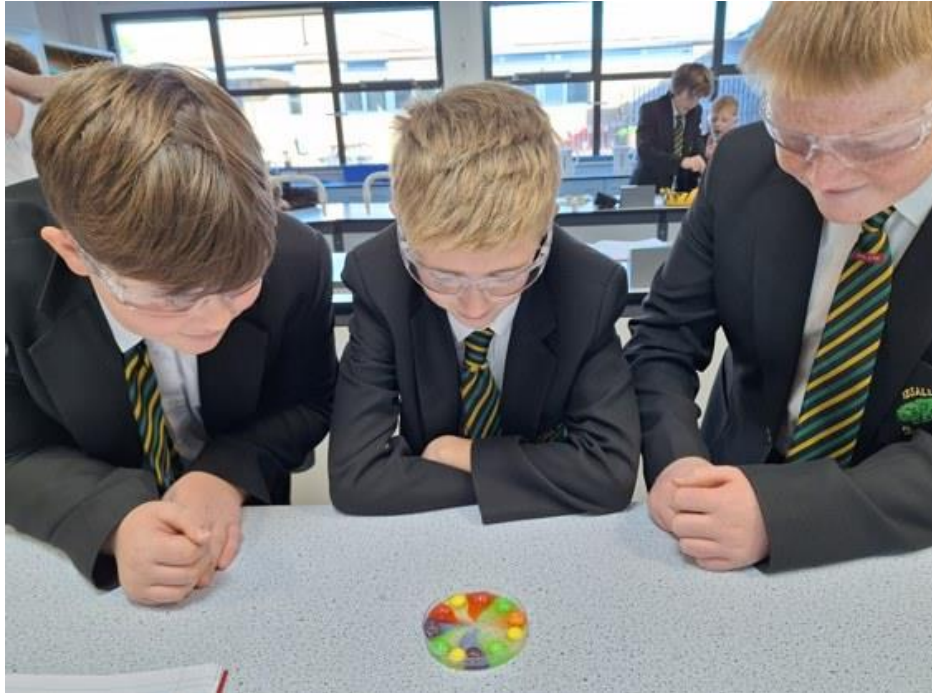




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Calendar



- Sat 29th Nov : Music to Continue the Fight
- Sat 29th Nov : 4All Foundation Festive Fair
- Thu 4th Dec : RBCM Music Open Day
- Thu 11th Dec : Christmas Jumper Day
- Thu 11th Dec : Year 11 Parents Evening
- Fri 12th Dec : Army Medical Services Visit
- Fri 19th Dec : School Break Up at 3.10 pm
- Mon 5th Jan : Back to School

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Michelle King - Headteacher





As the colder months set in, we're all feeling the change in the weather. At Idsall, we want to make sure every child is comfortable and ready to learn. Please remind your child of the importance of wearing full school uniform, including suitable outerwear for warmth. **Hoodies are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn**, so please help us by encouraging your child to stick to the correct dress code.

At break and lunch, we encourage students to stay in the dining area where it's warm and dry. When the weather is particularly cold or wet, we'll open extra spaces such as the Main Hall so everyone has a comfortable place to spend their free time. Classroom temperatures are monitored carefully to ensure they remain suitable for learning typically around **18–21°C**, in line with recommended standards. We want every student to feel safe, warm, and focused throughout the day.

Finally, as we move through this term, let's remind our young people that *"It's okay to make a mistake – it's what we do about it that matters."* Learning is a journey, and resilience is key to success.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make Idsall a safe, welcoming, and inspiring place for every child.

End of Term Arrangements – Advance Notice

School will break up for the Christmas Holidays on **Friday 19th December at 3:10pm (normal time)**.

Year 7 News



Christmas Charity Challenge

Mrs Reeve has launched a “Christmas Charity Challenge” for Year 7 this week. Each team has nominated a Christmas Champion, who will lead on this for their team. They have been challenged to raise money or collect items, that can then be donated to two charities that have supported some of our year 7 community and families since September.

