



IDSALL NEWS edition 50

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Calendar

- Mon 12th Jan - Fri 23rd Jan : Year 12 & 13 Two Week Exam Block
- w/c 19th & 26th Jan : GCSE Practical Exams
- Fri 23rd Jan : Wear it Blue & Cake Sale
- Wed 28th Jan : On-Line Year 9 Options Evening
- Thu 29th Jan : Careers Fair - 9.10 to 13.00

- Thu 5th Feb : Year 9 Parents Evening
- Fri 6th Feb : Year 11 Whole Year Group Photo
- Tue 10th & Wed 11th Feb : Year 9 Vaccinations
- Mon 16th Feb : Half Term
- Mon 23rd Feb : PD Day
- Tue 24th Feb : Collaboration Day
- Wed 25th Feb : Start of Year 11 & 13 Mock Exams
- Thu 26th Feb : Year 10 Parents Evening

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome Back to the Spring Term!

We hope you had a restful break and are ready for an exciting term ahead.

Firstly, we'd like to apologise for the unexpected closure last Friday due to the snow. Thank you for your understanding as we prioritised the safety of our students and staff.

As we start the new term, we want to remind you about the ongoing consultation on the structure of the school day. Your views are incredibly important and will play a key role in shaping our decision-making. Please take the time to share your thoughts if you haven't already.

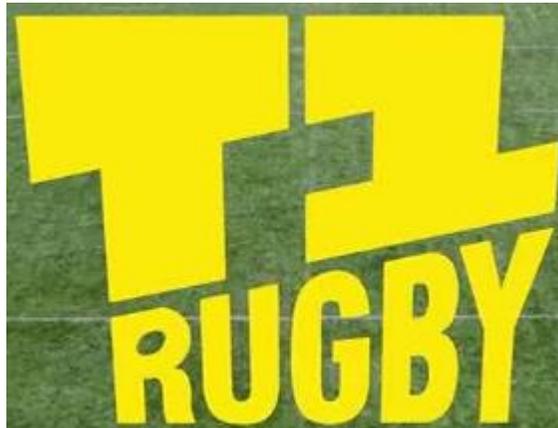
Finally, a huge thank you for your support as we work towards becoming a phone-free school. The response from parents and carers has been overwhelmingly positive, and together we are creating an environment that supports focus, wellbeing, and learning.

Here's to a successful and rewarding Spring Term!

Year 7 News



Year 7 Girls T1 Rugby Union Festival Invitation



In collaboration with England Rugby, T&W are hosting a Girls Year 7 T1 Rugby Union Festival on the 3G facility at Telford College. The event is participation focused and will consist of a series of T1 Rugby Union games and activities. Each school can bring a squad of 10 Year 7 Girls (7-a-side matches).

Idsall are hoping to enter a team!

T1 Rugby

World Rugby has launched T1 Rugby, the world's first non-contact sport designed to embody the essence of traditional rugby while promoting fun, fitness, and inclusion. This innovative format aims to make rugby accessible to everyone, regardless of age, ability, or background, and is set to revolutionize the way the sport is played and enjoyed. This format will replace the previous Tag/Touch formats.

- **Participants do not need to have played Rugby before.**
- **The event is being organised by members of the England Rugby Telford & Wrekin Young Ambassadors.**

