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Talking Heads

Monday 14th July 2025

#### Dear Families.

We are really pleased to share that there is a growing sense of positive momentum across the school. Our students are engaging brilliantly, and there is a real buzz around learning.

A big part of this is thanks to the opening of our brand-new STEAM extension. The improved facilities are already making a difference, giving students access to inspiring spaces for science. technology, engineering, maths and the arts. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity and creativity come to life in these new environments.

We are also seeing encouraging improvements in attendance. More students are in school, more often, and that consistency is helping them thrive both academically and socially. Thank you for your continued support in making this happen. I am very proud to say the attendance percentage is above national average.

We are pleased to be hosting a coffee morning in our SEND department – please see below for details

As always, we are here if you have any questions or need support. Together, we're building

Jim Taylor

Headteacher

Diary Dates: KS3 End of Year Testing, in the coming 2 weeks

Last day of this term: Thursday 24th July. (Rewards Trips Day)



#### Food Technology

Our Year 10 students have been busy honing their culinary skills preparation for their Year 11 practical exam. As part of their practice, students have taken on a range of impressive tasks, including portioning a whole chicken, crafting fresh pasta and sauce from scratch, preparing dough for homemade pizzas, and baking delicious strawberry tarts. Their dedication, attention to detail, and hard work have been exceptional, and it's clear they're making fantastic progress toward their Year 11 targets. Well done to all!









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#### **Every Voice Matters**

Students from across our Trust schools came together to share the amazing results of year-long projects that brought different generations closer, tackled real-life issues, and showed just how powerful young people can be when they lead with purpose. Whether through fundraising, speaking up for causes they care about, or getting involved in their communities, their work truly reflected the values we stand for. It was a joyful and inspiring celebration of connection and belonging, a powerful reminder that every student's voice matters and can help create real change.



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#### **By Royal Appointment**

Princess Anne visited Preston Montford Field Studies Centre this week near Shrewsbury in her role as Patron of the Field Studies Council. The centre, set along the beautiful River Severn, is a special place known for its hands-on, outdoor learning experiences and rich natural habitats.

Thanks to MATi's support for alternative provision, some of our students had the chance to be part of this visit, an experience that really highlighted the power of inclusive, real-world education. Meeting someone like the Princess Royal, who is deeply committed to education and supporting young people, was not only exciting but also incredibly encouraging for our students. It reminded our students, just how valuable their voices and experiences are.







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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! Aghhhhhhhhhhh! 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 pyrotechnic!

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#### **Lunchtime Board Games Clubs**

Who: All years When & where:



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





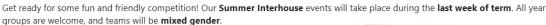






#### PE SUMMER INTERHOUSE

Summer Interhouse Competitions – Final Week of Term!



#### Events Schedule:

- Rounders Monday, 21st July Afterschool
- Cricket Tuesday, 22nd July Afterschool

Bring your house spirit and join in! Pop down to PE to sign up.







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#### 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)
All After school		nool clubs will run from 7.30am – 8.30am unless stated sol clubs will run from 3.10pm until 4.10pm to a member of staff who is running the club if further details required.



#### **Our New LRC**

We are excited to share that our Library or Learning Resource Centre is becoming a vibrant hub for learning once again. This beautiful space is now being used regularly for reading interventions and small group work, helping to support students in a targeted calm and focused environment.

However, while the space itself is inspiring, our book collection is currently limited. Although we've begun investing in new titles, many of our reference books are outdated, and we are keen to provide students with a wider, more relevant range of reading materials.

We're reaching out to ask for your support. By following the link below and contributing through book tokens, you can help us restock our library with high-quality, engaging books that will benefit all students.

Your support could make a real difference.







#### **SEND at Shrewsbury Academy**

If you have any concerns regarding a student's learning needs or would like to request additional support or advice, our **Student Support Team** is here to help.

For any SEN related queries, please do not hesitant to get in touch with the SEN Team: SENDadmin@shr.mmat.co.uk

Our **Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO), Laura Richmond**, works closely with the SEND team to ensure that every student receives the appropriate support. Laura is available to provide guidance, coordinate interventions, and respond to any SEND-related enquiries.

The **Student Support Department** is currently based in the **Bridge area of the Caradoc Building**, before moving to a refurbished purposed designed area of the school in September offering a central and accessible space for students.

We are also proud to have opened **The Lighthouse**—a purpose-built internal assessment and alternative provision area designed to meet a wide range of student needs in a calm and supportive environment.

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#### **Shrewsbury Academy in Our Community**





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.







Confident and Outgoing
 Interested in meeting people from around the world

#### Why Join?

 FREE Trips to Liverpool, Manchester, Alton Towers and many

Join our discos and sports days at

Shrewsbury School.

Gain new skills and great life experience

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# SEND COFFEE MORNING

EARNING RESOURCE CENTRI SHREWSBURY ACADEMY

12:00-13.00
FRIDAY 18TH JULY
Meet the SEND Team,

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