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Michelle King - Headteacher



Happy New Year



We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year, filled with joy and quality time with loved ones.

As we begin 2025, we are excited to build on our successes and continue working together to make this term a positive and productive one for all.

Our Commitment to Excellence

In light of our successful Ofsted inspection, we're focusing on maintaining and improving the areas that make our school a great place for learning and growth.

I've been sharing the inspection report highlights and next steps with students during assemblies, encouraging them to play an active role in our collective progress.

Soon, we'll share this information with you so that together we can support every young person to achieve their very best.

Supporting Year 11 and 13: Preparing for Success

As we approach the mock exam window, the reality of upcoming GCSE and A-Level exams is setting in for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. This is a crucial time, and we've been impressed with their focus and dedication to revision and preparation. These exams are a valuable opportunity to build confidence and identify areas for improvement ahead of the final assessments.

We are also thrilled by the growing interest in our Sixth Form, both from our current students and those from other schools. With a proven track record of success, high retention rates, and exciting new options, our Sixth Form continues to be a beacon of excellence and opportunity.

To our Year 11 and 13 students: stay focused, stay determined, and remember that with the right effort, anything is achievable. You've got this, and we are here to support you every step of the way!

Exciting Updates for the New Year

To continue enhancing our learning environment, we are expanding our teaching team. We are currently recruiting for several teaching positions, ensuring we have the resources and expertise to create the best possible opportunities for our students. We'll keep you updated on these exciting new additions to our team.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us. Together, we can help every student thrive and reach their full potential.

Uniform Survey Update

Last term, we invited your feedback on our current uniform guidance, specifically focusing on hairstyles, jewellery, and shoes. We're thrilled to share that nearly 2,400 of you across the Trust's secondary schools participated.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts!

We are now carefully reviewing your feedback and exploring your views further. We look forward to updating you with more information later this year.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

Calendar and Trips



- Tue 21st Jan : Year 10 & 11 English Trip : Poetry Live Day
- Thu 23rd Jan : 6th Form Business Studies Trip to Cadbury World
- Thu 23rd Jan : Year 11 D&T Trip to Ikea
- w/c 3rd Feb : Year 11 & Year 13 Predicted Grades Snapshot
- Wed 5th Feb : Year 11 English Trip to see An Inspector Calls
- Thur 6th Feb : Year 9 Parents Evening

TRIPS

We are presently putting together potential / already in process trips for :

- Year 10 & 11 - Wolverhampton Grand Theatre Trip for Performing Arts Students to see Warhorse (20 March 2025)
- Year 7 & 8 - France Disneyland Paris and Paris <https://www.idsallschool.org/disneyland-paris-trip-presentation/> (April 2025)

- Year 8 - PGL (May 2025)
- Year 9 - France and Belgium Battlefields Trip (May 2025)
- Year 8 & 9 - Las Vegas Geography Trip (see Mrs Green in G3 for more information) (October 2026) <https://www.idsallschool.org/las-vegas-trip-presentation/>
- Year 10, 11 & 12 - Kenya Expedition (see Mr Pittam in G2 for more information) (Summer 2026)

Top of the MAT!

A reminder from the Science Department






Science homework is set every fortnight on Seneca for years 7-11 to complement and reinforce learning - well done to those who continue to complete the assignments (home learning points will now be awarded to students reaching 60% or above, these can be repeated to achieve higher scores).

Presently we are top of the Seneca league in the MAT.

If you are having any issues with login please email or see Mrs Mehra - lindsey.mehra@ids.mmat.co.uk

Seneca School League 🏆

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DAYS HOURS MINUTES SECONDS

School name	XP
1  Idsall School Salford, Shropshire School synced	106,084
2  The Grove School Market Drayton, Shropshire	50,456
3  The Marches School Owensley, Shropshire	17,884
4  Sir John Talbot's School Whitchurch, Shropshire	10,734
5  Shrewsbury Academy Shrewsbury, Shropshire School synced	8,376

Post Christmas Clear Out



If you have had a Christmas clear out of the wardrobes and cupboards it may mean you now have bags full of clothes, blankets, backpacks, coats, hats etc that you no longer need.

Please drop off at the school and Miss Martin is taking any donations to the Refuge Sanctuary next week.

Any coats and warm clothing is particularly needed urgently.

Food Clearout!



Also a reminder that if you are having a cupboard clear out of any foods that you didn't get around to eating or don't want that are still in date, Mrs Case from the 6th form is always grateful to receive for the foodbanks.

Maybe you bought that extra tin of chocolates or box of biscuits that you no longer need or want - please send them into the school as there are many families out there that would be grateful of them and Mrs Case will ensure they get to those people.

Please bring into school and it can be dropped off either at the 6th form or at the library!

