



IDSALL NEWS edition 72

4 September 2026

Calendar

- Mon 14th Sept : Start of Year 11 Mock Exams
- Thu 17th Sept : Idsall Open Evening for Year 6
- Fri 18th Sept : Idsall Open Morning for Year 6
- Wed 23rd Sept : Sixth Form Varsity Football

- Fri 25th Sept : Collaboration Day (School Closed)
- Mon 28th Sept : Start of Year 7 Reading Assessments Week
- Thu 1st Oct : Year 9 AI Parents Meeting
- Tue 6th Oct : Year 9 & 11 Individual School Photos
- Wed 7th - 9th Oct : Year 8 & 9 Ingestre Hall Residential
- Thu 8th Oct : Year 7 Transition Evening
- Mon 19th to Fri 30th Oct : Half Term
- Sun 25th Oct : Las Vegas Residential Departs

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Michelle King - Headteacher



Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Welcome Back to Idsall School

Following a successful summer of GCSE and A Level results, it has been wonderful to welcome students and staff back for the start of another academic year. The first week has been full of positivity, enthusiasm and purpose, with a particularly warm welcome to our new Year 7 and Year 12 students and the newest members of staff who have joined the Idsall community this September.

We have been incredibly impressed by how smart our students have looked this week and by the pride they have taken in representing the school. Their attitude, conduct and readiness to learn have been exceptional, creating a calm and purposeful start to the term. Across classrooms and around the site, there is already a real sense of ambition and determination to build on last year's successes.

This year, we will be placing a renewed focus on the effective use of student planners. Planners are an important tool for organisation, communication and supporting success in school. We ask all parents and carers to regularly check their child's planner, discuss the week ahead and ensure it is signed each week. By working together, we can help students develop the habits and routines that lead to success both in school and beyond.

Thank you to our students, staff and families for helping make such a positive start to the new academic year. We look forward to a year filled with opportunity, achievement and continued success for every member of our Idsall community.

Year 7 News



What a Fabulous Start!

Year 7 have a great first three days!

We have been learning our way around the school, making new friends, trying out new lunchtime activities including table tennis and football and enjoying the yummy food in the canteen. The pasta, pizza, BBQ wraps and curry have all been particularly popular!

I have visited lessons a lot over the past three days, and have been really impressed with the positive engagement, attitude and effort being shown. We are looking to start an inter-form football competition to take place at lunchtimes – watch this space!

I sent an email to parents and carers on Wednesday afternoon, with useful information on it – please let her know if you haven't received it.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Reeve - Head of Year 7





Football Trials for Year 7

Are you interested in playing football for the school?

Football trials are as follows :

- **Year 7 Girls - Monday 7th September**
- **Year 7 Boys - Tuesday 8th September**

Equipment : you will need PE kit, boots and shinpads

Where : PE corridor after school

Finish : Students will need collecting between 4.30 pm and 4.40 pm on the carpark

Year 11 News



Casen Represents Great Britain!

We have had an amazing update on Casen Thompson and his brilliant cycling achievements over the summer which we are delighted to share with you all!

Casen competed in **Round 3 of the British Cycling Lloyds National Series**, held in Blackburn, where he achieved **1st place and won a gold medal** in his category.

Immediately following the competition in Blackburn, Casen was invited to participate in the **Malvern Classics BMX Show**. This was particularly exciting as it was the **first-ever BMX show held as part of the Malvern Classics**.

Casen had the incredible opportunity to ride alongside some of the **UK's and the world's best professional BMX riders**, helping to showcase BMX to the audience. The show brought together riders from different age groups and skill levels, demonstrating the progression within the sport, the incredible skills involved and what BMX can bring to the wider sporting community.

Following this, Casen travelled to **Le Havre, France**, for his first international competition with British Cycling. This was a very special opportunity for him, as he was competing internationally and representing **Great Britain** for the first time.

