



IDSALL NEWS edition 61

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Calendar



- W/C Mon 27th Apr : External Exams Begin

- 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
- Mon 18th May : Year 13 Study Leave Begins
- Fri 22nd May : Dress For Your Dream Career

- 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
- 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

This week has been a busy and positive one for our school community.

We have held interviews for a number of teaching posts and are pleased to have appointed several new teachers who will be joining us in September. These appointments are additional and will strengthen the strong team we already have, further supporting high-quality learning and provision across the school.

A special thank you goes to the students who supported the interview process this week. They were exceptional role models, demonstrating maturity, confidence and strong interpersonal skills when welcoming and interviewing candidates. This is a real credit to the school, and once again visitors commented on how brilliant our students are. This reflects the strong, warm and welcoming ethos of our school, and the real sense of togetherness within our community.

This week also saw the start of the formal GCSE examination period for our Year 11 students. Examinations are an important milestone, and we are proud of the calm, focused and mature way students have approached the start of this process. We encourage Year 11 students to continue working hard over the coming weeks, making the most of the revision classes available and the support offered by their teachers, while also taking time to look after their wellbeing.

Tonight, students and staff will be taking part in a charity sleep out on the school grounds, generously giving up their Friday of the bank holiday to raise money and awareness for an important cause. We are extremely proud of everyone involved and are hoping the weather will continue to hold.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 10 News



WOW we have 5 of our year 10 students work entered into this exhibition and competition. This is a brand new art competition and exhibition that is organised by The Arts Society, Shrewsbury. The exhibition is coming to Shrewsbury High School on May 16 and promises to be a celebration of young creative talent from across the county.

Please take a look at the link below for more information ;

[Young Shropshire Artists Compete in New Exhibition](#)

Congratulations to Phoebe, Matilda, Sophie, Amelia and Emelia for their amazing work and good luck!

Watch this space for photos of the event!

I will provide images of the pupils and their work and images from the awards day and opening on 16th May.

I have also attached the poster in case you want to print one out for the library.



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

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A Level of the Week

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

BTEC Business

The BTEC National Business – Extended Certificate is a dynamic qualification designed to provide students with a thorough understanding of the business world. This course combines practical skills with theoretical knowledge, preparing learners for both higher education and employment in various business sectors.

Throughout the course, students explore key areas such as marketing, finance, human resources, and business management. They gain insights into how businesses operate, how decisions are made, and the factors that influence business success. Learners are encouraged to develop essential business skills including communication, problem-solving, teamwork, and critical thinking, which are highly valued by employers. The qualification is assessed through a combination of coursework and external examinations, ensuring that students can demonstrate both their practical abilities and theoretical understanding.

The Cambridge Technical Level 3 in Business opens doors to a wide range of careers, including roles in management, marketing, accounting, and entrepreneurship. It also provides a solid foundation for further studies at university or professional qualifications in business-related fields. Whether aspiring to become a business leader or seeking a diverse career path, this qualification equips learners with the tools and knowledge to success in the competitive business world.



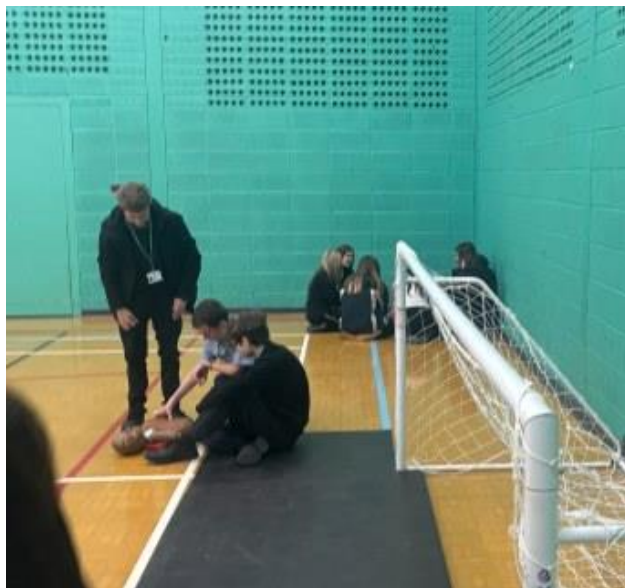
- ***"I picked BTEC Business as I wanted to do a combination of BTEC and A-Level courses"***
- ***"I'm better at coursework so chose BTEC Business"***
- ***"I want a career in finance and this course shows that finance is central to all business"***
- ***"Studying Business compliments my other options of Economics and Maths"***

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CPR Training for Sixth Form

Earlier this week the year 12 students took part in CPR training, The training is aimed to equip the students with the knowledge and skills to perform life-saving procedures until professional medical help arrives.

