

Monday 22nd September 2025

Dear Families,

We are incredibly proud of the creativity and effort our students have shown so far this term. In Art, Year 10 students have taken on the challenge of using the grid reference technique to improve their drawing skills and the results are very impressive as I'm sure you will agree by the images below. Meanwhile, the cooking prowess has shone through within our Food Technology lessons, where students have been cooking up a storm, creating dishes that not only look amazing but taste even better. Their enthusiasm and pride in their work shines through every lesson, and it's fantastic to see them making the most of our new facilities.

Students are clearly growing in confidence and independence. In Art, they're learning how structure and planning can support creativity. In Technology, they're experimenting with flavours and presentation, showing a thoughtful and skilled approach to cooking. It's great to see them thinking carefully about technique and detail.

It's fabulous to see students taking advantage of the new facilities.

Jim Taylor

Headteacher



Diary Dates:

Open Evening: Thursday 25th September 2025

Collaboration Day (School Closed to Students): Friday 26th September 2025



Year 10 Art

Our Year 10 Art students are exploring a range of drawing techniques to develop their observational skills and precision. Today's focus is on the grid reference method which is a classic technique that helps artists break down complex images into manageable sections. By overlaying a grid on both the reference image and their drawing surface, students can accurately scale and replicate proportions, improving their attention to detail and overall composition.

It's a brilliant way to build confidence in drawing and understand how structure supports creativity!



Year 10 Technology: Food

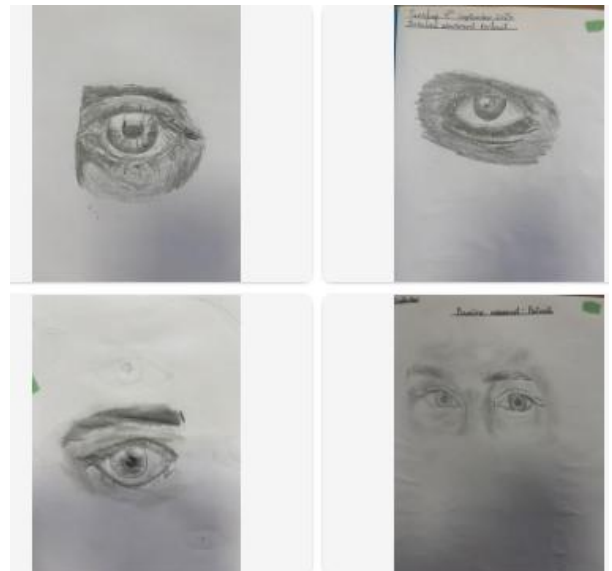
Our Year 10 students have been thriving in their Food Technology lessons, making the most of our newly upgraded kitchen facilities. With access to modern equipment and a professional-style workspace, they've been mastering essential culinary techniques and exploring flavour combinations with confidence and creativity. Each lesson presents fresh challenges, and the students are embracing them with enthusiasm and flair. From savoury dishes to sweet treats, their thoughtful approach to cooking and pride in their work are truly inspiring. We're incredibly proud of their progress and excited to see what delicious creations they'll produce next!

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Year 7 Technology: Textiles

Our Year 7 students have made a brilliant start to their Textiles lessons this term! We've dived into the fascinating world of portraiture, with a special focus on how emotions are expressed through the eyes. Students have been exploring different ways to capture feeling and character in their drawings, which will soon be transformed into hand-sewn celebrity portraits. Along the way, they're learning key stitching techniques and developing their confidence with needle and thread. It's been wonderful to see their creativity and enthusiasm presented in every lesson. I'm genuinely impressed by the effort and imagination they're bringing to their work, and I can't wait to see how their skills continue to grow over the coming weeks. Keep an eye out for some fantastic textile art coming your way!



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Extra Curricular Activities

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.

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.

**National Fitness Day
COLOUR RUN!**
**Tuesday 23rd September
15:30pm Back Field**

- ★ Get ready for a blast of colour and energy!
- Open to students who sign up via Arbor – payment secures your place
- Payment includes coloured paint and sunglasses along with a donation to our chosen charity
- Wear a white top and clothes you don't mind getting colourful!

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FOUNDATION

Sign up today – don't miss out on the colour and the cause!

Halloween

Pick 3 Halloween-themed emojis and create a visual piece based on them. You can interpret the emojis however you like – literally, symbolically, or abstractly – but all 3 must inspire your final design and you have to submit the emojis with your name and artwork.

👻 🦇 🎃 You can work in:

- Art – drawing, painting, mixed media or digital
- Textiles – embroidery, applique, fabric collage, soft sculpture
- Photography – staged or edited images

What to submit:

- A clear photo or scan of your finished work
- The 3 chosen emojis included with your entry
- (Optional) Title + 1-2 sentence artist statement

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Deadline: [Monday 13th October]

Prizes: [SURPRISE]

Submit to: [Any member of Art/Textiles team]

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STUDENT **SA** SUPPORT

SEND Parent Training Opportunities: September 2025

We're pleased to share a range of free training and support sessions available locally for families and guardians of children with SEND:

Understanding Behaviours Workshop – Kids Shropshire Autism Support

Explore behaviour linked to Autism, ADHD, and PDA in a supportive setting.

- Date: Thursday 19 September 2025
- Time: 10:00am–12:00pm
- Location: Sunflower House, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury, SY1 4ES
- Contact: kids.shropshire@kids.org.uk
- [Workshop details](#)

Understanding Your Child with SEND – Shropshire Parenting Team

A 10-week course designed to help parents better understand their child's development and behaviour.

- Start Date: Monday 30 September 2025
- Time: 9:15am–11:15am
- Location: Local Shropshire venue (details on booking)
- Contact: parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk | 01743 250950

[More info](#)



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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 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.

🍰 Macmillan Coffee Morning. 🍰

We're inviting all cake donations for our upcoming **Macmillan Cancer Support Bake Sale**—a delicious way to raise funds for an incredible cause. Every slice sold will help Macmillan continue providing vital care, support, and information to people living with cancer and their families.

If any students fancy showing off their baking brilliance, we'd love to see their creations! Whether it's a tray of cupcakes, a showstopper sponge, or a batch of biscuits, all contributions are welcome.

📍 Please bring all cakes to the Food Room on the morning of the sale.

🏆 House points are up for grabs for every student who takes part—so let the baking begin!

Let's make a difference, one cake at a time. ❤️

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Place: Caradoc Hall
Date: Tuesday 30th September
Time: 9:30 am - 11:00 am
Contact: nicola.higgins@shr.mmat.co.uk



MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

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Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (20107), Scotland (SC039927) and the Isle of Man (2010). Also operating in Northern Ireland, MAC1993, north@macmillan.org.uk

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NO ORDINARY JOB

FIND YOUR APPRENTICESHIP

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.

We offer Apprenticeships in the following roles:

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MEDICAL SERVICES
RAF Medical

INTELLIGENCE
Intelligence Analyst

PEOPLE OPERATIONS
Physical Training Instructor

To find out more about how we can help your students into an apprenticeship please contact our team on:
Email: CRN-CareersEngageMids@mod.gov.uk

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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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- ✓ Interested in meeting people from around the world

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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)

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

Visit your Pharmacy First!

*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied



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