

Dear Families

I am delighted to share some fantastic news with you—our school has seen a significant improvement in pupil attendance this term. More and more of our students are arriving on time and attending regularly, and I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support in making this possible.

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in a child’s success at school. When children attend school consistently, they are more likely to feel connected to their learning, build strong relationships with their peers and teachers, and make steady academic progress. Every day in school is a valuable opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

We know that good attendance is closely linked to positive outcomes. Students who attend regularly are more likely to achieve higher grades, develop better social skills, and feel more confident in their abilities. They are also better prepared for the next stages of their education and for life beyond school. Simply put, everyday counts.

We are proud of the commitment our students and families have shown, and we want to keep building on this momentum. Let’s continue to work in partnership to ensure that every child has the best possible chance to succeed. Thank you once again for your dedication and support—it truly makes a difference.

 Jim Taylor
Headteacher

VE Day Celebrations.

On 8th May, year 11 commemorated Victory in Europe (VE) Day with a chemistry titration tea party, complete with scones and strawberries. The school also marked the occasion with a two-minute silence. Year 11 students are revising hard for their own forthcoming victory in GCSE examinations. Students and staff noted that WWII spurred numerous technological and scientific advancements. These innovations had lasting impacts such as:

- The development of radar technology crucial for detecting enemy aircraft.
- The Manhattan Project which led to the creation of the atomic bomb.
- Penicillin, an antibiotic studied at GCE was mass produced for the first time.
- Jet engines were developed and used in combat for the first time.



Science - Year 10 Perspiration – Transpiration - Inspiration



Pictured here are Year 10 enjoying the fantastic new Science facilities at Shrewsbury Academy. Working hard, they identified suitable leaves outside on a lovely sunny day (perspiration).

Students worked as a team to set up an investigation to prove which surface of the leaf loses the most water, due to the process of water movement through plants, and its evaporation from leaves (transpiration). Students added Vaseline to some of the upper and lower sides of the leaves. They measured and shared the initial mass of their leaves with each other.

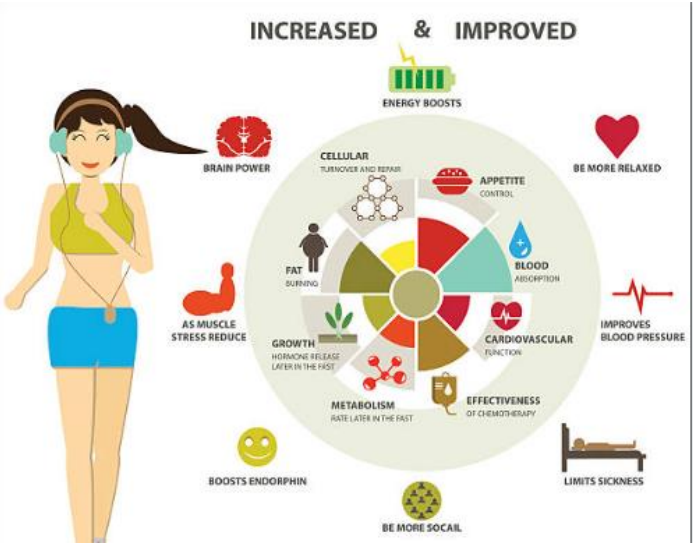
Next week they will reweigh their leaves to reveal which leaves lost the most or least water and prove which surface leaves lose most water from transpiration. These are inspirational times for the students and the staff as we enjoy our new facilities and take advantage of what we have recently gained.



PE Extra Curricular

Our PE extra curricular offer is often advertised in our bulletin. After school clubs and competitions are common in many schools and promote healthy wellbeing and are a great way to get involved and represent the school in a variety of sports.

I have never seen a school run before school clubs with such regularity and with such high engagement from students. Shrewsbury Academy leads the way here. Currently anywhere up to 150 students access preschool clubs, often with a warm toasted bagel to finish before the school day starts. What a superb way to begin the day and look after yourself physically and mentally.