The charities are Telford Crisis Support, who have supported pupils with uniform and shoes, and Shifnal foodbank who have supported some of our families with food parcels.

The Year 7 Christmas Champions are busy thinking of what they are going to do with their team (maybe they will do an event to raise money, maybe they will simply take donations of money or food, a reverse advent calendar etc – who knows!) - and we look forward to hearing their ideas next week. Prizes will be issued for the best team ideas, community spirit and the best Christmas Champion.



Year 10 News



Heart Dissection

On Friday last week, year 10 students completed a heart dissection. This was an alternative way of learning through hands on experience and the students really enjoyed doing the practical science!









Work Experience

- Please can you ensure your child uploads their work experience placements to UniFrog by February half term.
- They have login access to this.
- Any problems, please ask to see Miss Martin or Mrs Boyd

Sixth Form News



Star City Visit



Year 13 Health and Social Care students took the opportunity this week to go to Star City in Birmingham for a grade booster workshop in preparation for their January exam. They were great in the session, answering lots of questions and even winning a prize!

Well done to all involved.

OTHER IDSALL NEWS



*** Christmas Jumper Day!**

Thursday 11th December - Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day!

On **Thursday 11th December** Idsall School have again signed up to take part in the **Save the Children's Christmas Jumper day!**

This means that students are asked to bring in a donation for the charity and they can wear a wonderful festive jumper. Donations will be collected by their tutors during their morning team time.

With the exception of the Christmas jumper, school uniform remains unchanged.

Christmas Jumper Day is one of Save the Children's biggest annual fundraising events. It's been going since 2012!

Every December they ask schools, workplaces, and community and friend groups to put on a Christmas jumper and donate whatever they can afford. And every year, millions of you join in making the world better in a sweater.

By taking part this year you will be helping support kids and families who are having to deal with an increasingly volatile world. The money raised on Christmas Jumper Day will help children in the UK and all around the world stay safe, healthy and learning - and change their future for good.



*** From the PE Department**



Badminton East Shropshire KS3 Boys

Jake, Kian, Adem and Ethan played in the first badminton tournament of the year!

Some tough competition meant there were some very close games with Idsall finishing 3rd closely behind eventual winners Bridgnorth Endowed School.

We fought valiantly against the winners losing all 5 games to lose the match but by only 6 points maximum win margin.

The scores were 15-13, 15-12, 15-9, 15-9, 15-12.

Playing both singles and doubles the boys lost 70 points to 68 in the silver medal match vs Oldbury wells, on another day this could easily have been overturned, the boys losing this match by 3 games to 2.

Lots of lessons and tactics learned more games to follow with the girls KS3 event before Christmas and Telford league for all KS3 and KS4 squads coming up over the next two Wednesdays.



Presidents County Cup

The year 9 boys made it a 8-0 win in their first round of the Presidents County Cup vs a skillful but physically smaller Ludlow school. Mr Goodison is still in shock after a narrow defeat to last years cup winners in the first round of the County Plate to this landslide win. He can't believe how this team have improved from last season!

4-0 up at half time and putting another 4 in second half with all players contributing well. This leads us to a 2nd round game away vs HLC (hopefully before Christmas).

Well done Year 9 boys on a solid win.



CVL Tournament

The year 8 girls football team travelled to New Road Academy for their second CVL tournament. The girls showed resilience and determination on a cold Tuesday evening by being one of the only two teams to show up.

We beat New Road Academy 2-1 with both goals coming from Layla M 🏆

Star players

- 🌟 Ruby W
- 🌟 Molly S
- 🌟 Maisie P

Up next for the girls ➡

🏆 U13 EFL tournament @ Shrewsbury Town FC

🏆 County Cup round 2 vs Madeley



Football Coaching Course

So proud of our girls who completed their football coaching course with Trusted Education!



They were amazing — full of energy, teamwork, and confidence.



