



Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

As we bid farewell to another eventful week full of learning, sport, celebrations and some trips. It is time to reflect on the achievements, milestones, and moments that have made each week truly memorable.

At the forefront of our reflections this week is the remarkable improvement in our school uniform standards. We're thrilled to witness the growing sense of pride among our students as they embrace the importance of representing our school community with dignity and respect. From crisp blazers to neatly tied ties, the commitment to our uniform policy has been commendable. Let's continue to uphold this standard of excellence as we take pride in our school's identity, #TeamIdsall.

In addition to upholding our uniform standards, we are proud to reaffirm our commitment to kindness through our school's Kindness Pledge. Each day, we strive to create a culture of compassion and empathy, where every smile shared, every kind word spoken, and every gesture of support contributes to a more inclusive and supportive environment. The power of a smile and the impact it can have on brightening someone's day has certainly been seen this week. Together, let's continue to spread kindness and positivity throughout our school community, after all it is infectious.

Have a lovely weekend,

Michelle King
Headteacher



FOCUS Singing for Shifnal Charity Concert

At the end of last term, the Sing for Shifnal Concert was a huge success, raising £790 which will be divided between the three local Charities - Shifnal Food Bank, St. Andrew's Warm Hub and MHA Live at Home scheme. Shifnal & District Male Voice Choir were joined by Shifnal Ukelele Group as well as Idsall musicians and Shifnal Primary School to produce a wide variety of musical entertainment.

The Sixth Form organised a raffle with the Male Voice choir's longest serving member winning the giant egg, which has since been donated to Acorns Children's Hospice.

Many thanks to all those who gave their time and energy to organise, run and support the event.



Upcoming Events

Events at a glance:

- * Tues 23 & Wed 24 Apr: Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
- * Wed 24 Apr: TrustEd Primary Mini Red Tennis, 3.30-5.45pm
- * Tues 30 Apr: Sixth Form Meeting for Year 11 and Parents, Main Hall, 3.45-5pm or 5.15-6pm. Please see email from Mr Bowler
- * Thurs 2 May: Sixth form Open Day. To book a tour, please call the school office



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📣 Reminders & Notices

Safeguarding Focus

 "Quality sleep is essential for children's growth and development. A decent night's sleep will help them to do better at school, allow them to react more quickly to situations, have a more developed memory... and even behave better!" (Taken from The Sleep Charity)

[The Sleep Charity](#) has a variety of resources on how to support a good night's sleep for adults, children and teenagers.

The Parenting Team at Shropshire Council is delivering five-week 'Sleep Tight' workshops, that have been developed with The Sleep Charity. If you'd like to explore how you can support your children and the whole family to have quality sleep, or to address specific challenges, these workshops are for you. At the end of the course you will be able to:

- Recognise the role of sleep hygiene to improve sleep
- Identify causes of sleep issues and appropriate practical strategies to try
- Interpret sleep diaries to identify potential sleep issues

For further information about the range of parenting support available please visit the [Family Information Service Directory](#).

Student Absences

Please ensure that you ring the school attendance office first thing in the morning, every day of your child's absence (01952) 468 400 or email attendance@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk for years 7 to 11 absence and email 6thformattendance@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk for Sixth Form absence. Thank you.

Trips

Planned trips appear here. Please see communications or trip leader for more information.

- ◆ Wimbledon Tennis Championships, Year 9-13, July 2024, Trip leader: P Goodison
- ◆ GCSE PE Climbing Trip, Year 10, 18th, 25th June 5th July 2024. Trip Leader P Goodison
- ◆ Skiing Trip Austria, Year 10-13, Easter 2025. Trip Leader P Goodison

In Comm Taster Day, 28th May

There is still chance to book your students onto one of In-Comm's STEM workshops to gain new life skills and open minds to the world of engineering. More information is on [their website](#).

Their Telford Taster Day takes place on Tuesday 28th May, 10.00am – 2.30pm. Spend time at their training academy and become an engineer for the day. You will explore different pathways within the mechanical engineering sector and take part in hands on engineering tasks using fluid power, design technology, problem solving and many more. The day is designed for students from Year 10 upwards who are interested in becoming an engineer and meeting likeminded people. Spaces are limited.

U15 Handball Champions

On Sun 14 Apr, Issac, Noah and Toby in Year 10 were part of the Shropshire team who became Under 15 County Champions of England in Handball at the Derby Arena. They have been playing for around three years now and were coached by Dan, one of our Year 13 students. Well Done!



Charity Danceathon

On Saturday, our Resources Assistant, Mrs Humphries and former Administrator Mrs Lorimer will be taking part in a dance-a-thon at Shifnal Cricket Club. They are raising money for Pancreatic Cancer UK. There are taster classes for children (12.15 and 2.45pm) and adults (3.00 and 6.00pm), as well as a disco 7pm until midnight. A [Just Giving](#) page has also been set up. Refreshments will be available.

Prevent Network Webinars

West Mercia Police's Cyber Crime Unit is offering Parents and Carers the chance to learn more about keeping your family safe online. Live Teams sessions, delivered by the Cyber Crime Prevent Team are available on [Wed 24 Apr](#) and [Wed 8 May](#), both at 6pm. Another live session will give information and advice on the Cyber Choices Programme, including how it operates, how to make referrals and what to look out for with children on [Mon 29 Apr](#) at 6pm.

Catering Newsletter

The April Newsletter from school caterers Aramark is now available to read on the [school website](#).

