



IDSALL NEWS edition 67

19 June 2026

Calendar



- Mon 22nd June ; UCAS Convention, Birmingham
- 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
- Fri 26th June : Armed Forces Day
- Mon 29th to Fri 3rd July : Year 10 Work Experience Week

- Thu 2nd Jul : 6th Form Parents Evening
- Fri 3rd Jul : UN COP Climate Summit - Year 8
- 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

This is a time of celebration and transition at Idsall. We say goodbye to our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they move on to exciting new opportunities we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

At the same time, we are delighted that many students will be joining us for Sixth Form in September, with both familiar faces and new students choosing Idsall for the next stage of their journey.

We also look forward to welcoming our soon-to-be Year 7 students in the coming weeks as they begin their transition into secondary school life.

One of our incoming Post-16 students shared:

- ***“Choosing Idsall for Sixth Form felt like the right step for me the support, opportunities, and welcoming atmosphere made me feel confident about the next stage of my education.”***

As one chapter ends and another begins, we are proud of the strong, supportive community that makes Idsall such a special place where every student belongs.

Year 7 News



Pitta Pizza Practical

7L3 worked incredibly hard during their “Pitta Pizza” practical. They were impressively organised, demonstrating excellent preparation and teamwork throughout.

It was great to see them collaborate so effectively and responsibly to create the pitta pizza! They worked so well as a team they got to share their meal together.

Well done to everyone – fantastic effort!





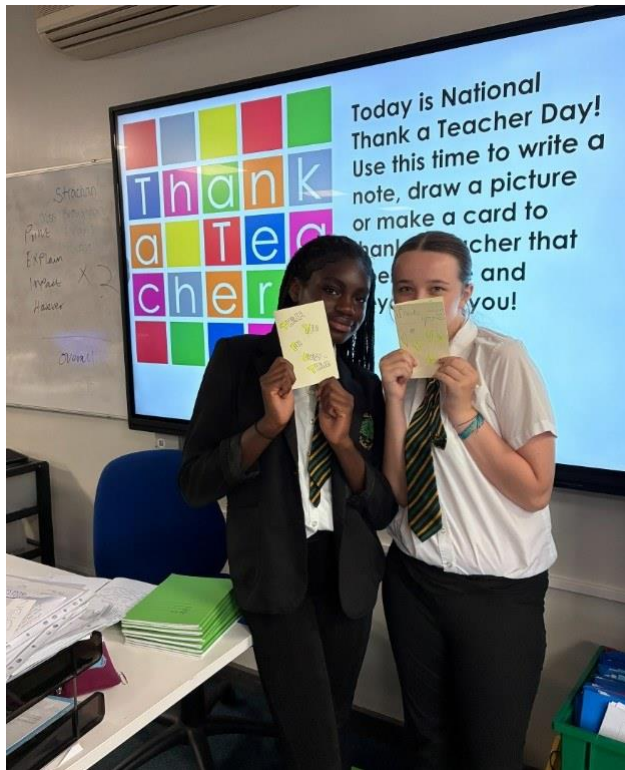
Year 8 News

8MLO Celebrate National Thank a Teacher Day

On Wednesday 17th June, 8MLO were celebrating National Thank a Teacher Day by making cards and writing letters to the teachers they are most grateful for.

This was a special opportunity to recognise the passion, dedication and impact of every member of our school team.

