



Monday 31st March 2025

PLEASE NOTE: SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO STUDENTS IN YEARS 7,8 AND 9 ON MONDAY 28TH APRIL: SEE BELOW.

Dear Families

Over the past week or so, we have encountered significant disruptions that have affected our phone systems, photocopiers, and internet access. I understand that this may have caused some inconvenience, and I appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

Despite these challenges, I am pleased to say that our teachers have turned this situation into unique learning opportunities. They have embraced the chance to teach differently, creating innovative and engaging lessons that have captivated our students. Without the usual reliance on technology, our teachers have demonstrated remarkable creativity and adaptability, ensuring that the quality of education remains high.

Students have responded positively to these changes, enjoying the variety of activities and the different, yet continued dynamic approach to learning. From hands-on projects to interactive discussions, the lessons have been both educational and enjoyable. This experience has highlighted the resilience and resourcefulness of our teaching staff, as well as the enthusiasm and flexibility of our students.

I am also happy to report that our technical team in school and at the Trust has been working tirelessly to resolve the connectivity issues. We have made significant progress, and we anticipate that all systems will continue to improve in this coming week. Our goal is to ensure that the school's infrastructure is reliable and robust, minimising the risk of similar disruptions in the future.



Jim Taylor

Headteacher

Partial School Closure – From concept to reality...

School will be open to years 10 and 11 ONLY on Monday 28th April 2025. Years 7, 8 and 9 will be set home learning tasks. This is to ensure that the new extension is ready for the Summer term and all new teaching rooms are set up and open by Tuesday, 29th April. Years 10 and 11 will have a special exam cantered revision focused timetable on Monday 28th, as well as receiving a tour of the new building. We are really excited about this and the opportunities for learning that the new facilities will have. It has been years in the planning and building stages, the opening is now just around the corner.



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Julia Buckley MP visits Shrewsbury Academy

This week, Julia Buckley MP visited Shrewsbury Academy to see for herself, the multi million pound STEAM extension. The tour of the new site due to open after Easter, will transform the facilities in the school. But we also spoke to her about the desperate need for a new sports hall, and ways to fund this. We also took the opportunity for parents, Governors staff and students to speak to her, with our students relaying the positive changes in school and how excited they are about the new extension.

Following Easter, we enter the final phase of the build which will see several more areas of the school renovated ahead of September 2025.



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JBUCKLEYLABOUR Posts 

j Buckley It was a real privilege to visit Shrewsbury Academy today.

building all set for opening after the Easter holidays with the Learning Resource Centre, student support services and science, technology and textiles classrooms.

But I was also very impressed with the attitude, behaviour and enthusiasm of the students, as well as the dedication and professionalism of the staff.

By embracing a trauma-led approach to nurturing young people who are struggling, the school has seen huge improvements in wellbeing and performance from their students.

I was very impressed and will be feeding back to the Department for Education on their noticeable improvement.

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Voice

In this week's voice, as the spring term comes to an end, it is time to reflect. What's gone well, but more importantly what else can we do to improve things further? Have your say:

