



IDSALL NEWS edition 47

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- Tue 9th Dec : Bake Sale by 7WCR
- Thu 11th Dec : Christmas Jumper Day
- Thu 11th Dec : Christmas Shop by 7SLL
- Thu 11th Dec : Year 11 Parents Evening
- Fri 12th Dec : Army Medical Services Visit
- Mon 15th Dec : Primary School Christmas Lunch
- Mon 15th Dec : Cake Sale by 7CHA

- Tue 16th Dec : Whole School Christmas Lunch
- Fri 19th Dec : School Break Up at 3.10 pm
- Mon 5th Jan : Back to School
- w/c 12th Jan : Year 12 & 13 Two Week Exam Block
- w/c 12th Jan : GCSE Food Practical Exams
- Mon 27th Jan : Careers Fayre
- Thu 6th Feb : Year 9 Options & Parents Evening
- Fri 14th Feb : Collaboration Day
- Mon 18th Feb : Half Term
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- Tue 25th Feb : Year 9 Online Options Evening
- Tue 25th Feb : Start of Year 11 Mock Exams
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As we approach the final weeks of term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible efforts of our students and staff.

This time of year is always busy, but it's also a wonderful opportunity to celebrate achievements, recognise progress, and look ahead to the exciting **plans for the new year**.

A Moment That Reminded Me Why We Never Stop Learning

This week, a student noticed I had a book in my hand and asked, *"Miss, what are you reading?"* I replied, *"Practice Perfect"* showing them my book. That simple question led to a fantastic discussion about how learning doesn't stop when you leave school. The student said, *"So even you are still learning?"*

Absolutely! In fact, the best teachers and the best learners are always curious and looking for ways to improve, reading is so powerful.

This conversation is a great reminder for all of us: reading and learning are lifelong habits. When children see adults reading, it sends a powerful message that learning is valuable at every stage of life. Whether it's a book, an article, or even a new skill, every moment spent learning helps us grow.

Why not ask your child what they're reading today or share what you're reading? Together, we can build a culture where curiosity never ends.

Year 11 Updates:

Mock exams have now been completed, and results will be shared just before the upcoming Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday, 11th December. This evening is a vital opportunity to review progress and discuss strategies for success as we move towards the summer exams. Please ensure you book your appointments promptly to make the most of this session.

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



Community Challenge

Rumour has it the year 7 are taking the Community Challenge really seriously! I believe, so far, we have :

- A Christmas Shop
- Food and Money Collection / Donations
- Bake Sales
- Guess the Teddy Name
- Sweet Shop
- Shoebox Collection

to name but a few of the ideas they are working on! Hopefully plenty of photos to follow!



7WCR Bake Sale

As part of the year 7 Christmas Community Challenge outlined in last weeks newsletter, 7WCR will be holding a bake sale on Tuesday 9th December at break time on the gym patio!

There will be a range of delicious baked goods for pupils to purchase with all money going to Telford Crisis Support and Shifnal Foodbank. Pupils will need to bring money in to school if they wish to purchase something.

7DBR New & Used Toys

Mr Braid's tutor group 7DBR are asking for any new or used toys (*but if used, they must be in perfect condition*) to be brought in. They are then going to box them and label whether the gift is for a boy / girl and the age appropriate.

If you can donate a gift then please drop it at reception and they will happily collect them in for us.

As a tutor group they are also looking at opening up one of the team rooms during break or lunch to watch a short film, sell cakes, biscuits and sweets!

7CHA Cake Sale

For our Year 7 team Community Challenge 7CHA are having a cake sale in BA9 on Monday 15th December at break and lunchtime (if cakes left)

There will be a free drink for every purchase!



7SLL Christmas Shop

Thursday 11th December, 7SLL are hosting a Christmas shop in room A3, where they have been busy making handmade cards and gifts. There will also be a raffle where you can have the chance to win a Christmas sweet and chocolate treat bag. Tickets for the bag are £1.



Thea Represents Shropshire Schools!

