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Calendar



- Mon 25th to Fri 29th May : Half Term

- Mon 1st & Tue 2nd Jun : Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
- Thu 4th Jun : Year 7 Parents Evening
- Fri 5th Jun : Deadline to buy Yr 11 Prom Tickets
- Fri 19th June : Collaboration Day

- Mon 22nd June ; UCAS Convention, Birmingham
- Tue 23rd June : New Student Induction for Sixth Form
- Tue 23rd June : Year 11 Prom
- Tue 23rd to Tue 30th June : Year 12 Mock Exams
- Thu 25th June : Year 13 Leavers Breakfast and Prom
- Mon 29th to Fri 3rd June : Year 10 Work Experience Week

- Thu 2nd Jul : 6th Form Parents Evening
- Mon 6th & Tue 7th July : Year 6 Transitions Days
- Mon 13th & Tue 14th July : School Show "Beauty and the Beast"
- Wed 15th July : Boogie Nights
- 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

As we reach the end of half term, I would like to thank you for your continued support and take a moment to celebrate the many successes across our school. It has been a fantastic half term, with students showing commitment, resilience and enthusiasm for learning, alongside excellent achievements in sport, the arts and enrichment activities.

We are particularly proud of our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they begin their examinations, demonstrating focus and maturity, and of all year groups who have worked hard. Thank you for your ongoing support in upholding our high standards and supporting student wellbeing.

We wish all families a restful break and look forward to welcoming students back for a strong final half term.

Year 8 News



HPV Vaccinations

*We have been informed by the Shropshire Immunisation Team, that they will be visiting Idsall School on **Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd June** to administer the **HPV vaccination to students in Year 8.***

*The letter has gone out, via email, which includes an eConsent link to give your consent. Please be aware that the **eConsent link closes at 9am on 25th May 2026.***

Year 10 News



Jessie Proves Hard Work Pays Off

Jessie has really excelled in her riding over the past few weeks, she has been attending many competitions.

Over the weekend she attended Wrekin North Riding Club bringing home:

- 2nd Working hunter 60-70
- 2nd Showjumping 60 Fillers
- 4th Showjumping 70 no Fillers
- 4th Showjumping 70 Fillers

Jessie and River have worked really hard over the past weeks for this show - and it really paid off!

They have both qualified to go and jump at The Sunshine Tour later in the year at the heights of 60cm and 70cm.

Jessie is proving that **hard work really does pay off!**





Year 11 News

Revision Timetable Update

Yesterday (Thursday) the school sent out an update on the year 11 revision timetable which included two important updates :

- Physics revision will now take place on Monday 1st June during Periods 4 and 5.
- Our Year 11 Leavers' Assembly will be held on Friday 12th June during Period 4.

Following the leavers' assembly, students will be dismissed and expected to leave site by approximately 1:15pm.

We encourage all students to attend the scheduled revision sessions as part of their final preparation for examinations.

GCSE EXAM & REVISION TIMETABLE 2026

Monday 1st June - Monday 15th June
Students will either be in an exam, in a revision class (below) or in normal lessons.

	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	
Monday 1st June	PHYSICAL EDUCATION (1 hr 15 mins)	COMBINED SCIENCE : PHYSICS (2 hr 15 mins) PHYSICS (1 hr 45 mins)	RS Revision (DSH)	RELIGIOUS STUDIES (1 hr) (24 Students)	Biology lunch for exam for exams	
Tuesday 2nd June				HISTORY REVISION		PHYSICS REVISION (for students not in Religious Studies exam - students join revision session after exam)
Wednesday 3rd June				GEOGRAPHY REVISION		MATHEMATICS REVISION
Thursday 4th June				FRENCH REVISION		GEOGRAPHY (1 hr 30 mins)
Friday 5th June				MUSIC REVISION		FRENCH F (1 hr) : H (1 hr 15 mins)
				ENGLISH REVISION (for students not in French exam - French students join revision session after exam)		
				MUSIC (1 hr 30 mins)		
				BIOLOGY REVISION (for students not in Music Exam - Music students join revision session after exam)		