Date: Monday 26th January 2026

Time: 1:00 – 3:30pm

Venue: 3G at Telford College

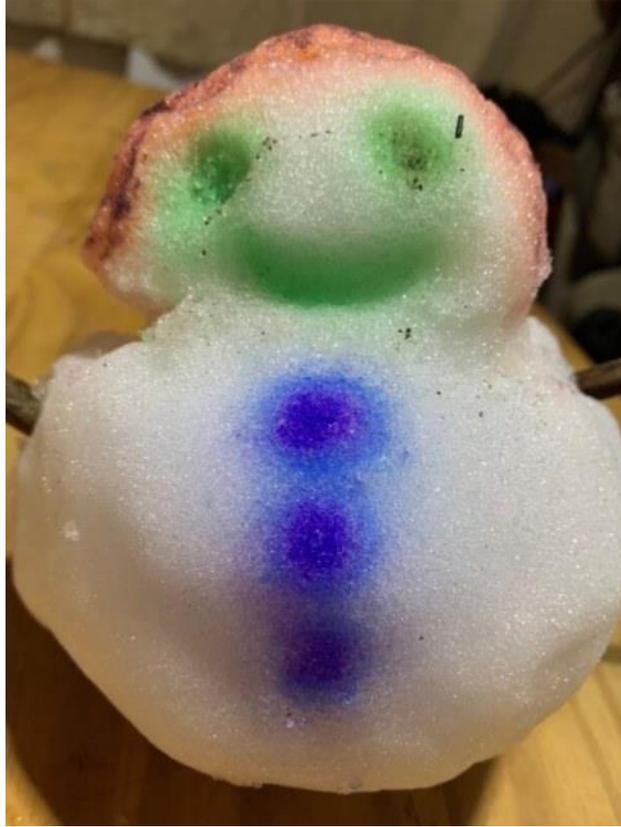
If you wish to find out more or be considered for a place on this fantastic opportunity see Mr Goodison in the PE Department and put your name forward!

Fun in the Snow

Mrs Reeve emailed the year 7 parents / guardians and asked them to send photos of what their child was up to during the snow day!

Some fabulous photos so we thought we would share them with you.









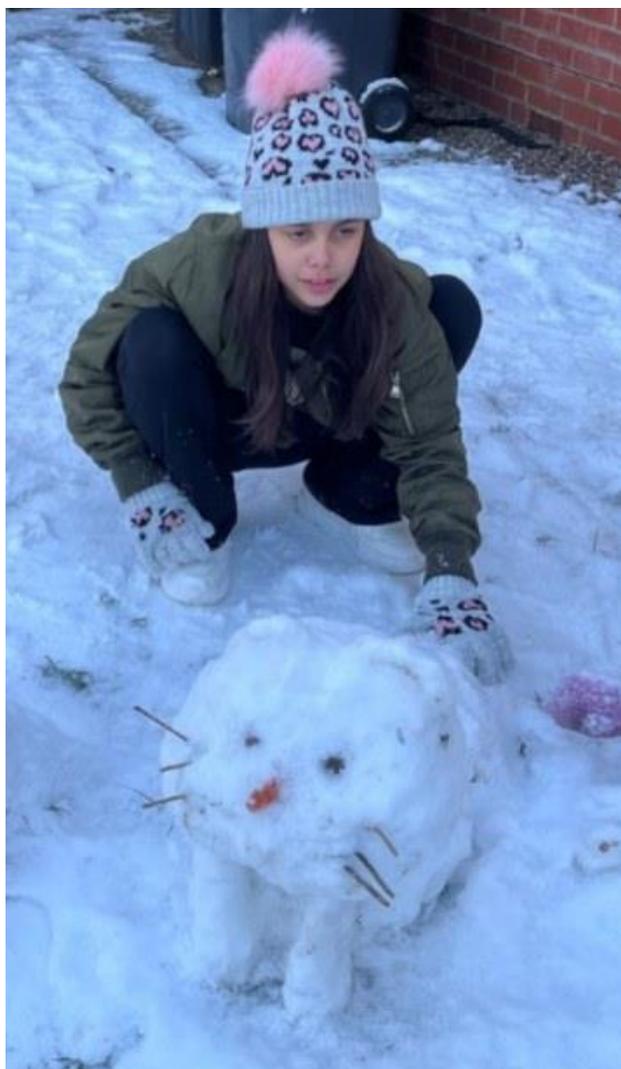












Year 10 News

Playing for England

Congratulations to Emmie, year 10, who was selected to play for England U16 Girls Ice Hockey Team in a recent Four Nations Tournament over the Christmas period!

