



IDSALL NEWS edition 60

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Calendar

- Wed 29th Apr : Idsall's Got Talent
- W/C Mon 27th Apr : External Exams Begin
- Tue 28th Apr : Dress For Your Dream Career
- Thu 30th Apr : Year 8 Parents Evening

- Fri 1st May : 4 All Foundation Sleep Out
 - Fri 1st May to Mon 15th Jun : Main Exam Period
 - Tue 5th - Fri 15th May : Year 7 Bikeability
 - Tue 5th May : Year 6 Uniform Evening
 - Monday 18th May : Year 13 Study Leave Begins
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- Mon 1st & Tue 2nd Jun : Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
 - Thu 4th Jun : Year 7 Parents Evening
 - Mon 22nd June ; UCAS Convention, Birmingham
 - Tue 23rd June : New Student Induction for Sixth Form
 - Tue 23rd to Tue 30th June : Year 12 Mock Exams
 - Thu 25th June : Year 13 Leavers Breakfast and Prom
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- Thu 2nd Jul : 6th Form Parents Evening
 - Mon 6th & Tue 7th July : Year 6 Transitions Days
 - Tue 14th & Wed 15th July : School Show "Beauty and the Beast"
 - Mon 20th July : Sixth Form Enrichment Trip to Alton Towers
 - Mon 20th July : Year 7 to 10 Sports Day
 - Tue 21st July : Sixth Form Sports Day
 - Tue 21st July : Drayton Manor / Cinema & Bowling Enrichment Trips
 - Wed 22nd July : Alton Towers Enrichment Trip
 - Thu 23rd July : Last Day of School (Sports Day Contingency Day)

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Michelle King - Headteacher



Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Welcome to the second week of the summer term. It has been encouraging to see students returning positively after the Easter break, settling back into routines and engaging well with their learning across the school.

As the term gains momentum, our focus remains firmly on strong learning habits, high expectations, and maintaining a calm and purposeful environment in lessons. Staff have been working closely with students to embed routines, build confidence, and ensure everyone is clear about what is needed to be successful this term.

Year 11 students, in particular, have made a mature and focused start as they move further into their final period of preparation for examinations.

As part of supporting these high standards, we would also like to thank families for their continued support with school uniform. A smart, consistent uniform helps create a positive learning environment and ensures all students feel part of the Idsall community. We kindly remind students to attend school each day in full school uniform and to continue to follow our expectations around appearance, particularly as the weather becomes warmer.

We are also busy recruiting new members to join the Idsall team, and we look forward to sharing further updates as appointments are confirmed. Strengthening our staff team is an

important part of ensuring we continue to provide high-quality learning and support for all students.

Year 7 News



Bikeability - Free Opportunity for Year 7!

We have a free opportunity for all of Year 7 to participate in Bikeability Level 3 on 5-8th May, or 11-15th May 2026.

Students will learn more advanced skills, including how to:

- **Use the best riding position** for any situation.
- **Ride alongside** other cyclists.
- **Ride on more complex roads.** This might include busier roads, more complicated junctions or faster roads with speed limits above 30mph.
- **Negotiate more complex roads.** For example, junctions controlled by traffic lights, multi-lane roads or cycle lanes.
- **Respond confidently** when a situation changes. For example, when a vehicle pulls out in front of you.

Bikeability Level 3 is taught in smaller groups or one-to-one so every course is tailored to a riders' needs. It might focus on a skill you might want to practice more, or a tricky road where you travel often.

Students are encouraged to bring their own bikes and helmets, but may borrow equipment if they inform us in advance.

If you would like your child to participate in this free course, for which they will be awarded a certificate to confirm, please fill in the consent form below:

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/fox-worry-layer>

All courses will take place during the school day, and students will need to wear their PE kit on the day they are allocated (which will be confirmed once we know numbers interested).