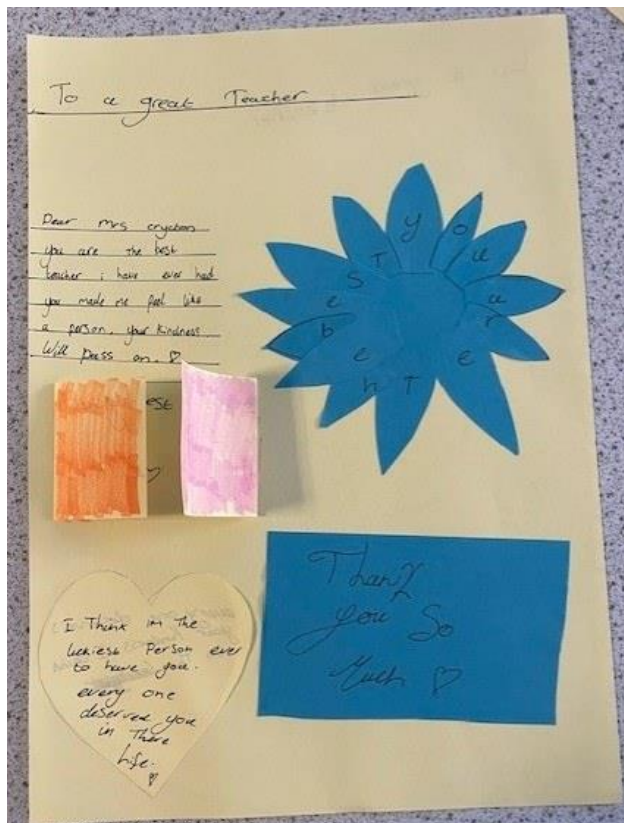
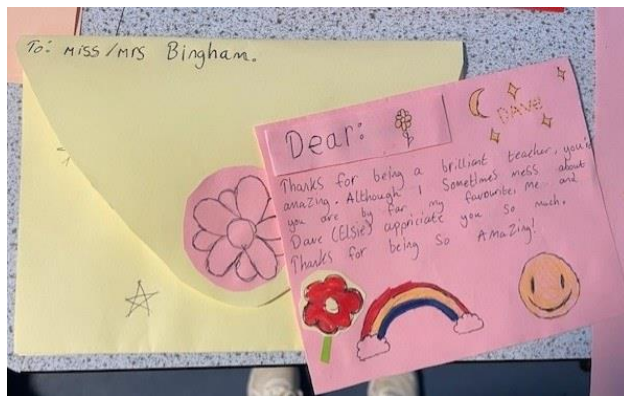
Members of 8MLO were excited to share their appreciation and certainly put a smile on some teachers faces 😊👍😊🌟



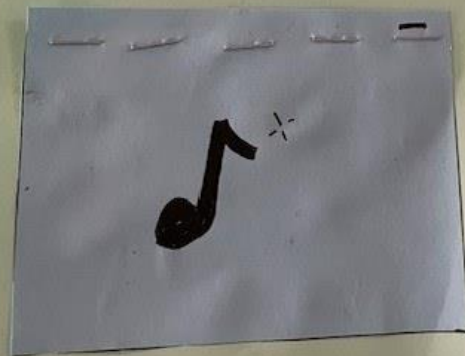
8SDU Get Creative

8SDU also had a great time being creative and sending thanks to the teachers who have helped them the most this year.

Such a great effort by all the tutor group that we thought we would share them with you!



Best
teacher



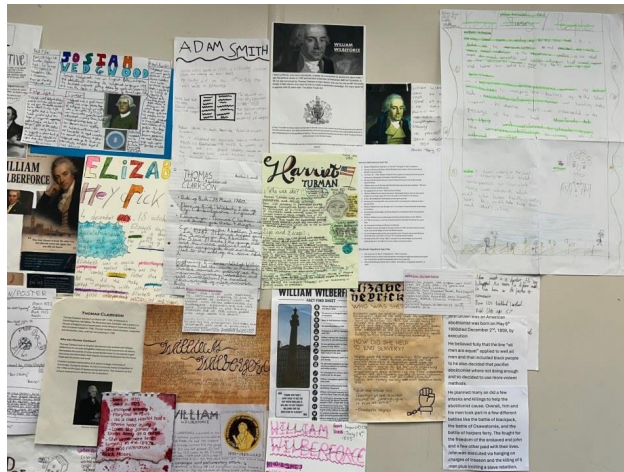




History for Year 8

Miss Bingham assigned her class an interesting and thought-provoking piece of homework a couple of weeks ago and got an amazing response.

These are 8A1's History homework projects, all completed by the class, proudly showcasing the important figures who played a role in abolishing slavery.



Year 8 Climate Summit

On Friday 3rd July 2026, Year 8 students will take part in a Trust-wide Model United Nations COP Climate Summit, exploring the theme “Is the world doing enough?”.

Representing countries from across the globe, students will research climate issues, deliver speeches, and engage in debate before culminating in a high-level Top Table negotiation.

The event is supported by the United Nations Association Marches and Borders Branch, with Gareth Von Dinther, Director of the UNA, leading the day.

