

Dear Parents & Carers,

Another Friday and another week completed, a week that saw a return to Shrewsbury Town football games and COVID restrictions lifted to a small extent.

8 of the students from Shrewsbury Academy were provided with the amazing opportunity of supporting the Shrewsbury Town game against Accrington Town on Wednesday 2nd December. This was a great chance for the 8 students who are all part of the football studies programme. We now are looking forward to the next opportunity.

Our Christmas card competition has been judged and we have selected 3 card designs that will be used by the school to send out to our community. Congratulations to the three winners who will be announced to you all.

We have accessed an incredible donation from ABP of a thermo imaging station, which now allows all visitors to school to be temperature tested by a thermo imaging camera. The station is based at the front of the school. We are asking all visitors who enter the school to walk through the station before entry to the school buildings. We still remain at high risk and need to ensure that procedures are carried out to reduce COVID transmission. This donation from ABP which we are most grateful for and want to thank them for this incredibly kind gesture.

We will be allowing students to wear an appropriate Christmas themed jumpers on Friday 18th December 2020, correct uniform to be worn apart from blazer and tie if wearing a Christmas jumper.

The weather has not been good this week and our grass areas are now becoming rather muddy. All areas of school have allocated pathways to save students walking across the grass areas. I would be grateful for your support in reminding all to use pathways rather than the grass.

Miss J Johnson



NEWS & NOTICES

Assistant Headteacher – Miss Hayes Teaching & Learning

Year 11 Parents only

Due to current Covid-19 restrictions and the delay to mock examinations following the recent school closure, we have made the decision to change the format and date of the Year 11 mock results day. Students will receive their mock results in an envelope during DEAR time on 13th January 2021. A grade sheet detailing their minimum expected grade, mock grade and professional predicted grade will be sent home to parents on the same date.

The parents' evening that is scheduled to take place on 10th December will unfortunately not be able to take place due to Covid-19 restrictions. At this stage, the current plan is to go ahead with the Year 11 parents' evening scheduled for 25th March 2021. If you have any queries regarding your child's performance following the grade sheet on 13th January, please contact their progress and aspiration leader, Mr Rogers at c.rogers@sa.sat.coop

We are currently reviewing the plans for any parents' evenings in the new year.

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 18th - £1.00 per child

Uniform will be expected apart from your jacket and tie if wearing an appropriate Christmas jumper. Should your child not wish to participate in this then full school uniform is expected.

Christmas Lunch

Please be advised that our Christmas lunch this year is with a difference due to the current situation we find ourselves in. Christmas lunch will be serviced on the 9th December. Hot turkey and cranberry baps, pigs in blankets hotdog rolls etc. Please see adjacent flyer.

Rewards – Miss Jones – Head of Humanities

This week we have continued to reward our students for their outstanding effort and achievement in a number of subjects. This week Mrs Bright, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Jones (with the support of Miss Harper and Mrs Currie) delivered rewards to various students.

Massive congratulations to them all for your hard work and determination to your studies.

Shrewsbury Town Football Club (STFC) – Mr Wellings and Mr Peavor

8 students on the STFC course were selected to attend the Shrewsbury Town match earlier this week as ball retrievers, however at the moment we cannot offer the opportunity out to a mass number of student's only students who are on this course. Well done to those 8 who were selected.

S4T (Something for Tea) – Sue Thomas

Picture from the Food Hub delivering some more valuable supplies for our ongoing S4T campaign. I would like to thank everyone for their continued support in this very worthy cause for our parents in the community.

Ellie Evans – Operations Manager

I am thrilled to confirm the Thermal Imaging Temperature Scanner is fully commissioned and in use.

We are now able to use this equipment to take accurate core temperature readings for ALL visitors to the school.

I am pleased to say that a student today, who had a temperature of 37.7 degrees using a contactless digital thermometer, then when re-accessed using the thermal imaging scanner, actually had a core temperature of 36 degrees. This is a significant step forward as the child can return to school without any disruption to learning or risk to others in school.

I hope this will offer some reassurance to families and the community with regards to the number of suspected cases we have in school.

Many thanks

