



IDSALL NEWS edition 77

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Calendar



- Wed 14th Oct : Telford Schools Cross County Idsall
- Thu 15th Oct : Geography A Level Fieldwork - Tywyn
- Fri 16th Oct : GCSE Photography to Coventry Cathedral
- Mon 19th to Fri 30th Oct : Half Term
- Sun 25th Oct : Las Vegas Residential Departs

(Tue 10th Nov : Year 9 & 11 Individual School Photos (change of day))

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Michelle King - Headteacher



Dear Parents, Carers and Students

This week, I had the pleasure of visiting our first residential trip of the year at Ingestre Hall. It was fantastic to see students fully engaged in a wide range of activities, challenging themselves, developing new skills and making lasting memories with their friends.

The visit provided a wonderful balance of adventure, creativity and teamwork, alongside opportunities to relax and enjoy time together. In the evenings, students unwound by watching a movie and enjoyed some friendly competition with pool, table tennis and table football. What stood out most was the enthusiasm, resilience and support students showed one another throughout the visit. They were outstanding ambassadors for Idsall School and represented our community with pride.

This week also saw us welcome colleagues from The Marches Academy Trust as part of a Trust review. The review involved lesson visits, discussions with students and staff, and an opportunity to check in on the progress we continue to make as a school. It was incredibly encouraging to hear so many positive comments about the quality of education being provided, the positive relationships across the school, and the culture of ambition and care that is evident throughout our community.

Reviews such as these are an important opportunity to reflect on our progress and identify our next steps. It was pleasing to hear independent feedback recognising the hard work of our students and the improvements taking place across the school. While we remain ambitious for the future, it is important to take a moment to celebrate how far we have come together.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more of our students' achievements and experiences in the weeks ahead.

Year 7 News



Mrs Reeve is excited to start the launch of this year's Year 7 Christmas Challenge. This is where Year 7's come together in tutor teams to aim to collect items and raise money for some local charities that support our school community - this includes Shifnal foodbank and Telford Crisis Support.

The first step is for each tutor team to nominate two Christmas Champions – these two pupils will lead their forms in the Christmas Challenge – which means taking on responsibility, being organised and showing leadership qualities.

The Christmas Champions will be responsible for deciding what their tutor team will do to compete in the challenge, as well as providing ongoing leadership and organisation during the challenge.

The official launch of the challenge will be next week – watch this space!

Year 9 News



Niamh Gets Gold!

Niamh competed at ASFO British Open champions on 27th September and got some fabulous results!

- 1 x Gold for ring light continuous -50kg
- 1 x Gold for mat light light continuous -50kg
- 1 x Gold for mat light continuous -55kg
- 1 x Silver for mat points fighting -65kg which is 2 weight categories above her own weight.
- 1 x bronze for ring K1 -50kg at category she has never done before.

Niamh is now working towards Bristol open championship in October, then onto ISKA 4 nations championship in November. From that, in January, Niamh starts training for Team GB..... We wish her the best of luck!



Year 10 News



'Reminder to start thinking about work experience placements - time flies so it will come round sooner than we think!'

WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10

WHAT IS WORK EXPERIENCE:

School work experience is a short, supervised placement where a student spends time in a real workplace to learn about a job and build basic professional skills

As an integral part of the Year 10 curriculum, students undertake a period of work experience at the end of June, beginning of July. This opportunity gives each student a greater understanding of the world of work, prepare them for the responsibilities and opportunities of adult life and to work with adults other than teachers.

A placement is an opportunity for a young person to gain valuable insight into a job or a career that they are interested in. The skills and knowledge developed by work experience can prove invaluable to a young person as they complete their education and make important decisions about their route to the job or career of their choice.

Main Benefits

- **Career insight:** Helps students see if a specific job or industry fits their interests.
- **Skill building:** Teaches soft skills like communication, teamwork, time management, and problem-solving.
- **Confidence:** Prepares young people for adult life and the responsibilities of a real work environment.
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WHAT CAN I DO NOW:

Start thinking about the kind of placement you would like to go to. Do you have any contacts that you can use. Make a list of your strengths, subjects you enjoy, possible careers you are looking at.

Points to think about:

- How far is it to travel to, can I get there
- Is there a dress code
- What are the working hours
- Is there a canteen or near shops for lunch

Remember work experience can be an in-person placement, job shadowing (observing an employee), or online virtual work experience.