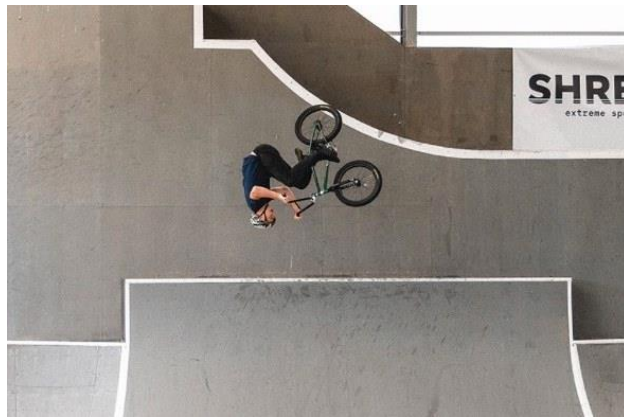
Despite challenging conditions, including strong winds and rain, Casen put in an excellent performance and finished in **2nd place, securing a silver medal for his country.**

It has been an incredible Summer for Casen, and we are extremely proud of not only his competition results but also the opportunities he has been given to represent British Cycling, ride alongside some of the world's top BMX riders and help promote and showcase the sport.

Casen works extremely hard to balance his BMX training and competitions alongside his school commitments, so we wanted to share these achievements with the school and make you aware of the opportunities and experiences he has had over the summer.









Jessie's Summer Successes

On 6th August, Jess attended the Burwardton Show with her Shetland Pearl. They both did absolutely amazing, their hard work and patience really paid off. They came home with:

- 1st in the 2-3 year old standard Shetland class
- 3rd in the coloured standard Shetland class
- Champion junior standard Shetland
- Overall reserve junior Shetland/ Miniature

On 15th August, Jess attended Minsterley Show and came 6th, amongst very strong competition, in the 2-3 year old Standard Shetland Class.

Jess had a cracking summer and is now looking forward to the Showing Register Finals at Stoneleigh park, Warwickshire on Saturday 5th September with River & Delta.

Good luck Jess, River and Delta!





Sixth Form News



Message from Mr Bowler - Head of Sixth Form

Welcome and Welcome back Sixth Formers!

We want to start with a warm welcome to our year 12 students, and welcome back to year 13.

This year, the Sixth Form has grown considerably, now consisting of over 180 students across the Upper and Lower Sixth. It has been great to see the Sixth Form common room so full of students filled with excitement and anticipation as they embark on the next part of their 7-year journey with us.

In addition, we have welcomed a good number of students from other schools across the county who have settled in brilliantly. It is of particular credit to these students the tenacity and courage they show to step out on their own and start somewhere new, we are delighted to have you here with us!

Canteen News for Sixth Formers!

SPOTLIGHT



Shout out to Tiff Hunt, Jessica Field and Coby Durok from Yr13 who work during lunchtime on the tills! They are doing fantastic.

Watch this space :

Coming soon New Loyalty cards for Sixth Form Costa, including hot drinks and food items!

OTHER IDSALL NEWS



* New Starters & Goodbyes

At the end of term we said a sad farewell to a few staff who are moving on from Idsall.

Mr Spencer (MFL), Mr Strachan (Site Team) and Mr Evans (Science) all have moved on to either enhance their careers or have retired. Along with this the fabulous Mrs Lynn, after 20 years of looking after students in the student support department, has taken a well deserved retirement!

Good Luck from everyone at Idsall on their future endeavours. They will all be missed by both staff and students.

September has seen a number of new starters :

- Miss Milward and Mrs Skelton have joined the Student Support Team
- Mr Ahmad, Miss Beath, Mr Weaver and Mr Nelson have joined our Maths Department
- Ms Steed and Miss Tibble have joined our Science Department
- Miss Cullerton and Mrs Ellis have joined our TA Department
- Miss Downes has joined our MFL Department

We wish them all the best and look forward to seeing what they bring to the Idsall Community.

* Sparx Champions

Congratulations to Lilly-Mai R (Year 10) who, at the end of the last academic year, topped the Sparx Reader Leaderboard as a Year 9 student. An avid reader, Lilly-Mai completed an incredible 33 books throughout the year, earning almost double the SPR score of any other student.

Below is a list of the top-performing Sparx Reader students in Years 7, 8 and 9.

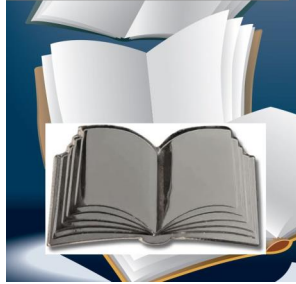
Congratulations to all students who engaged with Sparx Reader during the year, and a special well done to those who earned a place on the leaderboard. Your commitment to reading is something to be truly proud of!



The image shows a graphic for the Sparx Reader top 20 2025 – 6 Year 7. It features a stack of books with an open book in front, showing its pages. The text is overlaid on the image.