PE Kit Accumulation

We have had a major accumulation of kit in PE and its got to the point where we cant walk in our own store cupboard without the risk of falling over, so Ms Broughton had a tidy up!

- Any kit which had a name in it has been returned to the student

- Kit with no name needs to be collected or they will have to throw it away

Kit bags were found with full uniform including blazers, full PE kits, football boots etc so if your students comes home missing PE kit please ask them to go and check the PE department!

Putting names in PE kit really does help with us returning lost property.

Aston Villa bag has still not been claimed



*** Students Said, We Listened, We Did!**

We're thrilled to share some exciting news that came directly from student feedback! They asked for better access to fresh drinking water and we delivered.

Three brand-new water fountains have been installed across the school for everyone to enjoy:

- By Drama
- In the Dining Area
- In the PE Corridor

These fountains aren't just standard taps they're designed with dual functionality, giving you the choice to drink from the fountain or fill up your bottles easily. Plus, each unit is fitted with high-quality filters to ensure the water is fresh, clean, and refreshingly cold.

This improvement is all about making our school experience better and healthier. Thank you to all the students that shared their ideas keep them coming!

#Together, we're making Idsall an even better place to learn and thrive.



*** Reception Notices**

Dropping Off Items

Polite Reminder.

Please refrain from dropping off items for your child at reception, we are unable to deliver them to classrooms. We will try our best by emailing class teachers but cannot guarantee that the item will be passed on. It is your child's responsibility to collect the dropped off item at break or lunchtime.

Lost Property

We have a lot of lost property at reception and the staff are slowly becoming lost underneath piles of coats, PE kits, jackets, blazers, pencil cases, water bottles etc! Regretfully, we do not have the space to keep it.

Therefore, from now on, lost property will be kept for one week. If it is not collected within a week it will be discarded. Anything collected on a Monday will be discarded the following Monday etc.



* Help the Canteen

Aramark our canteen providers have asked our students to complete a feedback survey to find out what they think of the canteen food and how they can improve.

The link is below. It would be great to have as much feedback as possible so that the student voices are heard with regards to their break and lunchtime food. If they haven't done it yet, ask them to log on with the link below :



* Shropshire Council Consultation

School Admission Arrangements 2027/28



NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2027/28

Shropshire Council, as admission authority for community and controlled schools in Shropshire, is conducting a consultation exercise on School Admission Arrangements for 2027/28. The Council is simultaneously coordinating a consultation exercise for own admission authority schools, such as academies, whose governing bodies/trustees are responsible for setting their admission arrangements and who wish to make changes to those arrangements. We wish to notify all parents/carers that the consultation will begin on **28 November 2025** and continue for more than 6 weeks until **16 January 2026**.

The proposed amendment to Shropshire Council's admission arrangements is as follows:
Changing the definition of a sibling from 'older sibling' to 'a sibling' to the oversubscription criteria for all community and voluntary controlled schools in Shropshire.

Proposed changes to [Shropshire's admission authority school arrangements](#) are shown below.

The consultation documents and further information can be found on the individual school websites and on the Shropshire Council website www.shropshire.gov.uk in the link to Consultation on Admission Arrangements 2027.

