

IDSALL NEWS .... edition 80

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- W/C Mon 16th Nov : SchoolRox KS3
- W/C Mon 16th Nov : Supporting Shifnal Foodback
- Thu 19th Nov : Sixth Form Open Evening
- Wed 2nd Dec : Vegan Aid
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Michelle King - Headteacher



Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Proud of Our Young People

Last Friday saw our Sixth Form students join young people from across our Trust secondary schools in Birmingham for the St Basils Big Sleep Out. There was very little sleep, it was extremely cold and it was a very long night, but it was also a brilliant experience.

For the second year, I joined them, and it was a privilege to see first-hand their resilience, humour and commitment to supporting such an important cause.

That same sense of community was evident through Remembrance, with so many of our students taking part in our school service and representing Idsall at Remembrance events within their own communities.

Both events are wonderful examples of our young people giving something back, showing respect and recognising that being part of Idsall is about much more than what happens in the classroom.

We are incredibly proud of them all.

#TeamIdsall

Year 11 News



6th Form Open Evening

On **Thursday 19th November**, our **Sixth Form** will be opening its doors to all **Year 11 students** from both **Idsall School** and the wider local area for our annual **Open Evening**, taking place between **4.00pm and 7.00pm**.

This event provides an excellent opportunity for students to explore the fantastic opportunities that Idsall has to offer at **Post-16**. Year 11 students will be able to familiarise themselves with the Sixth Form area, meet teachers, ask questions, tour the facilities, and hear from staff and students about life in our Sixth Form.

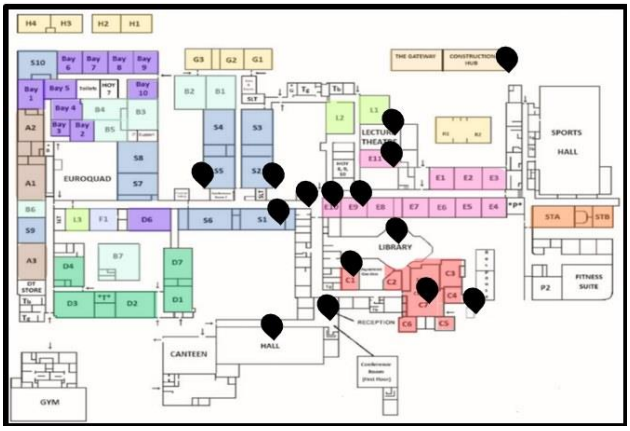
We are incredibly proud of our Post-16 provision and encourage all Year 11 students to consider the wide range of opportunities available at Idsall before looking elsewhere.

Where to find the various subjects on Thursday :

- Reception - Welcome Desk
- Main Hall - Talks at 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm followed by a Q&A
- Main Sixth Form Area : Sixth Form Enquiries with Mrs Case / Business / Economics / IT / Computer Science
- Library : Geography / History / Sociology / Criminology / Philosophy and Ethics / Classics
- C1 - Psychology
- S1 - Biology
- S2 - Chemistry
- S5 - Psychis
- E10 - English Literature
- E9 - Maths
- E11 - Sport
- Lecture Theatre - Art and Photography

- Skills Centre - Construction

Don't forget the Sixth Form Pod will be serving drinks all evening!



If students or parents have any questions about the event, please feel free to contact the school via email. Alternatively, students are welcome to visit the Sixth Form and speak with **Mrs McMahon** or **Mrs Case**.

We look forward to welcoming you on the evening!

Open

Learning without limits

Applications Now Open!

Applications for September 2027 are now open on our school website. The QR code below will take you straight to the online form.

Sixth Form News

Sixth Form Pupil Tiff Receives Prestigious Award at Local Awards Ceremony

One of our incredible Sixth Form pupils, has been awarded the **'Tim Day Youth Award'** at the recent Celebrating Shifnal Awards.

Tiff Hunt has been recognised for her outstanding commitment to volunteering both within her own school and the wider community. She is always willing to give up her own time, and regularly supports important school events such as Parents' Evenings, offering a warm welcome and helping everything run smoothly.

Beyond school, she regularly volunteers at community events such as Messy Church, demonstrating kindness, enthusiasm and a genuine desire to help others.

Over the past year, Tiff also assisted with the foodbank Christmas hamper packing and facepainting at the St Andrews Church Summer fair.