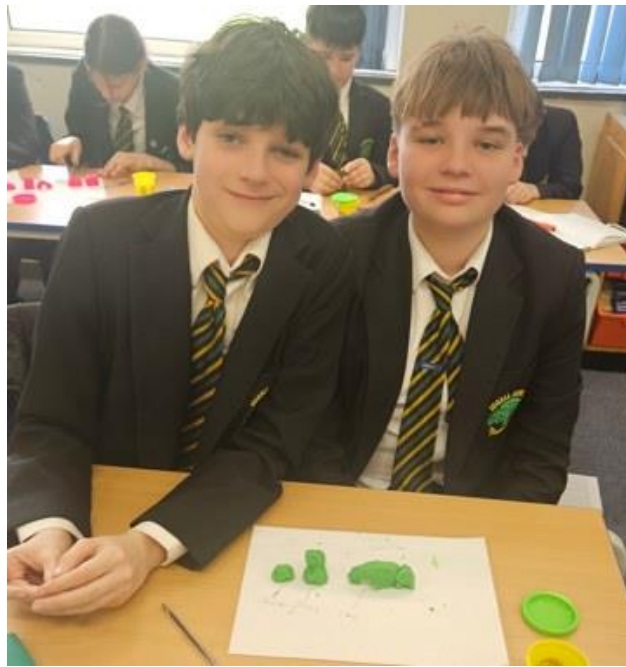
Year 8 News



Coastal Landforms

Some of the year 8 had an amazing time in Geography building coastal landforms out of playdoh. This is another great example of alternative learning in the classroom, and showing how learning can be fun!







Sixth Form News



Key 6th Form Dates

Please see below a list of key dates for sixth form students until the end of term. We are hoping to visit Keele University in addition to this list but dates for this visit are still to be confirmed.

15th May - Year 13 study leave

22nd June - UCAS Convention, B'ham

23rd June - New student induction day (Internal students leave at lunchtime for prom preparations)

23rd – 30th June - Year 12 mock exams

25th June - Leaver's breakfast and Year 13 Prom

29th June – 3rd July – Year 12 WEX (Select students only. All other students to be in lessons as per TT).

20th July - Alton towers

21st July – Sixth form Sports day

A Level of the Week

A-Level of the week - what our current pupils think about their post 16 subjects

Sociology

Sociology complements the study of a range of other subjects in further education, including the *Humanities subjects, English* and *Business*. In addition, mainly due to their overlap in both

content and skills, Sociology also works well if studied alongside the other Social Sciences; *Criminology, Economics and Psychology*.

The A-Level Sociology course offers students the opportunity to explore important sociological theories and methods, and the social changes reshaping the world today. It will transform your understanding of important aspects the social world and give you the confidence, knowledge and skills to help you to think critically and ethically about society and social change.

Sociology focuses on answering 'what', 'how' and 'why' questions, providing a strong academic foundation for students considering a range of different degree courses at university including *Anthropology and Law*. The study of Sociology could support pathways into a number of different careers including; *Civil Servant; Family Support Worker; Forensic Scientist; Journalist; Market Researcher; Policy Analyst; Police Officer; Public Relations Officer; Social Researcher/Statistician; Teacher and Youth Worker*.

I chose to study A level Sociology because:

- "I picked Sociology because I wanted to have a more educated perspective on society and to understand why things happen and how topics can be viewed differently"
- "I'm aiming to study primary education and Sociology links to this as we study education and the inequalities children face, I will be able to apply my knowledge to teach children and treat them fairly".
- "Mrs McMahan is the best!"
- "I enjoy learning about crime and deviance in society"
- "I want to go into marketing and business – understanding society is beneficial in understanding customers and consumer preferences".
- "I picked A Level Sociology because I am interested in the way people interact with wider societal structures"



Sixth Form Taskmaster 25/26 Concludes

Last week saw a dramatic end to our annual taskmaster competition in the sixth form.

For their final task, team groups were given the challenge of engineering an egg launcher, with the aim of being able to send their eggs the furthest. The tension on the field last Wednesday morning was similar to that of NASA's recent Artemis launch, with Mrs Strachan's group just edging the win.

Well done to all the Teams who took part - it was fantastic to see such creativity and ingenuity in each design.





So where is Twinkle the Taskmaster Gnome going ...

This years Taskmaster competition has now concluded for 25/26 - from our Bake Off in the autumn, to our Christmas gnome quiz and our spring egg launch, its been one to remember!

