

Edition 41 : 10/10/25



## Calendar and Events



- Tue 14th Oct : Year 10 Apprenticeship Taster Day
- Wed 15th Oct : Shropshire Cross Country at Idsall
- Thu 16th Oct : Youth Awareness Day
- Fri 17th Oct : Year 12 Trip Uni and Apprenticeship Search Fair
- Fri 17th Oct : Purple Accessory Day
- Mon 20th & Tue 21st Oct : PD Days
- Wed 22nd to Fri 31st Oct : HALF TERM

- Mon 3rd Nov : PD Day
- 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



### **A Warm Welcome and Positive Connections**

This week, we were delighted to welcome prospective students exploring the opportunity to join our Sixth Form. The event was overwhelmingly busy, with a fantastic turnout from both current Idsall students and visitors from schools across Shropshire and Telford. The buzz and excitement are a true testament to the incredible work of our staff and students. Our Sixth Form is a special place where care, support, and success go hand in hand, and where there are truly no limits to what our students can achieve.

We also welcomed Year 7 parents to our “Meet the Tutor” evening, designed to check in on how students are settling in. It was heartening to hear so many positive comments and reflections from both events. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to such a warm and inspiring week.

There’s also lots of exciting news to share from recent sporting successes and fantastic work happening in lessons—please take a look and celebrate with us!

## **YEAR 7 NEWS**

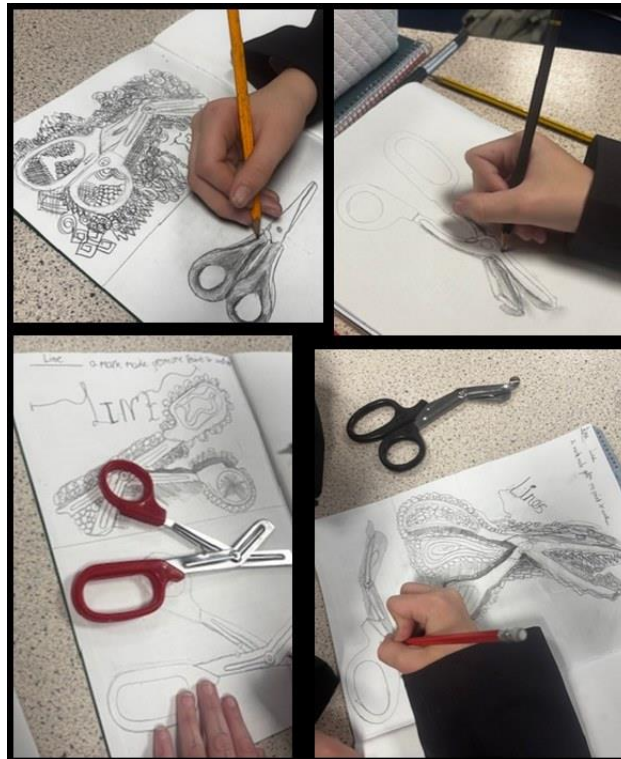
### **3 OUT OF 3 WINS**

Congratulations to Thea Blaney who came in 1st in the cross country. This is a 3 out of 3 wins!

Good luck for next week Thea ... it would be brilliant if you can get 4 out of 4 and on home turf! Your determination and resilience is fabulous to watch.

## YEAR 7 ART

This term, year 7 pupils are exploring the formal elements in their art lessons. Pupils have started this topic by looking at line, tone and shape. They have been completing scissor drawings inspired by the Artist Jim Dine by adding a range of marking, making tone and detail to their drawings!



## YEAR 7 & 8 NEWS

### DISNEYLAND PARIS TRIP



We are delighted that we managed to get places for all those that paid their deposit by the date. Although the deadline has now passed and we have confirmed numbers with the Halesbury

Travel, if you wish for your students name to be put on the waiting list please email me and let me know.

Parents / guardians have been notified if their child has got a place. Any questions please email me.