This initiative will help prepare students for future participation in Year 9 and Sixth Form simulations.



Year 9 News



The Groolley Awards: Celebrating Our Amazing Students!

One of the highlights of each half term is undoubtedly the presentation of the **Groolley Awards** – a special initiative created by Mrs Griffin and Ms Woolley (hence the name *Groolley!*).

The awards were established to recognise and celebrate students who consistently demonstrate the qualities that make our school community such a positive place to learn and grow.

Recipients may be recognised for their outstanding effort, excellent manners, improved behaviour, willingness to help others, positive attitude, resilience, or simply for being fantastic young people who make a difference every day.

What makes the Groolley Awards particularly special is that they are not solely based on academic achievement. Instead, they celebrate character, kindness, determination, and the everyday actions that often go unnoticed but contribute so much to school life. The awards provide an opportunity to acknowledge students who lead by example and embody the values we strive to promote throughout our school.

Since their introduction, the Groolley Awards have been met with tremendous enthusiasm from students and staff alike, quickly becoming a much-anticipated part of the school calendar and a wonderful way to bring each half term to a positive close.

Spring Half Term 2 Winners

- Bayley M-P
- Cherry A-B

- Mia V
- Charlotte K
- Jack E
- Ava M
- Michael M
- Will N

Summer Half Term 1 Winners

- Grace A
- Lola B
- Joseph D
- Oliver T
- Lucca T

Congratulations to all of our Groolley Award winners. We are incredibly proud of the example you set and the contribution you make to our school community each day. Your hard work, positivity, kindness, and commitment do not go unnoticed, and these awards are a reflection of the impact you have on those around you. Mrs Griffin and Ms Woolley look forward to recognising many more deserving students in the coming months as the Groolley Awards continue to celebrate the very best of our school community.

Year 10 News



Year 10 Assessments

We have been very pleased with the mature and responsible approach that the majority of our Year 10 students have taken during their assessments.

The assessments will continue throughout next week, starting on Tuesday.

Should students have any questions or require further information or support, they are encouraged to contact their Head of Year.



Year 11 News



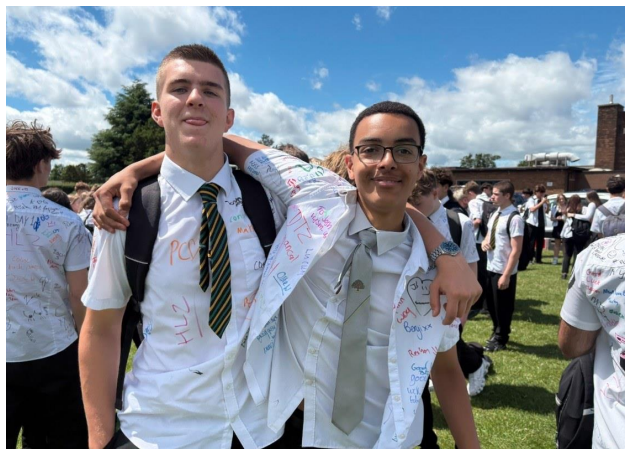
✨ YEAR 11 LEAVERS 2026 ✨

Class of 2026









11SEV Share Photos!



Results Day - Date for the Diary

Year 11 GCSE Results Day will be on **Thursday 20th August, 2026.**

This is a time for the year 11 students to come back into the school, meet their teachers and receive their results. They will also have the time to confirm their place in the Idsall Sixth Form as the Sixth Form Team will be there ready to welcome their new cohort!

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.

18th June - New student induction day

22nd June - UCAS Convention, B'ham

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

6th Form Volunteering in the Local Community

Last Saturday was the annual Summer Fayre at St Andrews Church, Shifnal. Tiff H from our 6th Form gave up the afternoon to help with face painting and to bring joy to younger members of our community.

Well done Tiff!





Year 13 Final A-Level exam is over

Year 13 have been impeccable in both their effort and attitude towards their exams this year. Here are the pupils following the completion of their third A-Level Maths paper.

They were understandably relieved, knowing that their Idsall educational journey have now come to an end.

We wish them all the very best as they move on to their future endeavours.



