

Dear Families,

As we begin a new half term, the energy across the school is focused and purposeful. Students are returning to their routines with renewed determination, and we are fully immersed in the learning process. This is a crucial time for revisiting key topics, reinforcing understanding, and ensuring that knowledge is secure and meaningful.

At Shrewsbury Academy, we are committed to supporting students not only in the classroom, but beyond it. We know that true learning doesn't stop at the school gates. That is why we are encouraging students to engage with their learning at home, through revision, reflection, and independent study, to strengthen retention and deepen understanding.

Our teaching approach is carefully structured to ensure that learning is "chunked" into manageable, meaningful steps. This helps students build confidence and make connections across subjects, developing both knowledge and skills.

It is also an exciting time for our school community as we continue to grow into our new buildings. These state-of-the-art facilities are more than just bricks and mortar, they are a symbol of our ambition, and a space where students can thrive. Every lesson, every opportunity and every interaction is designed with one goal in mind: student success.

We call this our Relentles**SA**mbition, our continued partnership in helping our students aim high and reach their full potential.

Jim Taylor



Diary Dates: **PD Day: Monday 3rd November**

Students return: Tuesday 4th November



Food Technology

As part of our ongoing exploration of eggs, students have ended the term by producing some truly impressive scotch eggs and chicken nuggets, worthy of any deli or butcher's counter! But beyond the delicious results, this project has been a rich learning experience.

Students investigated the scientific principles of coagulation and coating, deepening their understanding of how heat changes protein structure and different cooking methods such as boiling, frying, and baking. Students developed their practical skills by making their own breadcrumbs using a food processor and setting up a production line to apply the classic flour- egg- breadcrumb coating technique.

This hands-on work reinforces key concepts in food science, whilst also building independence, precision, and teamwork. It has been fantastic to see students so engaged in applying theory to practice and enjoying the results!



Travel and Tourism

This academic year marks the introduction of our Travel and Tourism course, and students have embraced it with great enthusiasm. We are adapting our curriculum to respond to what students are telling us, and offering opportunities to learn about subjects that have not previously been offered. As part of their initial learning, they recently delivered group presentations exploring various travel companies, gaining insight into the structure and dynamics of the tourism industry. The course is proving to be both engaging and enriching, with students developing a range of valuable skills that will serve them well in their future studies and careers.



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Science in Action

Our brilliant Year 8 chemists have been exploring the exciting reactions between acids and metals, discovering how they produce salts and hydrogen gas. To prove it is science fact and not science fiction, they tested the gases themselves. This moment is caught brilliantly in the photograph as the Hydrogen ignites.

It has been fantastic to see students growing in confidence with practical science in our stunning new STEM building. They also investigated the reactivity of different metals, using their understanding of variables to guide their experiments.

The smiles on their faces said it all, loving learning, loving success. It is a joy and a privilege to teach such curious and engaged young scientists.

The future of science is bright at Shrewsbury Academy!



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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.

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

Opportunities at Shrewsbury Academy

Shrewsbury Academy
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<http://www.marchesacademytrust.co.uk/>

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

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

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Shrewsbury Academy in Our Community

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Aircraft Technician (Avionics)	Communications Infrastructure Technician	Driver
Aircraft Technician (Mechanical)	Cybersecurity Communication Specialist	Mapper
Weapon Technician	Electrician	Supplier
Survival Equipment Specialist	AIR & SPACE OPERATIONS	Chief
Vehicle & Mechanical Equipment Technician	Air Traffic and Weapons	Air & Ground Steward
General Technician Workshop	Controller	SECURITY & RESILIENCE
	Freightliner	RAF Police
		RAF Regiment Gunner

MEDICAL SERVICES
RAF Medic

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.



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 equiry@severnvalle.co.uk 01743 232505
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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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<https://www.marchesacademytrust.co.uk/joining-us/how-to-join>



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