## YEAR 8

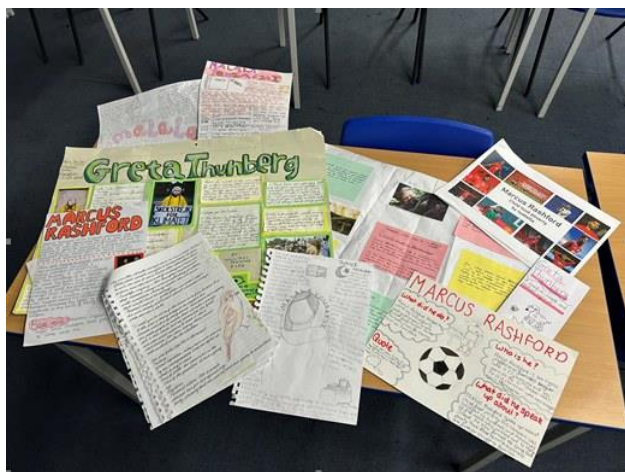
### AMAZING HOMEWORK!

Well done to the year 8 students who did some amazing RE homework on Modern Day Prophets completed by Year 8!

#### Special shout out to:

- Matthew McMorrow
- Milo Jeffery
- Archie Lavell
- Amelia Martin
- Louisa Smart
- Isabella Swain
- Elsie-Mae Clewes

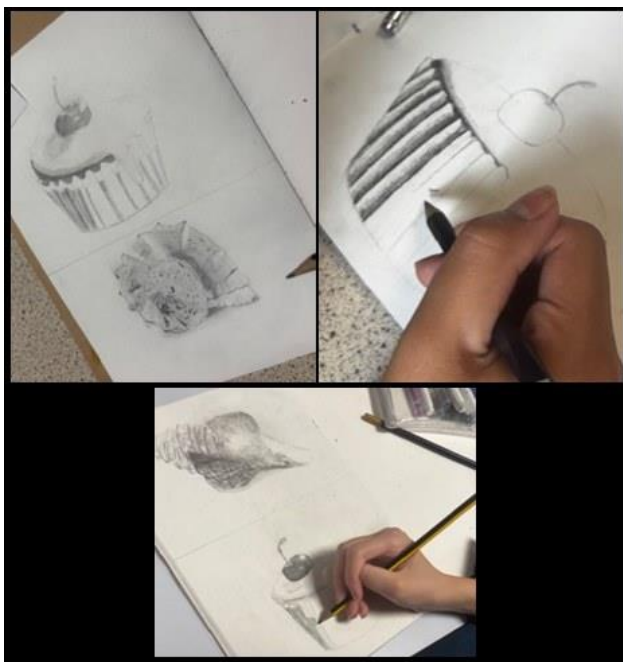
These seven pupils presented their homework to the class and all were excellent!



## YEAR 8 ART

Year 8 have started their 'Sweets and Cakes' scheme of work over the last few weeks.

Pupils have started their topic with a detailed tonal drawing of a cupcake, focusing on shape, a range of tonal values and finer details! We will soon be drawing ice creams and other confectionary, inspired by the artist Wayne Thiebaud.



## ICO WORLD CHAMPS FOR NIAMH

Good luck to Niamh Cassidy who is competing in Swansea in the ICO world championships 2025.

This event is a significant celebration of combat sports and promises to be a spectacular showcase of various combat sports disciplines, including K1 Full, Light Continuous, Points Fighting, Kick Light (Low Kick), Full Contact, and more.

Below are photos of Niamh with Andy Hennessey the ICO chairman.