The training covered various aspects of CPR including hands-only CPR.







OTHER IDSALL NEWS



* Retiring

After 30 years of working at Idsall Mrs Evans is retiring today. Starting in 1996 as a dinner lady, Mrs Evans was asked if she was interested in becoming a science technician and found she loved the job!

Mrs Evans said,

"I have loved working at Idsall, must do as I have been here since 1996! I have worked with some fantastic people over the years. Our Science department are all hard working, dedicated and passionate about teaching Science and it's been a joy to work with them. I will miss them all.

I am going to enjoy spending time with our 9 grandchildren, newest born last Sunday. We have a touring caravan so no doubt be off in that."

She will be greatly missed here at Idsall, but we all wish her the very best as she starts on the next chapter - retirement!





* Trips

Disneyland

As some of you have asked, please find attached the link for the photos that were taken on the Disneyland trip. This link will only remain open for the next 2 days.

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Ingestre Hall

Thank you to all those that have requested a place on the year 7 and year 8 residential trip to Ingestre Hall Arts Centre. Arborpay should now be up and running for the deposit payments. Thank you for your patience whilst we got this sorted.

Students are already buzzing with excitement about this trip and we are hoping that all students that applied will have a place. This will be confirmed in an email after the deposits are in. We have extended the payment of the deposits until Friday 8th May, however, the deadline for the places has now expired and any students still wanting to go should come to the library and speak to Mrs Leverington and they will be put on the waiting list.



*** Canteen's Day At The Seaside!**

Wednesday 6th May the canteen are cooking up a day at the seaside with the wonderful traditional fish and chips, cookies and popcorn to name a few of the treats! Make sure your ArborPay is topped up!

Let's hope we get the sunshine to!

A DAY AT THE SEASIDE

6TH MAY



* Talent Show







* Marathon Runners!

An amazing achievement by former students Niamh Brennan and Grace Ashwell who both ran the London Marathon last weekend for charities very close to their hearts!

Congratulations from everyone at Idsall on your incredible success!

Grace Ashwell

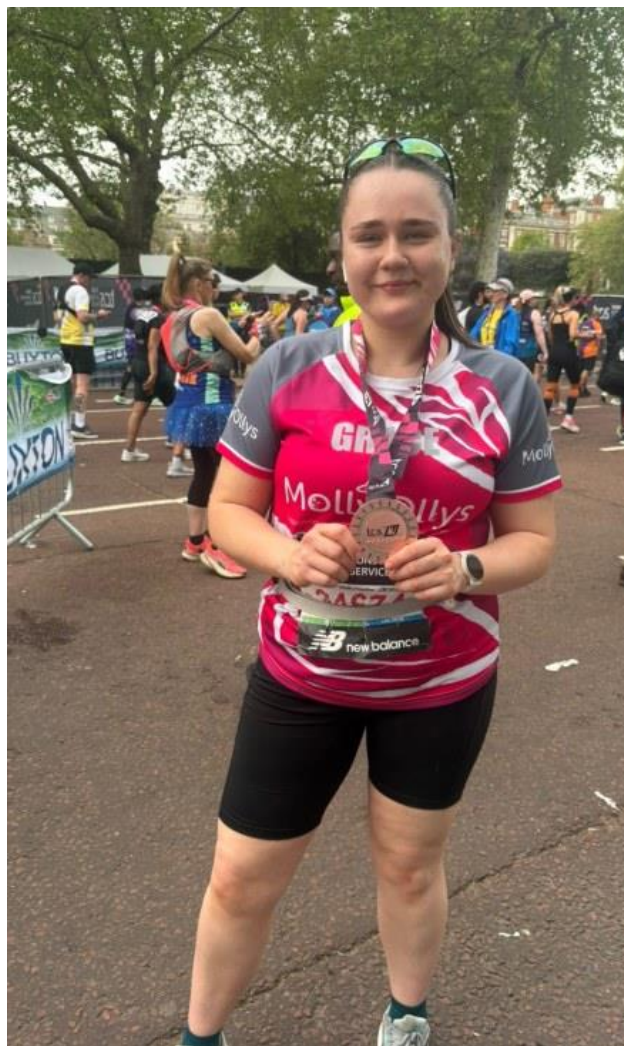
Grace completed the London Marathon in just over six hours! Her family say ; "We are very proud of her. She was amazing!"

