

Dear Families,

There was a real buzz around school this week as we welcomed hundreds of families to our Open Evening, and what a fantastic night it was! With student numbers on the rise, it's heartening to see such strong interest in our school, and the atmosphere was filled with excitement and pride.

Parents and prospective Year 6 students were treated to a showcase of everything that makes our school special, from dry ice experiments in science to magical maths wizards and Tudors in History. The new STEM building and The Shore were real highlights, showing the impact of the school's continued investment in learning spaces. The Shore is a unique building just for our Year 7s, their own space, their own canteen and toilets and their own classrooms. The feedback from the new Year 7 students is superb, that this is a massive step forward in supporting their transition to secondary school.

A huge thank you to all staff and students who made the evening such a success. The positivity was tangible, and it's clear that our school community is thriving. Here's to a bright future!

Jim Taylor

Headteacher



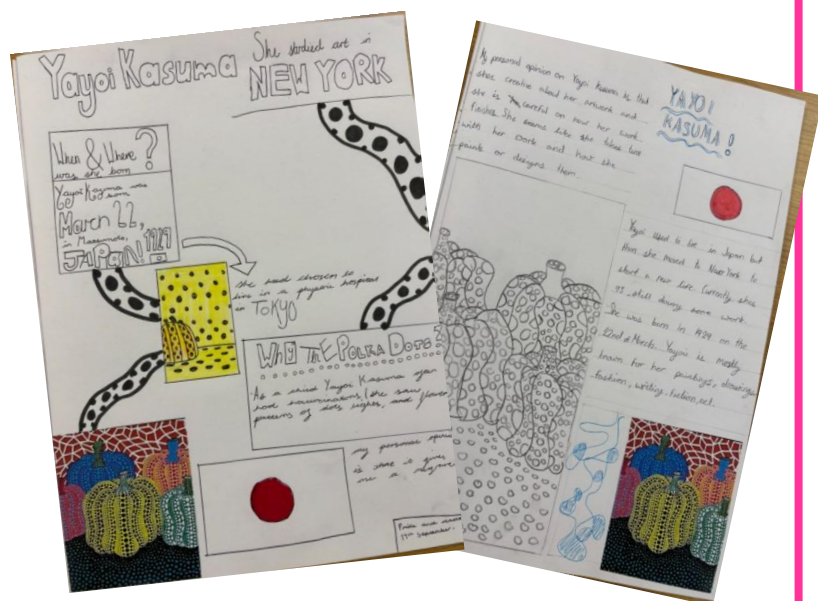
Diary Dates: Half Term: Monday, 20th October 2025. Returning to school on Tuesday, 4th November 2025



Year 8 Textiles

This term, our students are diving into the vibrant world of Yayoi Kusama, with a seasonal twist. Inspired by her iconic pumpkin pieces, we've been practicing drawing from reference images and exploring what makes a great artist research page, even starting to build our own.

The big goal? To learn all about Batik and eventually create our own Kusama-inspired designs over the coming months. Keep an eye out for some funky, fabulous pumpkins popping up around school soon!



Before School Football



Rain, snow, wind: even the occasional sunshine! Nothing stops our Year 9 Footballers! Every week, they're in school by 7:20am, ready to train with incredible commitment and energy. Here is a snapshot snapshots from a very wet Wednesday morning, and yet, every single one of them showed up with positivity and enthusiasm, eager to get involved. What a great start to the day.

Shrewsbury Academy
Part of the Marshes Academy Trust

Science Required Practical's

This week, our Year 9 students made fantastic use of the new STEM resources by validating their own experimental results using online virtual experiments. It was a brilliant opportunity to explore the concept of repeatability, and to see how closely their hands-on findings matched digital simulations.

Not only did this boost their confidence in their practical skills, but it also gave them a deeper understanding of accuracy in scientific investigations. A fabulous blend of curiosity, technology, and teamwork!



Shrewsbury Academy
Part of the Marshes Academy Trust

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. |



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

emojis or icons — what will you create?

Deadline: [Monday 13th October]

Prizes: [SURPRISE]

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

Shrewsbury Academy
Part of the Marches Academy Trust

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



Shrewsbury Academy
Part of the Marches Academy Trust

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

Registered with
FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261077), Scotland (SC039927) and the Isle of Man (2042). Also operating in Northern Ireland, MAC1993, north@macmillan.org.uk

Shrewsbury Academy in Our Community

Shrewsbury Academy
Part of the Marches Academy Trust

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:

| | | |
|---|---|--|
| ENGINEERING Aircraft Technician (Avionics) Aircraft Technician (Mechanical) Weapon Technician Electrician Survival Equipment Specialist Vehicle & Mechanical Equipment Technician General Technician Workshop | CYBERSPACE Communications Infrastructure Technician Cybersecurity Communication Specialist AIR & SPACE OPERATIONS Air Traffic and Weapons Controller Headlighter | LOGISTICS Driver Motor Vehicle Supplier Chef Air & Ground Steward SECURITY & RESILIENCE RAF Police RAF Regiment Gunner |
|---|---|--|

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

Apprenticeships
top 100 employers 2024

Download our App to find out more about a career in the Royal Air Force



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.



Become a Junior Ambassador



- Are you?**
- ✓ Aged between 13-17
 - ✓ Confident and Outgoing
 - ✓ Interested in meeting people from around the world
- Why Join?**
- FREE Trips to Liverpool, Manchester, Alton Towers and many more....
 - Join our discos and sports days at Shrewsbury School.
 - Gain new skills and great life experiences.



JOIN NOW equity@severnvale.co.uk 01743 232505
www.severnvale.co.uk
To Become an Ambassador please register through our website, email or by clicking **JOIN NOW**
Please note that all excursions and on-site activities are subject to availability and that on some excursions places may be limited.

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 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



Click [here](#) to view our latest news articles.

Why not also follow us on Facebook [@ShrewsburyAcademy](#) for a wealth of content, from student, staff and school celebrations to competitions. We encourage you to get interactive with our posts!

To hear about news from across the Trust, why not also follow [@MarchesAcademyTrust](#).

Want to work for the Marches Multi Academy trust? Follow the link below:

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



Shrewsbury Academy, Condon Crescent, Shrewsbury, SY1 4LL

01743 276700

admin@shr.mmat.co.uk

www.shrewsburyacademy.co.uk