Holy Trinity CE Primary, Mereside CE Primary, Buildwas Academy, Ellesmere Primary, Barrow 1618 Free School and Woodside Primary School, Oswestry, Baschurch CE Primary, Bishop Hooper CE Primary, Claverley CE Primary, Corvedale CE Primary, Longden CE Primary, Whittington CE Primary and Weston Lullingfields CE Primary Schools and The Community College, Bishops Castle	are proposing to change the sibling criteria for both in and out of area from 'an older' sibling to 'a sibling'
Woore Primary School	have joined the Collective Vision Trust and therefore need to consult
Crowmoor Primary and The Martin Wilson Primary Schools	have joined the SHINE Academies Trust and therefore need to consult have joined the SHINE Academies Trust and therefore need to consult
Albrighton Primary School	have joined the Four Hills Education Trust and are also proposing to change the sibling criteria for both in and out of area siblings from 'an older' sibling to 'a sibling'
The Corbet School	is proposing to reduce its PAN from 145 to 135.
Clunbury Primary, Norbury Primary and St Mary's CE Primary School Bucknall	are proposing to change the sibling criteria for both in and out of area from 'an older' sibling to 'a sibling' and adding staff into their oversubscription criteria
The Diocese of Herefordshire Multi Academy Trust	are proposing to add staff criteria into their oversubscription criteria for the following schools: Bishops Castle Primary, Condover CE Primary, Lydbury North CE Primary, Onny CE Primary, St Edward's CE Primary and St George's CE Primary Schools.
Empower Multi-Academy Trust	are proposing one over-arching policy for all its trust schools and in addition the following schools are proposing to change the sibling criteria for both in and out of area siblings from 'an older' sibling to 'a sibling' along with moving the staff criteria priority to a standard position across the trust for Market Drayton Infant, Market Drayton Junior, St George's CE Junior, St Mary's CE Primary Shawbury, St Peter's CE Primary Wern, The Wilfred Owen and Woodfield Infant Schools. In addition to the above changes, Greenacres Primary School is also proposing to reduce its PAN from 30 to 15.

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Marches Academy Trust	are proposing to change the sibling criteria for both in and out of area siblings from 'an older' sibling to 'a sibling' at Grange Primary, Longlands Primary, Lower Heath CE Primary, Oakmeadow CE Primary, and Tilstock Primary Schools and The Marches, Idsall Secondary, The Grove, Shrewsbury Academy and Sir John Talbot's Secondary schools. The following schools have also joined the trust: Cockshutt CE Primary, Criffins CE Primary and Selattyn CE Primary so need to consult.
St John's Catholic Primary School, Bridgnorth	are proposing to give a higher priority to PLAC/LAC children of the catholic faith.
Whitchurch CE Infant and Whitchurch CE Junior Schools	are proposing to change the sibling criteria for both in and out of area siblings from 'an older' sibling to 'a sibling' as well as giving priority for siblings attending either school at the time of application.
Severn Bridges Multi-Academy Trust	are proposing one over-arching policy for all its trust schools and in addition the following schools are proposing to change the sibling criteria for both in and out of area siblings from 'an older' sibling to 'a sibling' along with moving the staff criteria priority to a standard position across the trust: Greenfields Primary, Mount Pleasant Primary and Radbrook Primary Schools. Harlescott Junior and Sundome Infant Schools, in addition to the above are proposing to give priority for siblings attending either school at the time of application
Shropshire Church of England Academies Trust	are proposing one over-arching policy for all its trust schools and in addition the following schools are proposing to change the sibling criteria for both in and out of area siblings from 'an older' sibling to 'a sibling' at Beckbury CE Primary, Bicton CE Primary, Bomere Heath CE Primary, Christ Church CE Primary, Meole Brace CE Primary, St John the Baptist CE Ruyton, St Mary's CE Bluecoat Primary and Worfield Endowed CE Primary Schools.
Shropshire Gateway Education Trust has merged to form the Four Stones Gateway Trust.	The following trust schools are proposing to change the sibling criteria for both in and out of area siblings from 'an older' sibling to 'a sibling': Clee Hill Community Academy, Stottesdon CE Primary School and The Lacon Child School. In addition to this, Cleobury Mortimer are also proposing to reduce their PAN from 37 to 30.
The 3-18 Education Trust	are proposing to change the sibling criteria for both in and out of area siblings from 'an older' sibling to 'a sibling' at Bowbrook Primary, Coleham, Primary, Hodnet Primary, Much Wenlock primary schools and Bridgnorth Endowed, The Priory, St Martins, Thomas Adams William Brookes School. In addition, William Brookes School is removing its sixth form criteria and John Wilkinson Primary School has joined the trust.
The Trust-Ed Schools	are proposing one over-arching policy for all its trust schools and a change to the sibling criteria for both in and out of area siblings from 'an older' sibling to 'a sibling' for its school as follows: Alveley Primary, Castlefields CE Primary, St Leonard's CE and Stokesay CE primary Schools. Belvidere School, Church Stretton, Mary Webb, Meole Brace and Oldbury Wells secondary schools