Session Six Activities - Spring 2025

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Monday's Session Six Activities			
Studyzone	3.15 – 4pm	All Years	LRC
Girls Football		Year 7 & 8	Grass Pitches
Badminton		Team Players Only	Sports Hall
Sports Leadership Training	<small>For students who are doing their leadership qualifications this year, although all Sports Leaders are welcome to attend</small>		Old Gym
Footloose Acting Rehearsals		All Years	D1
Maths Revision	Week A	Year 11	Rooms BAs, 6, 9, 10 & EN2, 3, 4, 6, 8
Psychology Revision	Week B Starts 13 th Jan	Year 11	Lecture Theatre
A Level Geography Revision		Year 13	G2 
Year 11 Revision Sessions			
	Week A		Week B
	Maths		Psychology

Tuesday's Session Six Activities			
Studyzone	3.15 – 4pm	All Years	LRC
Netball		All Years	All Weather
Boys Football		Year 7	Grass Pitches
A Level History - Russia 1894-1924		Year 12 & 13	H4
A Level Chemistry Revision		Year 12 & 13	S3
Science Revision	Week A	Year 11	Invited Group S1 Open Revision S6
Footloose Dance Rehearsals		All Years	D1
BBC Young Reporters	Week A	All Years	BA1
Eco Club	Week B	Year 7 & 8	S8
Geography Revision	Week B	Year 11	G1 & G2
Computer Science Coding Club	Week B	Year 10 & 11	B1
Year 11 Revision Sessions			
	Week A		Week B
	Science		Geography

Wednesday's Session Six Activities			
Studyzone	3.15 – 4pm	All Years	LRC
Rugby		Years 7 – 10	Grass Pitches
A Level Maths Revision		Sixth Form	EN2
Year 11 Revision Sessions			
	Week A		Week B
	History		History

Thursday's Session Six Activities			
Studyzone	3.15 – 4pm	All Years	LRC

Friday's Session Six Activities			
Studyzone	3.15 – 4pm	All Years	LRC
	Week A		Week B
	French		

Lunchtime Sessions 1.40 – 2.10pm			
Monday	Sports leadership club	All Years	(1.45pm start) E4
Friday	Footloose Singing Rehearsals	All Years	STA

PE Lunchtime Sessions 1.40 – 2.10pm			
	Sports Hall		Fitness Suite
Monday	Badminton	All Years	-----
	Leadership	All Years	-----
Tuesday	Badminton	All Years	-----
Wednesday	Basketball	All Years	Years 7 – 13
Thursday	-----		Years 7 – 13
Friday	-----		Years 7 – 13

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Please note that Session Six and Lunchtime activities may be cancelled at short notice.
For Session Six cancellations - you will be able to remain in school until the agreed time if needed.

Trip Updates

Disneyland Paris



Final payment for the Disneyland Trip is due Monday 20th January 2025.

If you have not completed and returned the consent form can you please do so as soon as possible. If you don't have your passport or GHIC (EHIC) information yet, please send the form without this and email the information as you get it. If you don't have a form, please ask your student to collect one from the school library.

Email is : cathy.leverington@ids.mmat.co.uk

We will send out a date for a parent / student meeting. This will be around the end of February so watch this space. This is when we have all the finalised information from the tour company.

We have had a couple of students who have had to drop out so if you have student in year 7 or 8 that is interested in the trip please contact cathy.leverington@mmat.co.uk.

Year 9 Battlefields



Y9 WW1 BATTLEFIELDS TRIP 22-24 MAY – PLACES OPEN FOR BOOKING!

All parents/carers should have received the letter with excursion details and payment schedules.

Please contact Mrs Strachan or Miss Evans for more details.

Ski Trip



2025

As this trip draws ever closer you will be hopefully sorting out all the things your student needs to take. If you need any advice on this please email through to the school.

We will also be sending though dates for the practice sessions at Madeley dry ski slopes so keep an eye on your emails for them.

Finally, if you have not completed and returned the consent form can you please do so as soon as possible. If you don't have your passport or GHIC (EHIC) information yet, please send the form without this and email the information as you get it - we have had 45 returned but do need the information from the 10 outstanding.

2026

Ski trip for 2026 will be announced soon. Final destinations being discussed.

This trip will be open to current year 9 students and upwards.

Watch this space for more information!