OTHER IDSALL NEWS

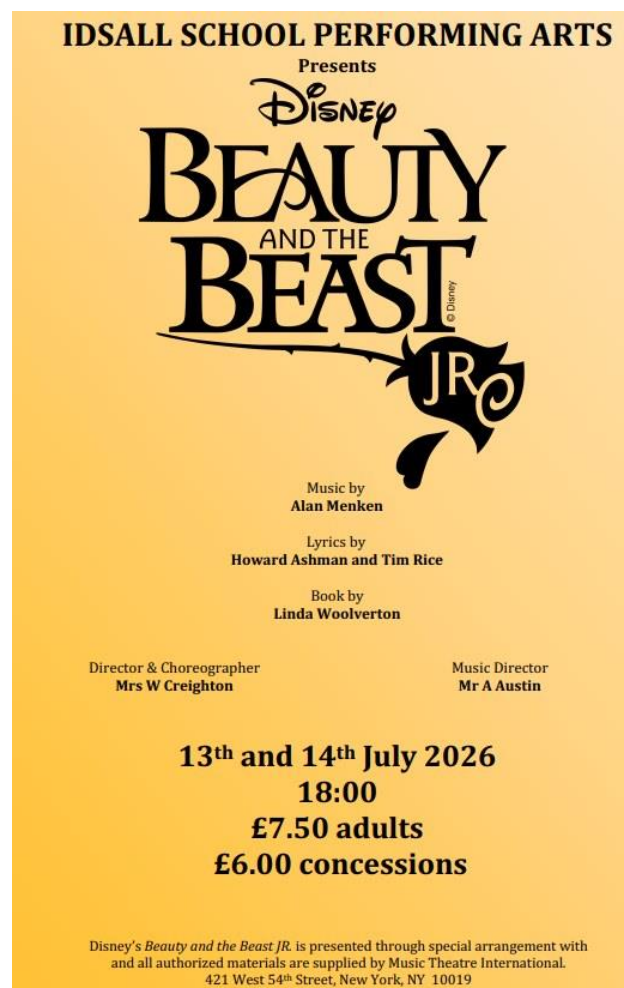


* Beauty and the Beast Tickets On Sale!

Get ready for a tale as old as time!

Tickets are available on Arbor Pay for this magical night, where Idsall School brings you a touch of the West End and Disney in their captivating performance of Beauty and the Beast.

A night not to be missed as our students showcase their amazing talent and tell the timeless fairy tale about love, transformation, and looking beyond appearances.



We can't wait to see you there - book your tickets NOW!

* Bake Sale

On Wednesday 24th June, the fantastic cast of our school show 'Beauty and the Beast' are holding a bake sale!

Pupils could also be in with a chance to win 150 blue lollies for 50p in our raffle!

All proceeds will be used to purchase a portable fog machine for the show.

Find us outside D1 at breaktime!



* Armed Forces Day

On Friday 26th June Cadets are invited to wear their Cadet Uniform to school in honour of Armed Forces Day.

Armed Forces Day is a national event that celebrates and honours the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces, including the Army, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, veterans, and cadets. It is a day where we all have a chance to :

- Show appreciation for serving personnel and veterans
- Recognise the sacrifices made by military families
- Celebrate the work and dedication of the Armed Forces

Students are encouraged to wear their cadet uniform in recognition of this very special day.



* 6th Form Induction Day

We had an amazing day yesterday when we welcomed over 120 new and returning students into our school for the New Student Induction Day. This was an event for those students that have been offered a place at Idsall Sixth Form.

