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- Fri 25th Sept : Collaboration Day (School Closed)
- Sat 26th Sept : Sixth Form Roadshow - Holiday Inn, Telford
- Mon 28th Sept : Start of Year 7 Reading Assessments Week

- Tue 29th Sept : Las Vegas Parent Meeting
- Wed 30th Sept : Telford Schools Cross County Telford Park
- 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
- Fri 9th Oct : Sixth Form Edgbaston Apprenticeship Trip
- Wed 14 Oct : Telford Schools Cross County Idsall
- Mon 19th to Fri 30th Oct : Half Term
- Sun 25th Oct : Las Vegas Residential Departs

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

A Focus on High Standards: Planners and Uniform

This week has been a positive one at Idsall School. Students have settled well into learning, attendance has remained strong, and we have seen many examples of students demonstrating our values both in lessons and around the school. Staff have commented on the calm atmosphere across the site and the positive attitudes shown by the vast majority of our students.

As part of our ongoing commitment to high standards, we have undertaken a reset of our expectations around the consistent use of student planners and school uniform.

Student planners are a vital tool in helping students to be successful. They support organisation, help students keep track of homework and important dates, and encourage the independent learning skills that are essential for success in school and beyond. Planners also strengthen communication between home and school, enabling parents and carers to support their child's progress. We have spent time this week reminding students of how planners should be used and why they are such an important part of daily school life.

We have also reinforced our expectations regarding school uniform. A smart and consistent uniform helps foster pride, belonging, and a positive learning environment. When students arrive ready to learn and dressed appropriately, it sets the tone for the day and reflects the high standards we hold for ourselves and our school community.

I would like to thank our students for responding positively to these reminders and our parents and carers for their continued support. By working together and maintaining these simple but important routines, we can ensure that every student is equipped to achieve their very best.

Year 7 News



Inter-Form Football Competition

Mrs Reeve is pleased to share that our inter-form football competition will start on Tuesday 22nd September, run by some of our 6th form pupils.

The competition will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes, with 2 matches taking place at one time.

Each form has appointed football captains, who will take the lead on organising their team, and keeping track of fixtures.

We look forward to updating you on results.



Year 10 News



Ash Makes Her Debut

Congratulations to Ash Taggar (year 10) who made her SSCFA (Shropshire County Football) debut last night in a match vs TNS U17.

Ash was called up and helped the team to their 4-3 victory!

We are incredibly proud of Ash - Well Done!

Keep up to date with the girls fixtures on Instagram @sscfa_girls



Year 11 News



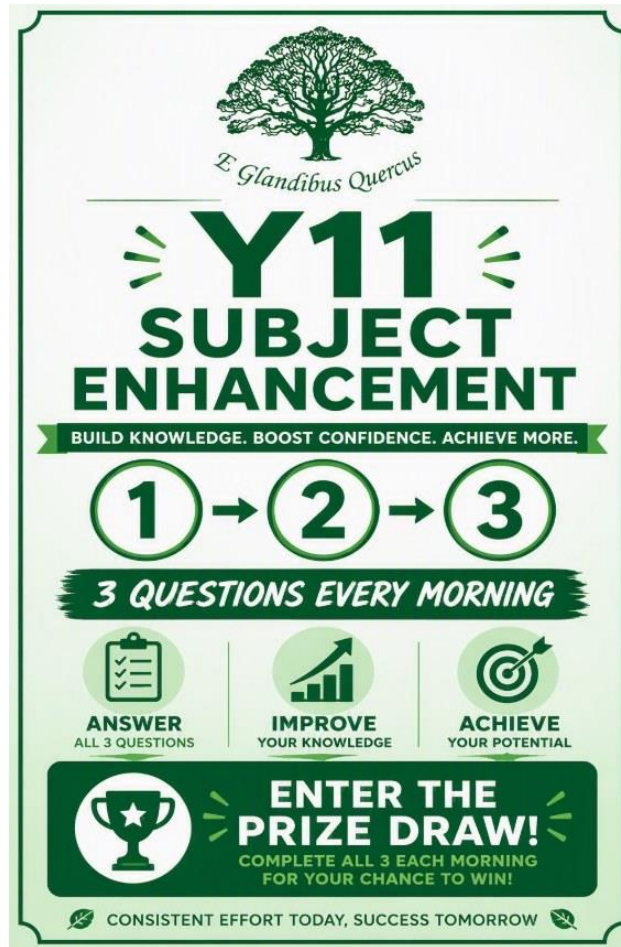
The Daily Three

*To help Year 11 start each day positively and purposefully, we are launching **The Daily Three** as part of our Subject Enhancement programme.*

*Each morning, students will complete **three subject-specific core questions within their lessons**. These short activities are designed to support retrieval practice, strengthen key knowledge and skills, and ensure students are focused and engaged from the very start of the day.*

By consistently taking part, students will build confidence, improve retention of key content and develop effective revision habits ahead of their GCSE examinations. Students who complete the questions will also have opportunities to be entered into prize draws throughout the year.