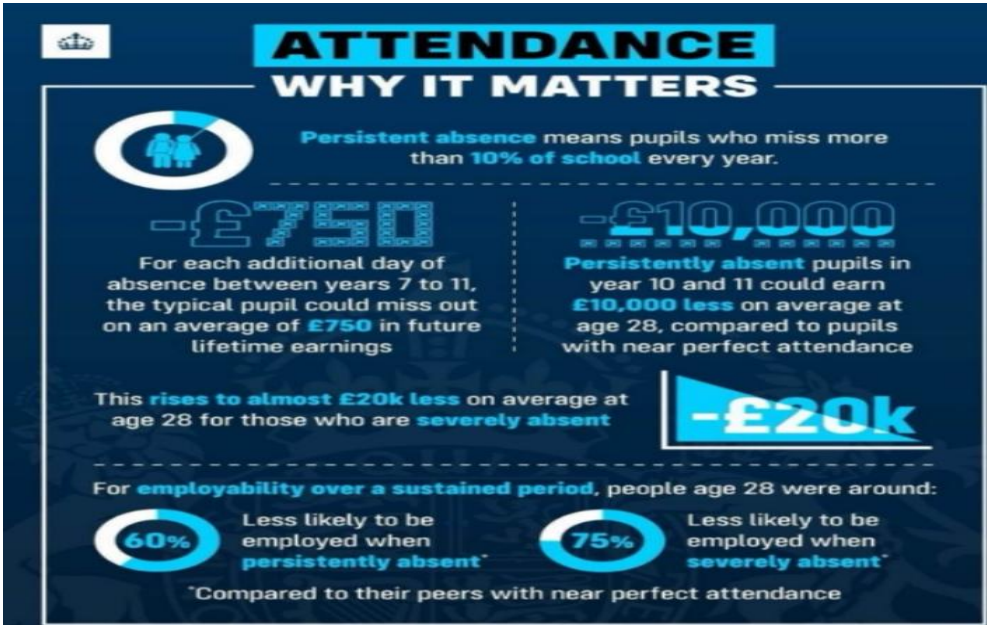


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Shrewsbury Academy Spotlight – Relentless Ambition

Attendance at school has hit a five year high this week, with our attendance figures way above national average for a second week in a row. This is a such a big positive for the school, as attendance rates link so closely with pupil outcomes. A big well done to all of our students!



STEAM – No Wifi – No problem...

Pictured to the right are STEAM club members for some of the last lessons in the old Science teaching labs. After Easter, they will proudly move to the new multi million pound STEAM block.

‘I’m forever blowing bubbles and balloon’ were investigated at STEAM Club. Our brilliant STEAM Club members discussed what they mean by the best bubble (size, duration of inflation – dependent variables) before testing mixtures with guar gum and glycerine (the independent variable).

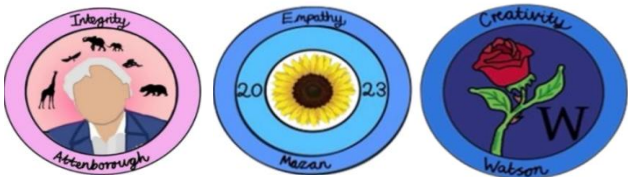
Fun and learning hand in hand as always at STEAM Club. And of course the odd loud bang too! [#weloveSTEAM@SA](#)



Spring 2 – Interhouse Competitions

This term's inter-house competition will focus on KS3 students and the sports they have been participating in this term. The competition will take place during their PE lessons in the week beginning April 7th. The interhouse competitions are proving really successful with great engagement and prizes up for grabs. The sports this half term are:

YEAR GROUP	DATE/S	ACTIVITY	WHERE	WHEN
Year 7	Wednesday 9 th April or Thursday 10 th April	Boys= Basketball Girls= Tag Rugby	Gym Prima Play	In lesson time
Year 8	Tuesday 8 th April or Friday 11 th April	Boys= Basketball Girls= Tag Rugby	Gym Prima Play	In lesson time
Year 9	Monday 7 th April	Boys= Basketball Girls= Tag Rugby	Gym Prima Play	In lesson time



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 Bridge area of the Caradoc Building, in addition we now have a purpose built internal assessment and alternative provision area – The Lighthouse.



STEAM this Half Term.

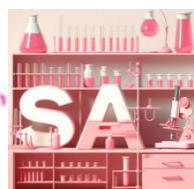


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STEAM
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2025 Spring Term



Tuesday 25th Feb with JAL – Once you pop, you can't stop! Learn about polymers and find out what you can do with balloons, cooking skewers & nerves of steel!

Love loud bangs? Train as a pyrotechnic firer & work staging pyrotechnic shows for large gatherings.

Tuesday 4th March with JAL – Hapus Dewi Sant! Celebrate St David's Day this week with Welsh & Wordsworth, flame testing daffodils & turning them black and blue with transpiration trickery! Loved this? Floriculture (studying/cultivating plants) could be for you!

Tuesday 11th March with JAL – A break in – blimey! Fabulous forensics. Be a science super sleuth and solve the crime. Study forensic science – an amazing & interesting undergraduate degree available at 271 universities & colleges.

Tuesday 18th March with JAL – Be a groovy "geyser" with skateboard rocket cars!

Tuesday 25th March with VMO – Science in the balance - dripping candle see saws. Study the science of balance where opposing forces are in equilibrium, resulting in a stable state!

Tuesday 1st April VMO – PVA polymers = time for slime! Believe it or not there are actually jobs formulating, testing and making slime! I want that job!

Tuesday 8th April – No STEAM Club (move to new STEM building – how exciting!).






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(adults and children aged 5 years and over)
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(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- Infected insect bite**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- Impetigo**
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