

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Dear Families,**

Despite the persistent rain this week, there has been some truly great learning taking place across the school. A particular focus has been on our Year 11 students, who have now begun their mock examinations. These mocks are an important milestone, not just for assessing knowledge, but for giving students valuable experience of the exam hall environment and the challenge of performing under pressure.

While the exams themselves are significant, what happens next is even more crucial. Our staff will now forensically analyse the responses, identifying areas where understanding may not be as strong as it needs to be. This detailed review allows us to reteach key topics and provide bespoke revision resources tailored to each student's needs. The aim is simple: to help them plug any gaps in their learning and build confidence as they move towards the summer exams.

We see this process as a journey, one that we walk alongside our students. It's about giving them the right support and the right push at the right time. With hard work, resilience, and guidance, we know they can achieve their very best.

Thank you for your continued support at home during this important period. Encouraging good routines, rest, and positivity makes a real difference. Together, we can ensure that every student feels prepared and ready for the challenges ahead.

**RelentlessSAmbition**

*Jim Taylor*

Headteacher



**Diary Dates:**      **Year 11 Progress Evening: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**Term Ends: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** 🎄



## New Catering Team

We're excited to introduce our new catering provider ABM, bringing a fresh and vibrant selection of food to enjoy! From colourful fruit pots and wholesome salads to hot food selections, hearty wraps and sandwiches, there's something for everyone.

You'll also find tempting street food options, delicious baked treats, and refreshing infused drinks to keep you energized throughout the day. This is just a taste of what's to come, healthy, tasty, and full of variety!

Linda and the team have worked tirelessly to deliver the new look menu to students and it's been well received by students and staff.

Students can really see the difference and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.



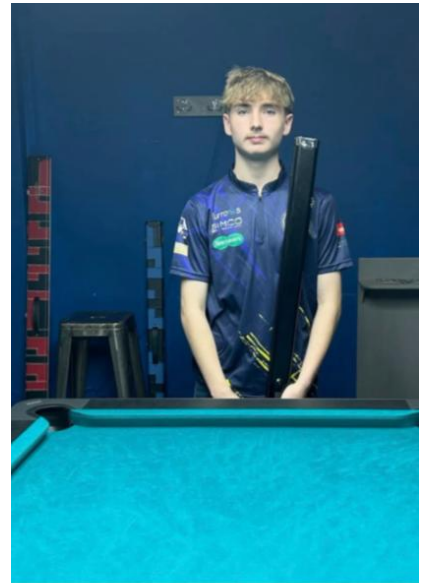
## Individual Success Stories!

We are incredibly proud of Ashton, a talented Year 11 student who is making waves in the world of competitive pool!

Ashton currently plays for the county under-23s team and recently achieved a major milestone by winning the Under-23 County Championship. Not stopping there, he went on to claim the title of Division 2/3 Champion this past weekend a remarkable accomplishment for someone his age.

Regardless of the outcome, he has already secured a place in the English trials, a testament to his skill, dedication, and composure under pressure.

At our school, we take great pride in our students who pursue excellence beyond the classroom. Ashton’s achievements are a shining example of the talent and determination we see in our student community every day. Let’s all wish Ashton the very best in his upcoming match, we’re rooting for you!



2025 SCPA Under 23's Champion Ashton

## Science – Satsuma Science!

Our brilliant Year 8 physicists recently took on a fun challenge: *Would a satsuma sink or float?* After voting on their hypotheses, they put Miss Allsop’s lunches to the test!

The students didn’t stop at simple observation; they explored *why* it happened. As they peeled the satsumas underwater, they noticed bubbles escaping and worked out that air trapped in the peel helps it float. Then, using water displacement (which they figured out themselves!), they measured the mass and volume of both peel and segments, calculated density, and confirmed their theory: the juicy segments sink because they’re denser than the peel.

Next, they shifted gears to investigate surface area and pressure with modelling clay. The challenge? Design a boat that floats! From clever coracles to creative rafts, the “FLOAT MY BOAT SCIENCE CHALLENGE” brought out some amazing designs, and plenty of excitement in the classroom.