Year 11 News



Fantastic Testament for Grace C

Stuart Potts, from Telford RUFC emailed us to let us know that he has had the honour to guide Grace, year 11, through a work experience programme recently.

Grace was tasked with three elements, to write the club's head case policy and as a limited company, to gain approval of the membership to adopt into the constitution. Secondly to write and deliver a sponsorship deal to a number of Telford businesses. This in practice was a wish list but not expected to be delivered by the companies. However Grace did so well she has been invited to present to the Telford Chamber of Commerce.

And finally a practical session of training to under 8's mixed rugby team, which due to the recent weather conditions has only just been completed.

As a result of all this, he says he had the pleasure of taking Grace to Twickenham to see the Red Roses match against New Zealand last weekend. Grace was pleased to meet several dignitaries, including Past Presidents, Leroy Angel of Hampshire, Jason Leonard, Gary Street the coach of the winning Red Roses World Cup team and Jill Burns the first Women's World cup winning captain. Grace was able to be in the Royal Box, with me and she thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Grace has been asked to share her work with Hampshire RFU in particular Winchester RFC.

Stuart stated how it has been a huge pleasure and honour for Telford RUFC to host Grace during this process and note she has been a credit to her family and to the school.

We are aware that Grace has been training with the Harlequins rugby academy and will be returning next year, which means as a club, Telford will eventually lose her. That also means Grace will follow an elite pathway towards higher things.

What a fabulous testament and we think we will be hearing many more great things from Grace in the future, such a hardworking and talented student!

Congratulations Grace!

Sixth Form News



Sixth Form Students Support Year 10 Psychology Lessons

Sixth Form Psychology students recently visited Year 10 lessons to share their knowledge and understanding of perception.

Drawing on their more advanced studies, the Sixth Form students led engaging discussions, helping Year 10 pupils explore key concepts such as the ways in which our brains interpret sensory information. Their explanations brought psychological theories to life, making the lessons enjoyable.

The sessions provided a valuable learning experience for both year groups. Year 10 students benefited from the insights and support of their older peers, while the Sixth Form students developed their leadership, communication and mentoring skills.

It was fantastic to see students collaborating so effectively and sharing their enthusiasm for Psychology. Well done to all involved for making the lessons both informative and inspiring.





OTHER IDSALL NEWS



* LGBTQ+ Support Group

Looking for a safe and welcoming place to chat, connect and feel supported?

Our **LGBTQ+ Support Group** will be meeting **every Thursday lunchtime in C1**, (starting after half term) led by some of our fantastic **Idsall Sixth Form students**.

The group is open to students who are LGBTQ+, questioning, allies, or simply interested in supporting an inclusive school community.

Everyone is welcome, so come along and say hello! 

* Kenya 2028 Expedition

Thank you to all those who attended the Parental Information Evening on Wednesday to find out more about this exciting opportunity.

Those students and parents/carers who registered for the meeting (whether they were able to attend or not) should have received an email from Camps International with further details and links to sign up for the expedition. Please contact Mr Pittam at school should you not have received this.

For any further students/parents/carers who either did not register or missed the meeting but would still like to find out more about the expedition, please click on the link below. This link will take families through to all the information about the expedition covered in the Parental Information Evening, including details on how to apply and sign up should you wish to do so. [Kenya Scuba Expedition · Idsall School · Camps International](#)

Further information to help students make an informed choice of whether the expedition is for them can be obtained from Mr Pittam.

We have guaranteed places for the expedition reserved until the end of this half-term on Friday 16th October, and we encourage students to sign up for the expedition by this date. Students

can sign up after 16th October and join the expedition, but this is subject to space being available across all of the Camps Kenya Expeditions.

Also on Friday 16th October, Sarah from Camps International will be in school to support students in starting their fundraising for the expedition. This will be the first of several support workshops Sarah has kindly offered to run for students this expedition cycle, and is open to both those students who have signed up and those who are still considering joining the expedition.

*** Disney 2027 Launched!**

The Disney 2027 Residential is now well underway for the organisation. This trip is aimed at year 7 & 8 students and will take place Thursday 25th to Saturday 27th March 2027.

We apologise for the delay on confirming places etc but we are working hard on getting hotel places sorted.

If your student has got a place on this trip you will be emailed early next week.