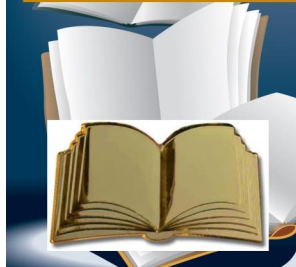
Sparx Reader top 20 2025 – 6 Year 7	
Mia Edwards (Mia the Storm)	50,135 SRP
Thea Blaney (Thea the Twilight)	45,807 SRP
Angadveer Nagra (Angadveer the Legend)	33,615 SRP
Alexander Sheffield (Alexander the Winner)	25,813 SRP
Mila David (Mila the Dreamer)	19,654 SRP
Isla Mason (Isla the Icon)	18,914 SRP
Edward Jenkins (Edward the Genius)	17,659 SRP
Katie Jones (Katie the Star)	17,127 SRP
Zia Hitchin (Zia the Biologist)	16,795 SRP
Millie Sankey (Millie the Writer)	16,784 SRP
Bhargav Kakarla (Bhargav the Lightning)	16,452 SRP
Amelia Freestone (Amelia the Dancer)	16,441 SRP
Emily Paul (Emily the Thunder)	14,667 SRP
Mollie Simmons (Mollie the Majesty)	14,338 SRP
Mina Iqbal (Mina the Icon)	14,274 SRP
Alexander Webber (Alexander the Musician)	13,440 SRP
Oliver Day (Oliver the Scout)	13,317 SRP
Harry Davenport-Williams (Harry the CEO)	13,154 SRP
Oilly Snowdon-Cox (Oilly the Athlete)	13,145 SRP
Finn Bromley (Finn the Historian)	13,083 SRP

Sparx Reader top 20 2025 – 6 Year 8



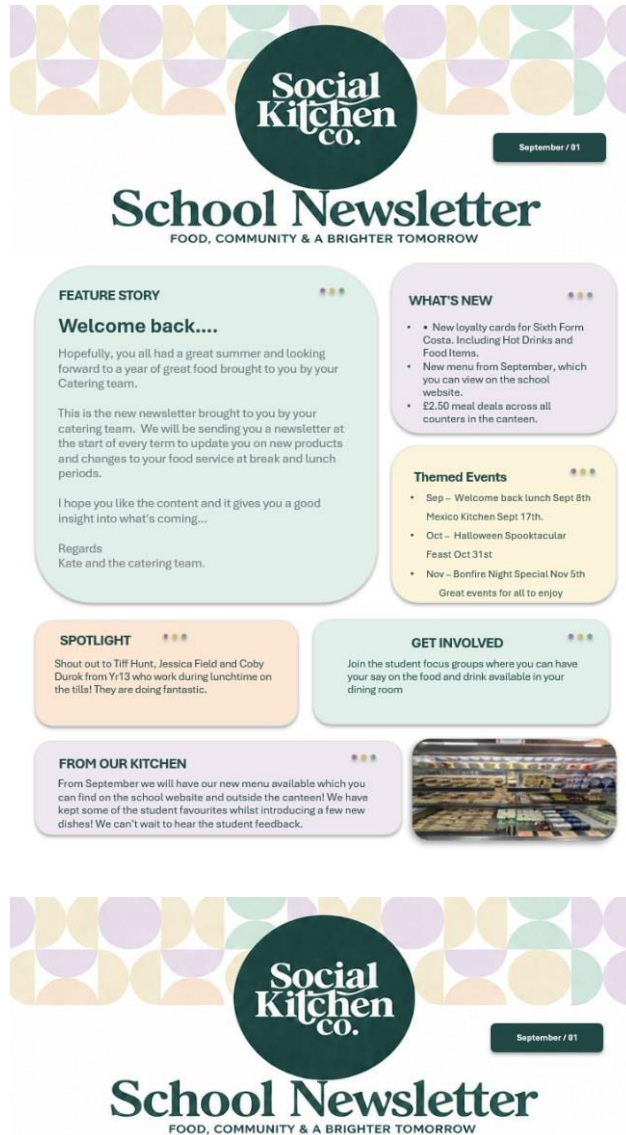
Wesley Gun (Wesley the Summit) 54,119 SRP
 Olivia Jones (Olivia the Icon) 27,867 SRP
 Vaishnavi Kammili (Vaishnavi the Glory) 19,825 SRP
 Maggie Barnes (Maggie the Twilight) 18,517 SRP
 William Padmore (William the Conqueror) 18,179 SRP
 Milo Jeffery (Milo the Mediator) 17,866 SRP
 Erin Lovatt (Erin the Gem) 16,193 SRP
 Holly Wilson (Holly the Icon) 15,251 SRP
 Annabelle Stanford (Annabelle the Biologist) 14,497 SRP
 Zachary Bates (Zachary the Sentinel) 14,123 SRP
 Penelope Caunce (Penelope the Musician) 13,078 SRP
 Molly Smith (Molly the Horizon) 13,039 SRP
 Peter Higson (Peter the Specter) 12,924 SRP
 Maia Salt (Maia the Majesty) 12,426 SRP
 Rafael Rabovics (Rafael the Legend) 11,968 SRP
 Lacey McCullough (Lacey the Gladiator) 11,413 SRP
 Otto Shepherd (Otto the Gladiator) 11,241 SRP
 Lily Deans (Lily the Thunder) 11,204 SRP
 Tristan Ward (Tristan the Pathfinder) 11,180 SRP
 Jasper Freeman (Jasper the Innovator) 11,133 SRP