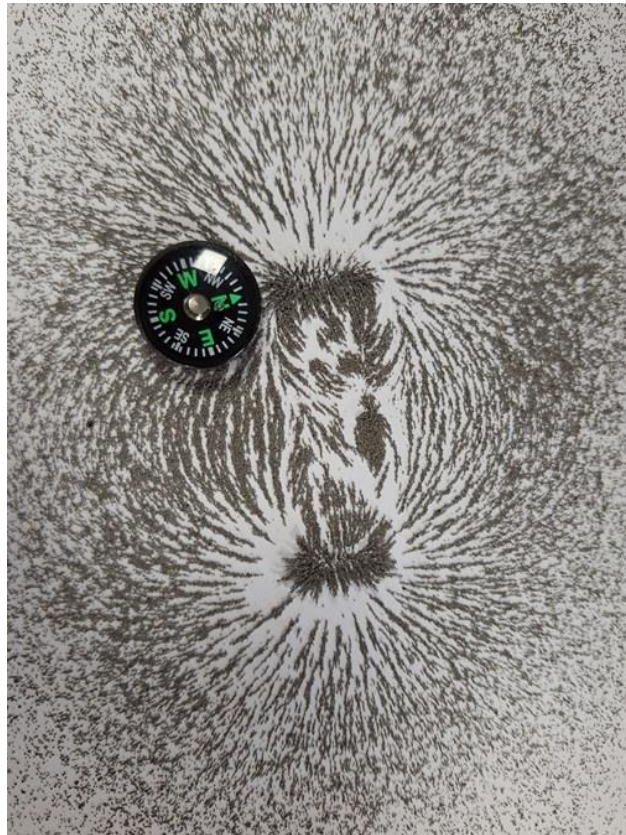


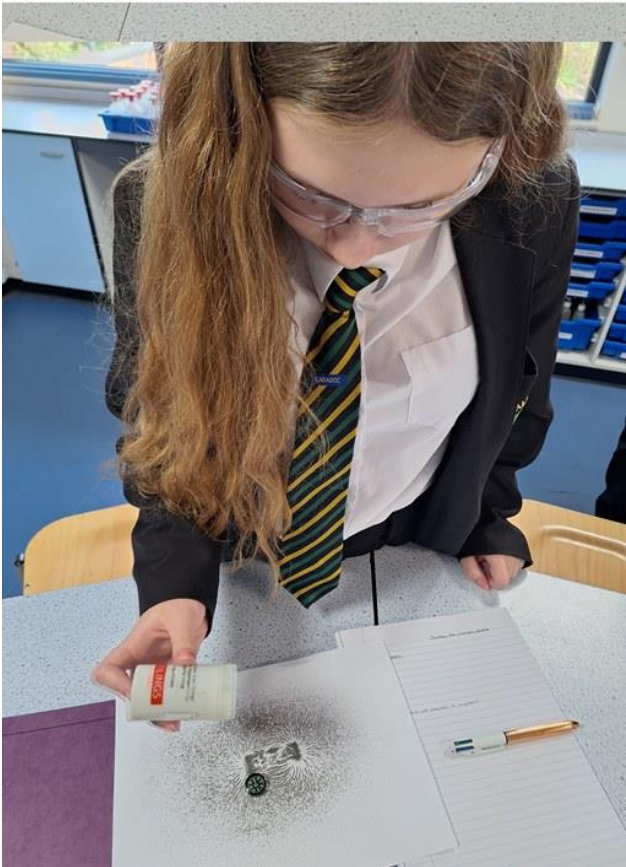


## YEAR 9

### MAGNETISM

This week 9L1 students have been doing a great job of using a compass and iron filings to investigate magnetic fields of permanent magnets as part of their Electricity and Magnetism topic in Physics lessons.





## YEAR 9 ART

Year 9 students have been looking at drawing facial features in our portrait project.

They have started off by drawing a detailed eye. Pupils have looked at the shape of the eye before adding finer details and tone to make their eye realistic.



## YEAR 10 NEWS

### YEAR 10 ART

Over the last few weeks, year 10 art pupils have explored a range of different media and materials in their natural form project.

We have looked at a range of different drawing techniques as well as using Procreate on our iPads to draw and create patterns in the style of Peter Randall Page.

This week, we have been using clay to create a vessel following on from our design ideas.



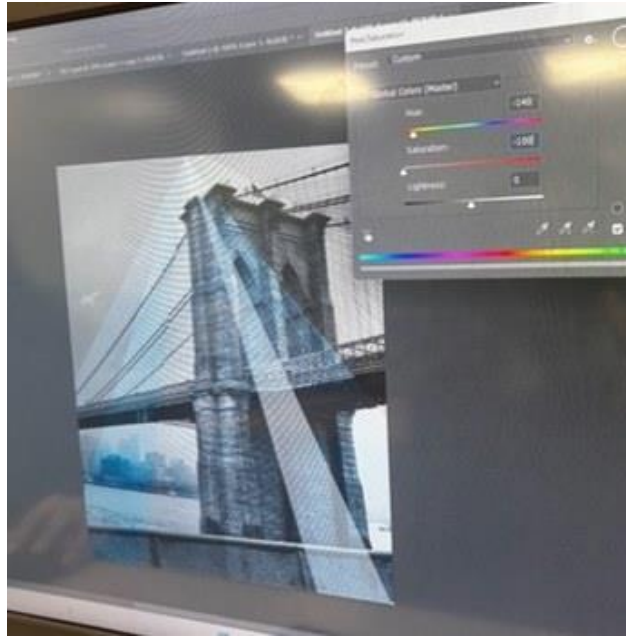
## PHOTOGRAPHY

In our new GCSE Photography course, pupils have been creating some colourful, creative edits using Photoshop and a range of landscape photographs. We have looked at 'colour splash' edits as well as working in the style of Photographer/Artist, Reynald Drouhin.