We heard the incredible news that Thea, year 7, was selected to represent Shropshire schools in the Dave Sunderland Inter County Cross Country held on Saturday 22nd November. This is a massive achievement and got this opportunity when the PE department took her on a cross country event earlier this school year!

Thea put in a fantastic performance achieving 3rd place - attached is a photo of her with her bronze medal.

Well done Thea!



Year 10 News



Casen Represents Country!

We have received some very exciting news!!

Casen Thompson, year 10, has been offered a place with the British Cycling Association on the "National" Talent Academy.

There were only 4 places offered to riders from all over the country and Casen has been chosen as one of them.

Casen will be representing his country, for International Competitions in BMX Freestyle!

This is an incredible achievement for this 14 years old and we wish him all the best in his future competitions. We will hopefully be getting regular updates on how he is getting on!



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



Hamper Packing

Last Thursday, Idsall Sixth Form attended the annual Christmas Hamper packing event for Shifnal Help Foodbank.

Current and former pupils worked together with members of the community to bring some Christmas cheer to local families. The event saw almost 100 hampers packed and sealed ready to be distributed.







Christmas Crafternoons

Last week saw the first of the Sixth Form Christmas "Crafternoons".

There are many ways to explore creativity and have a well deserved break from screen time and studies. Some people like to read, others play sport and then there are those, who like to make things. During the run up to the Christmas holidays, crafting activities will be provided with a Christmas theme.

Christmas decorations were in full production, using origami and wool.





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, or make a donation via parent pay, 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.



*** Whole School Christmas Lunch**

Tuesday 16th December is the whole school Christmas lunch. Please take a look at the scrumptious food on offer!

Please be aware that as per previous years, the canteen will be closed at break time and there will be limited alternative menu choices on at lunchtime.



* Christmas Concert

Come and join us!

Idsall School Music & Drama Departments proudly present their Annual Christmas Concert at St Andrew's Church, Shifnal. Doors open from 6.45pm, so why not wrap up warm and join us for a magical night of Christmas festivities and entertainment.

Everyone is welcome!



* Christmas Card Winners



The Art Department have ran their annual christmas card competition and the quality this year was outstanding! Judging of the various years artistic designs was not an easy decision.

The top three places in each year group have won themselves an Amazon voucher which will be emailed out to them.

Congratulations to our winners :

- **Year 7**
 - **Mina Iqbal - 7CHA**
 - **Meg Ginder - 7CHA**
 - **Phoebe Ash - 7AFO**
- **Year 8**

- **Jess Smith - 8LEG**
- **Charlotte Bagnall - 8SBR**
- **Molly Smith - 8SDA**
- **Year 9**
 - **Lily Green - 9SFE**
 - **Izzy Kucharczyk - 9HLO**
 - **Annie Weaver - 9CPI**



MINA
Year 7 – 1st Prize Winner



MEGAN

Year 7 - 2nd Prize Winner



PHOEBE

Year 7 - 3rd Prize Winner



JESS

Year 8 - 1st Prize Winner



CHARLOTTE
Year 8 - 2nd Prize Winner



MOLLY
Year 8 - 3rd Prize Winner



LILY
Year 9 - 1st Prize Winner



IZZY

Year 9 – 2nd Prize Winner



ANNIE

Year 9 – 3rd Prize Winner



* Sparx Weekly Winners



Sparx Reader is an engaging and supportive platform in which pupils can develop their reading and literacy skills. Students are offered a fantastic range of books targeted at their level and can use a wide range of text and background colours.

Points are tallied and the English department can see who is top of their class or of their year group!

Last week's weekly winners for Sparx Reader are shown below. The number refers to how many points they have achieved – the minimum target for every student in Year 7 to 10 is 300. Each student who achieves 300 or more SRP will be awarded positive points for home learning.

Watch this space for end of term prizes for the highest SRP in each year group!

Year 7	Krittika R	2,029
	Mina I	1,820
	Bhargav K	1,586

Year 8	Milo J	4,656
	Annabelle S	1,171
	William P	861

Year 9	Charlotte G	2,433
	Rydlan W	1,462
	Oscar B	1,264

Year 10	Bobby S	802
	Mia W	671
	Ava C	480

* Redhouse Music

Saturday saw our musicians and singers on stage at the Redhouse in Albrighton as they took part in *Albrighton Calling - Music to Continue the Fight*.











