

Dear Families

This week saw the beginning of the revision season for our year 11 students. We recognise that exams can be a stressful time and whilst it's important to work hard, it's equally important to take some down time out of school. We recently held the 'Countdown to Success Day', which is an annual event, aimed at improving revision skills and giving the students the opportunity to vocalise their anxieties and enable us to give them practical techniques to support. The event was very successful and has been spoken about very positively by students, who have taken a lot from the day.

Please be advised, that in line with national guidance for Keeping Children Safe in Education, we are reviewing our policies. Any visitors to school, who are not DBS checked will need to surrender their mobile phone into a locked cabinet (in the reception area) prior to entering the main body of the school. This policy will be implemented in the coming weeks and I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for the cooperation with this in advance.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that we have a new Deputy Headteacher Mrs Haffie-Hobday. She is joining Shrewsbury Academy to support the work of the pastoral team and is already making a positive impact with staff and students.



Mr Jim Taulor
Acting Headteacher



Careers Editions

We have several careers events being held for our students in the upcoming weeks. Please see details below.

CareerStart : Applying to Oxbridge (online conference)

The virtual GDST CareerStart webinar on 'Applying to Oxbridge' will take place on **Tuesday 23rd January** for students (and parents of students) from Years 9 - 13. The event will start at 19.00 and finish at 20.00.

There will be three speakers on the panel. Dr Sam Lucy was the Director of Admissions for the Cambridge Colleges from 2016 until earlier this year, and so is uniquely qualified to give an insight into the application process. Laura Kruszewski is a BHS alumna who studied veterinary science at Murray Edwards College, University of Cambridge from 2015 to 2021. She has just started a new veterinary role as a rotating intern at a small animal referral hospital. Hannah Bekman is a BHS alumna, who is in her first year of studying History and French at St Catharine's College, Cambridge

It will be a fantastic opportunity for students and parents to find out more about how the Oxbridge application process works and to hear tips and advice about how prospective applicants can give themselves the best chance of success. You can sign up for the event by clicking on the link:

[CareerStart: Applying to Oxbridge Tickets, Tue 23 Jan 2024 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Oxbridge Conference (in person) – Monday 19th February (6.30 – 8.00pm)

An opportunity to hear from a Schools Liaison and Admissions Officer from Oxford University about applying to Oxbridge.

Free tickets available through Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/oxbridge-conference-tickets-765565405737>

Aspire Careers Convention (in person) – Wednesday 8th May 2024 (6.00-8.00pm)

Our biannual Aspire Careers Convention is held at the Sports Hall at Shrewsbury High School and is suitable for students in Year 9 and above. This is an opportunity for students to talk to a wide range of employers, universities and professions to find out more about where their future aspirations may lead them.

There is no need to book in advance. Doors open at 6.00pm – all welcome.

Women Mean Business: Performing Arts Conference (online)

Our Women Mean Business Conferences aim to raise aspirations and empower girls to head out into the world with confidence and ambition. On Wednesday 5th March (6.00-8.00pm), we will be hosting the 9th in the series with a focus on Performing Arts.

The panel will include women from a range of careers within the Performing Arts including a Theatre Director, Opera Singer and Actress. All will tell their careers stories before answering questions from the audience.

You can sign up for the event by clicking on the link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/women-mean-business-performing-arts-tickets-777725757677>

Top Revision Tip 1

<https://www.shrewsburyacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2020/10/Parent-Top-Tip-1-Aspirations.pdf>

UPCOMING EVENTS



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

- 9th February – Trust Collaboration Day – School Closed to students
- 12th February Half Term

Click [here](#) to view our term dates.



NEWS

Click [here](#) to view our latest news articles.

Why not also follow us on Facebook @[ShrewsburyAcademy](#) for a wealth of content, from student, staff and school celebrations, to competitions. We encourage you to get interactive with our posts!

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