



Monday 1st December 2025

Dear Families,

At our school, we hold high standards because we know they are the foundation of success. We are unapologetic in wanting the very best for every student, both in their learning and in their aspirations. High expectations are not about pressure, they are about belief. Belief that every child can achieve and thrive when challenged and supported.

This week, I have seen excellent examples of learning across the school. In Geography, students explored push and pull factors, developing a deep understanding of migration and its global impact. In Maths, students worked confidently with complex decimals, applying precision and problem-solving skills that will serve them well beyond the classroom. These moments reflect our relentless ambition: driving aspiration and lighting the fire of success.

Our commitment is clear: we will continue to set the bar high, provide the support needed to reach it, and celebrate every step forward. Success is absolutely possible for every student, and together, school, families, and community, we will make it happen.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture ambition and achievement.

Jim Taylor

Headteacher



Diary Dates: Year 11 Progress Evening: Thursday 11th December

Term Ends: Friday 19th December 



Cake Sale S4T

S4T is our school-based food hub dedicated to supporting local families and our wider community. Each year, we come together to fundraise for Christmas Hampers, ensuring that families in need receive a little extra joy during the festive season.

Cake Sale: Monday, 1st December

To help make this possible, we're hosting a Cake Sale with all proceeds going directly to S4T. We would be so grateful for your support, whether that's donating a cake (homemade or shop-bought) or by students purchasing cake!

Every contribution makes a difference. Together, we can spread kindness and make this Christmas brighter for those who need it most.

Thank you for being part of this worthwhile cause!



CAKE SALE
TO RAISE MONEY FOR
S4T (SOMETHING FOR TEA)

MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER
BREAK TIME IN THE HALL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Creative Talents

Our talented Year 10 students are continuing their exciting culinary journey, moving beyond shortcrust pastry to tackle the more delicate and technically demanding rough puff pastry. This ambitious step showcases their growing confidence and precision in the kitchen.

Students demonstrated advanced techniques by rolling and folding their dough multiple times, carefully incorporating layers of cold butter to achieve that perfect flaky texture. After refrigerating overnight, they transformed their pastry into an incredible range of creations, including:

- Cinnamon Buns
- Pizza Swirls
- Eccles Cakes
- Bacon & Cheese Turnovers
- Apple Turnovers
- Jam Stars

This project reflects not only students' creativity but also their ability to master complex processes and produce professional-quality results. We are so proud of their progress and the skills they are developing; these are the foundations of future culinary



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Struggle to Succeed

On Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th November, Shrewsbury Academy was delighted to welcome Matt Sen, a former professional boxer turned motivational speaker, for two inspiring sessions with our Year 9 and Year 10 students.

Drawing on his experiences in the boxing ring and beyond, Matt delivered his powerful message, "*The Struggle to Succeed*," which focused on resilience, determination, and the importance of embracing challenges as opportunities for growth.

Students were captivated as Matt shared practical wisdom and memorable insights his words resonated deeply, sparking thoughtful questions and lively discussion. Many students commented afterwards on how Matt's story motivated them to stay focused, work hard, and take ownership of their futures.

Matt's visit reminded us all that success isn't about avoiding failure, it's about learning, adapting, and never giving up. His honesty and energy left a lasting impression, and we are grateful to have hosted such an inspiring guest at Shrewsbury Academy.



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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.



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SF6 with JAL
Tuesdays
3.10-4.10



Autumn Term Programme
Part 2 November/December

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



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 area designed to meet a wide range of student needs in a calm and supportive environment.

Autism Support



[KIDS Shropshire.pdf](#)

Kids Disabled children say we can

We can grow

Kids Shropshire Autism support service.

Who is the service for?

Parent carers and families of children and young people under the age of 19 years with autism/ADHD, at any stage of diagnosis.

If you are working with families and think they would benefit from Kids Shropshire's support, please signpost families to:

[Shropshire Universal Autism Support Service - Kids](#)

Kids have been commissioned to deliver the Universal Autism Support Service across Shropshire.

What support will I receive?

Kids Shropshire offers support for both parents/carers and children and young people, this may include a combination of both group work and individual support tailored around their assessed need by the Practitioner.

For parents, this could mean a range of things from regular phone calls to Expert Parent experience training and online courses. We're all about nurturing peer-to-peer support, allowing parents who've been through similar experiences to lend a helping hand. Our aim is to build resilience and confidence, empowering parents to support their young ones in seeking appropriate help in the future.

For children and young people our support includes things like Lego Therapy sessions or our understanding me group sessions. All things that can help boost children and young people's resilience, help with transitioning, or support self-esteem.

We work closely with parents and young people to set clear goals and outcomes for the family. We're here to understand, support, and help everyone thrive.

Kids will be offering the following support to families:

- The 'Healthy Parent Carer' programme, designed to reinforce parent carers' resilience

- The 'Riding the Rapids' programme to support parent carers' understanding of behaviour and implement support strategies
- Coffee mornings and drop-in sessions
- One-to-one support
- Child/young person 'Understanding me' group sessions
- Child/young person Lego therapy sessions

Bespoke workshops that cover:

- ASD vs ADHD (3 hours)
- Neurodiversity (specifically autism, ADHD and demand avoidance)
- Girls and the autistic spectrum
- Demand avoidance
- EBSA
- Sleep

Shrewsbury Academy in Our Community



SA* 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.



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

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



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