- **Three questions.**
- **Every morning**
- **Small actions**
- **BIG RESULTS**



Year 11 Mock Examinations

Year 11 students have recently completed their first mock examinations of the academic year, marking an important milestone as they begin the final year of Key Stage 4.

The mock examinations provide valuable experience of examination conditions and help students identify strengths and areas for further development ahead of the summer examinations.

We would like to thank students for their efforts and encourage them to reflect carefully on the feedback they receive.

As results are shared and reviewed, we will continue to support students in developing effective revision routines and preparing for success throughout Year 11.

Sixth Form News



Trust Sixth Form Outdoor Experience at Tickwood, Much Wenlock

Last Friday (18th) saw the first Marches Academy Trust Sixth Form collaboration event of the year take place at Tickwood, just outside of Much Wenlock. By taking part, Year 12 students from our four Trust Sixth Forms were given the opportunity to challenge themselves, develop new skills, strengthen friendships, and enjoy the benefits of spending time outdoors. The experience focused on personal development, wellbeing, teamwork, and building connections across the Open6 community.

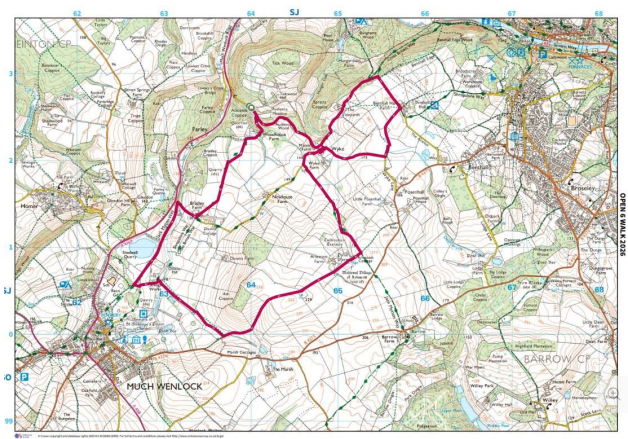
Led by Kevin McGarvey from Peak Explore, and supported by staff from across our Trust Sixth Forms, the day began with some beautiful Shropshire sunshine and students taking part in a few getting to know you/icebreaker activities.

Next, students and staff set off on an 8 mile walk starting from Tickwood Hall, which aimed to help everyone step away from noise, embrace the outdoors, and enjoy the wellbeing benefits that come from being active in nature. The route took participants through the beautiful surrounding woodland, providing an opportunity to slow down, listen to the sounds of the countryside and reconnect with the natural environment. With regular pit-stops along the way and a good drop of English rain, the walk was enjoyed by all.

On the return to base camp, and after a well-needed rest, students then took part in a carousel of activities including fossil finding, outdoor rock painting and bush craft fire skills. Despite the rain, many students were successful in starting and maintaining an outdoor fire, just before it was time for some of that well-known (and extremely well-deserved) bushtucker.... Pizza!

The day came to a close with students and staff bidding each other farewell and departing in their different directions after a thoroughly enjoyable first collaboration event of the academic year. We are already looking forward to next year's event, where we hope to see even more of our Year 12's take part.









Idsall Sixth Form On Tour!

Monday 21st September

Monday night saw the launch of this years School Leavers Roadshow events at Cineworld in Shrewsbury, 4pm-8pm. Idsall Sixth Form, along with other sixth form providers from the local area, were present at the event aimed at local Year 11 students and their families. The event was extremely well-attended and had a fabulous buzz about it. Students were eager to discuss their Post-16 future and to start planning their next steps for September 2027. The Idsall stand was located right in the middle of the main foyer, where Mrs McMahon spoke to students and their families about life at Idsall 6th and the curriculum offer for 2027, including our exciting Open6 collaboration with our other Trust schools.

The next School Leavers Roadshow event takes place this **Saturday 26 September from 9.30am -12.00 noon**. This will be held more locally for many of our Idsall families at **The Holiday Inn**,

Telford. Again, Idsall Sixth Form will have a stand at this event, and we look forward to seeing lots of you there to discuss your future beyond GCSEs.

