

Dear Families

We are thrilled to share that Shrewsbury Academy has moved into a new multimillion-pound extension, providing state-of-the-art STEAM facilities. Our pupils and staff are delighted with the new learning spaces and they are busy beginning to take full advantage of these.

The new building features nine new science labs, which are equipped with the latest technology to enhance our students' learning experiences. Additionally, we have installed a lift to ensure disabled access to both floors, making our facilities inclusive and accessible to all.

Our maths new maths teaching rooms are and equipped to deliver fantastic learning, while our Design and Technology, Textiles, and Graphics rooms are outfitted with cutting-edge equipment including computer-controlled lathes. These spaces will allow our students to explore their creativity and develop practical skills for many years ahead.

The new facilities are the result of significant investment in our improving school, and we hope many young people and our entire community will benefit from these for many years to come. They were five years in planning and construction.

This marks the end of the first full week with access to these fantastic resources, and our pupils are starting to find their way around the building. We are excited to see them thrive in this new environment.



Jim Taylor

Headteacher

Magnetic Science in the new STEAM block.



Pictured to the left are Year 7 enjoying some of the best school science facilities the UK can offer and learning the magnetic rule; like poles repel and opposite poles attract. Students came up with a class hypothesis that steel is magnetic and proved it. They went on to test other materials. They found out that most pure, elemental metals are not magnetic. Pure, elemental iron, cobalt and nickel are magnetic. Students learned that steel is an alloy containing iron which explains why it is magnetic. We are so delighted with the new facilities are students now have access too.

Duke of Edinburgh

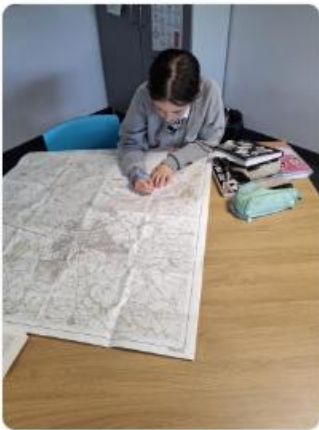
Over the past two weeks, Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh students at Shrewsbury Academy have been improving their advanced map skills, with a particular focus on six-figure grid references and map symbols.

Students have learned to plot and locate six-figure grid references on maps, a crucial skill for their expedition section of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. This precision allows them to pinpoint locations within 100 meters, significantly improving their navigation accuracy compared to four-figure grid references, which only narrow down locations to within 1000 meters. Accurate navigation is essential for ensuring the safety and success of their expeditions, as it helps students stay on course and reach their designated checkpoints efficiently.

Additionally, students have enhanced their understanding of map symbols, enabling them to accurately identify and relate these symbols to real-world locations. This skill is vital as students are often required to provide three pieces of evidence to confirm their location. Being able to interpret map symbols correctly ensures that students can make informed decisions about their route, recognise landmarks, and avoid potential hazards.

Our students have enjoyed learning these new skills and we will continue to refine and practice these abilities to ensure they are well-prepared for their practice expedition.

Looking ahead, we will focus on contour lines, teaching students to recognise the height and shape of the land. This will further aid them in accurately determining their current and target locations. Understanding contour lines is crucial for assessing the difficulty of the terrain, planning efficient routes, and anticipating changes in elevation. This knowledge will help students manage their energy levels, avoid unnecessary detours, and ensure a safer and more enjoyable expedition experience.



THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD

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 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.



International Dance Day

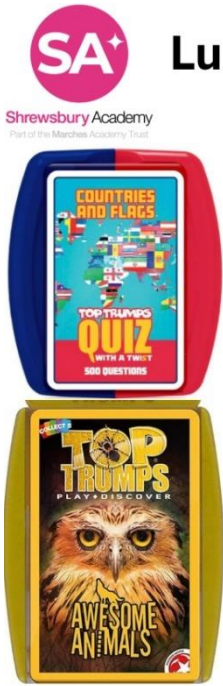
To celebrate **International Dance Day** on 29th April, forms had the exciting opportunity to take part in a dance competition! Students were invited to perform a TikTok dance to the song *"Wait, They Don't Love You Like I Love You."*

A huge thank you to all the forms and students who got involved and showcased their fantastic dance moves. Your enthusiasm and creativity truly helped make the celebration special!



Lunchtime Board Games

Board games Club area club 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 but 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 this Term.



STEAM club is delighted to showcase its' new home in the STEAM block, watch this space for planned activities this term!

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The RAF is honoured and delighted to share the news that the Department of Education has officially recognised and ranked the RAF as number 4 in the top 100 Apprenticeship Employers 2024.

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Intelligence Analyst

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- 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)
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(women, aged 16 to 64 years)

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Please note that all excursions and on site activities are subject to availability and that on some excursions places may be limited.



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