

### Dear Families

There are changes in school this half term. We are, as mentioned, tightening procedures around how we monitor behaviour, and will be launching a new rewards system. This is to recognise that the vast majority of our students who do what we ask and engage with their learning and complete their work really well. I hope to provide another update shortly around this.

Our Year 11s have begun their mock exams this week. Assessments are always designed to be a tool that we can use to identify gaps in knowledge. We can then work with students to address the aspects of the subject they do not understand. We recognise that exams can be stressful, and we are really trying to develop our students to understand that they can improve their grades, really dramatically with focus and hard work. By experiencing the exam hall, this will also help with student preparation for dealing with the real thing next year. Well done to Year 11 for their efforts this week.

As promised, please see below, a few pictures from the New York trip. Our students got to experience a long-haul flight, Mr Dobson's singing, and the absolute wonders of New York. There will be many more trips and visits to take part in, but this particular trip was a once in a lifetime experience that I'm sure our students will remember forever. Thanks to the staff that supported the trip. Having three children myself only highlights the enormous responsibility of taking 60 students to another continent.

Finally, we are really trying to uphold standards in the school with respect to uniform and makeup. Details are on the website if you are unsure about any aspects of this. Standing on the front gate every morning in the pouring rain this week, highlighted to me the need for a warm coat. Please can this be a coat and not a hoodie, they are not waterproof, cannot be worn in school and do not replace the school jumper.

Work is also starting soon to develop the site significantly. It's a truly exciting time to be part of the school community.



*Mr Jim Taulor*  
Acting Headteacher



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Outback Shack

The new outback shack has been wrapped and is now fully open for use.

The outback shack, serves both hot and cold options over break and lunch times and is accessible for all Year 10 & Year 11 students.



### The Rural Charity

Shrewsbury Academy would like to sincerely thank The Rural Charity for the extremely well received donation of some brand new scientific calculators for our Maths Faculty.



### New York, New York!

A fantastic time was had by staff and students who visited New York recently. Students were given the full Big Apple site seeing experience, from the Statue of Liberty, Sitcom Friends apartments, Broadway Show, to Ground Zero. Our students were extremely respectful and behaviour was impeccable.

### Odd Socks Day, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Odd Socks Day is an annual event that encourages people to wear mismatched socks as a way of celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion. It is a light-hearted and symbolic gesture that serves as a reminder that being different is something to be proud of. Participants are encouraged to embrace their individuality and support others in doing the same.

Odd Socks Day is typically observed on the second Monday in November each year. In 2023, it falls on November 13th. It is a day when schools, workplaces, and individuals join together to show that it's okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination.



### Reminder to Families

Please be reminded that students are NOT permitted to bring hot water bottles into school. This is a health and safety hazard and can cause scolds to the skin.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Armistice Day – 11<sup>th</sup> November
- Pantomime Trip - 5<sup>th</sup> December
- Mock Exam Results – 12<sup>th</sup> December
- Year 11 Parents Evening – 14<sup>th</sup> December

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## NEWS

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