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You can make comments on any of the proposed changes and submit by **Friday 16 January 2026**
e-mail school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk, contact the school directly, or write to:
Shropshire Council, c/o The Guildhall, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HQ

*Community & Voluntary Controlled Schools as follows:

Shrewsbury Area	North Area	South Area
Belvidere Primary School Oxon CE Primary School St Giles' CE Primary School St Lucia's CE Primary School	Adderley CE Primary School Bryn Offa CE Primary School Buntingdale Primary School Gobowen Primary School Hadnall CE Primary School Kinnerley CE Primary School Morda CE Primary School Moreton Say CE Primary School Myddle CE Primary & Nursery School Nesscliffe St Andrew's CE Primary School Newtown CE Primary School Norton-in-Hales CE Primary School The Meadows Primary School Stoke-on-Tern Primary School Trefonen CE Primary School Welshampton CE Primary School West Felton CE Primary School Weston Rhyn Primary School	Albrighton St Mary's CE Primary School Brockton CE Primary School Broseley CE Primary School Brown Clee CE Primary School Chirbury CE Primary & Nursery School Church Preen Primary School Church Stretton, St Lawrence CE Primary & Nursery School Farlow CE Primary School Hanwood, St Thomas & St Anne's CE Primary School Highley Primary School Kinlet CE Primary School Longnor CE Primary School Ludlow, St Laurence CE Primary School Minsterley Primary School Newcastle CE Primary School Pontesbury CE Primary School Rushbury CE Primary School Sheriffhales Primary & Pre School Shifnal Primary School Shifnal St Andrew's CE Primary School Stiperstones CE Primary School Trinity CE Primary School Wistanstow CE Primary School Worthern Long Mountain CE Primary School

* Beauty and the Beast



Rehearsal Schedule

Students will not be allowed scripts in any rehearsal except for rehearsal 1 when you will be given scripts. It is the students responsibility to make sure they learn any lines they have in preparation for each rehearsal.

All cast members are expected to attend every rehearsal unless absent from school that day. More than 3 absences without a valid reason given to Mrs Creighton will result in roles being re-cast.

Tuesday 25th November	Wednesday 26th November	Friday 28th November
<i>Acting D1</i>	<i>Dance D1</i>	<i>Singing STA - lunch</i>
Prologue & Scene 1: Pg.1- pg.18	Song- 'Belle' Pg. 3-pg.14	Belle Belle Reprise
Tuesday 2nd December	Wednesday 3rd December	Friday 5th December
Scene 2- Scene 4 Pg.18-pg.27	Song- 'Belle' Pg. 3-pg.14	Belle Home
Tuesday 9th December	Wednesday 10th December	Friday 12th December
Scene 5- Scene 7 Pg. 27- pg. 48	Song- 'Gaston' Pg. 38-pg. 44	Gaston Gaston Reprise
Tuesday 16th December	Wednesday 17th December	Friday 19th December
Scene 7- Scene 8 Pg. 48-pg. 67	Song- 'Gaston' Pg. 38-pg. 44	Gaston Gaston Reprise
Tuesday 6th January	Wednesday 7th January	Friday 9th January
Scene 9- Scene 11 Pg. 67- pg. 89	Song- 'Gaston' Pg. 38-pg. 44	Be Our Guest
Tuesday 13th January	Wednesday 14th January	Friday 16th January
Scene 12 Pg 89- pg.96 (run-through of all scenes so far if there is time)	Run-through of dances to 'Belle' and 'Gaston' Start 'Be our Guest' Pg. 52-pg. 62	Be Our Guest Run all songs so far
Tuesday 20th January	Wednesday 21st January	Friday 23rd January
Scene 13-Finale Pg. 96- pg.102	Song- 'Be our Guest' Pg. 52-pg. 62	Something There Human Again
Tuesday 27th January	Wednesday 28th January	Friday 30th January
Run-through of all scenes	Song- 'Be our Guest' Pg. 52-pg. 62	Something There Human Again