Her selflessness, reliability and positive attitude make a real difference wherever she is involved. Tiff really takes on the values of Shifnal community spirit.



St Basil's Sleepout 2026

On Friday 13th November, nine of our Sixth Form students - Abbie, Alex, Ava, Ellie, Ellie-May, Faith, Katie, Kinga and Layla - alongside Ms King and Mrs McMahon, took part in the St Basils Big Sleepout at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham.

As part of our Open6 partnership with other Sixth Form students and staff from across the Marches Academy Trust, everyone was very proud to be helping St Basils to raise both funds and awareness of youth homelessness.

So far, our school has raised an impressive £280 for St Basils, while together our three Trust schools, Idsall, Grove and Sir John Talbot's, have raised a combined total of £910. We are now hoping to push that total beyond £1,000 and would be grateful for any further support from our community.

Every donation helps St Basils continue its vital work supporting vulnerable young people who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless.

To read more about the work of St Basils please visit their website

If you would like to support our fundraising efforts, donations can still be made via our JustGiving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/idsallbigsleepoutnov2026?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated so far and, most importantly, to our fantastic students and staff who took part in this challenging but worthwhile event.









Sixth Form Wear PJ's

Students our in Sixth Form showed their support for BBC Children in Need on Friday 13th November by taking part in a fun PJ's for Pudsey fundraising event.

Students were invited to wear their pyjamas to Sixth Form in exchange for a minimum £1 donation. The event was very well supported, with students embracing the opportunity to raise money for a worthy cause while enjoying a relaxed day.

Thanks to their generosity, a fantastic total of **£126.68** was raised for this extremely important charity.

The Sixth Form would like to thank everyone who took part and helped make the event such a success.



OTHER IDSALL NEWS

* Open Evening

In light of our upcoming Sixth Form Open Evening, we asked some of our present year 12 students why they chose Idsall Sixth Form and we loved the answers so much we thought we would share some of their reasons ...

- I personally don't like change so I believe this sixth form was the right choice. Everyone is super welcoming.
- I had a convenient bus route to school & I love all of my subject teachers.
- The Sixth Form centre creates a welcoming environment & everyone is really lovely.
- Idsall Sixth Form offers a safe, welcoming environment that allows you to grow as a person - and a community that you can feel proud to be part of.
- Great atmosphere with friendly staff and students.
- It's a good environment to learn without feeling too much pressure. The staff work hard to support us.
- Great learning environment, knew all the teachers from before and its a great place to develop.
- The atmosphere is fantastic, the staff take great measures to ensure we are having a full educational journey.

- Pastoral support at my last school was incredibly lacking, even when there were so many people. Here there is only Miss Case, but she makes the days absolutely wonderful even when we are down. 🙂
- I moved to Idsall as an external student because there is a great environment and community to grow as a person.
- Idsall Sixth Form has a great atmosphere and there is a perfect balance between study and rest/having fun. The staff are all great and supportive and will halp you achieve your goals.
- I chose Idsall because I liked the environment, the range of subjects and the opportunities available. I felt it would be a good place for me to develop my interests, build new skills and work towards my future goals.

So, if you are current year 11 why not come along to the open evening, or pop and see Mrs McMahon or Mrs Case, both of whom would love to have a chat with you about how you see your future and what they, and the school, can do to help you on your journey to success!

Explore. Think. Laugh. Discover. Believe. Smile. Question.
Consider. Focus. Enjoy. Grow. Challenge. Succeed.

* Remembrance

On 11th November, a group of pupils led the school in a special Remembrance assembly to honour the service and sacrifice of those who have given their lives in conflicts around the world.

Students listened respectfully as they learned about the significance of Remembrance Day, heard a number of poems and biographies of soldiers, and observed a two-minute silence.

Year 7 had the honour of being in the hall for this special event, with other year groups joining via an online link. Their maturity and exemplary attitude reflected the values of respect, reflection and gratitude that are so important within our school community.

A special thanks must go to representatives from our One Voice team, our 6th Form team, and three very brave members of our Year 7 team – who all led readings and reflective pieces, to representatives of the RAF and Army cadets, and to Noah in Year 13 for organising the whole assembly.















* Supporting Shifnal Foodbank

We are pleased to be supporting Shifnal Help Foodbank with their Christmas hamper appeal, helping to provide much-needed support to vulnerable families within our local community this Christmas.

Below is a list of items that would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to donate any of these items, we would be extremely grateful for your support.