Emmie got to compete against Scotland, Luxembourg and Belgium!

Fantastic news and we look forward to hearing more from Emmie in the future!



Year 11 News



Photo

Due to the snow day the whole school year 11 photo was unable to go ahead.

Therefore it is now booked for Friday 6th February.

Sixth Form News

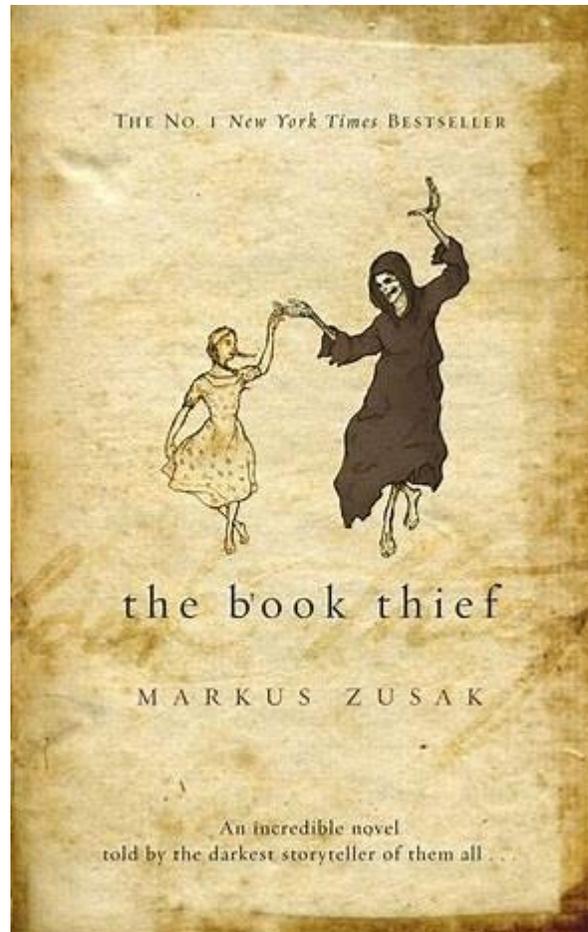


Sixth Form Book Club

Presently the Sixth Form Book Club are reading 'The Book Thief' by Marcus Zusak.

Discussions around this novel will be in BA1 on Wednesday 28th January 2026. Everyone is welcome to come along!

Why not give it a try!



OTHER IDSALL NEWS



* Raise The Social Media Age

**SMARTPHONE
FREE CHILDHOOD**

Ask your MP to raise the social media age to 16 - it takes just 60 seconds.

This week Keir Starmer said he's considering an Australia-style age limit on social media, which means this issue is live in Parliament right now and your voice can genuinely influence what happens next.

Email your MP here : [Raise the Age](#)

We, as a school, have been asked to forward this message to you the parents / guardians.

Anyone can take part, and every extra message increases the impact. This isn't party-political - its about protecting children from addictive, algorithm-driven platforms and making it easier for families to hold the line together.

Moments like this don't come around often. Let's make it count

*** Introducing our New Parent Governor**

We're pleased to introduce Josephine Edwards-Sherwood who was elected by parents and carers to the Idsall Local Governing Body in December 2025.



Josephine has worked in Education, Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and managed Safeguarding for children and young people (CYP) with SEND needs. Her current role as a SEND and Inclusion Lead has given her further experience, knowledge and insight into current issues CYP face and driven her to promote inclusive practices, highlight CYP's voices and become forward thinking.

She has a broad knowledge and has dealt with an array of situations, that have impacted CYP and their families.

In her current setting, she applies strategic measures for Inclusion, SEND and Safeguarding to maintain needs are met. Her approach is preventative rather than reactive.

She is pro-active, logical and passionate about adding value for our CYP and education.

* England Handball Funding For All Students

All students are welcome to come along and attend Handball session 6 with :

ENGLAND HANDBALL COACH - TOM WILLIAMS!