Grace said it was a fantastic experience — the sense of accomplishment and most importantly, raising money for Molly Ollys Wishes Charity to help other children in the same way she was supported when she was ill.

She would like to thank everyone so much for their support, and is very grateful to everyone for their kindness, support, and very generous donations.

Please take a look at Grace's amazing story by following the link below :

[Molly Ollly's Wishes: Grace's page](#)



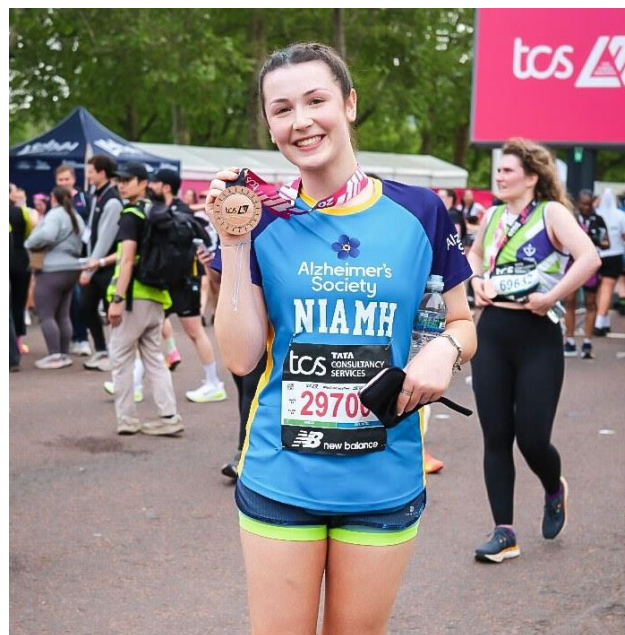
Niamh Brennan

Niamh chose to run the London Marathon on behalf of her Nanny Nuts who they lost in October 2022. Her story is hugely touching as they lost her to Alzheimer's years before she died, regrettably a feeling all to many people know and understand.

Please read Niamh's story by following the link below :

[Niamh's page](#)

2026tcs londonmarathon.enthuse.com



* Sparx Reader Competition



Congratulations to our winners!

Sparx Reader top 5 Week 2 Summer Term

Weekly Leaderboard Monday to Sunday		
1	Thia Blaney (Thia the Twelfth)	1822 SRP
2	Mia Edwards (Mia the Storm)	1359 SRP
3	Tallula Liddell-Middleton (Tallula the Traveller)	1190 SRP
4	Mubashera Mosawi (Mubashera the Performer)	1033 SRP
5	Maxwell Cotton (Maxwell the Gladiator)	831 SRP

Well done everyone – can the top person from each year group please see Mrs Eveniss – Murray for a small reward on Friday

Sparx Reader top 5 Week 2 Summer Term

Weekly Leaderboard Monday to Sunday		
1	Allie Shenton (Allie the Champion)	2403 SRP
2	Ruby Lines (Ruby the One and only)	1236 SRP
3	Faith Masley (Faith the Icon)	1063 SRP
4	Maisie Salt (Maisie the Majesty)	775 SRP
5	Ashleigh Holtom (Ashleigh the Rebel)	670 SRP

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Sparx Reader top 5 Week 2 Summer Term

Weekly Leaderboard Monday to Sunday		
1	Lilly-Mai Roberts (Lilly-Mai the Illuminator)	2965 SRP
2	Nathan Hatten (Nathan the Legend)	1087 SRP
3	Alice Moore (Alice the Artist)	953 SRP
4	Lacey Jones (Lacey the Storm)	794 SRP
5	Adem Cetin (Adem the Researcher)	626 SRP

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Sparx Reader top 5 Week 2 Summer Term

Weekly Leaderboard
Monday 14 Sunday

1	Lily-Mai Roberts (Lily-Mai the Illuminator)	2,965 SRP	...
2	Nathan Hatten (Nathan the Legend)	1,087 SRP	...
3	Alice Moore (Alice the Artist)	953 SRP	...
4	Lacey Jones (Lacey the Storm)	794 SRP	...
5	Adem Cetin (Adem the Researcher)	626 SRP	...

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Sparx Reader top 5 Week 2 Summer Term

Weekly Leaderboard
Monday 14 Sunday

1	Lucas Homer (Lucas the Wizard)	512 SRP	...
2	Logan Neate (Logan the Ranger)	500 SRP	...
3	Jake Botwood (Jake the Impulse)	212 SRP	...
4	Phoebe Parks (Phoebe the Ace)	0 SRP	...
5	Seb Harris (Seb the Adventurer)	0 SRP	...