In the coming weeks, pupils will be using our new cameras to photograph natural forms, the school surroundings and portraits of themselves which they will then edit in a variety of different ways.







## **YEAR 11 NEWS**

### **WALKING CHALLENGE**

This weekend, Joe and Ollie, both year 11 students, are taking on a meaningful challenge.

They are aiming to walk 8km and climb 800 steps in Bridgnorth.

They are raising money for Cancer Research.

"It is going to be a rewarding experience, and every step is for an incredible cause that means a lot to us. We're determined to do our part in supporting the fight against cancer and helping fund vital research that can change lives.

Any support, big or small, will have a real impact".

Good luck to you both from everyone at Idsall - if you happen to be out in Bridgnorth and see these two amazing students, make sure you say hello!





## SIXTH FORM NEWS

### TIFF'S CHALLENGE



Tiff is one of our amazing Sixth Form students who is taking on an enormous challenge for a charity very close to her heart.

Here is what she says :

"Hi all, throughout next month I will be taking part in the 100 skips per day challenge alongside walking and documenting it as much as I can around my studies to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

As some of you may know I lost my dad to cancer in 2022, and so this is quite a personal thing for me - giving back to those who helped us.

Please could you share this link to my fundraising page around - I don't expect donations but spreading awareness would be great!!!"

**Please, if you can, support Tiff on her fundraising challenge follow the link below.**

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/tiffs-fundraiser>



## **PURPLE ACCESSORY DAY!**

Tiff, year 12, is doing some amazing charity fund raising at the moment from cake bakes to skipping and getting as many people involved as possible.

Today she went to see Ms King to ask for permission to expand her fundraising into more of the school. Ms King agrees so on **Friday 17th October** students are invited to wear a purple accessory with their uniform.

Donations for this can be handed into students tutors or you can follow the link above (under Tiff's Challenge). Every penny helps in supporting Cancer Research UK so, if you can, support.





## NATIONAL READ ALOUD CHALLENGE

We are incredibly proud to announce that Jordan Jimbu, a talented Year 10 student, achieved the highest results at Idsall School in the National Read Aloud Challenge over the summer holidays!

Even more impressively, Jordan has been named the **West Midlands Winner** in his age group; a phenomenal accomplishment that reflects his dedication, confidence, and love of reading.

Jordan will soon be receiving a well-deserved prize, and we couldn't be more thrilled to celebrate his success.

**Well done, Jordan, you've made Idsall proud!**



## 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.

## YOUTH AWARENESS DAY



On Thursday 16th October, students in Years 7, 8, and 9 will be taking part in Youth Awareness Day, led by Shropshire's High Sheriff.

The aim of the day is to empower young people to come together and raise awareness of the issues currently affecting them and their peers. Schools from across the county will be joining this important initiative, and we are delighted that Idsall School has been chosen to host the High Sheriff throughout the event.

Further details about the day's activities will be shared with you next week.

## LANGUAGENUT COMPETITION

### *Leaderboard So Far*

Well done to

- **1st : Millie in Yr 10 with 182,500 points**
- **2nd : Marcus in Yr 9 with 159,400**
- **3rd : Alex in Yr 7 with 64,700**
- **4th : Isla in Yr 7 with 55,400**
- **5th : Hettie in Yr 7 with 51,200**
- **6th : William in Yr 7 with 50,000**

- **7th : Amia in Yr 7 with 45,400**
- **8th : Wilf in Yr 7 with 41,800**
- **9th : Amelia in Yr 7 with 32,500**
- **10th : Grace in Yr 10 with 30,000**

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!**



## **FIRE DRILL AND LOCKDOWN**

***The information below has already been sent out to all parents / guardians.***

We are writing to inform you that between Monday, September 29th and Wednesday, October 15th, we will be conducting both Fire Drill and Lockdown Drill practices at school.

These drills are an important part of our commitment to ensuring the safety of all students and staff. By practicing these procedures, we help everyone understand what to do in the event of an emergency.

