



This week was marked by a visit from our local Member of Parliament, Mark Pritchard, where he engaged in a dynamic question and answer session led by our students. This invaluable opportunity allowed our young leaders to voice their perspectives, share their concerns, and gain insights into the workings of our democratic system directly from their elected representative.

In addition to this enriching exchange, we're delighted to celebrate the outstanding success of our Year 9 football team, who have reached the finals through their remarkable talent and teamwork against a very tough opposition. We will continue to show our support and encouragement as they prepare to shine on the field and represent everyone with pride in the finals on the 7th May. A deserved well done to the team and coach, let's hope there is lots more to come.

We also pay tribute to the timeless words of William Shakespeare as we celebrate his birthday week. His legacy continues to inspire generations with his profound insights into the human condition and the beauty of language. In the words of Shakespeare himself, "It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves." As we reflect on these words, let us remember the power we have to shape our own destinies, overcome challenges, and strive for the greatness that everyone here at Idsall can achieve together. Everyone and everything we do is part of our success and our journey.

Have a lovely weekend,

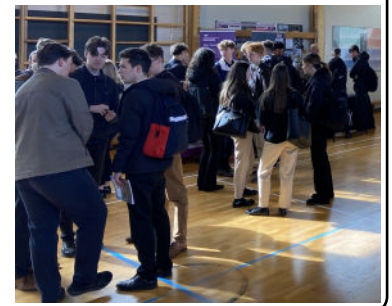
Michelle King
Headteacher



FOCUS Sixth Form Careers Fair, Wed 24 Apr



On Wednesday, we welcomed nearly 20 providers to Idsall School. Over 75 year 12 and 13 students received advice and guidance regarding HE providers, apprenticeships and employment opportunities. Student feedback has been extremely positive, and we thank Catch 22 for their help in organising the event.



Upcoming Events

Events at a glance:

- * 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
- * Fri 3 May: Staff Professional Development Day. School closed to students
- * Mon 6 May: May Day Bank Holiday. School closed to all
- * Tues 7 May: Year 6 Uniform Evening, Main Hall, 4pm-6pm



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📣 Reminders & Notices

Safeguarding Focus

 Recent research has shown that children and young people are very unlikely to take action, such as reporting or flagging to the platform, when they see harmful content and behaviours online. This may be due to:

- Fear of being in trouble for witnessing something inappropriate
- Embarrassment
- Built up tolerance /acceptance
- Not knowing what to do

It is vital that we all encourage young people to report something, if they know it to be inappropriate. Please see [the school website](#) for more information.

Girls Rugby Camp

Telford Hornets Rugby Football Club are running a Girls Rugby Camp on Sun 19 May, 11am - 12.30pm. The camp is open to girls aged 9 to 18 who would like to try their hand at the sport. Please contact [Neil Thomas](#) for more information and to book.

Danceathon Update

Along with some friends, Mrs Humphries raised more than £3000 last weekend for Pancreatic Cancer UK, dancing more than 63, 000 steps over 12 hours. Thank you for all the support and donations. You can still donate on their [Just Giving](#) page.

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.

An Inspector Calls trip 2025

We have booked nearly 200 tickets to two performances of Stephen Daldry's award winning production of An Inspector Calls for next year. An Inspector Calls is a set text for GCSE English Literature, and this gives a perfect opportunity for current Year 9 and 10 students to see it in action. Emails have been sent from EduTrips, which might be in junk folders. We look forward to this exciting educational experience for students.

Year 11 Trips



Year 11 students had a really enjoyable day visiting London and Alton Towers last week. Although the weather wasn't on their side the students had a great time visiting Madame Tussauds, exploring in Covent Garden, travelling on the London Eye to see the sights and riding Alton Towers' rollercoasters. The groups were outstanding and a credit to the school. Well done!

LRC StudyZone

Open to all students, Years 11 and 13 are especially invited to use the LRC facilities after school for independent and small group revision. A variety of revision resources are available. Come along, no need to book!

Charity Triathlon

Mr Brayshaw, and his sister, are taking part in a number of triathlon events over the coming weeks to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK. Mr Brayshaw starts today, swimming 15km over 3 days. In May, they run the Northallerton 10km and in July, Mr Brayshaw will be cycling. Another event in August, sees these skills come together for the York Sprint Triathlon. Mr Brayshaw is welcoming any and all donations to their chosen charity and has set up a [Just Giving](#) page.

HPV Vaccinations

Many thanks to the NHS Vaccinations Team who came in this week to immunise Year 8 and Year 9 against HPV. HPV is a virus that affects 8 out of 10 people, regardless of gender. High risk types of HPV can cause certain cancers. If your child is in Year 8 or above and has missed the vaccine, please speak to your GP or practice nurse. More information about HPV can be found at HPVwise.co.uk/teenagers

Visit from Mark Pritchard, MP

Mr Pritchard has [thanked staff](#) and students for "an excellent Q&A session" about the daily life and role of an MP. He also took the opportunity to say well done on the latest school improvements which have also been noted by Ofsted.

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
 - Parent Meeting, Wed 12 Jun, Lecture Theatre, 5.30pm - 6pm
- ♦ 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

