

Dear Parents and Carers,

Half Term is about to begin and provide some well-deserved rest for all of us.

It has been a difficult week with the funeral of our much-loved colleague Mrs Thomas. I would like to thank the whole community for your support during that day. I felt very honoured to see the community standing together to pay respects to a very special staff member.

The wellbeing day yesterday was a fantastic, it was great seeing so many staff, students and parents, carers participating. Congratulation to Mrs Grant, Assistant Headteacher, for arranging our dance session with Robin Wilson and to Mrs Taylor for an introduction to mindfulness.

It has continued to be difficult for us all managing through online learning, teams' meetings, emails and not being to spend valuable time with family and friends.

I am unable to provide any further details at this current time on a full return to school for all students but want to assure you that as soon as I have any further information regarding the matter, I will be informing you immediately.

School will reopen to critical worker students and vulnerable students on Monday 22nd February, this is no longer a PD day.

I hope that the coming week provides some space for thoughts and rest for you all where possible.

Stay safe!

Miss Julie Johnson
Head of School



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Energy Drinks – Please be advised that students will not be allowed to bring energy drinks into school after half term. If I see a student with one I will confiscate them. Please only send them in with a water bottle to refill during the school day. Thank you

Press Release

Shrewsbury Academy were delighted to launch their 'take-a-break' day yesterday with sessions focused on mental health, well-being and enjoying physical activity. Mental health and well-being for staff and pupils is a high priority for The Marches Academy Trust and the Senior Leadership Team at Shrewsbury Academy wanted to celebrate the end of a hard lockdown half-term with some positivity.

Staff and pupils started the day with a session focused on mindfulness and reflection. Pupils then worked with Kooth and the Trailblazers project, whilst staff had a session with Matt Massias, before rejoining as a whole school to dance the morning away with ex-Strictly Come dancing professional, Robin Windsor. We experienced the cha cha, the salsa and even a bit of disco! An absolutely FAB-U-LOUS time was had by all.

The afternoon was then less structured to enable all pupils and staff to 'take-a-break'. Pupils and staff spent their afternoons walking their dogs, reading a good book and baking with their children. The feedback from pupils, parents and staff has been amazing and we look forward now, with a reinvigorated mind-set, to take on the challenges of the next half term and...keep dancing!

Angela Grant – Associate Assistant Head

GCSE Book bundles are still available to purchase for pupils in 9-11. Please contact c.jackson@sa.sat.coop for further information.

Rewards

As we approach half term; it has been wonderful to reward so many students for star of the week. In total we have been able to rewards nearly 250 students. Over half term, every name will go in a prize draw for a £10 Amazon voucher and there will be 16 prizes.....so watch this space.

Community

I will be working closely with our parent's advisory board to establish a strong community programme and would welcome any ideas/support. If you would like to get in involved or provide ideas, please email j.jones@sa.sat.coop

