

Dear Families

Thank you for your valuable feedback regarding our uniform policy. We’re pleased to share that, in response to your input, we have launched the updated uniform changes this week. Your voice has made a real difference - thank you for helping us improve.

We are now turning our attention to another important topic: mobile phones in school.

We are aware that many schools are moving towards banning mobile phones during the school day, in line with national guidance. At the same time, we understand that some parents feel reassured when their children have their phones with them for safety reasons. Currently in line with our policy, mobiles should be switched off in the bottom of school bags.

However, the evidence is clear; mobile phones can negatively impact concentration and learning, and they can also contribute to bullying and cause social pressures. They can be associated with poor sleep and some apps like tik tok use harmful algorithms to target specific content at our young people.

We want to make the right decision for our school community, and your views are essential in shaping that. Please take a few minutes to read the attached PDF, which outlines the key issues, and then follow the link provided to complete a short survey.

Your feedback will directly inform our next steps.

Thank you for your continued support.



Jim Taylor

Headteacher

Uniform Changes

Our uniform policy has been changed this week, and this has proven to be a very positive step for the students. Students are most pleased with the eyelashes rule relaxing and being able to wear more comfortable footwear.

Please support us by helping to ensure the standards we have now set are upheld. There should be no leggings of any sort, no coloured marks on trainers, black only, and false nails should be no longer than the end of the finger. Converse style canvas trainers / high tops are not allowed.

Nose piercings and ear piercings are fine, they now just need to be removed for PE lessons.

There have been some positive steps taken, thank you for taking part in the survey that has led to the changes.

Footwear

Changes	Further Information
Footwear must be <b>plain black</b> (soles, laces, eyelets, logos). Can include shoes, boots, or trainer-style shoes, or trainers* <small>*Please note – every element of the trainer should be <b>black</b>, no logo, trim, stitching etc should be any other colour. If they did contain other colours, these would be unacceptable.</small>	- 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.	- 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
- 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.	- 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
- 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.	- “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.	- 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.



Official Opening of our STEAM block

Pictured here are Julia Buckley MP, Rob Goodall from the Department for Education and Ryan Jervis OBE, our Chair of Governors, opening the new STEAM block on Wednesday. Julia officially cut the ribbon to end a 5 year wait for just over twenty million pounds worth of investment in our school. It signifies the start of a new chapter in the history of the school, with world class facilities and technology available to our students on a daily basis.

Julia spoke very positively of our school, saying the progress we have made is amazing, she mentioned she felt this was the best school she had visited in the area, so we feel very proud of this.

Some of our students then proudly took parents around the building on Thursday during parents evening.



Earthquake modelling key learning in Geography

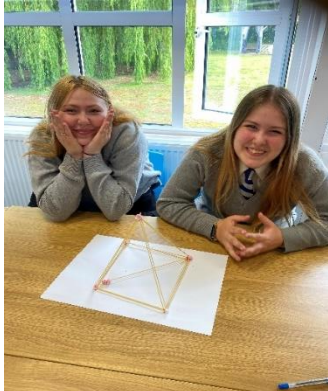
This week in Geography, our Year 8 students have been putting their learning into action in a creative and hands-on way. As part of their unit on earthquake mitigation, students were challenged to design and build earthquake-resistant structures, using only spaghetti and marshmallows!

These photos capture the excitement and focus as students applied their **powerful knowledge** of how buildings can be designed to withstand seismic activity. This kind of model-making not only brings learning to life but also strengthens memory and understanding, key to long-term success and exam performance.


The next step? Testing their structures to see which designs hold up best under simulated earthquake conditions! (and possibly eating the marshmallows!)

Geography continues to be one of our most popular option subjects at Key Stage 4, and it's easy to see why. The department's use of high-quality teaching techniques, like modelling helps students retain knowledge and achieve excellent outcomes.

We are proud of the enthusiasm and creativity shown by our Year 8s this week. Well done to all involved!




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)
		<b>Details:</b> 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.




STEAM – Summer Term



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Summer Term Programme  
Part 2 June/July

**Tuesday 3 June** – Science (geology to be specific) rocks! Model and marvel at the formation of intrusive and extrusive igneous rocks. Great for anyone who loves a microscope and sparkly crystals! **Loved this – geologists can strike it lucky in many fields from extracting oil or mining diamonds to studying the surface of the moon!**

**Tuesday 10 June** – No STEAM Club today due to whole staff training.

**Tuesday 17 June** – Give us a wave! Made from jelly babies! Teamwork will make the dream work as we pull together to make a giant wave machine – yes you guessed it – made from jelly babies. Then your fabulous Science Teachers will make a baby scream! Aghhhhhhhhhhhh! **Wonderful waves and the world of Physics offers a multitude of careers: from audiology to radiology, there are hundreds of jobs that require knowledge of waves. Isn't physics fabulous!**

**Tuesday 24 June** – Burning Bunsens! Learn the levitating flame trick inspired by the principles of a miner's safety lamp. Then make a cloud in a can. **Love fire? Why not join the fire brigade or train as a pyrotechnic!**

Lunch Clubs



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**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](mailto: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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**FIND YOUR APPRENTICESHIP**

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Physical Training Instructor

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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.

**SA NUT FREE**

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)

Ask your pharmacy for more information about this **free\* NHS service**

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

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- Join our discos and sports days at Shrewsbury School.
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Want to work for the Marches Multi Academy trust? Follow the link below:

<https://www.marchesacademytrust.co.uk/joining-us/how-to-join>



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