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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

It has been a fantastic first full week back at school, with students returning positively, settling quickly into routines and making a great start to the academic year. The atmosphere across the school has been calm, purposeful and focused on learning, with high standards of attendance, punctuality, uniform and behaviour helping to create an environment where everyone can succeed.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome prospective families to our Open Evening next week. The cycle of school life comes around so quickly; while our new Year 7 and Year 12 students are just beginning their journey with us, we are already preparing to welcome the next generation of students who are considering joining our school community next September.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure every student has the very best experience, takes advantage of the many opportunities available this term and achieves their full potential.

Year 8 News



Casey's Triathlon for Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity

A few months ago Casey A (year 8) watched his cousin take part in a triathlon and decided then he would like to have a go!

Casey chose to do this for charity, and chose the Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity.

On 5th September Casey took part in the Aldeford Kids Fun Triathlon and has so far raised an absolutely amazing £740 on his just giving page for such a worthy charity.

Casey, you should be so proud of your achievement!

Please, if you can spare a few pennies, go onto his just giving page and "give now"!

[Charlotte Addiss is fundraising for Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity](#)



Drama

This term, Year 8 students will be exploring the exciting world of The Hunger Games through practical drama. Throughout the topic, students will develop their performance skills whilst

examining how atmosphere and tension can be created on stage. This work follows on from the Dystopian topic pupils studied last year in English.

Students will investigate the dystopian world of Panem and explore themes such as power, control, inequality and resilience through a variety of practical drama activities. Along the way, they will continue to build on techniques introduced in Year 7 whilst developing new ways of communicating meaning to an audience. **What will students learn?** This term students will explore:

- Split Screen
- Angel and Devil
- Narration
- Hot-Seating
- Conscience Alley
- Soundscape
- Vocal Collage
- Verbal Machine
- Total Theatre
- Freeze Frame and Marking the Moment

By the end of the term, students will create and perform original role-plays inspired by the world of *The Hunger Games*, demonstrating how atmosphere, tension and character relationships can be effectively communicated through drama.

Year 8 students have returned to Drama with enthusiasm, creativity and a positive attitude. It has been wonderful to see students confidently contributing ideas, working collaboratively with their peers and demonstrating increasing independence during rehearsal tasks.

Many students have shown excellent imagination when developing original scenarios and have embraced opportunities to experiment with new drama techniques. Their willingness to take creative risks and support one another has helped create a productive and enjoyable learning environment.

Mrs Creighton looks forward to seeing their confidence and independence continue to grow throughout the term.

Year 9 News



Drama

This term, Year 9 students will begin their study of Let Him Have It, exploring the real-life story of Derek Bentley and Christopher Craig. This powerful scheme introduces students to themes of justice, responsibility, friendship and consequence whilst further developing their understanding of dramatic storytelling.

Students will use the case study as a stimulus for creating performances that examine different viewpoints, motivations and emotions surrounding one of Britain's most controversial criminal cases.

What will students learn?

Students will build upon their existing drama knowledge through:

- Thought-Tracking
- Narration
- Hot-Seating
- Role on the Wall
- Cross-Cutting
- Angel and Devil
- Character exploration
- Atmosphere and tension building

The topic also prepares students for the more advanced practitioner and physical theatre work they will encounter later in Year 9, helping to strengthen both their performance and analytical skills.

Year 9 students have made a highly positive start to the academic year. They have approached discussion of the historical case with maturity and have demonstrated excellent focus during practical activities.

Many students have shown growing confidence when justifying creative choices and exploring different character perspectives. It has been particularly pleasing to see students taking greater

ownership of rehearsals, using drama terminology accurately and supporting one another through constructive feedback.

Their commitment and engagement have created a strong foundation for what promises to be an exciting and challenging year of Drama.

Year 11 News



Emmie Trials for GB

Last season we reported how Emmie made appearances for England during last season. It is amazing news to hear that national selectors offered Emmie the opportunity to trial for Great Britain U16 Women's Team over the summer.