The points have been tallied and we yet again crown 6RST as the champions for this academic year. Twinkle the Taskmaster gnome is staying where she is for now... but will it be a third year on the bounce in 26/27... we'll have to wait and see.

OTHER IDSALL NEWS



*** D of E**

Mr Ward and Miss Martin could not be prouder of the 80 students who successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition this weekend. Over the course of the expedition,

students walked an impressive 26 miles, carrying large backpacks and all the equipment they needed along the way.

The challenge was made even tougher when temperatures dropped lower than expected overnight, but the students rose to the occasion brilliantly. The resilience, determination and strength they showed throughout the weekend impressed us immensely. From battling blisters to tackling uphill climbs, students supported one another every step of the way and showed true teamwork.

It was a pleasure to spend the weekend with such a fantastic group of young people and to witness their growth, confidence and perseverance. We now look forward to seeing the students continue their DofE journey as they progress through their skills and volunteering sections. Well done to everyone involved, nobody gave up!



*** Ingestre Hall - Year 7 & 8 Residential**

Thank you to all those that joined us at the parental briefing for the Ingestre Hall Residential Trip in October.

We can confirm that the trip will be taking place as we have had a fantastic response!

Hopefully early next week we will have the ArborPay set up for the deposits to be paid. As soon as that is available I will email all those that have applied for a place on the trip.

If there are any students that are still wanting a place but haven't yet bought in the reply slip please do so asap and hand it in to the library.

If you were unable to make the meeting, or you want to look at the presentation again, please follow the link below.

For more information on this trip please collect a letter from Mrs Leverington in the library - they have been emailed out to all parents.

<https://tinyurl.com/ingestre-hall-creative-arts>



* Canteen Celebrate St. Georges Day

It was red, white and blue all round when the canteen celebrated St. George's Day on Thursday. They had the flags flying and we were treated to a fully English breakfast for lunch, followed by Victoria sponge and custard!

Absolutely delicious!





* She's a NANNY!

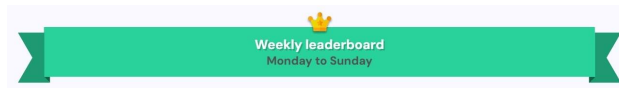
Huge congratulations to the one and only Mrs Lynn! She became a very delighted nanny to a absolutely gorgeous little boy, Cohen, on 13th April at 15.30!

Her son Scott, the new proud daddy, was a student here at Idsall so it is lovely to hear the news. Mum and baby are doing really well.

Congratulations Mrs Lynn - babysitting duties can now commence!



* Sparx Reader Competition



Congratulations to our winners!

You each will a lunchtime queue jump pass for you and a friend!

Rank	Student Name	Score
1	Mia Edwards (Mia the Storm)	1990 SRP
2	Thea Blaney (Thea the Twilight)	1819 SRP
3	Millie Sankey (Millie the Writer)	1559 SRP
4	Mia David (Mia the Dreamer)	1296 SRP
5	Kian Cresswell (Kian the Ace)	1093 SRP

Well done to you all please see Mrs Eveniss – Murray for your queue jump passes (for you and a friend) for next week.

Sparx Reader top 5 Week 1 Summer Term Yr 8

1	Hallie Grant (Hallie the Pinnacle)	903 SRP	...
2	Saphy Owen (Saphy the Composer)	783 SRP	...
3	Annabelle Stanford (Annabelle the Biologist)	767 SRP	...
4	Maggie Barnes (Maggie the Twilight)	658 SRP	...
5	Ashleigh Holton (Ashleigh the Rebel)	607 SRP	...

Well done to you all please see Mrs Eveniss – Murray for your queue jump passes (for you and a friend) for next week.

Sparx Reader top 5 Week 1 Summer Term Yr 9

1	Isobelle Siddle-Oxley (Isobelle the Mathematician)	2,060 SRP	...
2	Lily-Mai Roberts (Lily-Mai the Illuminator)	1,448 SRP	...
3	Isabel Fennon (Isabel the Maestro)	1,366 SRP	...
4	Michael Tall (Michael the Enigma)	1,179 SRP	...
5	Benny Barr (Benny the Spark)	1,075 SRP	...

Well done to you all please see Mrs Eveniss – Murray for your queue jump passes (for you and a friend) for next week.

