

Monday 13th October 2025

Dear Families,

This week has been a shining example of the energy and ambition shining across Shrewsbury Academy. From the sports field to the classroom, our students continue to impress.

Over 50 students represented the Academy at the District Cross Country event in The Quarry, achieving fantastic results and showing real team spirit. It was a proud moment to see them perform so well in front of the local community.

Equally inspiring has been the learning taking place in school. I've had the pleasure of visiting a number of lessons this week, and the atmosphere has been infectious. In food technology, students have been fully immersed in practical, purposeful learning, developing both skills and confidence. Our recent core subject exam skills evening was also a great success, with strong attendance and engagement from both students and families, thank you so much for your support.

There's a real momentum building in our classrooms. Students are focused, motivated, and clearly enjoying their learning. It's a joy to see, and a testament to the hard work of our staff and the support of our school community.

Thank you for being part of this journey.

Jim Taylor

Headteacher



Diary Dates: **Half Term Break starts:** **Monday, 20th October 2025**

Students return: **Tuesday 4th November 2025**



Supporting Year 11 Students in Maths and English

Thank you to all families who attended our Year 11 Exam Success evening. Your presence and engagement are greatly appreciated as we begin this important journey together. During the evening, our Core subject teams shared how their courses are structured, outlined the exam arrangements, and most importantly offered practical and critical tips to support effective student revision.

We understand that supporting your child through revision can be challenging, and we're committed to helping you feel confident in that role. The school is offering structured revision sessions during, before and after the school day, alongside guidance for how you can support learning at home. We also aim to provide clarity around the mock exam process and how knowledge retention is built over time.

Your support makes a real difference, and we look forward to working together to help every student succeed. I will send the PowerPoint out to families, and we will look to repeat the evening in the Spring term.



District Cross Country

This week, over 50 of our students proudly represented Shrewsbury Academy at the District Cross Country event held in The Quarry, Shrewsbury. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our running talent, especially with the local community cheering us on. Our students delivered some brilliant performances across the board:

Year 7/8 Boys came 3rd; **Year 7/8 Girls** also came 3rd overall. **Year 9/10 Boys** came 1st overall; **Year 9/10 Girls** came 2nd overall. **Year 11 Girls** also came 2nd overall; **Year 11 Boys** came 1st overall.

A huge well done to everyone who took part – an outstanding set of results and a proud moment for the Academy!



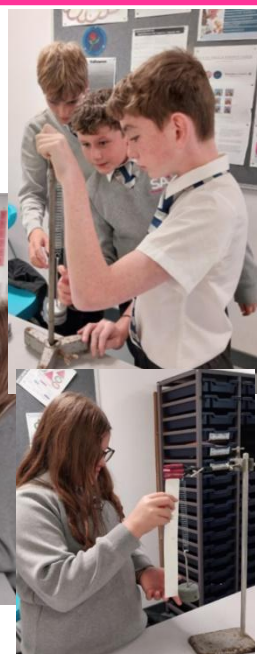
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Science in Action

We're proud to share the fantastic work our Year 9 students have been doing in science this week. As part of their physics learning, students investigated how springs stretch under different forces, using weights to explore the relationship between force and extension. Through careful measurement and graphing, they discovered that the force needed to extend a spring is directly proportional to the distance it stretches, a key principle known as Hooke's Law.

It was wonderful to see students so focused and engaged in hands-on learning, applying scientific thinking and teamwork in our newly refurbished labs. Practical investigations like these not only deepen understanding but also build confidence and curiosity.

Well done to all our Year 9 learners for their excellent focus and enthusiasm. We love seeing STEAM in action and celebrating the brilliant learning happening every day at Shrewsbury Academy.



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Alternative Learning MATi

As part of our commitment to engaging every learner, we offer a range of alternative learning pathways through our MATi provision. These are designed to build confidence, develop practical skills, and support students in finding success beyond the traditional classroom setting.