She attended a GB camp in Nottingham a couple of weeks ago, and is currently hoping to make the cut for the next one.

We all wish you the best of luck Emmie and hopefully we will be reporting GB news very soon!



Sixth Form News

**GOOD
NEWS!**

The Sixth Form pod is now open!

OTHER IDSALL NEWS



*** Royal Logistic Corps (RLC) and Royal Armoured Corps (RAC) Visit**

Students had the exciting opportunity this week to take part in practical demonstrations and careers talks delivered by representatives from the Royal Logistic Corps (RLC) and Royal Armoured Corps (RAC).

During the visit, pupils learned about the wide range of careers available within the British Army, including roles in logistics, engineering, communications, vehicle maintenance, leadership and operational support. They were able to see and learn about different equipment and weapons used by the Army, gaining a first-hand insight into how these are used safely and professionally.

The event provided a valuable opportunity for students to explore potential career pathways, ask questions about military life, and develop a greater understanding of the skills, training and qualifications that the Army can offer. Pupils engaged enthusiastically throughout the session and gained a fascinating insight into the diverse opportunities available within the Royal British Army.

*** University Challenge**

We had wonderful news last week when we heard that a former student, Elif Cetin, had made it onto University Challenge with her fellow Students!

Even better they won! Onto the next round, and we wish Elif and the team all the best!



* Safeguarding Launch

We are pleased to share that the safeguarding team have launched an anonymous concern reporting form.

If you have a concern about the welfare of an Idsall School pupil, and wish to report it electronically or anonymously – please scan the QR code below and follow the instructions. It will be shared with the safeguarding team for action.

If the concern is urgent, and involves the immediate safety of a child – please telephone the school, or the police, as needed.

Share a Concern Anonymously

If something is worrying you and you wish to report a concern - you can do so here - with or without using your name. No details are tracked.



It's confidential. We're here to help.

Share

Scan the QR code and tell us the concern...

Confidential

Your message is anonymous and secure.

Support

Every concern is reviewed by the safeguarding team so the right support can be provided.

**Scan here
to share a concern**



**If you have an immediate
concern, please call and
ask to speak to a DSL**



We are here to listen. **We are here to help.**

* From the Canteen

What's on the Menu Today

Our fabulous catering team have put together this QR code for parents and students. This will show you what food is on at the canteen each day so you can look in advance to see if you want the main course, pasta, sandwich bar etc.



MEXI·CO
✦ KITCHEN ✦
Thursday 17th September

 Cheesy Beef Tacos

Cheese Quesadillas 

 Loaded Nachos

Churros with Chocolate 

* House Captain

Communication has been sent home to students and parents via Arbor about Sports House Captain applications. However, I thought we would add it to the newsletter!

Any students wishing to apply, they must do so by Monday 21st September. Students can either email their application to Mr Goodison or drop it off into the PE office over the next 2 weeks. Please see attached the application form with details about the responsibilities and skills required to be a sports captain.

Sports House Captain Application Form **Academic Year 2026/27**

The role of House Sports Captain is an important leadership position within school. Successful students will be responsible for promoting participation in sporting activities, encouraging house spirit, and acting as a positive role model for all students. As a successful Sports House Captain your key responsibilities are / skills and qualities required.

Responsibilities	Skills and qualities
• Lead and motivate students to participate in inter-house sporting events throughout the year. • Promote teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play <u>at all times</u>. • Encourage and support students of all abilities to get involved in physical activities. • Communicate important information about sports events to house members. • Represent the house with pride, commitment, and enthusiasm. • Demonstrate strong leadership both on and off the sports field. • Attend regular meetings to discuss events and promote physical activity in school.	• A passion for sport and physical activity. • Excellent leadership and communication skills. • Reliability, responsibility, and a positive attitude. • The ability to motivate and inspire others. • Good organisational and teamwork skills. • Respect for others and a commitment to fair play. • Stepping up if required. • Positive role model within school both in and outside of PE lessons.