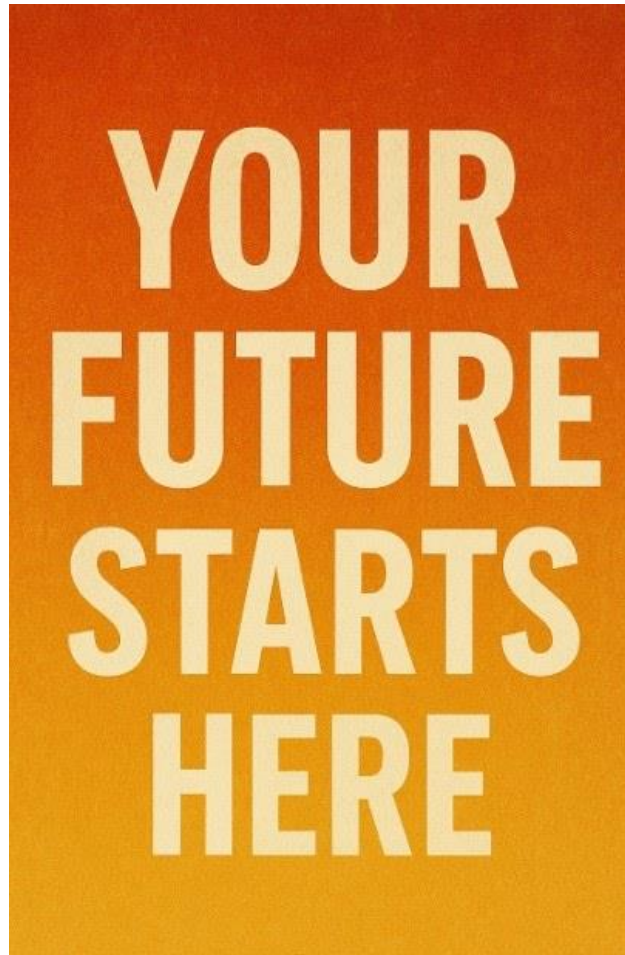
The day started with students being welcomed on arrival by Mr Bowler and the 6th Form Team. They then went into 2 lesson tasters within the school. Teachers enjoyed welcoming the new cohort and telling them about their subject, giving them information on what they will be studying for the next two years.

Break followed where they were able to get food from the 6th Form Pod.

Another two hours in lessons followed this before lunch break where it was lovely to see so many of the present year 12 students mixing with the new cohort. The students got to hang out in the 6th Form area as well as outside on the fields.

After lunch students took part on the enrichment activities on the field outside the 6th Form area. This included a bouncy castle and many other activities.

Visiting students gained a wonderful insight into what life is like as a sixth form student, and we hope left with a very positive impression!













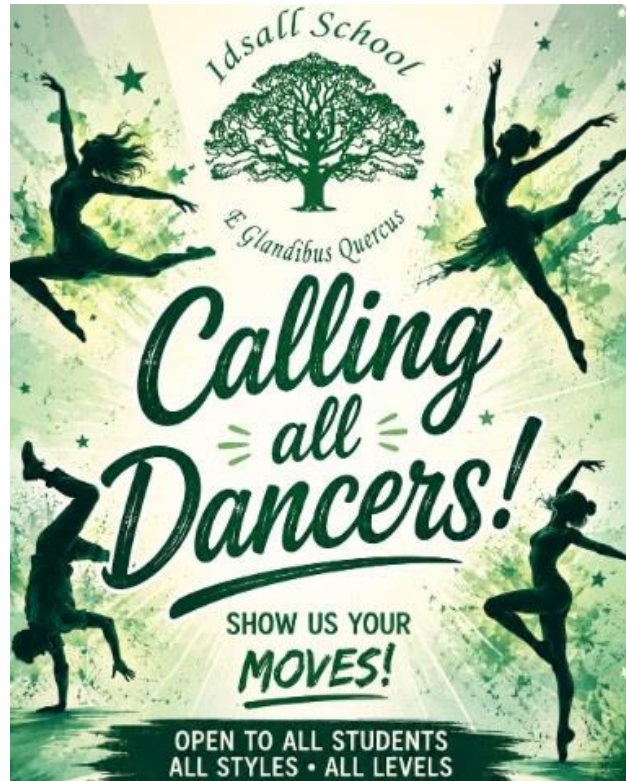


*** Attention All Dancers**

On Wednesday 15th July, Idsall will be hosting the annual 'Boogie Nights' dance showcase for all our local feeder primary schools to attend.

As part of this celebration night we would like to display the talents of Idsall students to inspire the younger children.

If you are a dancer and would like to get involved in performing in the show please get in touch with Mrs Thompson (School Games Coordinator) via email or pop to the PE office on Wednesday or Thursday.



* From the PE Department



Year 7 Athletics

Our Year 7s headed over to their first Telford Athletics event of the year and were an absolute credit to Idsall! 🏆🏃♂️🏃♀️

Every student gave their all in their events, showing fantastic determination, effort and team spirit. We're already looking forward to seeing them compete again at Telford Champs!