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	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5
Monday 8th June	COMBINED SCIENCE : BIOLOGY (1 hr 15 min) BIOLOGY (1 hr 45 mins)		FURTHER MATHS REVISION	FURTHER MATHEMATICS (1 hr 45 mins) MATHS REVISION	
Tuesday 9th June	MATHS REVISION		HISTORY REVISION	HISTORY (1 hr 30 mins)	
Wednesday 10th June	MATHEMATICS (1 hr 30 mins)		DT REVISION GEOGRAPHY REVISION	DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY (2 hours)	
Thursday 11th June	GEOGRAPHY (1 hr 30 mins)		FOOD PREP REVISION	FOOD PREPARATION AND NUTRITION (1 hr 45 mins) CHEMISTRY REVISION	
Friday 12th June	COMBINED SCIENCE : CHEMISTRY (1 hr 15 min) CHEMISTRY (1 hr 45 mins)		PHYSICS REVISION	LEAVERS ASSEMBLY	

Breakfast available in the canteen from 8.00 - 8.30 for students with exams starting at 9.00

Early lunch for exams

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Prom Information

Deadline for Tickets is Friday 5th June 2026!

Prom is now fast approaching .. the 23rd June, and what a fabulous way to celebrate the completion of your exams and saying farewell to friends that are following different paths. A fantastic evening of food, dance and much more!

See more information on the poster below with regards to tickets, venue, times etc. **Don't forget ... get your ticket now!**



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.

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

Year 13 Final Sports Afternoon

Last Friday saw our year 13 pupils go onto study leave.

They had one final request a sports afternoon! So, in true Idsall spirit they ended the day in the old gym, playing games such as dodge ball and bench ball.

We look forward to welcoming the whole cohort back on Thursday 25th June where they will have a formal end to their school journey here at Idsall in a leavers brunch and then their final Assembly.

21st July – Sixth Form Sports Day







OTHER IDSALL NEWS



* The Deb Steadman Award

This year the staff of Idsall have launched an incredibly special award. The Deb Steadman Award.

Deb Steadman was our attendance officer for a very long time and sadly passed away in 2025. Deb was the embodiment of Idsall. Worked hard and laughed hard. She was always up for a bit of banter and a friendly smile, but also willing to help in any way she could. In her memory, the staff fund members chose to introduce the Deb Steadman award, which each year will be given to the pupil who has embodied the spirit of Idsall the most.

There is now a shield, which will be engraved each year and a trophy each year for the student to keep.

The winner of this years award has certainly deserved it. Staff were invited to put student candidates forward and when the list was compiled all staff voted. The result was outstanding!

As a school we would like to congratulate

Noah Fitzsimmons, Year 12

for being the first recipient of this award. Although we are keeping the large shield in school with Noah's name engraved on it, Noah was presented with the award by Mr Reeve, and gets a smaller version of it to take home.



*Mamma Mia!

Last week, a lucky group of students had the exciting opportunity to attend a live production of the smash-hit musical Mamma Mia! — and what an unforgettable experience it was!

From the moment the curtain rose, pupils were completely captivated by the vibrant energy, colourful staging, and, of course, the timeless music of ABBA. Featuring a fantastic selection of well-loved hits such as Dancing Queen, Super Trouper, and Mamma Mia, the show had everyone tapping their feet and smiling from start to finish. For many students, it was their first experience of live theatre, making it all the more special.

Throughout the performance, pupils showed genuine enthusiasm and appreciation, fully engaging with the story and music. It was clear to see how much they enjoyed hearing such a wide variety of ABBA's iconic songs performed live on stage.

Staff were particularly proud of the behaviour displayed during the trip. Students were respectful, polite, and conducted themselves impeccably both at the theatre and during the journey. Their exemplary attitude did not go unnoticed, and they were a credit to the school at all times.

This trip was not only a chance to enjoy world-class entertainment, but also an opportunity to broaden cultural experiences and inspire a love of the performing arts. It is safe to say that the outing was a resounding success, leaving students with wonderful memories—and perhaps a few new favourite songs!

Well done to all who attended for representing the school so brilliantly. We look forward to many more exciting trips in the future!





* The Big Sing

What an incredible day bringing our Trust together through music!

"It was fantastic to welcome 150 singers from Marches Academy Trust schools to St Oswald's, Oswestry for an inspiring African Gospel Singing workshop. A huge thank you to all the children who joined us – you were all absolutely brilliant!

The energy in the room was amazing, with children not only enjoying a wide range of songs but also learning about their meaning and importance within African culture. The atmosphere was full of joy, confidence and celebration, with everyone encouraged to take part and express themselves.