A huge shout out to our musicians and singers for their brilliant performances This was a huge first time for some of them!



* Sprachen Competition

This is the last week of the Sprachen competition. There is still time for you to be part of the leader board!

See the current leader board below:

Rank	Name	Class	Points	Certificate
1	Marcus Chan	9A3 2025-26	103,800	
2	Hollingsworth Millie	100 French 2025-2026	95,600	
3	Evans Harry	7L1 25-26	89,500	
4	Simmons Mollie	7L1 25-26	81,000	
5	Ighat Zack	100 French 2025-2026	74,000	
6	Collins Grace	100 French 2025-2026	69,200	
7	Gill Harriet	100 French 2025-2026	66,700	
8	Holton Leon	100 French 2025-2026	54,000	
9	Murphy Connie	7A4 25-26	47,000	
10	Cameron July	100 French 2025-2026	47,000	

Rank	Name	Points
1	100 French 2025-2026	140700
2	7L1 25-26	228300
3	9A3 2025-26	101800
4	110 French 2025-26	50400
5	7A4 25-26	47600
6	8A2 2025-26	46900
7	7L3 25-26	28900
8	8L1 2025-26	21600
9	7A2 25-26	4600

Remember : If you aren't in it you can't win it!!

* ETT Talk

Thank you to Milly Garbett for joining us this morning for a 'Your Period, Your Power' talk with our Year 7 and Year 8 girls. The students learnt about how your sport can become your superpower with your cycle and had some brilliant questions to ask Milly!

A few of our year 8 students learnt a newfound confidence talking about the topic and some have even been talking about putting together their own period pack as suggested by Milly!

You can follow Milly on Instagram @millygarbett_coach for more info and tips on all things sport, training, triathlons and managing all this as a female!



* From the PE Department



Christmas House Sports Competition

Which house is going to come out on top...GAME ON!!



Idsall Beat SJT!

A fantastic performance from our U12 and U15 girls teams in the second round of the County Cup.

The girls travelled to Trust School SJT.

The U12s came home with a 15-2 win goals from :

- ⚽ April x 9 goals
- ⚽ Thea x 3 goals
- ⚽ Belle x 2 goals
- ⚽ Amia x 1 goal

The U15s also dominated however were held off from more goals due to an outstanding goalkeeping performance from SJT. The U15's came home 2-0 winners goals from :

- ⚽ Alyza
- ⚽ Ash

The girls are now focusing on the quarter finals to be played after Christmas!



U13 EFL Football

On Friday, Miss Logan, Miss Broughton and 29 of our year 7 and 8 girls headed off to Shrewsbury Town FC for the U13 EFL girls cup.

The 4 teams battled through wind, rain, hail and freezing conditions against 5 other schools and played some brilliant football.

Our 'Idsall United' team made it all the way to the final where we unfortunately lost out on penalties! Lots of resilience shown through the wintry conditions and lots of fun had!

Well Done to all girls who played 🌟 ⚽️ ❤️

Star players 🌟 Lucy S 🌟 Maisie P 🌟 Ruby W 🌟 Molly S 🌟 April R 🌟 Thea B 🌟 Isla M



Year 8 Girls Football

Congratulations to the year 8 (featuring year 7) girls for their amazing win against Madeley! The girls won 9-1. With goals from April R x 3, Thea B x 3, Layla M x 2, Isla M x 1!

They all played amazingly well with Man Of Match being split between 3 people Lucy S (captain), April R and Thea B!

They are now through to the third round of the County Cup - dates for this will be issued in the New Year.

Well done to all who played!





* Parent Governor Voting Reminder

"Your voice matters! Parent and Carer involvement in this election is important. We have three nominees for Parent Governor. Please cast your vote. Every vote counts!"

Please click on the link for details [Parent-Governor-Ballot-Paper-December-2025.pdf](#)

Only 7 days left to vote! Deadline is Friday 12th December at 3:10pm.