Donations can be given to form tutors throughout this week. We will then collect all donations together and deliver them to St Andrew's Church on Friday 20 November.

We fully appreciate that the cost of living remains very high and understand that not everyone will be in a position to donate. However, if you are able to support the appeal in any way, every donation, no matter how small, will be very gratefully received.

Thank you, as always, for supporting our local community.

- Christmas cake
- Christmas pudding
- Mince Pies
- Trifle mix
- Box chocolates
- Selection Box
- Box Shortbread
- Box Biscuits
- Sweets
- Stuffing mix
- Pickled onions
- Pickled beetroot
- Pickled cabbage
- Chutney
- Crisps/snacks
- Cheeselets,
- Twiglets,
- Pringles
- Crackers for cheese
- Cranberry sauce
- Box Christmas Crackers

- Bread sauce mix
- Cheese sauce mix
- Gravy
- Tinned ham or salmon
- Custard
- Jam/Conserve
- Hot Chocolate



* West Mercia Want Our Voice!

West Mercia Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) has commissioned a Serious Violence Needs Assessment and would value some honest views from school pupils (year 6 and up).

Please can all pupils click the link to access the survey, then press submit at the end. The survey will remain open until 28th November 2026.

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https://online1.snapsurveys.com/SVNASchools

John Campion
Police and Crime Commissioner
West Mercia

* Attendance at Idsall

✨ Everyday Counts at Idsall School! ✨

Regular attendance helps students achieve their full potential, build friendships, and make the most of every opportunity school has to offer.

Our expectation is **95%+ attendance**, helping every young person thrive academically and personally.

If your child is feeling slightly under the weather, many common ailments such as mild coughs, sore throats and headaches do not always mean they need to stay at home. As always, if you're unsure, please contact the school for advice 🌡️

💚 Together, we can make everyday count 💚



* From the PE Department



SchoolRox

SchoolRox is off to a fantastic start! We've already heard that our Year 8 girls have absolutely smashed it after taking part. A huge well done to all of them!

Throughout this week, students in KS3 are participating in SchoolRox. It's a HYROX-style school fundraiser where students will take on a series of fun, fitness-based challenges, test their limits and see what they can achieve! Furthermore, it will form part of the house competition programme within the departments fitness curriculum.

It is all part of the charity's 'Quality Moments Matter' campaign where Hope House are aiming to raise £500,000 during 36 hours between 22nd - 23rd November. The money raised will help fund specialist therapy and activities needed to ensure the children supported have the best possible quality of life, together with their families.

We would like all students to embrace the challenge and get involved in fundraising. We have set a ***school target of £2,500*** *and would encourage students to aim to raise a minimum of* ***£5*** *in sponsorship if possible. All money that the school raises before the 23rd November for this event will be* ***DOUBLED****! Every pound raised will help Hope House Children's Hospices provide vital care and support to local children with life-threatening conditions and their families.*

There will also be an opportunity for students in Sixth Form to participate during their enrichment session that week or in one of the after school sessions. All selected year groups will find out more about this within team time next week where details of the challenge and timetable will be shared. There will also be an opportunity for staff to take part in the event after school.

To support this excellent cause and help us reach our target please use the URL link to donate.

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https://www.justgiving.com/page/idsalldoschoolrox26?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Cheer on your individual, tutor group, year group or member of staff!

Quality moments matter SCHOOLROX @ Idsall School

* 4 All Foundation

The Marches School Trust 4 All Foundation Charity are hosting a couple of events in the run up to Christmas to support and raise money for their fantastic and well deserving charity.

4 All supports thousands of people across Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and the surrounding areas, offering a range of programmes and activities which promote community engagement, sports participation, health and wellbeing, and education and employability.

So if you fancy a go at Wreath Making or enjoy an evening of Carols then take a look and go along!





* Safeguarding



Health advice for your child

Did you know you know you can get free health advice for your child via text?

If your child is 0-5 years old text Shropshire Health Visiting on 07520 635212, or if you live in the Telford area text 07520 619053

If your child is 5-19 years old (or 25 if they have special educational needs or disabilities SEND). Text Shropshire School Nursing Service on 07507 330346, or if you live in the Telford area text 07520 619051



* What's On In The Local Area

RAF Family Support



Contact Us

IDSALL SCHOOL

"Great oaks from little acorns grow"

Part of MARCHES ACADEMY TRUST

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Our values :