One exciting opportunity within MATi is our partnership with Preston Montford Field Studies Centre, just outside Shrewsbury. This outdoor education hub, run by the Field Studies Council, provides hands-on learning in science and geography through both day and residential courses. Set in a rich natural landscape, students take part in activities such as bushcraft, orienteering, and canoeing — all of which foster teamwork, resilience, and a love of learning.



Morning Fitness Club

At Shrewsbury Academy, our vibrant extra-curricular sports programme offers something for everyone — whether you're an early riser or prefer to get active after lessons. With a wide range of clubs running **before school (7:30–8:30am)** and **after school (3:10–4:10pm)**, students from all year groups can enjoy activities like **football, netball, and fitness training** throughout the week.

Getting involved isn't just about sport, it's about **boosting your wellbeing, building confidence, and developing teamwork and leadership skills**. Regular physical activity improves focus in class, supports mental health, and helps you feel energised and empowered.

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SHREWSBURY ACADEMY SPORTS NEWS		
Physical Education Clubs Programme – September 2025		
Day	Before School	After School
Monday	Fitness – All Years – Mr Dean (Fitness Suite)	Girls Football – All Years – Miss Verrill (Prima Play) Football – Year 10 – Mr Dobson (Front Field) Football – Year 7 – Mr Dean (Prima Play) Fitness – All Years – Miss Evans (Fitness Suite)
Tuesday	Fitness – All Years – Miss Verrill (Fitness Suite)	Girls Netball – All Years – Miss Verrill and Miss Evans Football – Year 11 – Mr Lawrenson (Front Field)
Wednesday	Football – Year 9 – Mr Dobson (Prima Play)	Football – Year 8 – Mr Dean (Prima Play) Fitness – All Years – Mr Dobson/Miss Evans
Thursday	Fitness – All Years – Mr Dobson (Fitness Suite)	School Meetings (No Clubs)
Friday	Fitness – All Years – Miss Evans (Fitness Suite)	Fitness – All Years – 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.		



STUDENT **SA** SUPPORT

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 hesitate 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 purpose-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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THE HARBOUR




The newly designated **Harbour** area provides targeted support for students experiencing Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA), offering a safe and nurturing environment to help re-engage them with learning.

THE BRIDGE



The Bridge is our dedicated Learning Support provision, offering scheduled interventions for students who require additional support. It is located in the newly renovated area of the former Design Technology corridor, providing a calm and purposeful environment to meet a range of learning needs.

THE LIGHTHOUSE



The Lighthouse Assessment Centre is an independent space at the west of the Shore building. This provides a supportive environment for students undergoing a period of assessment, with the aim of identifying individual needs and informing the most appropriate educational pathway moving forward.

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Year 9 Food Technology

Our Year 9 students have been busy in the food room, combining creativity with curriculum learning as they explore the principles of healthy eating. This term, their focus is on the Eatwell Plate, understanding balanced nutrition and how to incorporate more fruit into everyday meals.

Through practical cooking sessions, students have developed a range of delicious fruity recipes including blueberry muffins, raspberry and white chocolate muffins, banana chocolate chip muffins, apple and rhubarb crumble, and raisin and mixed seed flapjacks. These activities not only build confidence in the kitchen but also reinforce key learning around nutrition, food preparation, and healthy choices.

It's been fantastic to see students applying their knowledge in such imaginative ways, demonstrating excellent focus, teamwork, and skill development. We're proud of their progress and love seeing their ideas come to life in our vibrant food technology space.

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Shrewsbury Academy in Our Community

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NO ORDINARY JOB

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AIR & SPACE OPERATIONS Air Traffic and Weapons Controller Headlighter		
SECURITY & RESILIENCE RAF Police RAF Regiment Gunner		

MEDICAL SERVICES
RAF Medic

INTELLIGENCE
Intelligence Analyst

PEOPLE OPERATIONS
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.

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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 16 years and over)
- Urinary tract infection (women, aged 16 to 64 years)

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