* 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	
<p>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.</p> <p>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*.</p> <p>Proposed changes to Shropshire's admission authority school arrangements are shown below.</p> <p>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.</p>	
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, Convedale CE Primary, Longden CE Primary, Whittington CE Primary and Weston Lullingfields CE Primary Schools and The Community College, Bishops Castle Woore Primary School	are proposing to change the sibling criteria for both in and out of area from 'an older' sibling to 'a sibling'
Crowmoor Primary and The Martin Wilson Primary Schools	have joined the Collective Vision Trust and therefore need to consult
Albrighton Primary School	have joined the SHINE Academies Trust and therefore need to consult have joined the SHINE Academies Trust and therefore need to consult
The Corbet 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' 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 Wem, 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
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 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



Letters have gone out this 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](#)

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

If you want a paper copy of the letter and forms, please ask your student to pop to the library and collect one.

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 <i>(Week A)</i>	Year 11	Various English rooms
French <i>(Week B)</i>	Year 11	L2
Study Zone	All Years	Library
Computer Science <i>(Week A)</i>	Year 11	B1
Music <i>(Week A)</i>	Year 11	STA
BTEC Sport <i>(Week A)</i>	Year 11	P2
English Literature <i>(Week B)</i>	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 <i>(Week A)</i>	Year 11	R2
Study Zone	All Years	Library
Food <i>(Week B)</i>	Year 11	D2
D&T <i>(Week B)</i>	Year 11	D2
Health and Social Care <i>(Week B)</i>	Year 11	D2
Sociology <i>(Week A)</i>	Year 13	C2
Databases resit group <i>(Week B)</i>	Year 13	B1
Biology <i>(Week B)</i>	Year 13	S8
History	Year 13	H4

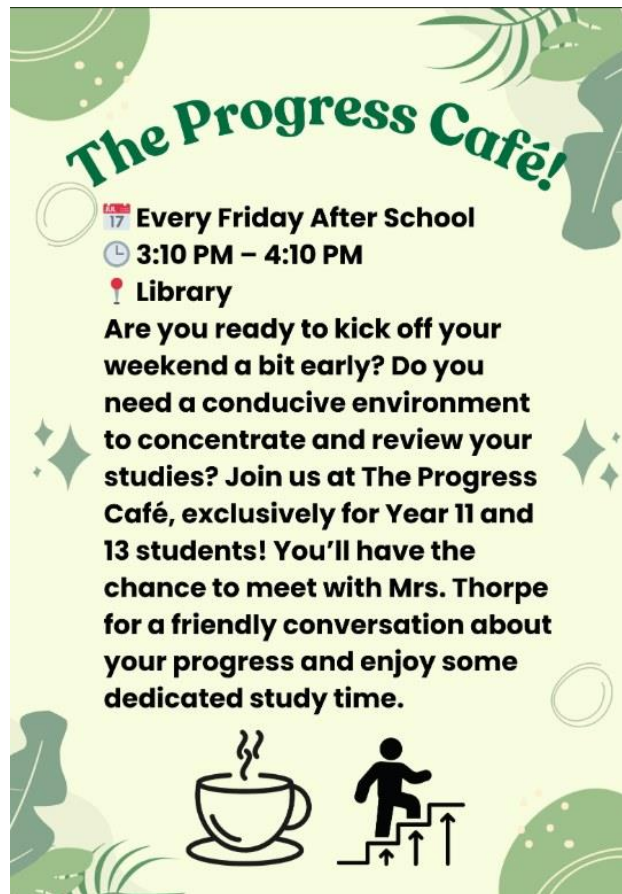
Wednesday's Session Six Activities		
Activity	Year	Location
French Online Learning Club (LanguageNut)	Year 7/8/9	L2
ECO Club <i>(Week B)</i>	All Years	S8
KS5 Chemistry	Year 12/13	S3
GCSE History	Year 11	H4
GCSE Business	Year 11	Lecture Theatre
Cooking Club <i>(Week A)</i>	Year 7/8	D2
Study Zone	All Years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


Please note the 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.





