

Dear parents/carers,

It is with much sadness that I write to you that I will be leaving my position at Shrewsbury Academy at the end of this academic year to take up another Headship.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at the school working alongside students, staff and the community. There have been many highlights that I will take with me and I am grateful to everyone for making me feel so welcome.

I hope that I have helped to stabilise the school, having inherited some challenging circumstances, hopefully the school is in a better position now than it was when I arrived in June 2018 in terms of outcomes for students, behaviour and standards of learning.

I am confident that the school will continue to go from strength to strength over the next few years. I wish all students and families the very best in the future and I hope to be kept informed of all the continued successes that our fantastic students go on to achieve.

Mr Jon Arnold



Headteacher Reading for Enjoyment

Reading for enjoyment is very important to us at Shrewsbury Academy. As a result we have been inspired to create our very first audio book. We have chosen **Artemis Fowl**, a action packed fantasy that has been described as 'die hard with fairies!' There is also a film version currently streaming on Disney+. The audio book, with a chapter released every other day, can be found on Microsoft Streams or @shrewsburyacademy_english. Have fun trying to guess which member of staff is reading!!

Debate Club LIVE

It takes place every week on a Wednesday. There are to debate questions, one for Primary students and one for secondary. It is organised by Smart Student Council who also help us run our school council. The format is they set a question, then two of the organisers discuss it via a live feed with contributions from students, and then they are asked to vote.

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E-Safety – PS4

Gaming has always been a big favourite with children of all ages. This week's article looks at the very popular PS4 PlayStation and its services. The console is very similar to other platforms in that it no longer just offers game playing, but a full entertainment experience. This includes gaming online with other users, chat, watching movies and purchasing of 'add-ins' for existing games. For parents there are a number of safety features that can be utilised to help provide a safe entertainment system for your children. The National Online Safety organisation has released a guide which explains how to use the master account and parental controls to limit play time, spending on extras, age limit on content and the communication features. [Click here](#) to view the guide.

Student work

Well done to the below student for excellent work last week:

Design and Technology

Paige Bowler in Year 8 was asked to make a 1950's style Japanese Robot Toy in card and will make a final wood and plastic version when she gets back to school.



Trust Update

The Trust is working to ensure the school continues to provide high quality learning and care, working to a vision of 'Achievement Through Caring' for all students.

Mr David O'Toole, Deputy CEO will lead the school through this transition with the support of the leadership team. Mr O'Toole joined Sir John Talbot's School in 2014 when it was in special measures and has transformed the school to now lead the way in Shropshire.

Mr O'Toole is passionate about the continued growth and development of Shrewsbury Academy and has worked collaboratively with Mr Arnold along with the senior team in recent months to establish the school's current strong position.

The recent pandemic has provided an opportunity to raise standards using technology and remote learning. The strategies and programmes developed by the staff have proved so valuable over the past few weeks and will help shape the world of education in the future which Mr O'Toole will lead on. The Trust has led the way on home learning and student engagement thanks to the dedicated staff.

Virtual 5K

✿ We are encouraging all students, staff, parents and members of the community to take part in our Shrewsbury Academy Virtual 5K Challenge! ✿

✿ Since the lockdown there will be many people who have become less active, the benefits of exercise are massive both physically and mentally. From Monday 22nd June to Friday 17th July, we are challenging you to go on as many runs or walks as you can! During this time, we hope to track how many kilometres our school community manages to clock. Everybody that takes part will receive a medal for their participation in our Virtual 5K and you can enter multiple times. 🏆

✉ All you need to do is email a screenshot of your distance/time to k.dobson@sa.sat.coop. Great apps that can provide the above information amongst others are Strava, Runkeeper, Garmin, Fitbit. 📱

🔗 Are you up for the [#SA5KChallenge](#)? Please share and tag your friends and post any photos of you taking part on our Facebook post 📷

UPDATE as of 22nd June:

As a school contribution from staff and students we have clocked up a total of 235km in one day. Equivalent to 146 miles. This means we are not far from London already! We are going into Europe next, over the channel into France!

Some great performances from our students so far include:
Leo Robson, Jay Miller, Keegan Harris, Leah Cookson

And staff who have either completed multiple runs already or have completed their first 5k in years. Well done to:
Sarah Harper, Clare Jackson, Sue Thomas, Ester Kovacs

Keep going. Remember we are trying to submit as many 5k distances and more.



Competitions & Challenges

Geography competition: The Royal Geographical Society are running their Young Geographer of the year competition, asking students to submit entries based around the theme of 'the world beyond my window', full competition details can be found [here](#). **The deadline for receipt of all entries is Tuesday 30 June 2020 at 5.00pm.**

History competition: Focus Games Ltd are challenging all age groups to create a unique piece of work, drawing, poster, short story, video or artwork in order to celebrate 100 Great Black Britons and their legacy. Entries close 30 September 2020, click [here](#) for more information.

Charity Golf Day

Charity Golf Day - postponed from July but now booked as follows:

Date: Sunday 11th October

Location: Arscot Golf Club, Pontesbury

Time: 10am arrival and breakfast
11am start

Information: Informal meal / prizes and raffle from 3.30pm

Tees can be booked via Mark Jones

m.jones@sa.sat.coop

Cost: £35 per player / £30 junior

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