

Dear Families

We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential for the success of our students. To create an environment where every child can thrive, we need your support in upholding our school's policies on uniform and behaviour.

Uniform plays a crucial role in fostering a sense of community and equality among students. By ensuring that your child adheres to the uniform policy, you help promote a focused and distraction-free learning environment. Similarly, our behaviour policies are designed to create a safe and respectful atmosphere for all. Encouraging your child to follow these guidelines helps them develop important life skills such as responsibility, respect, and self-discipline.

We can feel the positive shift in school, and we want this to continue. We are making our school a place where every student feels valued and empowered to achieve their best. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

 *Jim Taylor*
Headteacher

Young Carers

We are delighted that our school is working with Shropshire Young Carers Team to raise awareness and support local young carers.

Who are young carers?
A young carer is a young person aged between 6-18 who care for a family member, such as a mum, dad, brother, sister or grandparents who suffer with a physical disability, poor ill health, learning disability, mental health or substance and alcohol misuse.

What do young carers do?

- Practical tasks - cleaning, cooking, shopping, and general housework
- Personal care - helping with toileting, washing, showering/ bathing, and getting dressed
- Sibling care
- Emotional support

How it may impact you?
It's not always easy being a young carer, you often have to take on adult responsibilities that can affect your friendships and relationships, learning and development, health and wellbeing or future career choices.

Who to talk to?
Anita is the dedicated Young Carers Support Worker in our school. Come and chat with her if you are a young carer or think you may be a young carer.
She will be visiting on:

☎ 01743 341995 ✉ youngcarers@shropshire.gov.uk
www.shropshire.gov.uk/adult-services/shropshire-carers/young-carers

Could you be a young Carer?

If you are under 18 and help look after a family member with their ...

illness

disability

mental health issues

alcohol or drug misuse

Many young carers go unnoticed. Don't struggle in silence!

you could be a young carer.

Contact Shropshire Young Carers Team today to find out how we can support you.

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After School Dodgeball Competition

Get involved in Dodgeball competitions this December – See Mr Dobson or any member of the PE department for information about how to get involved.

YEAR GROUP	DATE/S	ACTIVITY	WHERE	WHEN
Year 7	Monday 9 th December	Dodgeball	Gym	Afterschool Afterschool
Year 8	Tuesday 10 th December	Dodgeball	Gym	Afterschool Afterschool
Year 9	Wednesday 11 th December	Dodgeball	Gym	Afterschool Afterschool
Year 10	Monday 16 th December	Dodgeball	Gym	Afterschool Afterschool
Year 11	Tuesday 17 th December	Dodgeball	Gym	Afterschool Afterschool

Online Learning Platforms

We use multiple online platforms in school to aid learning and provide home learning opportunities. This week 7x1 enjoyed working on Educake with Mrs Gibson. This is a platform that helps cement specific key knowledge and can be accessed from any device we have the licences for both Science and Humanities. Other online platforms we have purchased include GCSEpod and Sparx Maths. Pupils should have passwords and log on details in their planners. Our website contains specific details around the topics covered in each of the subject areas at all key stages.

<https://members.gcsepod.com/login>

<https://my.educake.co.uk/student-login>

<https://sparxmaths.com/>



Shrewsbury Academy Spotlight – Learning and Memory

Improving knowledge retention in pupils is crucial for their academic progress. We utilise multiple techniques within teaching to help students recall key knowledge and skills to aid their success as they progress through their learning.

1. **Activate Prior Knowledge:** Connecting new information to what students already know can significantly enhance retention. Our teacher often start lessons with a quick review or a discussion that links previous lessons to the new material.
2. **Retrieval Practice:** This involves encouraging students to recall information from memory, which strengthens their ability to remember it in the future. Techniques include low-stakes quizzes, flashcards, and asking students to summarise what they've learned.
3. **Spaced Repetition:** Instead of cramming, spreading out learning over time helps reinforce memory. Revisiting topics periodically ensures that information is retained longer.
4. **Interleaving:** Mixing different topics or subjects during study sessions can improve retention. This approach helps students make connections between concepts and apply their knowledge in various contexts.
5. **Self-Explanation:** Encouraging students to explain concepts in their own words can deepen understanding and retention. This can be done through group discussions, teaching peers, or reflective writing.
6. **Use of Mnemonics:** Mnemonics are memory aids that help students recall larger pieces of information through patterns, acronyms, or rhymes. These tools can make learning more engaging and memorable.

These platforms are available in the event of a snow or bad weather closure and provide very specific content for our students.

Did You Know?

Research **strongly suggests** that apps like TikTok can reduce the ability to learn and remember knowledge, they can be harmful to young brains.



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Student Support Queries

If you have concerns regarding a student's learning needs, would like to request additional support/advice please complete the internal SEND referral form and send it to the following email address: sendadmin@shr.mmat.co.uk. Our Student Support Department are now based in the Hub area of the Haughmond Building, taking advantage of their new amazing facilities, life skills cooking area, and outdoor learning spaces. The entrance is off **East Crescent** on the South side of the campus.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE



Information

shrewsburyacademy.co.uk



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.



 **Shropshire Family December Events**
 <https://www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk/>
Shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk

2 DEC 10:00AM	Stay and Play Gingerbread man Market Drayton
2 DEC 3:30PM	Bridgnorth Coffee and Chat Bridgnorth Library
5 DEC 3:30pm	Attingham Park Quiet Session Explore the mansion Attingham Park
9 DEC 10:00am	Parent Training Understanding your autistic child Online

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CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024

DITHERINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, SHREWSBURY, SY1 4DF



FREE ENTRY!
SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 10AM TO 1PM
GIFTS IDEAS FOR EVERYONE AND FESTIVE FOOD STALLS
PLUS... CHILDREN ACTIVITIES, GAMES & MUCH MORE...

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



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