The Progress Café!

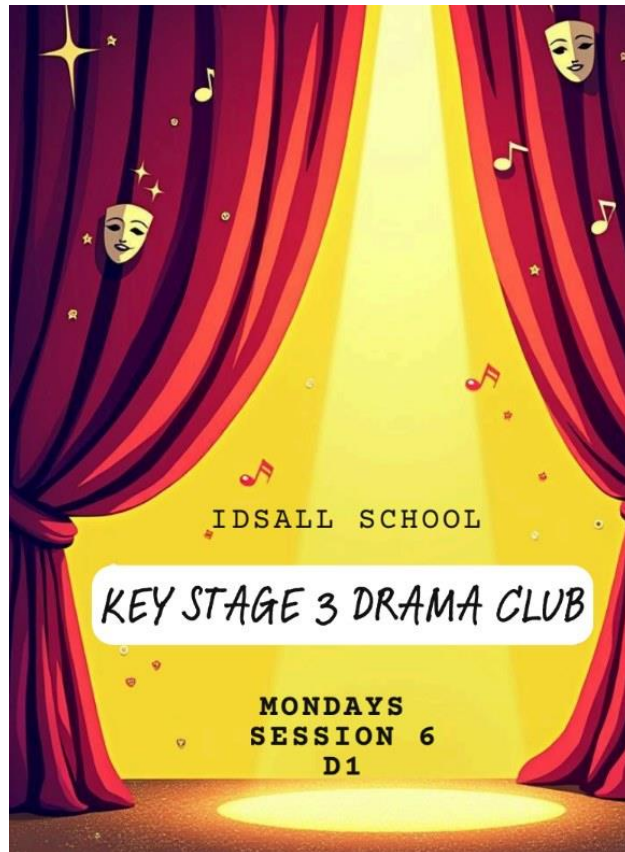
 **Every Friday After School**

 **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

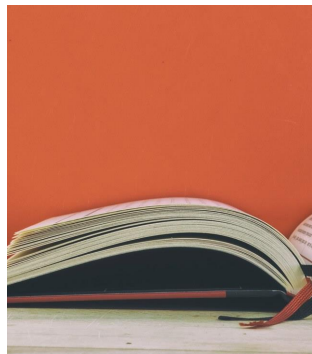
IN THE POD (INTERVENTION ROOMS)

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



* **Transportation Guidance**

Please find below the latest guidance for behaviour on school transport to and from school. This is a copy of the Shropshire Council Behaviour on School Transport Policy.

If your students uses school transport please have a read.

Shropshire Council Behaviour on School Transport Policy

Safe and respectful behaviour on school transport is critical to ensuring the safety and well-being of all passengers and staff. This policy establishes clear expectations and responsibilities for pupils using home-to-school transport, emphasizing safety, mutual respect, and zero tolerance for dangerous or abusive conduct. It aligns with legislation such as the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and fosters cooperation among the Council, schools, parents, and transport staff to maintain a safe, orderly environment on school buses and other transport modes.

Scope and Principles

The policy applies to all pupils using Council-arranged transportation, including mainstream and special educational needs transport. It supplements school behaviour policies and travel conditions, making good conduct a condition for riding the bus. Positive behaviour is encouraged, while unsafe or disrespectful behaviour results in sanctions.

Roles and Responsibilities

Pupils – Expected Behaviour

Pupils must always follow the driver's instructions, use their assigned vehicle and stop, and carry a valid bus pass daily where issued. Boarding and disembarking must be done safely and orderly, with adherence to the Green Cross Code when crossing roads. During the journey, pupils must remain seated, wear seat belts where provided, keep aisles and exits clear, and refrain from distracting the driver. Respectful behaviour towards drivers, assistants, and fellow passengers is mandatory, with bullying and abusive language strictly prohibited. Eating, drinking, smoking, and vandalism are forbidden, and misuse of emergency equipment is a serious offence. If a pupil misses their bus, they should report to school staff and contact parents rather than attempting alternative travel independently. Any concerns or incidents should be reported promptly to parents, schools, or the Council.