We also loved hearing this reflection from Emily:

“We really enjoyed yesterday. We got to sing all sorts of different songs and learnt about what the songs actually mean to African culture. The people were very full of life and so was the crowd. You didn’t have to feel embarrassed to have a good time. Me and my friend even got a special shout out for our effort and interest in the event. It was genuinely a great experience, and I would 100% go again.”

👏What a fantastic experience for everyone involved! 👏



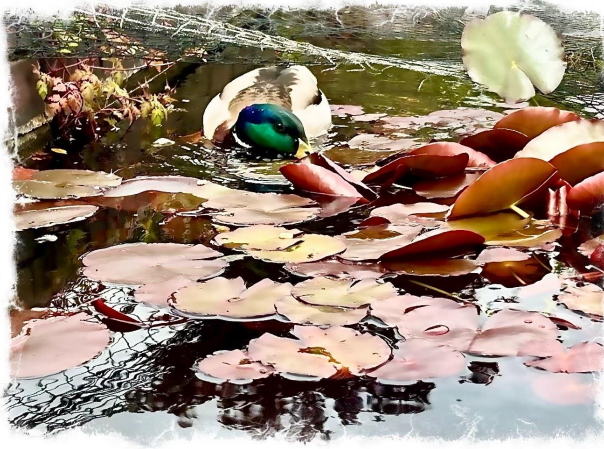
* Fish and Ducks!

After successfully sprucing up the sixth form garden, year 12 student, Noah F, has put his talents to other uses in the main school by cleaning and sorting out the pond.

Since clearing the pond, Idsall now has its own pair of nesting ducks occupying the pond. The sixth form have, of course, named the ducks and they are no on-roll as 'Sarah and Duck'. They have caused quite an interest in many of our students who look for them when they are passing.

We look forward to seeing whether any little ducklings appear over the coming months.





* Ingestre Hall Residential

Thank you to all those that paid the deposit for the residential trip to Ingestre Hall in October 2026. Places have now been filled and an email has been sent to all parents /guardians of students that had paid the deposit.

I have now started a waiting list so if you would like your students name to be put on the list please email me :

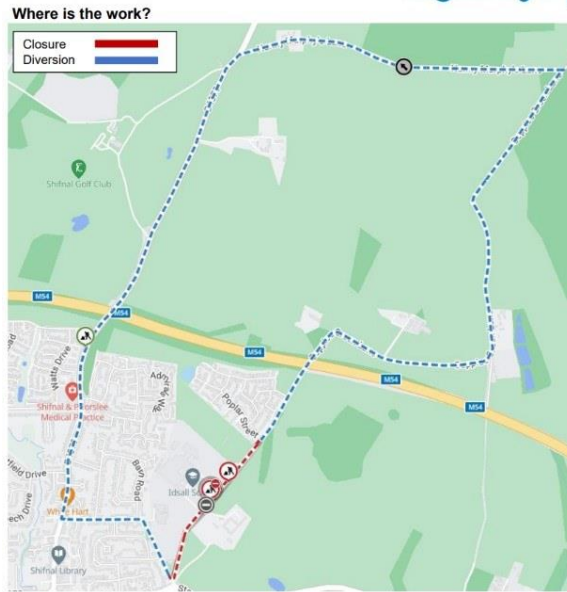
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* Road Closure

Please be aware that we have been informed, from Shropshire Highways, that they are planning to carry out School Speed Reduction Scheme work on Coppice Green Lane. This work will take place from Tuesday 26th May to Friday 5th June (weekdays only) during the hours of 9:30am to 4pm (Week 1) & 09:30am – 2:45pm (Week 2) .

Please see the link for more information : [Causeway one.network](https://www.causewayone.network)



* From the PE Department



U13 Girls are County Cup Finalists!

In tough warm conditions, the girls battled to an incredible 6-6 draw at full time with some brilliant performances across the pitch 🏆

Another tense penalty shootout followed (Miss Logan could barely watch 😓), but the girls came out on top winning 4-1 on penalties!

- Excellent goals
- Huge saves

Now we're through to the COUNTY CUP FINAL!!! 🏆

🔥Goals:

⚽Ruby W x2

⚽Layla M

⚽Thea B x3Pens:

⚽ April R

⚽ Thea B

⚽ Ruby W

⚽ Molly S

★ Isla Blakeman

🏆 County Cup Final **31** Wed 3rd June ⌚ 6:15pm KO 📍 Lilleshall National Sports Centre





* Safeguarding



This week's safeguarding focus is on the game "Minecraft", played by a significant number of our school community. Whilst it is a fun game, it is possible for young people to communicate with strangers, download files that may not be safe and spend money within the game.