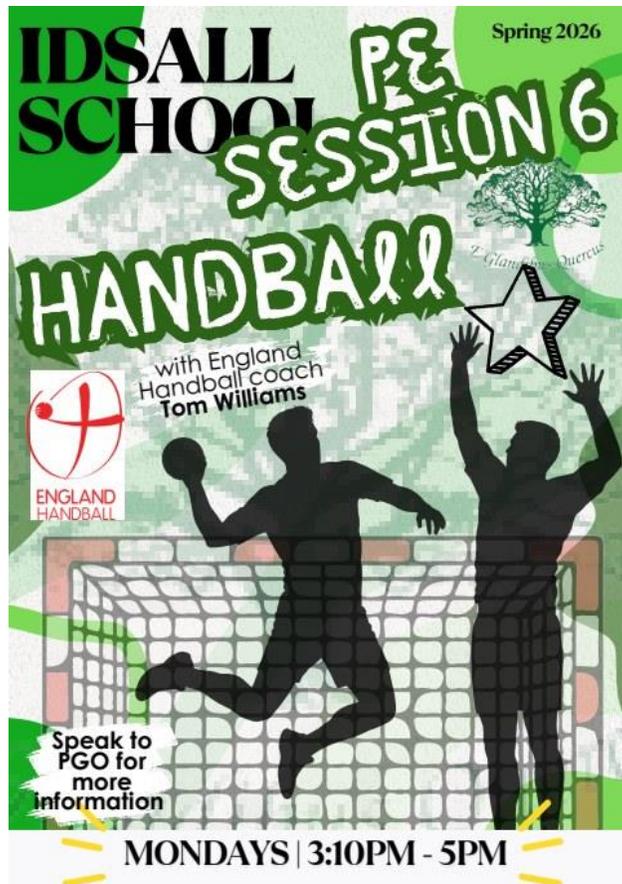


We are fortunate to have secured funding for a former Idsall Student and now qualified handball coach to come into Idsall every week to teach and train students in playing handball. The funding has come from England Handball!

Tom (Williams), the coach, will be with us on a Monday from 3.15 pm till 5.00 pm (students can leave at 4.15 if they wish).

To keep the funding and coaching we do require a minimum number of students!

If you are interested in this amazing opportunity, come along on Monday and join in or speak to Mr Goodison in the PE Department!



ALL STUDENTS WELCOME SO WHY NOT COME ALONG AND GIVE IT A TRY!

* Wear It Blue



Friday 23rd January students are invited to "Wear It Blue" - a blue accessory to go with their uniform, maybe a scrunchie or a blue tie, hat or gloves .. so many options.

Students are requested to make a donation on the day. This is being organised by our fabulous 6th form charity team.

There will also be a bake sale to continue to raise funds for their chosen charity cause, at lunch time on this date.

Any donations of cakes would be greatly received! Please take any along to reception on Friday morning.

* **Go Lead Course for KS3 Girls**

We are pleased to offer a **Go Lead course with Mr Jew from the Trusted Schools network**, designed for **KS3 girls in Years 7–9** who have experience in **football and/or leadership**.

The course will take place at **Idsall School on Tuesday 3rd February, from 9:30am to 2:30pm**.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their confidence, leadership skills, and engagement in sport.

Please see Miss Fitzsimmons if you are interested.

* **Sparx Reader Weekly**

Below is this weeks Sparx Reader leader board! Congratulations to you all on your achievement and well done to all those that are taking part!

Year 7	1	Isla M
	2	Mina I
	3	Logan H
Year 8	1	Wesley G
	2	Olivia J
	3	Erin L
Year 9	1	Lilly-Mai R
	2	Lily-Rae J
	3	Marcus C

* Fairground Feast

On Thursday the canteen did a very special "Fairground Feast Day". We got to enjoy hotdogs, burgers, loaded fries and lot of sweet treats like popcorn!