Tuesday 6th January	Wednesday 7th January	Friday 9th January
Scene 9- Scene 11 Pg. 67- pg. 89	Song- 'Gaston' Pg. 38- pg. 44	Be Our Guest
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Tuesday 20th January	Wednesday 21st January	Friday 23rd January
Scene 13- Finale Pg. 96- pg.102	Song- 'Be our Guest' Pg. 52- pg. 62	Something There Human Again
Tuesday 27th January	Wednesday 28th January	Friday 30th January
Run-through of all scenes	Song- 'Be our Guest' Pg. 52- pg. 62	Something There Human Again

Tuesday 3rd February	Wednesday 4th February	Friday 6th February
Run-through of all scenes	Song- 'Be our Guest' Pg. 52- pg. 62 Run-through of all dances	Beauty and The Beast The Mob Song
Tuesday 10th February	Wednesday 11th February	Friday 13th February
Run-through of all scenes	Song – 'Something There' Pg.69- pg.74	Recap Something There
Tuesday 24th February	Wednesday 25th February	Friday 27th February
Run-through of all scenes	Song- 'Human Again' Pg. 76- pg.82	Recap Human Again

Tuesday 3rd March	Wednesday 4th March	Friday 6th March
Run-through of all scenes	Song- 'Human Again' Pg. 76- pg.82	Recap Gaston Recap Be Our Guest
Tuesday 10th March	Wednesday 11th March	Friday 13th March
Run-through of all scenes	Run-through of all dances	Run through all ensemble songs
Tuesday 17th March	Wednesday 18th March	Friday 20th March
Run-through of all scenes	Song- 'Beauty and The Beast' Pg.85- pg.86	Run through all solo songs
Tuesday 24th March	Wednesday 25th March	Friday 27th March
Run-through of all scenes	Song- 'Beauty and The Beast' Pg. 85- pg.86 Run-through of all dances	Run through all ensemble songs

Tuesday 14th April	Wednesday 15th April	Friday 17th April
Run-through of all scenes	Song- 'Mob Song' Pg.92- pg.96	Run through all solo
Tuesday 21st April	Wednesday 22nd April	Friday 24th April
Run-through of all scenes	Song- 'Mob Song' Pg.92- pg.96	Finale
Tuesday 28th April	Wednesday 29th April	Friday 1st May
Run-through of all scenes	Song- 'Mob Song' Pg.92- pg.96	Finale
All rehearsals moving forwards are full-run throughs in the hall		

* Trips Update

Disneyland 2026



Many thanks to all those that are paid up to date. The deadline for the 2nd payment has now passed and the places have been booked for those students.

For information the final payment of £215.00 is due by Friday 9th January 2026.

We will be sending out a letter early next week requesting the passport and GHIC information. If you have not got either of them please send for them as a matter of urgency. I have to pass this to the company the first week in January. GHIC cards are free of charge. Please follow the link below.

Link for the GHIC card is : [Applying for healthcare cover abroad \(GHIC and EHIC\) - NHS](#)

Any questions / queries, please email Cathy.Leverington@ids.mmat.co.uk.

