



Monday 9th December 2024

Dear Families

Ambition is a powerful driver of success. It encourages students to set high goals and work diligently towards achieving them. For our students, ambition can be a crucial factor in overcoming the challenges they face. We all need a champion, someone pushing us and encouraging us at all times.

Building Resilience: Ambitious students learn to view obstacles as opportunities for growth rather than barriers they cannot achieve. Resilience is essential for facing the challenges they may encounter both in school and in life.

Enhancing Academic Achievement: Research shows that students who are ambitious and set high goals tend to perform better academically. This is because they are more likely to engage with their studies and persist through difficulties. Having ambitious goals really impacts on this.

Creating Hope and Optimism: Ambition fosters a sense of hope and optimism. When students believe that their hard work can lead to success, they are more likely to stay motivated and focused on their goal

Our Commitment - At our school, we are committed to nurturing ambition in every student. We believe that with the right support and encouragement, all students can achieve great things. We will continue to provide opportunities for our students to set and pursue ambitious goals, and we will celebrate their successes along the way. Our aim is for our school, parents and community to be **Relentlessly Ambitious** for our children and young people, they deserve nothing but the best.



Jim Taylor

Headteacher

The Build gets Closer

It's fair to say Mrs Higgins has felt the disruption of the build more than most. Her food room was 'taken' by the builders over half term, but this has not stopped her. This week, year 8 were participating in food practicals as normal, in the new temporary food room. This was the brainchild of our very creative site team who have worked hard to ensure that learning is not disrupted. In the new year, pupils will be able to take advantage of the brand new state of the art, purpose built food and technology rooms, as well as new science and maths facilities, not to mention a new and much needed library, unpinning our commitment to literacy across the school.



Christmas Pantomime

This week our year 7 students travelled to Theatre Severn to see Sleeping Beauty. They saw stars from 'Britain's got Talent', national musicals and 'Strictly Ballroom' and an event that they all truly enjoyed.

Our students told us that they enjoyed the production very much, it was very funny and something that they would definitely like to do again. Thanks to Mr Lawrenson and the team for organising this and beginning to sprinkle some Christmas Cheer into school.

The theatre offers a unique ambience that all our students should experience.



Christmas Bingo

Christmas Prize Bingo  **Thursday 19th December**

Shrewsbury Academy - Haughmond Hall

Refreshments available from 6pm – eyes down at 6.15pm - Close at 7.15pm

£7.50 for all bingo




Why not join us for some Christmas fun in the Haughmond Hall on Thursday 19th December at 6pm. Christmas prizes and refreshments will be on offer, but more importantly a chance to relax and have some fun with staff and other parents. All are welcome, we look forward to seeing you there!



Shrewsbury Academy Spotlight – Relentless Ambition

Over the last couple of bulletins, I have taken the opportunity to talk to you about the importance of Belonging. School plays a pivotal role in the lives of our young people. We want our students to take part in the many opportunities on offer, not just within our classrooms.

When students feel they belong, they are more likely to be engaged, motivated, and successful in their studies. A supportive and inclusive environment helps students develop confidence, build positive relationships, and feel valued for who they are.

Opportunities for Engagement

We encourage all students to take advantage of the various opportunities available to them. Engaging in extracurricular activities not only enriches their school experience, but also helps them develop new skills and interests. Here are some of the activities on offer:

- **Duke of Edinburgh Award:** A fantastic program that builds resilience, leadership, and teamwork skills. Please contact with Mr Parker for more details.
- **Sports Clubs:** Run by our dedicated PE team, these clubs promote physical health and teamwork. Please contact with Mr Dobson for more details.
- **STEAM Activities:** Engaging projects in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics that inspire creativity and critical thinking. Please contact with Mrs Allsop for more details.
- **Games Clubs:** Including chess, which enhances strategic thinking, and other fun and educational games. Please contact with Mrs Johnson or Mrs Coicheci for more details.
- **Creative Clubs:** Such as textiles and other arts, which allow students to express themselves and develop their artistic talents. Please contact with Mrs Peters for more details.

We believe that by participating in these activities, students will feel more connected to their peers and the school community, fostering a stronger sense of belonging.



Student Support Queries

If you have concerns regarding a student's learning needs, would like to request additional support/advice please complete the internal SEND referral form and send it to the following email address: sendadmin@shr.mmat.co.uk. Our Student Support Department are now based in the Hub area of the Haughmond Building, taking advantage of their new amazing facilities, life skills cooking area, and outdoor learning spaces. The entrance is off **East Crescent** on the South side of the campus.



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Some of our students have **severe allergies**. Please respect our drive to be a 'nut free school.' Always leave snacks and foods containing nuts at home.





Let's come together to celebrate Christingle

Christingle is a great way for communities everywhere to get together this Christmas to catch up, make some special memories, and have fun.

Come and join us!

Emmanuel Church , Mount Pleasant Rd.
Harlescott SY31 3AZ

Thursday 12th December
from 3.30pm (refreshments & making)
Worship begins at 4pm- 4.30pm

christingle.org

Scan the QR code to find out more



Christmas in Harlescott Parish

Sunday 8th December. Parish Carol Service.
4pm Holy Spirit Church

Thursday 12th December. Christingle
3.30pm refreshments for 4pm start. Emmanuel

Sunday 15th December Tractor Run Look-out! Parking & Hot chocolate available. 6pm Emmanuel

Christmas Eve . (Tue 24th Dec) Café at the Crib
4pm Holy Spirit

Christmas Communion . 11pm Holy Spirit

Christmas Day . (Wed 25th Dec) Communion service
9.30am Emmanuel

Emmanuel Church.SY1 3AZ.Sunday15th Dec. 5.30pm



Come & park in our car park, grab a hot chocolate & then get safely watch the illuminated Tractor Run as it passes by shortly after 6.00pm. Collection bucket for SFYFC available-All welcome!

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