend the session to access family help.
- Safe, comfortable, confidential, and informal space to talk.
- Early Help Family support workers are available to chat to every week.



What's on in October at Bridgnorth Early Help Coffee and Chat



Tuesday 7th October 2025 Who can join this today: - Health visitors 0-5 family support worker - Early help family support worker - Young Carers - Housing support	Look what's on today... Bottle Skills with the 0-5 years - Learn how to care for your baby's teeth from the very first tooth! Our friendly staff will share tips on healthy habits for little mouths. Stay and Play Fun A safe and welcoming space for little ones to explore, play, and learn through age-appropriate activities that support early development. Join us for a fun, relaxed, and engaging Stay and Play session.
Thursday 14th October 2025 Who can join this today: - Health visitors 0-5 family support worker - Early help family support worker - Employment adviser - Housing support - SEND professionals	Look what's on today... Bottle Skills with the 0-5 years - Learn how to care for your baby's teeth from the very first tooth! Our friendly staff will share tips on healthy habits for little mouths. Stay and Play Fun A safe and welcoming space for little ones to explore, play, and learn through age-appropriate activities that support early development. Join us for a fun, relaxed, and engaging Stay and Play session. SEND Meet and Chat These sessions are open to anyone supporting a child with SEND – whether you're a parent carer, family member, or professional. Come along to ask questions, get practical advice, and connect with professionals who understand your journey. Look what's on today... Stay and Play Fun A safe and welcoming space for little ones to explore, play, and learn through age-appropriate activities that support early development. Join us for a fun, relaxed, and engaging Stay and Play session.
Tuesday 21st October 2025 Who can join this today: - Early help family support worker - Shropshire domestic abuse service - Housing support	Look what's on today... Stay and Play Fun A safe and welcoming space for little ones to explore, play, and learn through age-appropriate activities that support early development. Join us for a fun, relaxed, and engaging Stay and Play session.
Thursday 28th October 2025 Who can join this today: - Early help family support worker - Housing support	Look what's on today... Come and Celebrate Halloween and Autumn Join us for a special Stay and Play session filled with Halloween and Autumn crafts.

Free sessions
You do not need a child to attend the session to access family help. Safe, comfortable, confidential and informal space to talk. Early Help family support workers available to chat to every week.

We look forward to seeing you



Bridgnorth Library 67 Listley Street, Bridgnorth WV16 4AW. 1.00 until 3.00

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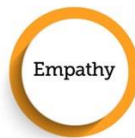
Our values :



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