

Dear Families

I am publishing this bulletin at the start of the half term week ahead of the week commencing the 2nd of June, as it contains details of the uniform changes below. As promised in last weeks bulletin the details of the uniform adaptations are now published and students can move to these adaptations immediately. We are excited to have made these changes, and our students have told us this will make them feel more comfortable in their appearance. Strict boundaries remain and I would ask that families please work with us to ensure students get this right. The details are below. I have also communicated this in a letter to you all. We continue to hold the highest expectations for our students and research shows uniform is an important part of this.

It has been such a positive but short four week half term. We are now truly enjoying our new facilities and the disruption of the building site that we lived with, is now reducing. The final stages of the build, renovating several remaining areas of the school is due to conclude before September. Throughout this half term student attendance has risen to above national average. This is brilliant to see and your continued support with this is greatly appreciated.

During the second half of the summer term, we will be transforming our SEND provision further. We have already opened our ‘Lighthouse’ facility for a small number of students, and we will now be developing our ‘Bridge’ provision. This seeks to clearly identify any barriers to learning that students may have, such as their reading ability. We will then target specific support to encourage and improve pupil engagement. We are already seeing some noticeable differences in how our students can engage in learning and we will continue to build on this momentum.



Jim Taylor
Headteacher

Uniform Changes

Last autumn, we joined the Trust in asking for feedback on aspects of our uniform code. In total, the Trust received 2,067 responses from families, students, and community members.

Since then, I have worked with staff from across the Trust, smaller groups of students and staff, to carefully review all of the feedback – which has now been refined into our new policy. The policy will be ready and finalised from September 2025, but so not to delay, the changes discussed below will start immediately after the half term break, Monday 2nd June.

Please note:

- Uniform requirements for skirts, jumpers, shirts, ties, socks, and coats **remain unchanged**.
- Changes have been made in the areas of hair, jewellery, makeup, footwear, trousers, and shorts.

Footwear

Changes	Further Information
Footwear must be plain black (soles, laces, eyelets, logos). Can include shoes, boots, or trainer-style shoes, or trainers* <small>*Please note – every element of the trainer should be black, no logo, trim, stitching etc should be any other colour. If they did contain other colours, these would be unacceptable.</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Canvas or deck-style pumps are not allowed.- Heels must be under 2cm.- Footwear must be securely fastened (no loose slip-ons).

You said

We did

Trousers and Shorts

Changes	Further Information
Straight tailored school-style black trousers or tailored black shorts are now permitted year-round.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No patch pockets or branding.- Not leggings, jeggings, or close-fitting styles (must allow room below the knee).- No black denim or faded fabrics.- Where the trouser ends on the leg is not defined.



Jewellery

Changes	Further Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Stud earrings of any number permitted.- One discreet nose stud allowed.- Ear stretchers/flesh rings must lie flat.- Necklaces must be worn under the shirt.- Rings and bracelets permitted if removable for lessons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nose studs must be removed for PE or specific lessons (e.g. drama); plan piercings during summer break.- Plain black belts allowed for functional use only (not fashion); must not be visible below jumpers/blazers.



Hair and Make-Up

Changes	Further Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hair can be any colour, style, or cut, so long as it is not ‘offensive’- Hair accessories such as bows, bands, and clips are allowed.- Years 7–8: no makeup.- Year 9 and above: modest, natural-look makeup permitted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- “Offensive” is defined as anything a reasonable person in the school community would find disrespectful, insulting, or hurtful (e.g. political symbols or extreme affiliations).



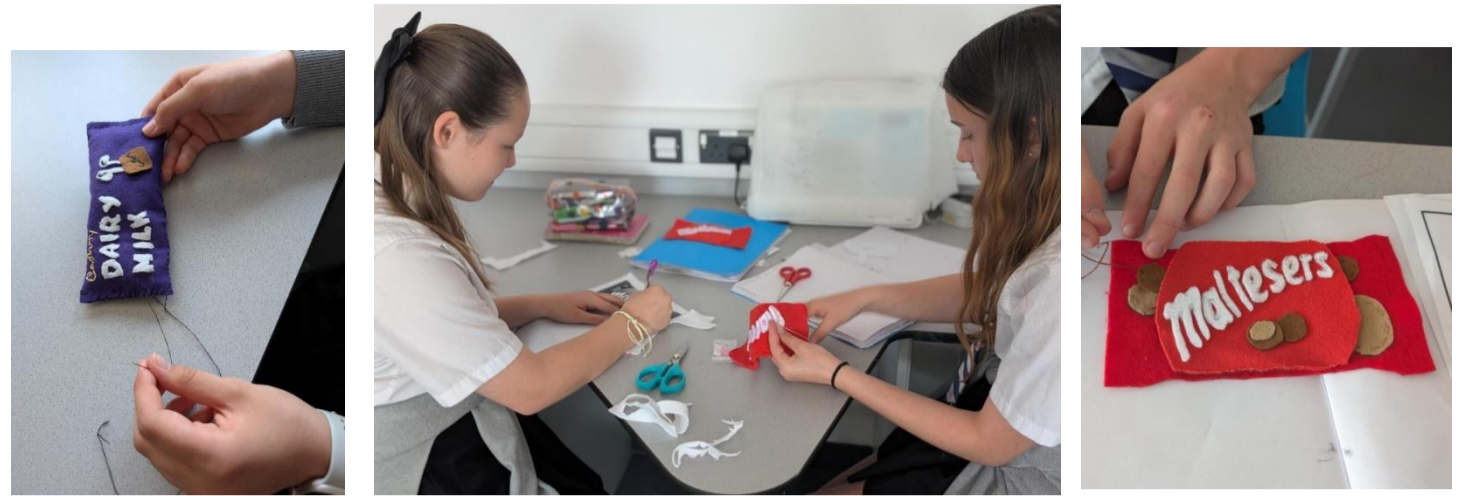
Nails

Changes	Further Information
All colours and types of artificial nails are allowed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nail length must not exceed fingertip.- Nail embellishments must be flat.

We have made significant changes and taken steps to adapt our policies following detailed consultation. As we are in the summer term, the summer uniform adaptations now also apply. Students may remove their jumper at any time, but a coat should not be worn in place of this. We have a duty of care to ensure safety, students being required to remove piercings for PE is therefore required.

Year 9 Soft Sculptures

Taking advantage of our new STEAM block, All students are now working in our purpose built technology rooms. This week year 9 have been creating Soft Sculptures. The creative flair and the skills to create these models have been carefully developed under the expert guidance of Mrs Kovacs. Students have created some very high-quality designs and really improved their skill sets.




Year 9 Get Creative with Comic Design in ICT

A focus on year 9 this week, in showcasing some of their work. These students have recently made their GCSE option choices and it is clear to see why many choose the creative subjects. The facilities we can offer these students is now matching our ambition for them. It's been truly transformative and great to see in classrooms in school






Before and After School PE Clubs

SHREWSBURY ACADEMY SPORTS NEWS		
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.



As usual our PE team are busy with both before school and after school sessions. It is 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.

STEAM – Summer Term



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.

Lunch 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.



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Most pharmacies can help you with **seven common conditions** without needing a GP appointment

- Sinusitis**
(adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- Sore throat**
(adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- Earache**
(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- Infected insect bite**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- Impetigo**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- Shingles**
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- Urinary tract infection**
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)



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- ✓ Aged between 13-17
- ✓ Confident and Outgoing
- ✓ Interested in meeting people from around the world

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- FREE Trips to Liverpool, Manchester, Alton Towers and many more....
- Join our discos and sports days at Shrewsbury School.
- Gain new skills and great life experiences.



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