Requests for places on this trip are now closed, however if your student is interested they can be added to the waiting list.

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

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

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

cathy.leverington@ids.mmat.co.uk



*** Las Vegas Educational Visit**

Thank you to all the parents and students that attended the Las Vegas parental meeting, where we had the opportunity to give you the final plans ahead of the trip and a chance for you to ask any questions.

If you do have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email or phone the school.

*** Ingestre Hall**

Ingestre Residential is going absolutely amazingly. The students are all having a fabulous time, working together and creating their various projects.

Watch this space next week for photos and more information including quotes from the students here!



* From the PE Department



Football Friendly

Ahead of our county and district football matches starting, our year 7 and year 8 girls footballers headed out for a friendly.

There was some brilliant football and hard work on display and Mr Goodison and Miss Logan are super excited for the season ahead!

Interested in joining the team?

Come to football session 6 on a Tuesday after school to get involved! ❤️⚽



Cross Country

Miss Whitehouse, Miss Logan and our cross country runners braved the colder weather and headed over to Telford park school to take on the Stirchley Rec course in the penultimate cross country event of the year.

Some brilliant performances from our students and a confidence boost as we head into the final race of the season next week on home soil 💪🏃♀️



Session 6 Timetable

SESSION 6 PE
PE department | 3:40pm - 4:30pm

MONDAY

- BTEC SPORT INTERVENTION | GPA
- GCSE PE INTERVENTION | EWH
- VOLLEYBALL | YEAR 9,10,11 | MLO

LUNCHTIME
LEADERSHIP
MONDAY | E4 | BTH
1:45PM - 2:05PM

TUESDAY

- NETBALL | ALL YEARS | SDU & EWH
- BADMINTON | ALL YEARS | FDU
- GIRLS FOOTBALL | ALL YEARS | JBR & PGO
- BOYS FOOTBALL | YEAR 7 | SBE

WEDNESDAY

- BOYS FOOTBALL | YEAR 8 | GPA

Clipboard:

- Y7 & Y9 boys
- SBE
- Y8 & Y11 boys
- GPA
- Y10 boys
- PGO
- Y7 girls
- PGO
- Y8 & Y9 girls
- MLO
- Y9, & Y10/11 girls
- JBR

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

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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!



* Safeguarding



Awareness of Common Slang Language and Emojis

This week's safeguarding focus is raising awareness of some common slang language and emojis that young people may use in reference to violence or crime. Please read the below information, and check your child's devices, social media etc as needed.

Examples of concerning emojis include:

- 🗡 Knife: can directly represent a knife, stabbing, threats, violence, or "beef" (conflict).
- ⚔ Crossed swords: fighting, conflict, rivalry, gang disputes.

-  Dagger: weapon, threat, violence.
-  Water pistol/gun: may be used to refer to weapons, shooting, threats, or aggression.
-  Collision/explosion: attack, retaliation, violence, "something kicking off".
-  Skull: in some contexts may indicate danger, death, threats or violent themes.
-  Skull and crossbones: death, danger, serious threat.
-  Drop of blood: injury, stabbing, violence, retaliation.

Slang language relating to weapons or violence can include:

- **April** - A weapon.
- **Bagging** - Stabbing in the lower body.
- **Beef tings** - To start a conflict or fight.
- **Bells** - Bullets.
- **Bora, borer, ching, dipper, rams, ramsay, shank, sword** - Knife.
- **Burner, iron, machine, mash, matic, scram, spinner, stick, strally, strap sig, cig, tum-tum, wap** - Gun.
- **Burst, woosh, frying, wooshing, leng** - Shoot, shooting.
- **Cheffing, dipping, nank, shank, splash, splash-up, splash-down** - Terms used interchangeably for stabbing or knifing.
- **Chef, chinged, yinged, dipped, swimming, kweng, shanked, wet** - To be cut or stabbed.
- **Chete** - Machete.
- **Corn** - Ammunition.
- **Dottie, dumpy** - Shot gun.
- **Driller** - Someone who is perceived to be in a gang.
- **Drilling** - Attacking, aggressing, or invading.
- **Duppying, done up, slapped, smoked, score, merk** - Used interchangeably for killing.
- **Finessed, stained, sucked** - When an individual has been robbed for his possessions (for example, drugs).