Sparx Reader top 5 Week 1 Summer Term Yr 10

1	Heavynne Lamptey (Heavynne the Glory)	459 SRP	...
2	Boulah Graham-Wilberforce (Boulah the Composer)	401 SRP	...
3	Franeeth Kammil (Franeeth the Prodigy)	356 SRP	...
4	Emelia Brocklehurst (Emelia the Fortune)	347 SRP	...
4	Jordan Jimbu (Jordan the One and only)	347 SRP	...

Well done to you all please see Mrs Eveniss – Murray for your queue jump passes (for you and a friend) for next week.

Sparx Reader top 5 Week 1 Summer Term Yr 11

1	Lucas Homer (Lucas the Wizard)	567 SRP	...
2	Isabelle Britain (Isabelle the Bard)	173 SRP	...

Well done to you all please see Mrs Eveniss – Murray for your queue jump passes (for you and a friend) for next week.

* 4 All Foundation Sleep Out

On **Friday 1st May 2026**, staff and students will be swapping their cosy beds for sleeping bags as they spend the night **sleeping outside at school!** This special event is all about raising awareness of people in our society who do not always have a safe or secure place to stay.

Our students are also working hard to raise money through sponsorship, with all donations going to the **4 All Foundation**. This amazing charity supports vulnerable young people by creating resources and providing safe places where they can feel supported and cared for.

As our **Trust charity**, we are incredibly proud to support the work they do.

Every donation, big or small, makes a difference and is very gratefully received. Thank you for supporting our students as they step out of their comfort zones to stand up for others!

Please, if you can donate, please do so on the link below :

https://www.justgiving.com/page/idsallsleepout2026?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL



* **Idsall's Got Talent**

Our students will be **showcasing their amazing talents** on **Wednesday 29th April at 6pm** at **Idsall School**, and it promises to be a brilliant evening of entertainment! With a wide variety of acts on offer, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

The evening will be expertly hosted by our **wonderful Sixth Form team**.

Parents and carers are warmly invited to come along and support our talented students.

We hope to see you there for a fantastic night of creativity and confidence on stage! Students will be selling refreshments to raise money for our Trust charity, 4 All Foundation.

Places can be booked here: [Idsall's Got Talent - Wednesday 29th April 2026 – Fill in form](#)

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* From the PE Department



Summer Session 6's Are Underway!

Mr Bell & Mr Pargeter got things started with cricket on Monday, followed by rounders and athletics on Tuesday led by Miss Logan, Mrs Dunn and Miss Broughton. A brilliant afternoon in the sunshine!

No need to sign up in advance - just bring your PE kit and get involved. With athletics and rounders competitions on the horizon, it's the perfect chance to try something new or sharpen your skills.





* Safeguarding



We would like to bring to your attention some exploitation and online safety sessions provided by West Mercia Police, that are free for parents/carers to attend. There are various dates across May and June, and the detail says that:

The exploitation and online safety session aims to raise awareness and provide valuable insights on how to protect vulnerable children. The session will cover:

- Spotting the signs that your child might be being exploited
- How to keep your child safe online
- How online influencers might be shaping the views of your child
- Practical tips for you to help to keep your child safe online
- Why some children are more at risk of exploitation than others

It can be booked via clicking this link: [Exploitation and vulnerability training | West Mercia Police](#)

What's On In The Local Area





Exams can be tough.

They're supposed to test you, and sometimes that can be overwhelming. But we're here if it ever feels too much.

With free, confidential support, you can talk to a professional, read how others might be feeling the same or take a moment to write down your thoughts.



Visit [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) to explore the many ways Kooth can support you.



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- Sessions led by a **female ECB Core Coach and current County player**
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- Build confidence, teamwork and fitness
- Make new friends and be part of a real team
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- Beginners absolutely welcome – no experience needed!



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Our values :



Excellence

Excellence: striving always for mastery and personal success



Integrity

Integrity: consistently acting with honesty, compassion and respect



Empathy

Empathy: embracing and supporting the uniqueness of every individual



Creativity

Creativity: inspiring and challenging through invention, experimentation and exploration



Equality

Equality: ensuring fair opportunity for all