* 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

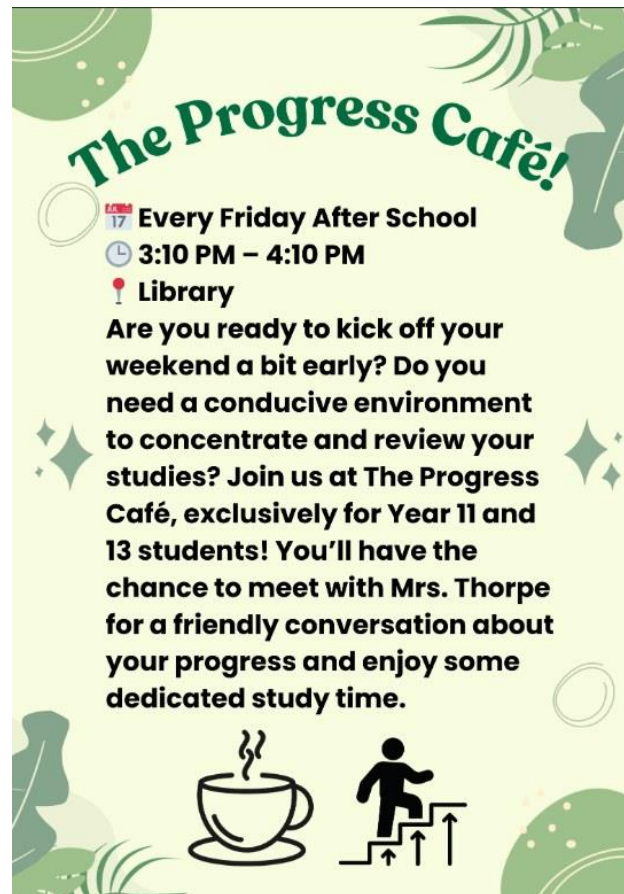
Wednesday's Session Six Activities		
Activity	Year	Location
French Online Learning Club (LanguageNutz)	Year 7/8/9	L2
ECO Club (Week B)	All Years	S8
KS5 Chemistry	Year 12/13	S3
GCSE History	Year 11	H4
GCSE Business	Year 11	Lecture Theatre
Cooking Club (Week A)	Year 7/8	D2
Study Zone	All Years	Library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

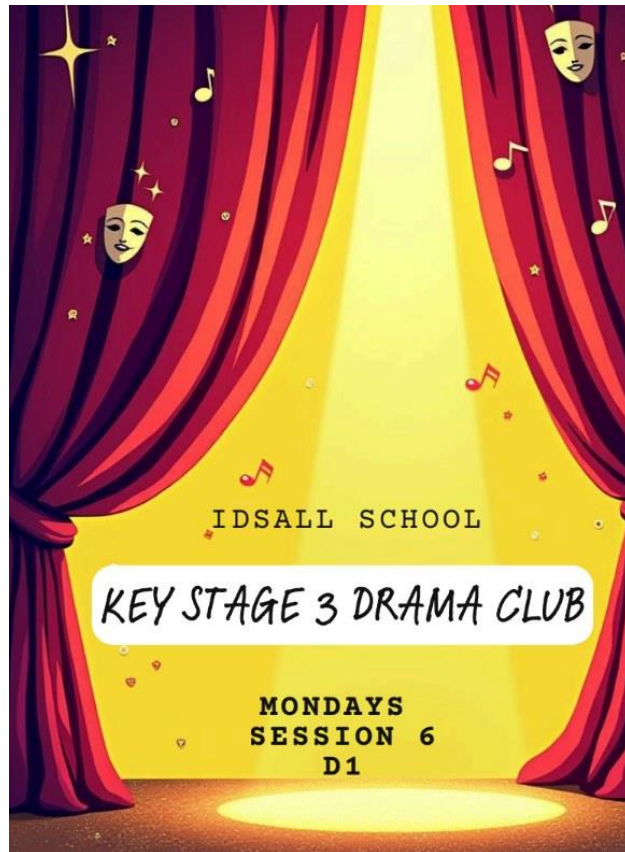
 **Every Friday After School**

 **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

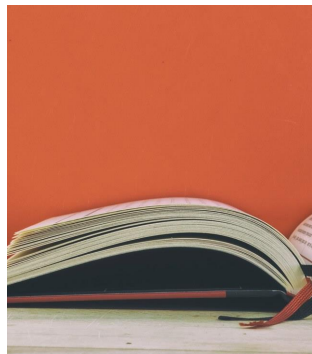
IN THE POD (INTERVENTION ROOMS)