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*** From the PE Department**



Year 11 County Cup Finals



Tuesday 5th May

Our fabulous year 11 football team are through to the County Cup final!

It is being held on **Tuesday 5th May**, kicking off at Lilleshall sports centre (on the grass pitches) at 4:30pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along and support a brilliant squad of players. Watch this space for results!

Upcoming Rounders Competitions

Upcoming rounders competitions are not far away! Want to get involved and play on the team? Come and join in with rounders session 6 on a Tuesday. Just bring your PE kit and head to PE at the end of the day - bring a friend to try it with you!

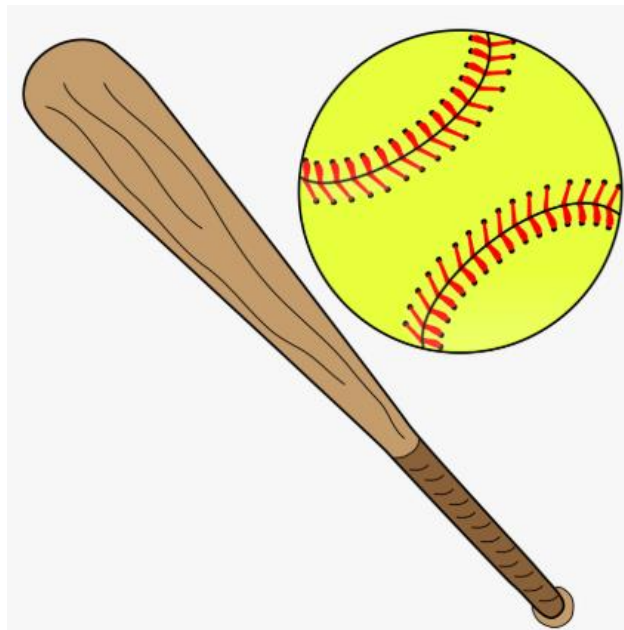
Year 10 – Thursday 14th May

Year 8 – Thursday 4th June

Year 7 – Thursday 11th June

Year 7/8 mixed rounders – Thursday 25th June

Speak to Mrs Dunn or Miss Logan for more information!



*** Safeguarding**



This week's safeguarding focus is explaining "early help".

All children, young people and families in Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin can access services such as health and education, these are known as 'universal services', because they are

available to all. However, some will need extra support in order to be healthy, safe and to achieve their potential. This is called 'Early help'. Early help means providing support as soon as a difficulty emerges, so that children, young people and families get the right help at the right time, to improve their lives now and in the future. This early help support could come from one service or a few different types of services, including a targeted service.

Early help can support one or more of the below areas:



Early help is a consent driven service – and is there to support families as a means of intervention and support. If a family is agreeable to accessing early help support, an early help assessment and family action plan is created.

If you live in Shropshire, more information is available here: [Early help | Shropshire Council](#), and if you live in Telford and Wrekin, more information can be found here: [Telford & Wrekin Council | Family safeguarding](#)

If you feel that early help would be of a support to your family, and would like a confidential conversation around this, please do contact Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Reeve or Mrs Marston at school.

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.



Providing NHS services

Cinderella shall go to the ball!



Calling all teenagers in need of a prom dress!
Community Matters can lend or gift a
beautiful dress to those struggling to afford one.

We have a few to choose from

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Why try Cricket?

- Sessions led by a **female ECB Core Coach and current County player**
- Teams for **hardball and softball cricket**
- Fun and inclusive sessions for beginners and experienced players
- ECB qualified, friendly coaches
- Build confidence, teamwork and fitness
- Make new friends and be part of a real team
- Training sessions and matches throughout the season.
- Girls of **all ages and abilities**
- Beginners absolutely welcome – no experience needed!



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10 MAY 2026
 Stirchley Sports Centre
 Grange Avenue, Telford TF3 1ET

- U11 & 13 (School Year 7/8)
 12.00 till 13.00 hrs
- U14 & 15 (School Years 9)
 13.00 till 14.30 hrs
- U16 & 18
 (School Year 10, 11, 12)
 14.30 till 15.50 hrs

13 MAY 2026
 The Telford Langley School
 Duce Drive, Dawley, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 3JS

- GIRLS ONLY**
 19.00 till 20.00 hrs

18TH MAY
 Holy Trinity Academy
 Teece Drive
 TF2 9SQ

Mini Ballers
 18:00 till 18:45 hrs



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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