- Fire Drills ensure that students and staff can evacuate the building quickly and safely.

- Lockdown Drills prepare us for situations where the safest response is to remain inside and secure the building.

To support effective preparation, drills will take place during both structured lesson time and lunch time, helping students learn to respond appropriately at any time of the school day.

We will be conducting Lockdown Drills every term, and Fire Drills more frequently throughout the year to maintain readiness and reinforce safety procedures.

To keep you informed, we will send a message via Arbor at the time of the Lockdown Drill. This ensures the practice feels live and realistic, and that no prior notice is given when the alarm is raised.

The message will read: **"TEST LOCKDOWN DRILL taking place at IDSALL SCHOOL – Official test only. No action required."**

Please be assured that these drills are carefully planned, calmly conducted, and age-appropriate. We will also explain their purpose to students to help them feel prepared and reassured.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe and secure school environment. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.



## NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT



### CROSS COUNTRY

A special shout out to all the students that attended and smashed it at Telford Park today. They have shown some real determination and resilience when some weren't feeling 100% but wanted to still take part.

Good luck next week on the home turf of Idsall!

### U16 COUNTY PLATE NETBALL WINNERS

The U16 Netball team were outstanding today at the County Plate competition.

The girls had a strong start winning the first two games in Pool A. In our final pool game, we lost a closely fought game vs. Ellesmere, 3 goals to 6. Idsall placed 2nd in Pool A. We progressed through to the playoffs, playing Shrewsbury High as winners of Pool B. The girls were calm and collected and won convincingly 4-2, progressing through to the final.

We were back against Ellesmere, we knew it would be a tough game, the girls took the lead early, leading 4-0 at half time. Idsall kept their heads and although Ellesmere came back at them, closing the lead in the second half, Idsall prevailed and won 5-4.

Super proud of the girls!

A fabulous afternoon of netball!



**THIS GIRL CAN!**



### ***Secondary School Event***

This Girl Can School Games Day at Lilleshall National Sports Centre on Tuesday 14th October 2025.

This event is all about engaging girls who don't particularly enjoy physical activity but want to give a range of different activities a go. We are targeting this event for KS3 pupils and females only.

Please see a member of the PE staff if you are interested.

### **SPECIAL SAFEGUARDING ANNOUNCEMENT**

We have been made aware from Shropshire Safeguarding that several titles in the ***Spy Dogs, Spy Pup, and Spy Cat series by Andrew Cope*** contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. Instead, the link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material, containing pornographic content with no age restrictions.

Below are images of some of the front covers in the series to help you identify the books should you have any at home. We advise you remove them immediately. Should any be the property of the school, please return them and we will dispose of them accordingly.



## LOST PROPERTY

If your student has come home missing any part of their uniform, PE kit, pencil case, glasses case, coat, shoes etc, it may be in our lost property.

Please ask you child to pop to reception or email us and we will see if we have it.

Any lost property not collected by 3pm Friday 17th October will be either donated to charity or put in the bin.



## 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 <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

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# The Progress Café!

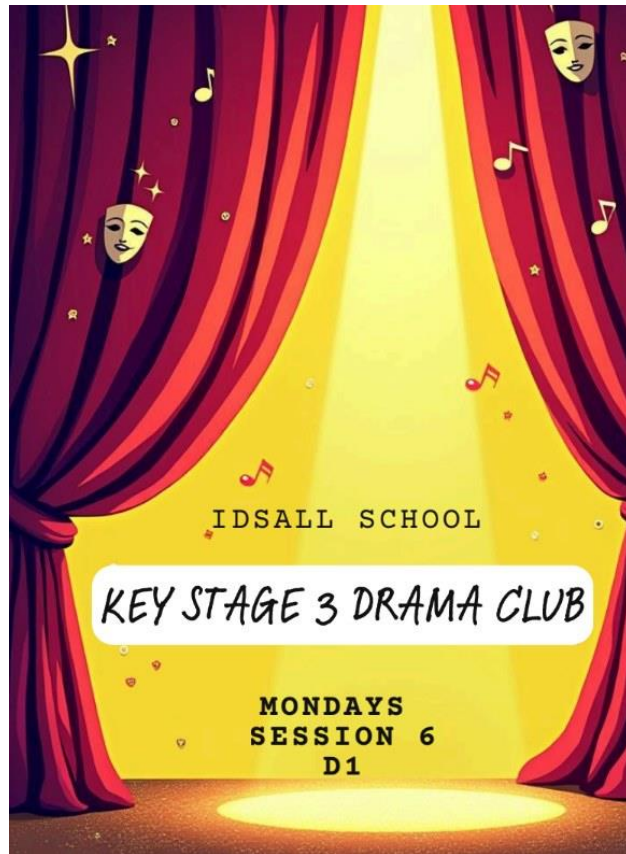
 Every Friday After School

 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.