Update from the Kitchens





WELCOME TO IDSALL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER — From Inside the Kitchen

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We are delighted to be sharing with you our next newsletter for this academic year, keeping you updated with what's coming up & an overview of what's been going on

MORE THAN FOOD

Firstly, we are caterers, but we believe what we do is more than just food

We are in a unique position to be able to nurture & educate through the food we serve

Forming healthy eating habits is a valuable part of your child's education

90% of the food we serve is freshly prepared on site daily & is in line with British Government school guidelines giving your children the fuel to succeed

INSIGHT & INNOVATION

The food that we serve is shaped to reflect the latest world trends & create our own version of high street brands as well as serving the ever popular traditional menu

We have a full calendar of events including seasonal campaigns & theme days

A PARTNERSHIP

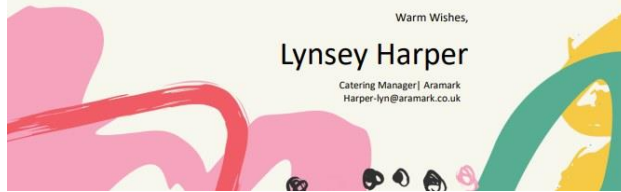
Most importantly we are here to be a part of Idsall school community, if your child has any specific dietary requirements, we are more than happy to answer any questions.

Above all, we are here to ensure that the food we serve is tasty, the pupils are happy and that we make dining at Idsall enjoyable!

Warm Wishes,

Lynsey Harper

Catering Manager | Aramark
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So, what have we been up to in Dec

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It was a very busy month & as always, we packed a lot in ...

We made December all about Christmas with cakes , treats & decorations

We supported the School with Christmas Jumper Day & helped to raise an amazing amount for under privileged children

Our Costa Secret Santa was a winner once again this year

12 Days of Christmas was run with a treat/deal daily

We made up a huge chocolate hamper & raffled it off for Aramark's Charity – Young Minds

*****Mr Thomas was the worthy winner *****





It's Been a Christmas Tasty One!



December Updates & Goings On -

Sixth Formers

We now have 4 x 6th form till operators employed.

All are doing a great job , especially at such a busy time and they were brilliant on our extremely busy Christmas Lunch Day!

Safeguarding



This week's safeguarding focus from Mrs Reeve is to raise awareness of some free online courses and resources, for families living in Shropshire or Telford and Wrekin.

Both councils, in partnership with the Solihull Approach, offer free access to "InOurPlace" – evidenced based online courses designed by NHS professionals.

The courses cover children's emotional and physical health, including behaviour, feelings, mental health and more, and there are courses for both parents and young people themselves to access.

The website is: <https://inourplace.co.uk> , and the access code to get the courses for free is DARWIN18.

If you do require any further support for your family, please do get in touch with school via the usual email address or directly to Mrs Reeve, and ask for some "early help support" – one of our team will be in touch with you to explain the options and next steps further.

Social Media Safety and Awareness Session - Albrighton



The poster is for a 'Social Media Safety and Awareness' session. It features a light blue background with white and black text. At the top, the title 'Social Media Safety and Awareness' is centered, flanked by double chevrons. Below the title, it says 'For young people with internet access and their parents!'. There are three illustrations: a woman on the left holding a phone, a person sitting on the floor with a large phone in the center, and a person standing on the right. A 'LIVE STREAM' icon is on the right. The location is 'Albrighton Library, Station Road WV7 3QH'. The date is 'Friday 21st February 2025' and the time is '10:00am to 11:00am'. A list of bullet points describes the session's focus. At the bottom, the logos for 'West Mercia POLICE' and 'Albrighton Parish Council' are displayed.

Social Media Safety and Awareness
For young people with internet access and their parents!

Albrighton Library, Station Road
WV7 3QH

Friday 21st February 2025

10:00am to 11:00am

- Targeted at young people with internet access and/or their parents
- Group setting with opportunity to speak privately to the policing team after the event
- Social Media accounts, messaging people, posting/sharing content, accessing content etc.

West Mercia POLICE

Albrighton Parish Council

We have been asked to invite you on behalf of Albrighton Parish Council to a Social Media Safety and Awareness Session that is being hosted at Albrighton Library, in partnership with Shifnal and Albrighton Safer Neighbourhood Team. This event is aimed at young people with internet access and/or their parents and is an excellent opportunity to help educate local children/teenagers in preventative measures to keep them safe online as well as offline.

This event will be taking place on Friday 21st February 2025, at 10am in the Library Building, Station Road, Albrighton WV7 3QH. We have scheduled this to take place during half term in hopes that we can encourage teenagers to attend.

Taekwon-Do Classes

New Beginners Programme Starting



Mr Morris is starting up a new beginners programme in Taekwo-do on a Wednesday evening at Idsall School.

So if you are looking at trying something new why not go along - you get **two free trial classes!**

- *Offering Idsall pupils a 10% discount on monthly fees.*
- *Classes every Wednesday 6-7pm in the main hall at Idsall.*
- *Offering two free trial classes.*

INTERESTED ... contact Mr. Morris on 07969 996055 to book and for more information.

Contact us



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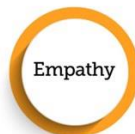
Our values :



Excellence: striving always for mastery and personal success



Integrity: consistently acting with honesty, compassion and respect



Empathy: embracing and supporting the uniqueness of every individual



Creativity: inspiring and challenging through invention, experimentation and exploration



Equality: ensuring fair opportunity for all