Bunting was hanging and it caused a lot of excitement with the students. Proved to be very popular and I do believe the canteen are looking at future special days so watch this space!







* The Service Network



Regretfully due to absence The Service Network was not on this week. It started up again on Thursday 8th January in the library, however did not run this week.

It will be back on next week and will run on 22nd, 29th January and 5th February (*new date*).

This service is set up for students who have a parent in the armed forces.

Please see Ms Bailey-Williams for more information.

* Former Pupils Receive Award

Former pupils received awards from Shifnal's Mayor, Councillor Paul Williamson at St Andrews Church.

Matthew, Georgia and Gab all successfully applied for bursary's from the Shifnal Exhibition Foundation.

They received the awards for excellent attendance at school, impeccable school records, and being exemplary role models for younger pupils and with in the local community.

Congratulations to all three of these ex students!



* House Competition

Following cross country in September and our most recent house competitions of dodgeball, netball and football before Christmas, we can now reveal the latest house points totals! 🏆

- Ragleth sit comfortably in 1st place
- Longmynd close behind in 2nd
- Caradoc and Wrekin are locked in a tight battle for 3rd, separated by just one point!

It's been fantastic to see such great involvement, teamwork and healthy competition across all house sports so far.

We go again at Easter... how will the points change then? 🙄👉



* From the PE Department



PE Session 6

We have session 6 starting up on Tuesday for all students. These include Netball, Rugby, Badminton, Football.

Just bring your kit and go to PE straight after school if you want to join in! See the poster below.



Year 7 & 8 Netball Friendly

Our year 7 and 8 netball teams hosted Thomas Telford School in our first fixture of 2026.

8 Our year 8s showed their strength and determination coming back from a 6-goal gap to draw the game 14-14 🦵

🌟 Emmy G

🎯 Goals from Betsy G and Grace C

7 Our year 7s showed resilience and enthusiasm in their first school netball match but unfortunately didn't manage to clinch the win this time

🌟 Ava A

🎯 Goal from Eve K

Amazing work by all those that took part ... do you want to be part of the team, if so :

👤💡 Our netball session 6 runs every Tuesday 3:10pm - 4:10pm with Miss Logan and Mrs Dunn. Just bring PE kit and come along to join in the session!



* Trips Update

Disneyland 2026



UPDATE :

- All paperwork should have now been sent in and I am sending passport information to the travel company. This is the full consent form and passport and GHIC details.
- Final payment should have now been made.
- I am planning on meeting with the students in the next couple of weeks once I have got the rooming allocations from the travel company.
- There will be a final parents meeting straight after half term to finalise all the information (date to be advised)

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

* Safeguarding



Mental Health Text Service Launch

A new, free 24/7 mental health text support service is available for people of all ages living in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin (STW).

- **What is launching?** A free, confidential 24/7 mental health text support service for all ages in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, delivered by qualified mental health professionals.
- The service is delivered by SHOUT on behalf of Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (MPFT) who are commissioned by NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin.
- **Why is it important?** The service expands access to immediate mental health support, complementing existing services such as NHS 111 option 2, and supports the national transformation of NHS mental health care by improving responsiveness, inclusivity and accessibility.
- **How to access?** Text '**STW**' to **85258**, free of charge and at any time, to start a conversation with a trained mental health professional.
- **Who can access the service?** Shout is a free, confidential text messaging support service for **anyone of any age** who is struggling with how they feel, experiencing distress, or needing mental health support

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NHS
Shropshire, Telford
and Wrekin



* 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

thinkwhichservice.co.uk

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

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](#)

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.

Beginner Enrollments from Wednesday 7th January



TAEKWON-DO CLASSES **for NEW BEGINNERS**

AGES
5+

classes every **Wednesday** at
Idsall School, Shifnal



to **find out more** and book your
two FREE trial classes, call

Mr Neil Morris (VI Degree)

mobile: **07969 996055**

email: **neilmorris14@btinternet.com**



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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