★ Standout performances:

🏆 Thea B – 1st place in the 1500m

🏆 Harley J – 1st place in the 800m

🥈 Alfie D – 2nd place in the High Jump

🥉 Blake V – 3rd place in the Javelin with a fantastic throw of 19+ metres!

A huge well done to everyone involved – you represented the school brilliantly. Special shout-out to our glitter queens for bringing the vibes, boosting team morale and keeping spirits high throughout the afternoon! ✨💚

#TeamIdsall #Athletics #ProudToBeldsall





KS4 Rounders

Our KS4 Rounders team proudly represented East Shropshire at the School Games Final! 🌟

After competing against the winners from North Shropshire, Telford and South Shropshire, the team finished in an excellent 3rd place 🏆.

A day full of sunshine, great rounders, and fantastic teamwork and communication.

Well done, girls! 🙌🌟



KS1 Multi Skills

On Wednesday 17th June, Idsall Sports Leaders planned and ran a striking and fielding multi skills event for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at our local feeder primary schools.

Children from St Andrews, Shifnal and Sheriffhales participated in activities to develop throwing, catching, batting and fielding skills.

The Sports leaders did a fantastic job at engaging the young children. It was definitely an excellent learning opportunity for the leaders to put their skills into good practice.

Well done for all your efforts!



EYFS Sports Day

On Monday 15th June, Idsall Sports Leaders and Shifnal School Bronze Ambassadors worked together to run the Sports day for reception children.

Over 50 children alongside their parents and carers took part in a carousel of activities to develop the fundamentals of movement. All children had a go on 5 different stations focusing on throwing, balance, jumping, running and targets. Following the stations children participated in the egg and spoon and sprint races on the track.

The afternoon was fantastic and the students worked extremely hard to create a positive and fun environment. Feedback from staff and parents at Shifnal Primary School was outstanding.

The leaders continue to make a positive contribution to the wider community!



Mixed U12 Cricket

🏏 Our mixed U12 team had a fantastic day at Frankwell CC taking part in the Chance to Shine Festival hosted by Cricket Shropshire.

The team showed excellent cricketing knowledge, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout, finishing 3rd in their group with plenty of smiles and enthusiasm to keep improving.

A special shoutout to Alex W for captaining the team brilliantly, and thank you to Cricket Shropshire for hosting a great event! 🙌



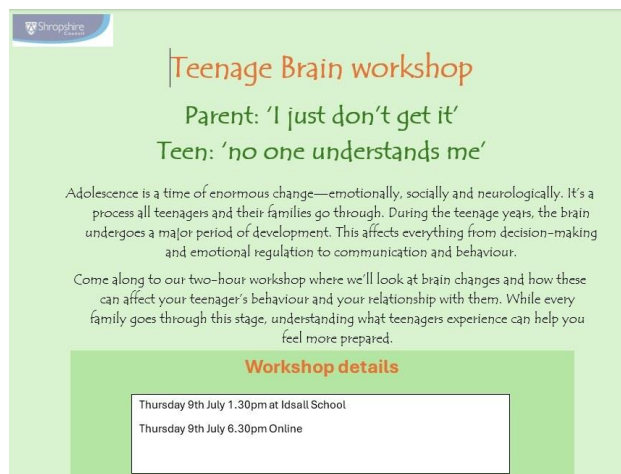
* Teenage Brain Workshop

On Thursday 9th July, Idsall School are hosting a two hour Shropshire Council workshop on the teenage brain!

The workshop will cover :

- How the teenage brain develops
- Emotional wellbeing and regulation
- Changes in communication and sleep
- Exploring behaviours such as risk taking

For more information please take a look at the poster information below.