Following these two roadshow style events, our main **Idsall Sixth Form Open Evening** will take place on **Thursday 19th November from 4pm - 7pm.**

We look forward to welcoming our Year 11 students to this evening, where we will fully showcase our Post-16 offer and discuss the final stage of their 7-year Idsall student journey with you.

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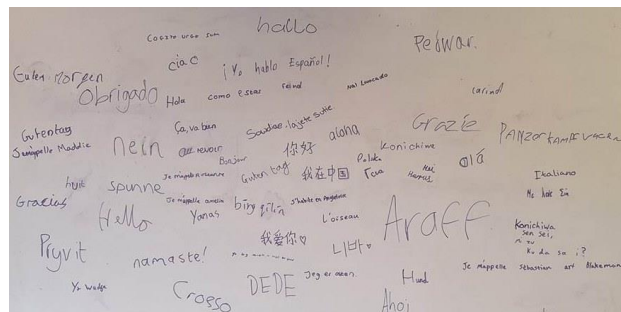
* European Day of Languages

This week we have been celebrating European Day of Languages in French lessons.

Students have been teaching each other words from the languages they speak at home, guessing meanings of words from a variety of European languages in quizzes and celebrating the linguistic diversity we have here at Idsall.

It has been lovely getting to know about our students' linguistic abilities and experiences.

Here are some of the words KS3 students shared with Miss Downes this week!



COMPETITION

There are also two exciting competitions students can get involved in which can be found at: [European Day of Languages > Home](#)

One is to design **next year's EDL t-shirt** and the other is a **poster competition** with the theme of 'Languages Unite'.

These can both be submitted to the MFL department or directly on the EDL website.

Your design goes here!



Send us your design/image/graphic and have your layout on the official EDL T-Shirt!

1. Please keep in mind that the design should be about languages, not countries. So please **don't use flags or similar**.
2. You can use up to **3 colours**. Keep in mind that we need a simple design that is not too complex or that has small details. This will increase printing quality.
3. The design cannot go over the seams of the t-shirt, it must be placed on the front. Keep in mind that the maximum printing surface is 30 cm x 30 cm
4. The design cannot contain third party **copyright** logos or material.
5. By sending us the design you agree that we can use it free of charge on our websites, on the t-shirts and on promotional media (such as Facebook or flyers). Of course we will always add your name to it.
6. Please upload **.jpg or .gif** only

Submission deadline: **31 December**.

The winner will also receive up to 10 t-shirts to give to his/her classmates!

Initiative 2026

Poster competition: Languages unite!



Create a poster illustrating the theme of this year's EDL- 'Languages unite!'. This can use artwork, symbols and quotes to reflect how languages bring people together and serve as a

vehicle for reaching across linguistic and cultural divides.

* Disney 2027 Launched!

Earlier this week we launched the Disney 2027 Residential. This trip is aimed at year 7 & 8 students and will take place Thursday 25th to Saturday 27th March 2027.

Please find a link to the powerpoint that was used for the Teams meeting :

<https://tinyurl.com/Disney-2027>

If your child would like a place on this trip, and you haven't already returned the consent form, please contact Mrs Leverington.

Please remember :

- **Deposit needs to be paid by 10am on Thursday 1st October via ArborPay**

Places will then be allotted.

Attached is a copy of the powerpoint that was used for the parental teams meeting.

If you have any further questions regarding this trip, please email :

cathy.leverington@ids.mmat.co.uk



*** Las Vegas Educational Visit**

There will be a parental meeting, held in the lecture theatre on Tuesday 29th September at 5pm. This will be the opportunity to give you the final plans ahead of the trip and a chance for you to ask any questions.

- If you have your students passport at home, can this please be handed in at the school. We now keep them in the school safe ahead of the trip.

*** Ingestre Hall - Parent Meeting**

Thank you to all of you that attended the Ingestre Hall Parent Meeting.

Please find a link to the powerpoint : <https://tinyurl.com/Ingestre-2026>

We have chosen the theme for the trip to be "Exploration and Independence". This is using both the year groups curriculum focuses. It is going to be very exciting to see how the students bring interpret the theme and bring it into their work.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email me on :
cathy.leverington@ids.mmat.co.uk



* Schools Research Network

We invite you all to get involved with some important research for an exciting new opportunity for secondary schools. Researchers at University of Winchester are exploring students' experiences of Physical Education (PE), particularly for those with neurodiverse needs.