Sparx Reader top 20 2025 – 6 Year 9



Lilly-Mai Roberts (Lilly-Mai the Illuminator) 94,601 SRP
 Jemima Ellerker (Jemima the Monarch) 30,681 SRP
 Lacey Jones (Lacey the Lightning) 24,218 SRP
 Daniel Jimbu (Daniel the Wordsmith) 13,558 SRP
 Isabelle Siddie-Oxley (Isabelle the Mathematician) 10,848 SRP
 Ellie Rawlings (Ellie the Starlight) 10,781 SRP
 Ava Mason (Ava the Sage) 10,454 SRP
 Oliver Constantine (Oliver the Jester) 10,423 SRP
 Flynn Coulson (Flynn the Adventurer) 10,269 SRP
 Maisie Hodgkisson (Maisie the Performer) 9,981 SRP
 Ethan Duchesne (Ethan the One and only) 9,889 SRP
 Jamie Freestone (Jamie the Joker) 9,884 SRP
 Ruby Forster (Ruby the Lionheart) 9,820 SRP
 Jack Paul (Jack the One and only) 9,744 SRP
 Alice Moore (Alice the Artist) 9,465 SRP
 Darcy Pakes (Darcy the Magnificent) 9,434 SRP
 Lauren Jones (Lauren the Engineer) 9,049 SRP
 Danielle Cole (Danielle the Dancer) 9,019 SRP
 Abbie Terry (Abbie the CEO) 8,635 SRP
 Nathan Hatten (Nathan the Legend) 8,526 SRP

* From the Canteen



FEATURE STORY



Welcome back....

Hopefully, you all had a great summer and looking forward to a year of great food brought to you by your Catering team.

This is the new newsletter brought to you by your catering team. We will be sending you a newsletter at the start of every term to update you on new products and changes to your food service at break and lunch periods.

I hope you like the content and it gives you a good insight into what's coming...

Regards
Kate and the catering team.

WHAT'S NEW



- New loyalty cards for Sixth Form Costa. Including Hot Drinks and Food Items.
- New menu from September, which you can view on the school website.
- £2.50 meal deals across all counters in the canteen.

Themed Events



- Sep – Welcome back lunch Sept 8th
Mexico Kitchen Sept 17th.
- Oct – Halloween Spooktacular
Feast Oct 31st
- Nov – Bonfire Night Special Nov 5th
Great events for all to enjoy

SPOTLIGHT



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GET INVOLVED

Join the student focus groups where you can have your say on the food and drink available in your dining room

FROM OUR KITCHEN

From September we will have our new menu available which you can find on the school website and outside the canteen! We have kept some of the student favourites whilst introducing a few new dishes! We can't wait to hear the student feedback.

