

Dear Families

As the half term approaches, please be reminded school will be closed to students on Friday 14th February due to a Trust collaboration day. School will reopen to students, following half term, on Tuesday 25th February.

This is our final half term without the new extension and there are some pictures below of the progress, ahead of the opening at Easter. We are delighted to have the much-needed new facilities on the way, including 9 new science labs, Maths rooms, Design and Technology rooms, as well as Graphic Design, Food and of course a new Learning Resource centre.

The site will continue to undergo building works through the summer term with the focus moving to the renovation and repurposing of some remaining classroom spaces.



Jim Taylor

Headteacher

Your Voice Matters Survey link → <https://edurio.com/poll/Nthveo>

We want to learn more about how we can help your school and Marches Academy Trust to improve parental engagement, so your time and honesty are much appreciated! This survey will ask questions about the communication between carers and school, confidence in the school's strategy and other aspects.

It should take around 15 minutes to complete, and you must do the survey in one sitting.

Surveys are completely anonymous and confidential, though the responses will be aggregated for the purpose of analysis (read more about [how we use your data here on our Help Centre](#)).

Morning Football and Fitness

Most mornings I arrive at school to a large number of students already in from 7.30am, engaging in football or fitness sessions. What a way to start the day! I have worked at many schools during my career and also visited many as part of my work. I have never seen anything like it. The commitment from students and our amazing PE staff is second to none. Well done to all involved.



STEAM at Shrewsbury Academy



Tuesday 14th January – We're off – join STEAM Club's Whacky Races after designing & making an elastic band car. Will you be the winner?

Love to race? Train as test driver, formula 1 mechanic or engineer your way to design cars of the future.

Tuesday 21st January – Blow your top! Release your inner geologist & make your own volcano - composite, shield or dome – you decide.

If you loved this, geology could be the career for you – why not travel the world as a volcanologist?

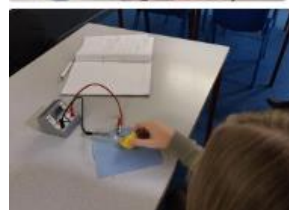
Tuesday 28th January – Candlemas approaches – find out why candles rock! Then get fizzy and put out candles with some cool chemistry.

Thousands of STEM careers await you fabulous physicists and cool chemists.

Tuesday 4th February – Investigate grime to solve the crime! Fabulous forensics will tell you which naughty teacher is in trouble!

Be a super sleuth! Study forensics or law. Consider a career in the police force or work as a solicitor or barrister.

Tuesday 11th February – Get ready for Valentines' Day: diamonds are a girl's best friend – make edible diamond models. Yum! Cool carbon chemists can grow diamonds in a lab!



Shrewsbury Academy Spotlight – The build ahead!



The Lighthouse - Assessment Centre

Shrewsbury Academy
Part of the Marches Academy Trust

After half term, in line with our commitment to inclusion, Shrewsbury Academy is proud to announce the opening of our assessment centre: The Lighthouse. This will be a purpose designed provision to offer an adapted curriculum to a small number of students who experience barriers in accessing our broader curriculum offer.

The Lighthouse will offer an alternative environment and curriculum designed to support students in building a sense of belonging and supporting student potential, as we do for all of our students.

The Lighthouse curriculum will be based upon literacy, numeracy and project based learning to engage students with quality teaching and learning.

Some students who currently access our SEND hub provision may experience some changes to the locations of their support. We are confident the changes ahead will lead to more students accessing the provision they require to build engagement and success in learning.



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.

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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.





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LOGISTICS
Driver
Mover
Supplier
Chef
Air & Ground Steward

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- **Infected insect bite**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**
(adults aged 16 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)

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

Want to work for the Marches Multi Academy trust? Follow the link below:

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