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Monday 24th February 2025

Dear Families

As we embark on the Spring 2 half term, I am delighted to reaffirm some exciting news with you. After much anticipation, our new school building will officially open after the Easter break. This state-of-the-art facility will provide our students with enhanced learning environments, modern classrooms, and additional resources to support their educational journey. The final phase of the build then begins with the refurbishment of the old Tech corridor and the repurposing of some classrooms at the Art end of the main building.

Whilst we look forward to the opportunities this new build will bring, it is crucial that we continue to uphold the high standards that define our school community. Maintaining a positive and respectful atmosphere is essential for the success and well-being of all our students. We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing these values at home, ensuring that students arrive on time, prepared, and ready to engage in their learning.

Headteacher

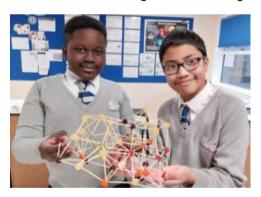
You said we did....

Since Christmas I have developed a QR survey for parents each week. From this I have received lots of feedback and I have taken some actions as a result. As a direct result of this feedback, we now have 16 more linked local businesses to benefit our students on work experience, I have also made the bulletin full of shorter articles and with more photos of our students. I will also be responding to include some Duke of Edinburgh content in the coming weeks and we have definitely also made some improvements in communication. Thank you for taking the time to do this. The surveys will begin again next week.

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Diamonds For Valentines?

STEAM Club have celebrated Valentines' Day by making diamonds for each other.... Not real ones of course, although our Young STEAM Leaders were quick to point out that synthetic diamonds can be produced in a lab and are chemically, physically, and optically identical to natural diamonds. We considered the chemical structure and properties of diamonds and modelled this with chocolates and fruit gums and cocktail sticks. Here are our brilliant students with their perfectly modelled 4-4 carbon atom (sweet) bonds evaluating their models and commenting on how strong their structures are.







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STEAM Club Eruption!

Science in the news: Mount Kilauea, a volcano in the Hawaii's volcanic arc, is spewing lava once again. STEAM Club have learnt that a chain of volcanoes forms above a subduction zone.

Subduction zones are where tectonic plates move towards each other, one plate is forced under the other, creating huge pressure and molten rock.

As the plate moves over a hotspot, volcanoes form one after another, with the oldest volcanoes at one end of the chain. The Hawaiian Islands, including Mount Kilauea, are an example of a volcanic chain formed over a hotspot.

STEAM Club made their own chain of volcanoes – including Mount Monster, Mount Mouthwash (you'd never guess what bottle was used for that one), Killermanjaro, Mount Doom....to name a few.









U16 Girls Football

Huge congratulations to our U16 girls football team this week who won 3-2 against Shrewsbury School. It's always good to see our teams winning especially against strong opposition. Lulu scored a brace of goals and Lacey scored one also. Well done team.





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Shrewsbury Academy Spotlight – Relentless Ambition

Participating in extracurricular sports and clubs offers numerous benefits for students' well-being, both physically and mentally. Engaging in sports activities helps students maintain a healthy lifestyle by promoting regular physical exercise, which is essential for overall health. Physical activity can reduce the risk of chronic diseases, improve cardiovascular health, and enhance physical fitness. Additionally, it can help manage stress and anxiety by releasing endorphins, which are natural mood lifters.

Beyond the physical benefits, extracurricular activities provide significant mental and emotional advantages. Being part of a team or club fosters a sense of belonging and community, which is crucial for emotional well-being. It helps students build strong social connections, develop friendships, and improve their communication and teamwork skills.

Participating in extracurricular activities can enhance academic performance. Students learn important life skills such as time management, discipline, and goal-setting, which can translate into better study habits and academic achievements. Clubs and sports also offer opportunities for leadership and personal growth, allowing students to explore their interests and passions outside the classroom.





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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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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