

### Dear and Carers,

As part of our raising standards agenda, we are working hard to improve behaviour in school and the perception of our school in the community. Part of this is very much our school uniform. We are exceptionally proud of Shrewsbury Academy and our pupils and want them to be identifiable on their way to and from school reflecting how smartly dressed they are in the building itself. Our uniform is very formal outlining the learning environment we are establishing. I often hear the argument that wearing school uniform doesn't impact on a pupil's ability to learn however, all the educational research points to effective schools being orderly, calm and positive environments that work well to serve their communities. This is very much our vision for Shrewsbury Academy and something that we strongly and something that we ask you please to support us with. Please ensure that all pupils are leaving for school in the mornings wearing the correct uniform, shoes and free from wearing hoodies. Makeup should be natural looking rather than obvious, fake nails and jewellery should be left at home please. We will be confiscating items such as hoodies in school if seen, to avoid the challenge and conflict please help support us by ensuring that items are left at home to start with. My final point is around energy drinks, local shops should not be providing these to our pupils due to age restrictions, however we know pupils are gaining possession of these. High levels of caffeine are not desirable in young people and impact significantly on concentration, tiredness and behaviour all of which are detrimental to learning. We ask they are not brought to school under any circumstances, otherwise these will also be confiscated.

*Miss Julie Johnson*  
Head of School



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Miss Frederick – Head of Performing Arts

Shrewsbury Academy is about to embark on its year long quest to achieve Rainbow Flag Award status. The Rainbow Flag Award is a national quality assurance framework for primary schools, secondary schools, SEND schools and colleges. The award focuses on positive LGBT+, (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, plus other related identities), inclusion and visibility. To achieve this, we must provide evidence for the below standards at our school:

**Skilled teachers/Supportive parents and governors/Effective policies  
Inclusive curriculum/Pastoral support/Student voice.**

I am confident with a team effort we can gain this accreditation for our students. Staff training will be coming soon and we will be celebrating Diversity Week 21st-25th June.

### Mrs Howells - Safeguarding

Support for families – flyer – (please find attached)

### Miss Miller – Art Department - The Great Big Art Competition

We released a whole school competition as something fun and exciting on their return from lockdown. For KS3 pupils we started their designs in lessons, preparing them to be finished at home. We had over 50 entries from the whole school and then as a department we selected the designs that met the design brief to be entered into the competition- we selected the designs that showcased bold, bright colour with an amazing animal design prominent in the centre. Our pupils really enjoyed working on and being part of a community project, they were very proud of their designs as were we.

I have noticed on my walk-through Shrewsbury at least 5 Shrewsbury Academy designs. (I'm sure there are more) – Congratulations to all.



### Miss Bannister – Prom Year 11

After posting on social media looking for prom/bridesmaid style dresses we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of people in our community and the amount of donations received. After the year we have had buying a prom dress is not an option for everyone and so I wanted to make prom inclusive and not exclusive. Many of our students have already taken home some of the dresses! We will be storing the rest of the dresses away for future proms and events. Thank you to everyone who has donated and has helped!