What a fantastic mix of curiosity, teamwork, and hands-on learning!



## Year 10 Food Technology

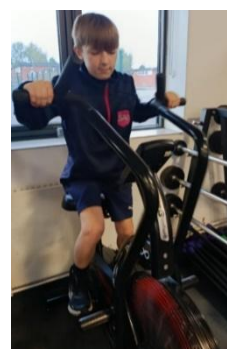
Our year 10 groups are looking ahead to their GCSE's by practicing key skills needed for their exam. Our option A group have started by looking at pastry and the different types. We are firstly focussing on short crust pastry. The students could be creative as long as shortcrust was the key element. We have had an array of jam tarts, sausage rolls, and apple pies this morning! One student included chillis, peppers and black pudding in their sausage rolls! Superb work.





## Morning Fitness Club

There's no better way to kick-start the day than with Morning Fitness. 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.



## STEAM CLUB



Shrewsbury Academy  
Part of the Marches Academy Trust

SF6 with JAL  
Tuesdays  
3.10-4.10



Autumn Term Programme  
Part 2 November/December

4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Cutting edge science. Make 2 DNA models. Prove that STEAM Club is sweet(s) & smash Mr. Phillips DNA puzzle challenge!  
11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> November – fire tricks & lava lamps.  
18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Cool chemistry. Only 39 days until Christmas. Investigate and make bath bomb presents.  
25<sup>th</sup> Nov– Don't let the Grinch steal Christmas: slime time!  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – make saturated solutions, glistening snowflake decorations and a “chemistree” for Christmas. STEAM Club takes the lead in a whole school interhouse Chemistry and Christmas competition!  
9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Exciting electronics – design circuits to light up the festive season.  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Hot chocolate science. Design, build and test a gingerbread house! Yum ..... and of course Merry Christmas!



## STUDENT 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](mailto: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

# Opportunities at Shrewsbury Academy

**Shrewsbury Academy**  
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**Examination Invigilator**

Do you have the desire to ensure fairness and integrity during the examination period? Join our team as an Exam Invigilator and safeguard academic integrity every step of the way.

No experience required, full training will be provided.

**£12.65 per hour**  
**Casual**  
**To start ASAP**

If you have any other queries or would like to apply, Sarah Compton, PA to Headteacher, who will be more than happy to help. Please email [sarah.compton@shr.mmat.co.uk](mailto:sarah.compton@shr.mmat.co.uk)

The Marches Academy Trust values each person equally. We are building a diverse team and embedding a welcoming, inclusive culture that encourages diversity and authenticity. We believe this will encourage creative ways of thinking – ensuring we collaborate more effectively and achieve better outcomes.

**Interview to be held: Negotiable to suit candidate**

We are also committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children in our care and expect all staff to embrace this. Shortlisted applicants will be asked to declare any criminal convictions and will be subject to online checks. The successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

We welcome applicants from all qualified candidates who share our ethos.

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**School Minibus Driver**

**Do you have a passion for driving and want to contribute to the education of our young people?**

Education and safety are key to ensuring our young people reach their dreams and aspirations in life. Join us at Shrewsbury Academy to make this happen.

Our staff set the highest standards in achievement and behaviour in a supportive environment in which they are treated as individuals. If you are someone who is a safe pair of hands, then this role is for you.

**£13.05 Per hour**  
**7.5 hours per week – 7.30am – 9.00am**  
**(with the potential for additional hours)**  
**Permanent**  
**To start ASAP**

If you have any other queries or would like to apply, Sarah will be more than happy to help. Please email [sarah.compton@shr.mmat.co.uk](mailto:sarah.compton@shr.mmat.co.uk)

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## Shrewsbury Academy in Our Community



**SA<sup>+</sup> EXHIBITION**  
Art Textiles Photography Media Food Tech Design Tech  
**Wednesday 3rd December 5-7PM**  
Location - Shrewsbury Academy School, New Building - LRC, Corridors, Food, DT & ICT room



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

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[www.severnvalle.co.uk](http://www.severnvalle.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



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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>



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