

Monday 5th October 2025

Dear Families,

What a week it's been in school, one that's left me feeling incredibly proud. Touring lessons and seeing students fully engaged in their learning is always a highlight. From Year 11 students grappling with powerful extracts from *The Handmaid's Tale* during inspiring English lessons, to Years 8 and 9 showing real grit and teamwork on the rugby pitch, whilst others tackled complex volume problems in Maths, it's a joy to witness such progress across the board.

This week has been particularly busy, and despite Friday's unsettled weather, our Macmillan Coffee Morning was a great success. It's moments like these that remind us of the strength and spirit of our school community.

It's so encouraging to see such a positive start to the year. As we look ahead, please take a moment to read the information below about how you can support students at home, especially with revision in English and Maths. Whether it's using helpful websites, offering encouragement, or helping overcome hurdles, your support makes a real difference. Please come along and let's work together to encourage progress.

Thank you as always, for being part of this journey with us.

Jim Taylor

Headteacher



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

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






Supporting Year 11 Students in Maths and English

We know how important it is for Year 11 students to succeed in their Maths and English GCSEs and we also understand how challenging the journey can be. With mock exams approaching and GCSEs on the horizon, we want to work more closely with parents to support students every step of the way.

We'll be sharing practical advice, top revision tips, useful websites, and strategies to help overcome common hurdles. Our aim is to help parents feel confident in guiding their child's revision and preparation at home.

Together, we can make a real difference in helping students feel ready and supported. Keep an eye out for resources and updates — we're here to help!

Year 11 Maths & English Information Evening

 **Caradoc Hall, Shrewsbury Academy**
 **Tuesday 7th October**
 **6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Join us for practical tips to support your child with GCSE English & Maths.

Topics include:

- ✓ Course Overview
- ✓ How to Revise Effectively
- ✓ Top Revision Tips

We look forward to seeing you there!
Miss Fisher, Mr. Price & Miss McCausland



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Duke of Edinburgh Launch 2025

We're excited to launch the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for our Year 9 students! Mr Parker recently led an inspiring assembly introducing the programme, highlighting the amazing opportunities it offers for personal growth, teamwork, and adventure. Staff even joined in to share their own DofE experiences, showing just how valued the award is.

Form tutors have already submitted names of interested students, and we're thrilled to see this shaping up to be our biggest DofE group yet! Next week, students will receive letters to take home, please sign and return them to confirm consent. Once received, we'll activate the online payment system for the award subscription.

Preparations and training will begin soon for the spring expedition on the beautiful Long Mynd. It promises to be a memorable and rewarding experience, and we're looking forward to supporting our students every step of the way.



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PE: Rugby Year 8 & 9

It's been brilliant to see our students throwing themselves into Rugby during curriculum time this term. The enthusiasm and energy from our Year 8 and 9 groups has really stood out, they've shown great teamwork, focus, and a genuine commitment to improving their skills. It's clear they're enjoying the challenge and learning a lot along the way. Attached are a few snapshots of them in action, fully engaged and giving it their all. It's always rewarding to see students so involved in their PE lessons, and this year has seen a particularly positive start. A big well done to everyone, keep up the fantastic effort. We're really excited to see how you continue to improve throughout the term!



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 | | |
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| 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. |

Morning Fitness Club

There's no better way to kick-start the day than with Morning Fitness , just take a look at the brilliant photos below! Even though it's still dark when students arrive at 7:20am, they bring nothing but bright energy and a fantastic attitude. Their commitment is inspiring, with some students showing up to train every single morning. It's a great way to build strength, focus, and resilience before the school day begins. And don't forget, our fitness facilities are completely free to use! Unlike other gyms in Shrewsbury, there's no cost involved. We're open both before and after school, so there's plenty of opportunity to get involved. Just check the PE Extra-Curricular Timetable above to see what's on and when. Whether you're looking to improve your fitness or just want to try something new, we'd love to see even more students getting involved!



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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

Macmillan Coffee Morning. 🍰

A huge thank you to all the families, staff, and students who came along to support our Macmillan Coffee Morning, what a lovely event it turned out to be! We're thrilled to share that we raised an amazing £158 for such an important cause. The cake donations were fantastic, with plenty of delicious home-baked treats from both staff and students, they definitely didn't last long! It was heartwarming to sit down with families, enjoy a chat over coffee and cake, and soak up the friendly atmosphere. Break time was buzzing with excitement as students got involved and enjoyed the goodies. Events like this really bring our school community together, and it's wonderful to see everyone rallying around to support Macmillan. Thank you again for your generosity and spirit — we couldn't have done it without you! A particular thank you to Mrs Higgins who ensures this takes place in school frequently.



Shrewsbury Academy in Our Community

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NO ORDINARY JOB

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RAF Medic

INTELLIGENCE
Intelligence Analyst

PEOPLE OPERATIONS
Physical training instructor

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- Sore throat (adults and children aged 5 years and over)
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- 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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