If you are interested in applying for the position of Sports House Captain please complete the attached application letter, explaining why you would like to be a Sports House Captain and the skills and qualities that make you a successful candidate.

***Please e-mail the completed application form to
phil.goodison@ids.mmat.co.uk or hand in a hard copy of the application
to the PE office no later than Monday 21st September***

Sports House Captain Application Letter

Name Year.....
House Tutor Group.....
Half of Year...A/L for KS3 and X/Y for KS4 (please delete as appropriate)

*** Las Vegas Educational Visit**

On Wednesday a letter was emailed out to all the parents / guardians of the students attending the Las Vegas Educational Visit during half term. A follow up email has gone out today.

If your student is going on the trip and you have not received the letter please contact the school urgently.

Passports - We need a photocopy of all passports by Monday 14th September

ESTA - please apply for your ESTA - official ESTA website is : [Official ESTA Application Website - Home](#)

*** Ingestre Hall - Final Payment Due**

Reminder for students going on the Ingestre Hall Creative Arts Residential in October 2026, the **final payment** of £90 was due by Friday 12th September. We will be meeting with the students next week to discuss the rooming and activities!

Payments to be made on ArborPay.

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



* From the PE Department



Session 6

Netball is running until October Half Term as a Session 6 starting Monday 28th September.

SESSION 6 PE

PE department | 3:40pm - 4:30pm

MONDAY	LUNCHTIME
BTEC SPORT INTERVENTION GPA GCSE PE INTERVENTION EWH VOLLEYBALL YEAR 9,10,11 MLO	LEADERSHIP MONDAY E4 BTH 1:45PM - 2:05PM
TUESDAY	BASKETBALL
NETBALL ALL YEARS SDU & EWH BADMINTON ALL YEARS FDU GIRLS FOOTBALL ALL YEARS JBR & PGO BOYS FOOTBALL YEAR 7 SBE	FRIDAY GPA 12:30PM - 1PM
WEDNESDAY	Y7 & Y9 boys SBE Y8 & Y11 boys GPA Y10 boys PGO Y7 girls PGO Y8 & Y9 girls MLO Y9, & Y10/11 girls JBR
BOYS FOOTBALL YEAR 8 GPA	

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO
MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS, TRY
SOMETHING NEW AND
REPRESENT YOUR SCHOOL!

September - October HT

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* Safeguarding



UYC Male Carer Group

Parenting can be challenging, regardless of the age that your child is.

Shropshire Council have made us aware of some support groups running to support parents and carers – with one specifically supporting male parents, carers, family members and role models.

Please see below for an infographic with details on.



Understanding Your Child

A group for dads, grandads and any male carer of children and teens

"I met others going through the same things. It really helped me feel less alone."
"The group boosted my confidence as a parent."

Join our friendly, relaxed group!

Parenting can be challenging, whatever age your child is. This group offers practical ideas, straight-talking support, and a chance to hear what has helped other parents in real life.

Join Peter and Tracy from the Parenting Team and other parents and carers, to explore what's happening for your child, understand tricky behaviour, and pick up simple strategies to make family life feel calmer and more manageable.

Upcoming Sessions

- Starts Tuesday 22nd September 2026, 5.00pm to 7.00pm in Shrewsbury - venue to be confirmed

The group meets once a week over 10 weeks, excl. half terms and bank holidays with the last session being on Tuesday 1st December 2026.

What We'll Talk About

- Communicating and building connection with your child
- Routines like sleep and bedtime and any other routines you have as a family
- Understanding behaviour and big emotions
- Child development and how you can support it

Want to Join Us?

Email: parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk
Call: 01743 250950
Visit: [The Parenting Team | Shropshire Council](#)

Prefer flexible online learning?

Try our free online learning pathways at
[Becoming Togetherness - Togetherness](#)



What's On In The Local Area



Contact Us

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"Great oaks from little acorns grow"

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Our values :