- **Gearstick** - Bat.
- **Got** - Attacked or robbed.
- **Hand ting, trey** - Pistol.
- **Hitter** - Gunman.
- **Ketchup** - Blood.
- **Kweff, queff** - Violence or to kill with gun or knife.
- **Lacking** - Being caught outside alone or caught off guard.
- **Mac(k)** - Automatic firearm.
- **Mop** - Large gun.
- **Ox** - Razor or blade.
- **No face** - Masked or identity concealed.
- **Ooters** - Shooters.
- **Op(ps), paigon(s)** - Someone's rival or rival group.
- **Opp-block** - Perceived enemy territory.
- **Rambo** - Large knife or machete.
- **Scoreboard, scorecard** - A list of enemies killed, injured, or defeated.
- **Slipping** - Someone who is caught off guard or lacking.
- **Snitch** - Someone who is believed to be an informer, to speak to the police.
- **Spinner** - Revolver.
- **Squirt** - Spray acid over someone.
- **Sticky** - A dangerous situation.
- **Strapping** - Carrying a gun or firearm.
- **Tec** - Handgun.
- **ZK** - Term used for zombie knives.

What's On In The Local Area



Telford KinFest

We would be grateful if you could help us share information about **Telford KinFest**, our special celebration event marking the end of **Kinship Week**.

We are keen to ensure that children and young people living in kinship care feel included, valued and have the opportunity to enjoy this exciting event with their families. We would appreciate your support in promoting the event to eligible pupils and families within your school community.

Telford KinFest

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon celebrating kinship families, with opportunities to connect, relax and enjoy a range of activities together.

Featuring:

 Music and entertainment

 Arts and crafts

 Face painting

 Fun games and activities

 Food and refreshments

 And much more

Event Details:

 **Friday 9 October**

 **4:30pm – 6:30pm**

 **Telford Rugby Club, Hinksay Road, Telford, TF4 3NZ**

Book your place here:

 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/telford-kinfest-tickets-2000487925236?aff=odtdtdcreator>

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- relocation and life changes
- settling into your new community

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BabyShare at Harlescott Grange Community Hub

Baby Share in Shrewsbury is a free community resource that provides new and pre-loved baby clothes, toys, and equipment for families with children aged 0–5.

It is free to attend for all families across Shropshire.

Everyone is welcome.



Saving the planet one baby step at a time

Next Babyshare!

Saturday 24th October 2026
2.00pm-3.30pm

Harlescott Grange Community Hub
Kynaston Road
Shrewsbury SY1 3JR



www.babystop.uk



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.

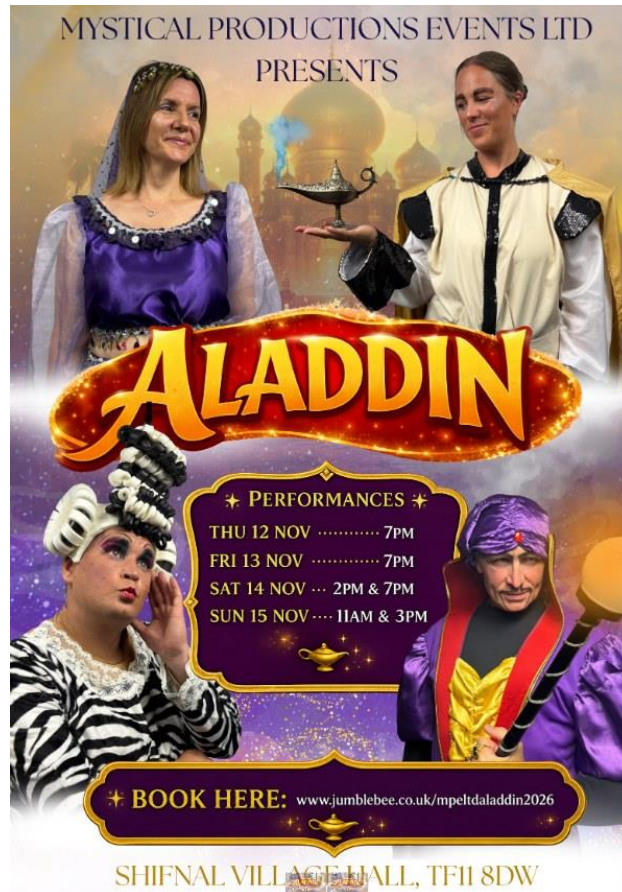
Performance Dates & Times

- **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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