Minecraft itself doesn't have a big built-in "parental control" menu but depending on how your child plays (Java Edition, Bedrock/Windows, or console), you can manage what they can do through a mix of Microsoft account family settings, platform parental controls, and server/world settings. Please see below for guidance.

General Safety Options

- Mute Chat / Toggle Chat (both editions): You can turn chat off in settings to stop interaction with strangers.
- Realms vs Servers: Realms are invite-only (safer). Public servers often have less control over content and players.
- Resource Packs / Add-ons: Keep an eye on downloads; use only trusted sources (Marketplace or well-known modding sites).
- Play Together Locally: On consoles or LAN, children can play with just friends/family without internet strangers.

Bedrock Edition (Windows, iOS, Android, Xbox, PlayStation, Switch)

Microsoft Family Safety :

- Log into your child's Microsoft account via family.microsoft.com.
- You can set:
- Screen time limits.
- Spending limits (requires adult approval for purchases).
- Restrictions on joining multiplayer/Realms.
- Restrictions on adding friends.

Xbox/Console Parental Controls:

Each console (Xbox, PlayStation, Switch) has its own parental settings that allow you to:

- Restrict online play.
- Control voice/text chat.
- Block joining servers or Realms.

- Limit age-rated content.

Java Edition (PC/Mac)

Java doesn't have built-in parental settings, so you'll need to manage through:

- Server settings: If your child plays on your own hosted server, you can whitelist who's allowed to join, disable chat, or use plugins/mods to filter messages.
- Launcher account: Java Edition is tied to a Microsoft account now, so you can still apply Microsoft Family Safety rules (e.g. screen time, purchase approval).
- Chat reporting: Mojang added reporting and chat filters—strong language and personal info can be filtered automatically if enabled in account settings.

What's On In The Local Area



WANT TO HELP SHAPE

SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN SHROPSHIRE?

Opportunities to make decisions about services for young people across Shropshire -

- Hybrid and in-person workshops, events, training and more June - August 2026

Open to all 16-25 year olds
Living, working or studying in Shropshire

Please fill in a short registration form within your youth work setting or school or contact Rachel directly
We'll invite you to an event to learn more about getting involved

This is open to ALL young people. We're especially interested in hearing from you if you...

- are disabled, neurodivergent, or have a long-term health condition
- are home educated, or struggled with school
- are a young carer, or have other caring responsibilities
- are care experienced or looked after
- live in a rural area with not many opportunities
- are part of a community who experiences racism and/or discrimination
- aren't currently in education, employment or training
- grew up in a household where things weren't easy

REGISTER BEFORE 29TH MAY 2026 TO SECURE YOUR SPOT!

For more information contact Rachel on 07815 018462 or email youthvoice@shropshire.gov.uk

Shropshire Council



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

Please contact us



TELFORD COMMUNITY SUPPORT
| [Cinderella shall go to the ball](#)
| Facebook



GIRLS HARD & SOFTBALL CRICKET AT SHIFNAL CRICKET CLUB



All ages • All abilities • Everyone welcome!
Led by a female ECB Core Coach

Looking for a fun, friendly sport where girls can make new friends, learn new skills, and build confidence? Join **Girls Cricket at Shifnal Cricket Club** and be part of a growing, supportive community!

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!



Get in touch

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Come and give it a go –
your cricket journey starts here!

Shifnal Cricket Club
The Cricket Pavilion, Priorslee Road,
Shifnal, Shropshire TF11 8HD



SUMMER 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:

- EHCPs
- 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.

BRIDGNORTH LIBRARY

Tuesday 19th May 2026
1:30pm-3:30pm

Bridgnorth Library,
Listley Street, Town Centre,
Bridgnorth, WV16 4AW

SHREWSBURY THE LANTERN

Thursday 16th June 2026
10:00am-12:00pm

The Lantern,
Meadow Farm drive, Shrewsbury,
SY1 4NG

OSWESTRY LIBRARY

Thursday 2nd July 2026
13:00pm-15:00pm

Oswestry Library,
Arthur Street, Oswestry,
SY11 1JN



HAVE YOUR SAY!

Scan the QR code to suggest topics and activities for future drop-in sessions.

Contact Us

IDSALL SCHOOL

"Great oaks from little acorns grow"

Part of MARCHES TRUST ACADEMY



[LINK : Home - Idsall School](#)



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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