**Time 2 Talk**  
SYA  
ALL ABOUT YOUTH

**COMING TO YOU**  
**WEDNESDAY 1.30 - 2.00**  
**IN THE POD (INTERVENTION ROOMS)**

**WORKSHOPS THIS TERM INCLUDE:**

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- . 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.



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   [mpft.nhs.uk](http://mpft.nhs.uk)

## 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



This week's safeguarding is on the topic of slang language that children may use, and ensuring that we as adults know what it means.

There are some words or phrases that may seem innocuous to adults, but have a completely different connotation to a child.

Please see the infographic for details.

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 Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, links and tips, please visit [wakeupwednesday.com](https://www.wakeupwednesday.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE SLANG

Slang moves fast – and for many young people, it's not just how they talk, but how they share their identity and feelings. Learning key terms helps adults connect and show understanding, even if the lingo seems baffling at first.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION**  
Words like "lit" or "slaps" can be misunderstood by adults, leading to awkward moments or a breakdown in trust. These phrases often carry subtle social messages among young people.
- RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS**  
Slang changes quickly. A term like "top" might stand for "cool" one week and be "top" again the next. This makes it easy for adults to fall behind and miss the meaning.
- SHIELDING BULLYING OR EXCLUSION**  
Inside jokes and trending terms like "slings" or "NPC" can be used to mock or exclude others. What looks like harmless fun might actually reinforce social divisions or bullying.
- PERFORMING FOR THE ALGORITHM**  
Slang often reflects what's popular on platforms like TikTok. Young users might reappropriate or add new meanings, creating online personas that don't match their real selves.
- CONTENT MODERATION WITH CODED SPEECH**  
To avoid content filters, young people sometimes use slang or emojis to talk about serious topics – for example, saying "smolies" instead of "emojis" or using misspelled terms. This makes harmful content harder to spot.
- LONG-TERM DIGITAL FOOTPRINT**  
A slang-filled post might seem funny now but could resurface years later during job checks or university applications – possibly out of context, but still damaging.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

- KEEP UP, DON'T CATCH UP**  
Follow youth culture pages or ask your child about new slang. Staying informed shows that you're engaged and open to understanding their world.
- FOCUS ON CONNECTION OVER CONTROL**  
Asking someone your child can talk to is more valuable than using strict filters or monitoring apps. Openness builds trust.
- ASK, DON'T INTERROGATE**  
Use open questions to invite conversation. You're not quizzing them – just trying to learn more about their online lives.
- ENCOURAGE CRITICAL MEDIA LITERACY**  
Talk about where slang comes from, how it spreads, and how it can impact others. This helps young people use language more thoughtfully.

### ONLINE SLANG CHEAT SHEET

The following slang terms are common examples – please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list and both meaning and prevalence can change rapidly.

COMMON SLANG	POTENTIALLY CONCERNING SLANG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Sigma</b> - Independent, self-reliant (often ironic) mindset; proud outsider status. Often celebrated in motivational memes.</li><li><b>Skibidi</b> - Nonsense word from the viral "Skibidi Toilet" meme; expresses chaos or fun, usually harmless but provocative.</li><li><b>Chat</b> - The collective audience or group of viewers (e.g. on a livestream). Used when addressing viewers directly.</li><li><b>Leak in</b> - To focus, commit or get serious (e.g. before gaming or sports). Positive encouragement to concentrate.</li><li><b>Coasting</b> - Doing something exceptionally well or gaining momentum. Opposite of "coasting".</li><li><b>Rizz</b> - Charisma or flirting ability (short for charisma). Can praise social confidence.</li><li><b>Aura or aura farming</b> - One's perceived "energy" or "vibe". "Farming" means manufacturing good.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Boyz</b> - In adult content creator (e.g. OnlyFans). Indicates exposure to 18+ material.</li><li><b>Oyay or gyatt</b> - Sexualized exclamation about someone's backside. Objectifies appearance.</li><li><b>Tendies/trashy</b> - Derogatory provocation / using slang terms - spammy references to AI-generated creatures with "kitten-sounding" names. Can clog chats, derail discussion, and harass others.</li><li><b>Whaling</b> - Overpraising or obsessively defending a streamer or celebrity.</li><li><b>Crash out</b> - To lose control, give up or have emotions sometimes break or self-harm.</li><li><b>Cloutnet</b> - Related, behaviour on it varies toxic, sometimes mental health-related.</li><li><b>Unwell</b> - Euphemism for death or suicide, used to avoid content filters.</li><li><b>NPC</b> - Used to suggest someone is lacking independent thoughts or is repetitive and predictable.</li></ul>

