

Dear Families

It's the end of my second week and the end of this half term. It has been an exciting one for the school with the building works hopefully about to commence. Whilst there have been some changes, our new students seem to be settling in well. This week saw Shrewsbury's Got Talent on Wednesday evening, with acts ranging from the school band, to vocals, diablo skills, cheer dancing and rap. It was brilliant to see the confidence as well as the talent on show.

A large group of students departed for New York on Thursday morning, which is a potentially life changing experience. We all look forward to seeing the photos.

Next half term will see the mock exams start for our year 11 students. This is a great way to identify gaps in knowledge and allow us to help them with delivering supportive measures and specific teaching to help them in these areas. Internal exams are an important way to prepare students for the real thing.

We will also launch a fresh look at rewards next half term, the vast majority of our students work hard all of the time in class, and we will endeavour to recognise this. We are working hard in the background to ensure this happens routinely. The project is exciting and I'm looking forward to seeing it in action.

As mentioned last week, we will be moving to ensuring all students turn their mobile phones off whilst in school and place them in bags. The reasons for this are very clearly supported by research, including improving concentration and social relationships. More information will follow.



Mr Jim Taylor
Acting Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Shrewsbury's Got Talent

The talent show was a great success! Photographs to follow next term. Well done everyone!



Shrewsbury Academy joined the Royal Society of Biology's celebrations of all things biological 16-20 October 2023. Year 10 students took part in a national biology spelling bee. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Maths) Club got gross and gruesome with dissection. Our fabulous form tutors helped tutees to enter a whole school microscopes competition. Science classes faced a brain busting memory challenge and explored career opportunities in biology.



Year 10 microscopes competition winner
Goodluck checks out the answers.

Mental Health Awareness Week



We supported by wearing yellow accessories, we had pop up support at break and lunch and advice on hand to all students. Family activities have been sent out over the course of the week.

Halloween

Mrs Peters in Textiles has decorated her room and has been playing 'Guess what's in the box' this week for Halloween, where Students have chosen to take the challenge! Textiles club has carved pumpkins this week and participated in ghoulish activities.



Free School Meal Vouchers over the October half-term holiday

A reminder that families of students eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals will be provided with support towards food costs for the October 2023 half-term holiday, £15 per eligible student and this will be covered for (1 week).

UPCOMING EVENTS



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

- 23rd October – 5th November, Half Term
- 6th November – PD Day
- 7th November – Mock Exam week 1

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