PE Clubs – Summer Term

As usual our PE team are busy with both before school and after school sessions. Its great to get involved. There are lots of opportunities available and clubs are running every day. What a way to start or finish your day, get fit, get involved and take advantage of what SA has to offer.

SHREWSBURY ACADEMYSPORTSNEWS		
Physical Education Clubs Programme – Summer 2025		
Day	Before School	After School
Monday		All Years – Athletics - Mr Dobson, Mr Dean, Miss Weaver, Miss Verrilli (Front Field)
Tuesday	All Years - Fitness – Miss Weaver (Fitness Suite)	All Years – Cricket (Boys and Girls) Mr Lawrenson, Mr Dean (Front Yard) All Years – Fitness – Miss Verrilli (Fitness Suite)
Wednesday	All Years - Fitness - Mr Dobson (Fitness Suite)	All Years –Rounders- Miss Weaver, Miss Verrilli (Back Field) (This will be split in Year Groups) All Years – Fitness - Mr Dobson (Fitness Suite)
Thursday	All Years - Fitness - Mr Dean (Fitness Suite)	School Meetings (No Clubs)
Friday	All Years - Fitness – Miss Verrilli (Fitness Suite)	All Years - Fitness – Mr Lawrenson (Fitness Suite)
		Details: All Before school clubs will run from 7.30am – 8.30am unless stated All After school clubs will run from 3.10pm until 4.10pm Please speak to a member of staff who is running the club if further details required. Full PE kit is always expected to be worn for all extra-curricular activities.



Summer Rewards Trips

At the end of the summer term Shrewsbury Academy will run its annual rewards trips. To qualify to participate on the trips, students will be required to have good behaviour and good attendance.

In the coming weeks we will share details of the requirements and the venues we will be visiting this year.

In previous years we have visited Alton Towers, The Crocky Trail and Bowling to mention just a few.

We aim to take as many students as possible, with students having a great and deserved reward at the end of the term.

Our students thoroughly enjoy the trips at the end of the term, and it remains a highlight of the school year. It has been a busy year in school, with the new build opening and the builders scheduled to be completed by the start of the new academic year 2025/26.

More details to follow.....



Lunchtime Board Games

Board games Club is run by some of our dedicated staff, to provide an alternative quiet, but fun and supportive environment for our students at lunchtime. The clubs are very popular and can be accessed, by any students in the rooms and times advertised below. The games are competitive and teach our students strategy and critical thinking skills, as well as being genuinely good fun to compete in, or simply just play. Come along!



Lunchtime Board Games Clubs

Who: All years
When & where:
Mondays: GC3 & H12
Tuesdays: GC3 & H13
Wednesdays: GC3 & H13
Thursdays: GC3 & H13
Fridays: GC3 & H12

What: A variety of board games are available, just come with your lunch!



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 Bridge area of the Caradoc Building, in addition we now have a purpose-built internal assessment and alternative provision area – The Lighthouse.



STEAM – Summer Term

Shrewsbury Academy 
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Summer Term Programme
May 2025 in SF6 with JAL



Tuesday 6th May – Giants of Science. Take part in the grow a giant sunflower competition. We conduct and experiment comparing expensive and cheap seeds. Will there be a difference? Finish with periodic table clues for a plant kingdom treasure hunt!
[Enjoyed this? Horticulture could be the career for you.](#)

Tuesday 13th May – We go loopy! How can a roller coaster go upside down without falling? Learn about centripetal motion in the context of a roller coaster going through a loop-the-loop and over a hill using marbles!
[Love roller coasters? Why not train to be an engineer or work in tourism and hospitality welcoming riders.](#)

Tuesday 20th May – Rocket Science. We fly high at Shrewsbury Academy! How high will your rocket go? How will you judge the winning rocket?
[You could be an astronaut! Great to train as a pilot first. Don't forget learning Russian and other languages is important to when you live in the International Space Station.](#)






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(adults and children aged 12 years and over)
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- Infected insect bite**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- Impetigo**
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- Shingles**
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- Urinary tract infection**
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)

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