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





-  **Join the Sixth Form Reading Group!**
- Discover new books, share your thoughts, and enjoy great discussions with fellow readers.
 -  **When:** Every Wednesday (Week B)
 -  **Time:** 13:45
 -  **Where:** Room BA1
 - **Open to all Sixth Form students. Bring your lunch and your love of reading!**



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



* 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 TIKTOK

Online videos are often associated with apps such as YouTube, but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a potentially addictive, never-ending stream of short clips tailored to users' interests based on their viewing habits. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while most content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where young people are "most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE RESTRICTION 13+
Content features are restricted to over the age of 13.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
TikTok's following feed shows videos from known creators, while the 'For You' feed serves endless clips based on viewing history. Most are harmless, but sometimes content can offend, encourage bad behavior, or show signs of self-harm. Although TikTok has a reporting system, the volume of posts means some slip through, increasing the chance that children will see age-inappropriate material before it is detected or removed.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS
Because it has 1.5 billion people use TikTok, meaning there's a high risk of unwanted contact from strangers. Accounts created by people (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public, unless by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their video to others and allows anyone to download or comment on them.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES
Ofcom reports that most online harms to girls involve body image, while boys more often see dangerous challenges. Both types appear frequently on TikTok and spread quickly through its engagement-driven algorithm. Notable challenges have included the "blackout" trend, where users hold their breath until passing out. For some, this has led to children being in the hospital, showing how extreme or risky content can rapidly reach young people and negatively influence them.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION
TikTok's short videos may appear light-hearted, but they can expose young people to harmful ideas. Misinformation is common, and Ofcom reports that nearly one third of 12-15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source. Increasing the chance of seeing real, misinterpreted, extremist or conspiracy material. Even small clips can influence impressionable users and shape their worldview, making discussions about critical thinking, propaganda and online influence especially important for parents and educators.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN
TikTok's fast-paced stream of eye-catching videos can be potentially addictive for young users. In 2016, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the platform. Double the time recorded in 2015. Evidence can suggest that, in some instances, exposure can lead to sleep, mood, anxiety, and distorted thinking. Compulsive scrolling, constantly checking back in, is the way the app keeps attention, making it harder to focus on longer tasks such as homework, or school.

IN-APP SPENDING
TikTok is free, but children can still spend money. TikTok coins, costing £5.99 to £224.95, let users buy gifts for creators. TikTok shop adds risk by allowing purchases from influencers or celebrities. Some have been found to promote counterfeit goods or to be involved in pyramid schemes. A Canadian investigation found TikTok collected personal data from many users, including age and location, despite age limits, meaning young users may lose control over their personal information.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING
Family Pairing allows parents to lock their 13-year-old account to their child's in order to manage settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode, limiting the videos a child sees to appropriate content. Set screen time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children cannot alter these settings without parental approval.

BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING
Parents can restrict in-app purchases on iPhone and Android devices to prevent accidental or impulsive TikTok spending. Young people can easily spend large amounts on TikTok coins or use 'gifts' provided through TikTok Shop. If a disappointing purchase occurs, turn it into a discussion about influencer marketing and how online purchases can be misleading.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS
If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure they don't share any identifying personal information or respond to dangerous trends, and that they know to look to be trusted about if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's important to talk about misinformation and propaganda.

READ THE SIGNS
If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased anxiety and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

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* 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.

Work Experience – Year 10

- Please can you ensure your child uploads their work experience placements to UniFrog by February half term.
- They have access to login to this.
- Any problems, please ask to see Miss Martin or Mrs Boyd

WHAT'S ON IN THE LOCAL AREA



Shifnal Events

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!

Try Something New! Taekwon-Do FREE CLASSES!

Congratulations to Mr. Morris on achieving **6th Dan**. This is an amazing achievement showing dedication and commitment to the sport.

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



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