

Dear Families,

It has been a busy week in school, especially for our Year 11 students who have now completed their mock exams. They have shown real commitment, and we are proud of their efforts.

Over the next few weeks, teachers will be carrying out question level analysis. This means we look closely at each question to see which parts students understood well and which areas need more support. By breaking down the papers in this way, we can plan targeted interventions and guide students toward the most effective revision. It also helps students understand exactly where to focus their time so they can make the best progress.

This is an important moment for Year 11. Working steadily and consistently now will make a real difference to their confidence and attainment in the summer. Small steps taken each day add up quickly.

Although this has been a key week for Year 11, all of our students can take something from the experience. Building knowledge gradually, practising regularly, and acting on feedback are habits that support learning at every stage. We encourage all students to keep these approaches in mind as they move through the term.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions about the mock process or the next steps for your child, please get in touch with the school.

Jim Taylor
Headteacher



Diary Dates:

School Show: Matilda 19th – 20th March (see below)

Year 11 Progress Evening 2: Thursday 26th March 3.30- 6pm

Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April 2026



Uniform

At Shrewsbury Academy, we are committed to working closely with families to ensure that every student arrives ready for learning each day. A key part of this is maintaining 100% compliance with our uniform expectations, which help promote a calm, focused and high-aspiration culture across the school. Please follow the link for the full descriptions. [Uniform - Shrewsbury Academy](#)

Recently, we have noticed small groups of students wearing items that do not meet our uniform policy, including flared trousers, rolled skirts, and incorrect trainers. In addition, nails either real or false should not extend beyond the end of the finger. This rule is particularly important from a health and safety perspective. Please take a moment to review our expectations and ensure your child is attending school in full, correct uniform every day.

Uniform matters because it supports equality, reduces distractions, and creates a strong sense of belonging and pride in our community. When students look ready to learn, they feel ready to learn.

Full uniform requirements can be found on our school website. Thank you for your continued support in upholding our standards.



Year 8 Textiles

More Batik experiments have been completed with our Year 8 students, who are developing their understanding of resist-dyeing techniques and exploring the vibrant work of artist Yayoi Kusama. Over the next few weeks, students will build on their Batik backgrounds using embroidery and appliqué to create their final pumpkin-inspired pieces.

Creative subjects continue to be some of the most popular choices at Key Stage 4 and it's easy to see why due to what students enjoy in key stage 3. They learn to think independently and solve problems in imaginative ways. Art, design and textiles encourage resilience, innovation and confidence, skills that are highly valued both in further education and in the workplace. Many students enjoy the hands-on, practical nature of these lessons, which allow them to see their ideas come to life and take pride in their achievements.

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Shrewsbury Academy Presents.....

We are delighted to announce our upcoming school production of Matilda the Musical, taking place on **19th and 20th March**. Under the expert direction of Mrs. Kelly, our students have been rehearsing tirelessly to bring this much-loved story to life on stage.

This production represents far more than just a school show. It offers our students a unique opportunity to perform, grow in confidence, and develop a wide range of creative and collaborative skills. For many, experiences like these become exceptionally memorable moments in their school journey, moments that often ignite passions and even influence future career paths in theatre, the arts, and beyond.

Audiences can expect a great performance, filled with energy, talent, and the joy that comes from months of dedication and teamwork. It promises to be an unmissable and thoroughly enjoyable event for families, friends, and our wider community.

Book your tickets now and support our incredible young performers!



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Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

Book by **Dennis Kelly** | Music and Lyrics by **Tim Minchin**

19th March & 20th March 2026 | **TICKETS £5** | **6:30 pm**

Caradoc Hall

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.co.uk

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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.



Tuesday 13th January - Welcome to 2026 with scientific celebrations that will take some **matches**-matching. Flammability fun!
Tuesday 20th January – Lights, camera, action! Learn about light at tonight's fabulous physics session.
Tuesday 27th January – Sinking soda surprise!
Tuesday 3rd February – Air mazing science! Come and experience Bernoulli's principle.
Tuesday 10th February – feel the ♥ get ready for a gross & gruesome Valentine's day – making heart models and dissecting hearts.

Spring Update coming soon



STUDENT SUPPORT

We are pleased to welcome Jennifer Miervaldis to the SEND team as our new SEND Admin Assistant. Jennifer will be supporting the coordination of SEND provision across the school and will be a key point of contact for parents and carers. If you have any SEND-related queries, please feel free to get in touch with her via:

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 offer **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.

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

we 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



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@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

YOUTH SURVEY HAVE YOUR SAY

Young Shrewsbury are looking to provide a number of activities throughout this summer for young people aged 11-18 taking place in the town centre.

We would appreciate your input using our survey which can be accessed by scanning the link below

www.shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council/have-your-say/