* Sports Leader

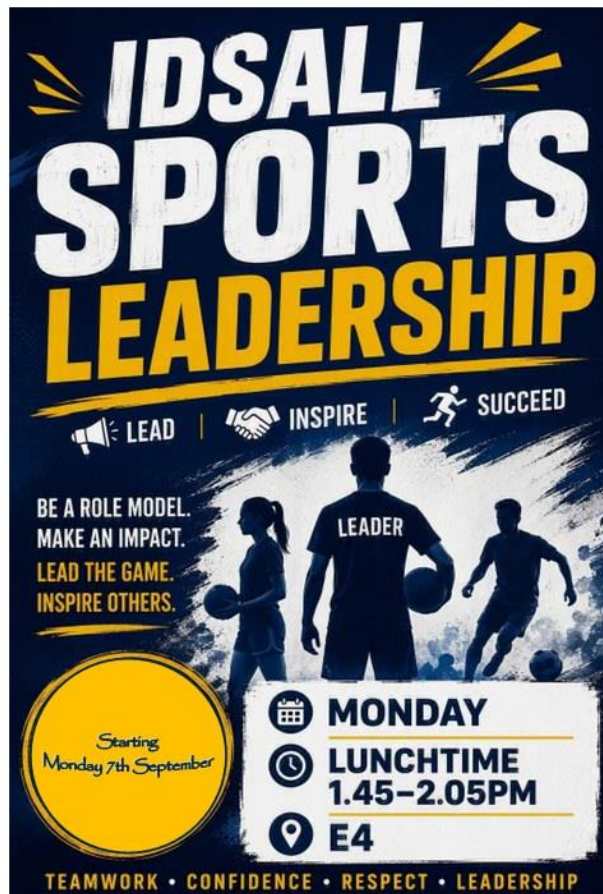
What are the benefits of becoming a school sports leader?

- **Enhanced Confidence:** Sports leadership can significantly boost a young person's confidence and self-esteem.
- **Improved Communication Skills:** Leaders learn to articulate ideas and instructions clearly, which is a vital skill in sports and beyond.
- **Empowerment:** Sports leadership empowers individuals to take initiative and lead, fostering a sense of agency and responsibility.
- **Employability Skills:** The skills developed through sports leadership, such as teamwork, problem-solving, and self-belief, are highly valued by employers.
- **Community Engagement:** Sports leaders can engage with the community, promoting health and wellness initiatives.
- **Leadership Development:** They gain valuable leadership experience, which can be applied in various roles, including coaching and teaching.

These benefits not only enhance personal development but also contribute to the overall well-being and success of the school and the community.

Being a sports leader is important because it inspires, motivates, and guides teams and athletes to achieve their best performance while fostering a positive and cohesive environment.

Think you have what it takes to be a Sports Leader be a good role model and make an impact ... then go along to E4 on Monday Lunchtime and start your journey to making a difference!



*** Activity Days**

During July, most of our students enjoyed activity days during the final week of term. Year 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to choose between a trip to Drayton Manor or a Cinema and Bowling experience, while Year 9 and 10 students could choose between Alton Towers or Cinema and Bowling.

All of the students appeared to have a fantastic time, creating wonderful memories with their friends. To make the days even better, the weather was extremely kind, with sunshine throughout all of the trips.











* Sports Day

The last week of term saw our annual Sports Day, and once again the PE department pulled out all the stops to make it a fantastic day for both staff and students.

With the sun shining throughout the day, students competed proudly for their houses. It was wonderful to see such outstanding team spirit, from the enthusiastic supporters cheering from the sidelines to the competitors giving their all in every event.





























* Ingestre Hall - Final Payment Due

Reminder for students going on the Ingestre Hall Creative Arts Residential in October 2026, the **final payment** of £90 is due by Friday 12th September.

Payments to be made on ArborPay.

Any issues with this, please contact cathy.leverington@ids.mmat.co.uk



*** From the PE Department**



TWSSA Cross-Country League 2026

Below is the poster for the schools cross country!

Students who wish to sign up / expression of interest can be done in PE talks or at the PE office at break times, deadline will be Friday 11th September for interested students.

Student selection will be on Monday 14th September.

See a member of the PE department for more information.

TELFORD SCHOOLS CROSS-COUNTRY DATES

TWSSA LEAGUE – 4 RACES

1		WEDS 16TH SEPT ADAMS GRAMMAR – CHETWYND DEER PARK
2		WEDS 23RD SEPT ABRAHAM DARBY SCHOOL
3		WEDS 30TH SEPT ESAA CUP @ ADAMS GRAMMAR – LONGFORD SITE
4		WEDS 7TH OCT TELFORD PARK SCHOOL
5		WEDS 14TH OCT IDSALL SCHOOL

ESAA CUP FINALS

	ESAA CUP REGIONAL FINAL EARLY NOVEMBER		ESAA CUP GRAND FINAL 5TH DECEMBER
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* Safeguarding



What's On In The Local Area





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Our values :