Parents/Carers – Responsibilities

Parents and carers play a vital role in reinforcing good behaviour and ensuring safety. They must ensure children travel safely to and from bus stops, supervise young or vulnerable pupils, and have contingency plans for delays or missed buses. Parents should ensure children carry valid bus passes where issued and understand the importance of using designated routes without requesting unscheduled stops or unauthorized riders. They are encouraged to discuss and reinforce the bus conduct rules, support school and Council discipline efforts, and ensure children do not carry prohibited items. Parents are financially



liable for any damage caused by their children and should maintain communication with schools and the Council to address any issues or concerns.

Schools and Council – Responsibilities

Schools treat travel [behaviour](#) as an extension of the school environment, communicating transport rules and integrating them into overall [behaviour](#) policies. They have authority to discipline pupils for conduct on the journey to and from school and cooperate with the Council in managing incidents. Drivers maintain order through instructions and report incidents, while passenger assistants supervise and support pupils, especially those with special needs. Both schools and the Council promote positive [behaviour](#) and maintain open communication with families about [behaviour](#) expectations and incidents.

Unacceptable [Behaviour](#) and Prohibited Conduct

The policy prohibits aggression, bullying, abusive language, dangerous distractions, refusal to obey safety rules, vandalism, theft, throwing objects, substance use, unreasonable [behaviour](#) toward staff, and other illegal or dangerous acts. Such [behaviours](#) are considered serious breaches and will lead to disciplinary action. Some [behaviour](#) may also require the involvement of the police. [Generally](#) a sanction will only be applied after investigation of an incident (however where there is a serious health and safety risk an immediate sanction may be applied).

Examples of the type of [behaviour, which](#) will invoke a [sanction](#), are listed [below](#):-

- Bullying/harassment/intimidation (physical and/or verbal)
- Distracting/assaulting the driver
- Failure to follow instruction from the driver
- Standing forward of the driver
- Using the emergency exit
- Drug misuse
- Moving around the vehicle
- Sitting in the stairwell
- Throwing objects inside the vehicle or out of the windows
- Health and safety breaches (including tampering with safety equipment such as emergency exits, CCTV cameras, smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, first aid box)
- Smoking
- Spitting
- Verbal abuse - swearing



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- Bringing unsafe objects onto the vehicles (i.e. pen-knives, cigarette lighters)
- Playing personal stereos without headphones
- Assaulting the passenger assistant
- Vandalism/damage to the vehicle (criminal damage will be reported to the Police and parents will be held responsible for any damage caused to the vehicle)

This is not an exhaustive [list](#) and each incident will be investigated on its own merit.

Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

We [recognise](#) that pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) may display a wide range of [behaviours](#) as a result of their individual needs, and we understand these situations can sometimes be stressful for families and children. Our team is committed to working collaboratively to support each child's needs and create the safest and most supportive environment possible for every pupil.

We rely on parents/carers keeping us informed about their child's needs, which helps us respond effectively and deescalate scenarios swiftly if required. We also work closely with schools to assist when necessary, and we appreciate their continued partnership in managing individual [behaviours](#).

There may be times when a child or young person's [behaviours](#)—including those that are challenging, disruptive, or present a safeguarding concern—make it unsafe for them, fellow passengers, or transport staff to continue travelling on school transport. In such instances, we will discuss alternative options and may offer travel assistance in the form of a Personal Travel Budget (PTB). A PTB is financial support provided to families so they can arrange suitable travel for their child. If this becomes necessary, we will contact you directly to explain the process and support you through the next steps.

Non-Entitled Pupils Accessing TSPS

Those pupils who have no entitlement to free school transport but access our Temporary Seats Payment Scheme may be permanently withdrawn from the scheme where there is repeated poor [behaviour](#). Parents will then be required to make their own arrangements.

Consequences and Enforcement

[Misbehaviour](#) leads to graduated consequences:

- **On-the-spot corrections:** Drivers or passenger assistants issue verbal warnings for minor issues, expecting immediate compliance.