Children aged 11-16 are invited to take part in a short anonymous survey (5-10 minutes) about their experience of PE. The aim is to better understand what helps students feel included, confident, and supported in PE lessons. **Each child that takes part will receive a £5 Amazon voucher.**

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FOR EVERY PARTICIPANT

**Help Improve
PE for Students
Like You**

What is PE really like for you?
Short anonymous survey about your experience of PE
There are no right or wrong answers

WHO IT'S FOR?
For students aged 11–16 who have:
Autism / ADHD
Dyslexia / Dyspraxia
Or other learning differences
(You can still take part if you're not sure)

- ✓ Takes only 5–10 minutes
- ✓ Your answers are anonymous
- ✓ Help make PE better for students

Let us know!

Scan the QR code to take part
or ask your teacher for the link

This is a University of Winchester research study.
Parent/carer consent required.
You can stop and withdraw from the survey at any time.

Funded by **The British Academy**

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4 All Foundation

Fancy a fabulous night out.

The Marches School 4 All Foundation Charity are hosting a Carols in Cellar evening on Saturday 28th November. Hosted by the Foundation and with the Shrewsbury Male Voice Choir, the evening promises to be *"an evening of festive music in a truly special setting"* all, whilst supporting a fantastic and well deserving charity!



* From the PE Department



XC Success

On Wednesday 16th September Idsall school competing across KS3 and KS4 at Chetwynd deer park.

We had a full set of teams who all competing with determination and resilience.

Teams who performed amazingly well were year 8 boys, year 9 girls and year 10/11 girls, with all of their team finishing in the top 10 positions. A superb start made by everyone

Runner of the week: Thea B for coming 1st and keeping her record (last year she won all 4 runs and therefore was the best girl runner for her age in Telford & Wrekin)



Year 8 House Cross Country

This week, year 8 really got themselves involved in the house cross country.

Thea B secured first place for the girls and Leo S securing first place for the boys.

Lovely team support from everyone involved when students were completing their run - showing one of our trust values "empathy".

Multiple PE staff completing runs, with Miss Whitehouse coming 2nd against year 8 girls and Mrs Dunn coming 3rd against year 8 girls (beautiful sprint finish photo included above).

A great morning from all of those who took part-they should be very proud of themselves.







Year 11 House

In between their curriculum studies and their assessments this last couple of weeks, year 11 have found time to take part in the house cross country!

Congratulations to Madden and Grace for winning their house cross country earlier this week.

Madden got 7.18 and Grace got 8.21 in time.

Well done!





Year 13 Blind Football

During BTEC SPORT, Year 13 Double, students have been learning about demographic groups, in particular the sector of the market that disability sport is factored into.

To get them thinking of the needs of this demographic group they were blindfolded and taught how to play blind football.

All had a superb time with some impressive diving from Ffion M and Kane Y.

Year 10 Blind Football

Year 10 have been learning about barriers in sport during their BTEC SPORT lessons. They had the chance to wear blindfolds and play blind football in small groups.

Students had to put themselves into a position where they couldn't see and had to use their other senses to ensure they stopped the other team from scoring goals.

A great time was had by all with some epic saves from Ben T and Ethan T.



KS2 Primary Cross Country

On Wednesday 22nd September, 39 Idsall Sports Leaders, alongside staff at Idsall School and Trusted Sports Alliance hosted KS2 Primary Cross Country. The event was a huge success with almost 200 children running the 1.5km course around the school site. Leaders took on the roles of hare, marshal and sweeper to ensure the races were well lead and that every child completed the course.

Parents from children in the local community of schools were extremely complimentary of the event and the students for their commitment and enthusiasm.

Its going to be a successful year of events this year and we look forward to hosting more!



Session 6 Timetable

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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	
BOYS FOOTBALL YEAR 8 GPA	A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS, TRY SOMETHING NEW AND REPRESENT YOUR SCHOOL! - V7 & Y9 boys - SBE - Y8 & Y11 boys - GPA - Y10 boys - PGO - Y7 girls - PGO - Y8 & Y9 girls - MLO - Y9, & Y10/11 girls - JBR



September - October HT

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* Safeguarding



Young people are being exploited by criminals in our area.

They won't always act or feel like victims, often because they have been groomed to feel respected and important to criminal gangs. It's up to all of us to know the signs and to act if you suspect a child is in danger.

Please see link here for a short video: [Are You Listening?](#)

The most obvious sign is a change in a child or young person's behaviour from what is considered 'normal' for them.

