



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Dear Families

As we reach the end of this calendar year and the final 'Talking Heads' of the year, I want to take a moment to reflect on our journey of improvement, and look ahead to the wealth of opportunities the new build will bring in 2025. This year has been one of growth and achievement for our school community. Our students have shown remarkable resilience and dedication, and our staff have worked hard to provide the best possible learning experiences.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are committed to continuing this upward trajectory. Our focus remains on improving learning opportunities for all students, ensuring they have the tools and support they need to succeed in their studies and future endeavours. We believe in fostering a sense of belonging through 'relentless ambition,' encouraging every student to strive for excellence.

One of the most exciting developments in the coming year is the addition of our new STEAM block. This state-of-the-art facility will open up a world of opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics, allowing our students to explore and innovate like never before.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we will make 2025 a year of unparalleled growth and success for our students.



*Jim Taylor*

Headteacher

### Your Voice Matters

I usually spend a Sunday morning putting the weekly 'Talking Heads' bulletin together. As much as I enjoy capturing photos and news stories from our week in school, it does leave me wondering sometimes how many parents I am reaching. If the answer to this is not too many, I will spend some time thinking about different ways, such as video messaging or blogs for example. Is it time to embrace social media more, or look for other platforms?

Either way it's my intention to sample your voice regularly though whichever platform we use. So lets try this today!. Please use the QR code or the link at the side of this section to give your feedback on this type of bulletin.

The survey will take less than two minutes and will give me an indication of the best way to start 2025! Thank you in advance for this.

### Feedback on Talking Heads



<https://forms.office.com/e/qKHH92hEJ8>



### S4T Christmas Hampers

Our 'Something for Tea' (S4T) elves have been busy in the Christmas workshop this year, wrapping and packing the amazing donations that we have received, to spread some festive cheer amongst our community. We are extremely grateful for the donations that have been received and rest assured, this will be much appreciated by the recipients.



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### Christmas Bingo



**Christmas Prize Bingo**  **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Shrewsbury Academy - Haughmond Hall  
Refreshments available from 6pm - eyes down at 6.15pm -  
Close at 7.15pm

£7.50 for all bingo

**B I N G O**

Why not join us for some Christmas fun in the Haughmond Hall on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Christmas prizes and refreshments will be on offer, but more importantly a chance to relax and have some fun with staff and other parents. All are welcome, we look forward to seeing you there!



**UPDATE – CHANGE OF VENUE – BINGO NOW IN THE MAIN CARADOC HALL**

# Shrewsbury Academy Spotlight – Relentless Ambition



As we look forward to the new year, I want to share a vision that is central to our school's ethos: fostering a sense of ambition in every student. It is my firm belief that with the right mindset, our students can achieve remarkable things. This ambition is not just about academic success, but about developing a relentless drive to be the best they can be in all aspects of their lives.

The phrase 'relentless ambition' is one that I have used frequently, and I want it to become a cornerstone of our school culture. Relentless ambition means setting high aspirations and working tirelessly to achieve them. It is about encouraging our students to dream big and to understand that these dreams are within their reach through hard work, focus, and dedication.

Achieving high aspirations is not an overnight process. It requires consistent effort and a positive attitude towards learning. In our classrooms, we are committed to providing an environment where good learning takes place every day. Our teachers are dedicated to supporting each student, helping them to understand that every step they take, no matter how small, is a step towards their goals.

However, the role of parents in this journey cannot be overstated. Your support and encouragement is crucial in helping. Consistent actions, as I know you all do, such as discussing their goals, celebrating their achievements, and encouraging them to persevere through challenges, can have a massive impact. By showing interest in their school activities and reinforcing the importance of education, you help to build their confidence and motivation.

We want our entire community to be relentlessly ambitious for our young people. This means creating a supportive environment where every student feels valued and inspired to reach their full potential. It is about working together – teachers, parents, and students – to cultivate a future of high expectations and continuous improvement.

As we move into 2025, we should all commit to being relentlessly ambitious for our students. Encourage them to set high aspirations and to believe in their ability to achieve them. Together, we can help them to develop the skills and mindset they need to succeed, not just in school, but in all their future endeavours. Our students in this school are amazing young people.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership, together we can make a difference.



## 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](mailto: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.



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## Information

[shrewsburyacademy.co.uk](http://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.

Emmanuel Church, SY1 3AZ, Sunday 15th Dec, 5.30pm



Come & park in our car park, grab a hot chocolate & then get safely watch the illuminated Tractor Run as it passes by shortly after 6.00pm. Collection bucket for SFYFC available-All welcome!

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Why not also follow us on Facebook @[ShrewsburyAcademy](#) for a wealth of content, from student, staff and school celebrations, to competitions. We encourage you to get interactive with our posts!

To hear about news from across the Trust, why not also follow @[MarchesAcademyTrust](#).

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