

Dear Parents and Carers

**“We did not come to fear the future, we came here to shape it”
By Barack Obama**

I would like to end the week, by saying how proud I am of the students who took part in Shrewsbury Academy's production of Aladdin. It was fantastic to see the smiles on their faces at their achievement and there was a real buzz around the school. A huge thank you to all those involved both on the stage and behind the scenes, with a special thank you to all families and friends who joined us on the evening.

May I please remind you of Shrewsbury Academy's uniform expectations. The policy can be found in student planners and on our website. There must be no hoodies or trainers worn in school and nose piercings are not permitted. Please note that if your child is not in full school uniform on arrival at the school gate, they will be advised to visit our uniform stock or be given an appropriate sanction on the day.

Finally, all that remains left to say, is that this is the final week before half term and good luck to all those students who are sitting their mock exams.



Miss Julie Johnson
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES



Please be reminded that school is closed to all students on 17th February due to staff collaboration day.



Aladdin

Our students have thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the recent production of Aladdin. Congratulations to all those involved!



Exam Top Tips

Please feel free to access some useful tips for exam times. Tips 5 and 6 can be viewed by clicking the below link.

[Parent Top Tip 5 - Don't Break the Chain](#)

[Parent Top Tip 6 - Subjects YOU struggled with](#)

Operations – Mr Parkin

Free School Meals eligibility update

The free school meal (FSM) protections policy was introduced in 2018 to protect those eligible for benefits-related free school meals from becoming ineligible while Universal Credit (UC) is being rolled out. This was originally set to last until March 2022 and was subsequently extended to March 2023. The end date for protections has now been extended further until March 2025. This means that a pupil who was FSM eligible on 1 April 2018, or who has become eligible under the benefits/low-earnings criteria since then, will continue to receive free meals, even if their household income exceeds the eligibility threshold, up until March 2025 and then until the end of their phase of education (ie primary or secondary).

Mr Parkin is happy to answer any questions relating to this matter.

FSM vouchers at February Half term

To confirm, the local authority will be funding FSM vouchers again at the February half-term for benefits-related FSM pupils. These vouchers will be generated alongside two additional days, the strike date on the 1st February 2023 and the Trust collaboration day on the 17th February 2023. This makes a total of 7 days worth of funding.

These vouchers will be generated and forwarded to parents and carers on Friday 17th February 2023.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events.

- Mock Exams – 13th – 16th Feb
- Purple Leaf Parent Session – 16th Feb in the hall
- 16th February – school ends for half term.

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NEWS



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