**Meet Our Expert**  
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## SCHOOL NURSE



**HEALTH for TEENS**

**NHS**  
Shropshire  
Community Health  
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
- Development  
Relationships and Sexual health  
Puberty (including management of periods)
- Sleep  
Transition and change
- 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



<b>14 SEP</b>	<b>Harvest Praise</b> St Andrews Church will be holding a Harvest Praise service from 12pm-3pm.
<b>22 SEP - 5 OCT</b>	<b>Scarecrow Festival "Harvest of creativity"</b> 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 <a href="http://www.shifnal.town.council.gov.uk">www.shifnal.town.council.gov.uk</a> . 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.
<b>27 SEP</b>	<b>Harvest Fair</b> 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.
<b>19 OCT</b>	<b>Celebrate Shifnal</b> 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.
<b>25 OCT - 1 NOV</b>	<b>Spooktacular Shifnal - Halloween Trail</b> 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.
<b>29, 30 OCT</b>	<b>Lantern Making, Parade and Storytelling</b> 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.
<b>9 NOV</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday Service &amp; Parade</b> A remembrance service held at St Andrew's Church Shifnal and a remembrance parade through town.
<b>29 NOV</b>	<b>Shifnal Christmas Lights Switch-On</b> 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.
<b>5, 6, 7 DEC</b>	<b>Christmas Tree Festival</b> 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.
<b>14 DEC</b>	<b>Christingle</b> The annual Christingle service at St Andrew's Church will begin at 5pm - everyone welcome.
<b>21 DEC</b>	<b>Christmas Carol service</b> A beautiful Christmas Carol service will be held at St Andrews Church at 6pm. Enjoy singing festive carols, everyone welcome.
<b>24 DEC</b>	<b>Christmas Carols</b> 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](mailto: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

Events through the year & Annual Showcase!

**CENTRE STAGE**  
SHIFNAL

EST 2019

**Free Sessions!**

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!

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



**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...

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


**Shropshire Libraries**  
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[shropshire.gov.uk/early-help](http://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help)


**Shropshire Council**

## 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:

- EHCs
- 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.

**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




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



NHS  
Shropshire, Telford  
and Wrekin



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Supporting  
Families  
through Early Help



PACC  
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Action  
Community  
Care

## 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



<p><b>Tuesday 7th October 2025</b></p> <p><b>Who can you talk to today</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Visits</li> <li>• 0-5 Family Support Worker</li> <li>• Early Help Family Support Worker</li> <li>• Young Carers</li> <li>• Housing Support</li> </ul>	<p>Look what's on today...</p> <p><b>Bathable with the 0-5 team</b> - 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.</p> <p><b>Stay and Play Fun</b> 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.</p>
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<p><b>Tuesday 21st October 2025</b></p> <p><b>Who can you talk to today</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Help Family Support Worker</li> <li>• Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service</li> <li>• Housing Support</li> </ul>	<p>Look what's on today...</p> <p><b>Stay and Play Fun</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>Thursday 28th October 2025</b></p> <p><b>Who can you talk to today</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Help Family Support Worker</li> <li>• Housing Support</li> </ul>	<p>Look what's on today...</p> <p><b>Come and Celebrate Halloween and Autumn</b> Join us for a special Stay and Play session filled with Halloween and Autumn crafts.</p>

**Bridgnorth Library** 17 Listley Street, Bridgnorth WV16 4AW. 1.00 until 3.00




**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!**

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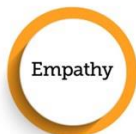
### Our values :



**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