Shropshire Council logo

Teenage Brain workshop

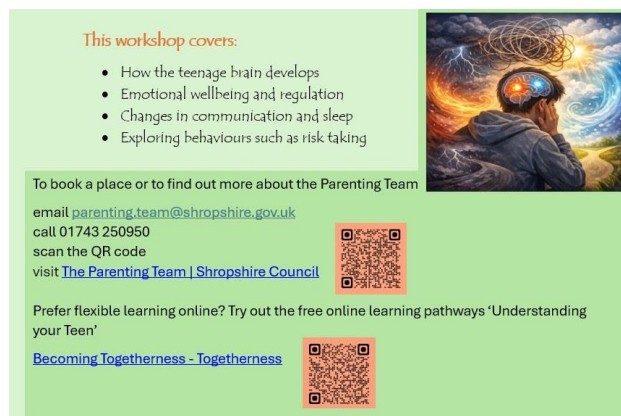
Parent: 'I just don't get it'
Teen: 'no one understands me'

Adolescence is a time of enormous change—emotionally, socially and neurologically. It's a process all teenagers and their families go through. During the teenage years, the brain undergoes a major period of development. This affects everything from decision-making and emotional regulation to communication and behaviour.

Come along to our two-hour workshop where we'll look at brain changes and how these can affect your teenager's behaviour and your relationship with them. While every family goes through this stage, understanding what teenagers experience can help you feel more prepared.

Workshop details

Thursday 9th July 1.30pm at Idsall School
Thursday 9th July 6.30pm Online



This workshop covers:

- How the teenage brain develops
- Emotional wellbeing and regulation
- Changes in communication and sleep
- Exploring behaviours such as risk taking

To book a place or to find out more about the Parenting Team

email parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk
call 01743 250950
scan the QR code
visit [The Parenting Team | Shropshire Council](#)



Prefer flexible learning online? Try out the free online learning pathways 'Understanding your Teen'

[Becoming Togetherness - Togetherness](#)



* Safeguarding



Life can feel overwhelming and complicated at times. Families don't come with an instruction manual, unfortunately, and there are times when we could all do with a little bit of extra help.

You don't have to deal with things on your own, there's people around to help you.

Early Help is made up of people who want to see your family thrive. They have the expertise and experience to help you access the right support for your family when problems arise.

There are lots of ways they can help. Perhaps you are worried about:

- Your child's health, development, behaviour or how things are going at nursery/school/college
- Your physical health or mental health and how this is impacting your family
- Money or your housing situation and how it is affecting your family
- The way alcohol, drugs, crime or domestic abuse is affecting you and your family
- A bereavement in the family that has made life challenging
- Caring responsibilities. Perhaps you are caring for a disabled child or you are a young person caring for other people.

If you think your family could benefit from some non-judgemental helpful support, and would like to find out more, please contact Ellie Griffiths, Michelle Marston or Jennie Reeve at school.



* Supporting Our Armed Forces and their Families

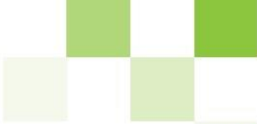
We have been contacted by the Project Team Lead who is currently working on an important project – Supporting Serving Forces and their Families on the Move.

The objectives of this project are to.

- Improve the quality of life for service families impacted by relocation.
- Offer preventative and /or early intervention approaches – emphasis on health & wellbeing.
- Assist forces families to access services as they relocate

- Reduce isolation and loneliness, enabling families to build support networks locally.
- Address unique challenges and issues families can face.
- and much more!

For more information please see the poster below and contact Val or Joe direct.

Proudly supporting our armed forces and their families



Serving Families: On the Move

Is a local settlement support service for serving personnel and their families posted to Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin.

You tell us what you need - we'll find you the right support:



- healthcare, schooling and local services
- mental health and wellbeing
- debt and money advice
- relocation and life changes
- settling into your new community

Scan the QR code to make an enquiry





Serving Families: On the Move

Who are we?

Val and Joe support armed forces families in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin. Offering a confidential service to help you understand the area, access services, and feel at home.



Val brings lived experience as an ex-RAF spouse alongside strong health and wellbeing expertise in armed forces communities.

Joe is the son of a veteran and understands how to help military families feel settled, connected and supported.

How does it work?

Scan the QR code and complete the short form. We'll contact you for a friendly confidential chat to understand what support you need. Whatever your situation, we'll do our best to help.



Connect with us to feel more at home

01743 360641

armedforces@community-resource.org.uk

About Community Resource

We are a charity that is committed to making life better for people and communities facing challenges in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin.

Find out more at community-resource.org.uk

Find us on:



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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



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

Email: shifnalgirlscricket@gmail.com
Phone: 07341 250889
Follow us:  

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.



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

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

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Our values :

