

Dear Parents and Carers,

It certainly seems that spring has now truly arrived! What a wonderful few days filled with spring sunshine and that has been reflected in the positive attitudes of the pupils at Shrewsbury Academy. Our year 11 pupils have been working hard in their first week of mock exams; I am sure that we will see big successes from this series of mocks in readiness for the summer exams. Can I again thank you for your support with our lockdown on Thursday evening.

We have had another opportunity this week for members of our staff community to take part in middle leadership training which has been a positive experience. The team explored ideas linked to creative curriculum and engagement strategies alongside the development of assessment and experiences. The future is very bright for Shrewsbury Academy.

*Angela Grant*  
**Assistant Head**



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Invigilators Needed for Summer Exams: Shrewsbury Academy Vacancy

Examinations Invigilator  
£9.25/hr  
*Casual as and when required*  
*To start as soon as possible*

We are looking for an enthusiastic persons to join our Exams and Data team to provide professional and efficient support at Shrewsbury Academy. We are recruiting for Exam Invigilators to work throughout the year. This role would require flexible ad hoc examination support with variable working hours. The successful applicant will support the Exams Office with the operation of examinations. Full training will be provided.

If you have any other queries, please contact Mo James, School Data and Exams Manager or ring her on 01743 276700.

*This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.*

### Red Nose Day:

We will be running a cake sale to raise money for Red Nose day charities on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. We will also be inviting pupils to wear red noses and red socks. Further information will be forwarded next week.

**Mrs M Marston – Deputy Head**

### Covid-19 – update:

As we continue to follow the government's living with Covid plan, I want to remind parents and carers on the following up to date guidance which Shrewsbury Academy are following.

Students who are unwell with one of the three main Covid symptoms i.e., (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a change or loss in taste or smell) should stay at home and access a PCR test via the [following link](#).

The legal requirement to self-isolate if Covid-19 positive has ceased, replaced with guidance to avoid contact with other people.

The guidance for staff and students to undertake twice weekly asymptomatic testing has ceased. Anyone with symptoms should follow the guidance above.

Routine contact tracing has ended and therefore contacts will not be advised to self-isolate or undertake 7-day testing

### Covid-19 Testing:

For students, this means that Shrewsbury Academy are no longer distributing LFD test kits. The guidance now states PCR testing is only available to those who are symptomatic and the need to undertake asymptomatic LFD testing has ceased.

### Pupil Absence:

Parents / carers should continue to follow the school's internal absence reporting process if their child is ill and has any of the three main Covid-19 symptoms listed above. Pupils should follow national guidance which is currently to access a PCR test. Anyone who takes a PCR test which is returned positive will be contacted by the NHS with the result and national guidance to follow in terms of isolation.

**Nick Parkin – Operations Manager**

### Calendar dates:

- Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Year 11 parents' evening
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April Achievement evening