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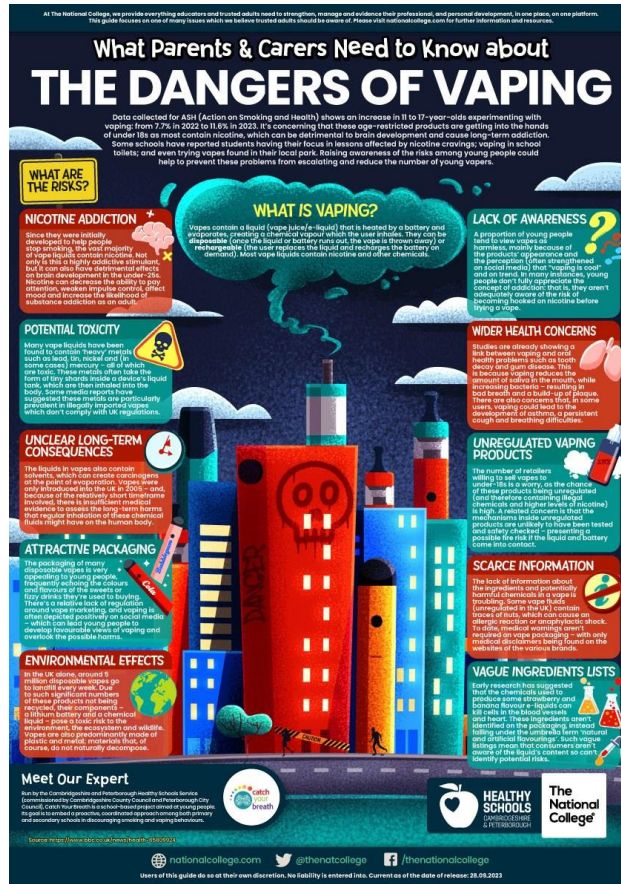
- **Reports and investigations:** Significant or repeated incidents are reported and investigated, including the use of CCTV footage where available and witness statements.
- **Warnings and parental notification:** First-time or less severe incidents result in warning letters sent to parents, emphasizing the importance of good conduct and potential escalation.
- **School disciplinary actions:** Schools may impose sanctions aligned with their policies, including detentions or exclusions, coordinated with the Council.
- **Temporary suspension of transport:** For dangerous or persistent misbehaviour, transport privileges may be suspended for a defined period (usually starting with one week and increasing incrementally), with parents responsible for alternative arrangements.
- **Permanent withdrawal of transport:** Extreme or repeated misconduct can lead to permanent exclusion from Council-provided transport, requiring families to arrange their own travel. This is a last resort after other measures fail.
- **Support and alternatives:** The Council may offer alternative transport solutions or budgets for eligible pupils during suspensions, focusing on safety and attendance continuity.
- **Reinstatement and behaviour agreements:** Temporary bans may end with review meetings and behaviour contracts; permanent bans may be reconsidered upon evidence of improved behaviour.
- **Restitution and legal action:** Parents are liable for damages caused by their children, and serious offences may involve police action, including criminal charges.
- **Appeals:** Parents can appeal long-term transport exclusions through a formal process, with decisions reviewed by a panel. Appeals should be emailed to schooltransport@shropshire.gov.uk or for children with SEND special.transport.team@shropshire.gov.uk



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* Safeguarding





* 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

* Think Which Service

We have been asked to put this in our newsletter for parents to help guide people to use the right service for the right reason. Created by the NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin.

More information at thinkwhichservice.co.uk

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**This winter, Think Which Service
to use for the right help, fast**



Service	Description
SELF-CARE	Common ailments and illnesses
111.NHS.UK	Urgent medical help or advice that isn't life threatening
PHARMACIST	Health advice and over the counter medicines
GP	Symptoms that won't go away
MINOR INJURY UNITS	Walk-in service for urgent care
999 A&E	Life-threatening emergencies

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.

Do you feel like trying out a new sport .. if so, why not go along, two free classes so you can try it before you join!

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



TAEKWON-DO CLASSES **for NEW BEGINNERS**

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Mr Neil Morris (VI Degree)

mobile: **07969 996055**

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