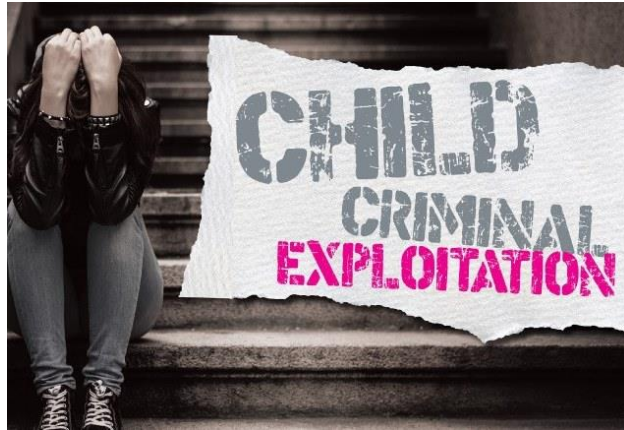
Signs may include:

- Withdrawal from usual group of friends and a mention of older or new friends
- Having gifts, a new phone or money that can't be accounted for
- Becoming withdrawn or secretive
- Receiving a large number of calls or messages to their phone or being worried about being away from their phone
- A drop in grades or performance, as well as suspension or exclusion from school
- Going missing from home or not showing up to school or regular afterschool groups or clubs
- Become involved in low level criminality such as antisocial behaviour

If you suspect a child is being exploited try to talk to them. Children are more likely to open up to an adult they have an existing and trusting relationship with.

Next steps

If you think a child could be involved in this type of activity, you can contact Police on 101 or online. If you suspect a child is in immediate danger always call 999. You can also call your local council children's team for advice, or speak to one of our safeguarding team at school.



*** 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.**

What's On In The Local Area



Aladdin!

We have been asked by Kia, Social Media Coordinator for **Mystical Productions Events Ltd** to announce that this November, they are delighted to be bringing the magical family pantomime **Aladdin to Shifnal Village Hall** for a weekend of fun, laughter and entertainment. Packed with comedy, music, colourful costumes, audience participation and plenty of pantomime magic, it's the perfect family outing for all ages and a wonderful opportunity to enjoy live theatre right here in the heart of our local community.

As a local production company, they are passionate about bringing high-quality, affordable entertainment to Shifnal and the surrounding areas.

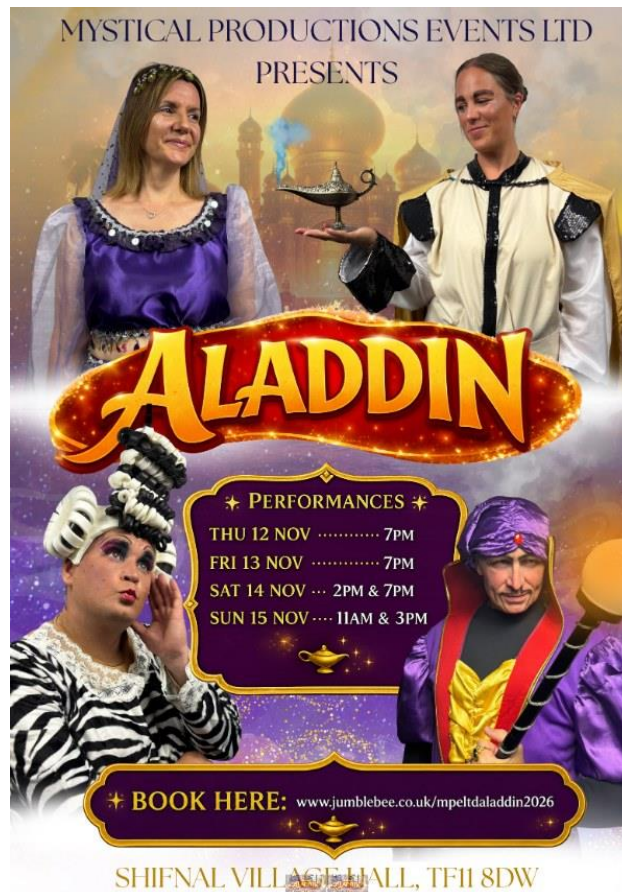
This year's production is also proudly supporting **Promise Dreams**, with funds raised helping the charity continue its incredible work making dreams come true for seriously and terminally ill children.

Performance Dates & Times

- **Thursday 12th November 2026** – 7:00pm (Opening Night)
- **Friday 13th November 2026** – 7:00pm (Press Night)
- **Saturday 14th November 2026** – 2:00pm & 7:00pm
- **Sunday 15th November 2026** – 11:00am & 3:00pm

Venue : Shifnal Village Hall, Aston Street, Shifnal, TF11 8DW

Tickets : Book online at: www.jumblebee.co.uk/mpeltdaladdin2026



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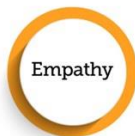
Our values :



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