



Monday 7th April 2025

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

Dear Families

As we enter the summer term after Easter, we would like to remind you of the importance of upholding our school's uniform standards. A consistent uniform policy not only fosters a sense of community and belonging but also minimises distractions, allowing students to focus on their education. We are relentlessly ambitious for our students and this starts with uniform. The best schools have the highest standards and research shows a clear link between standards and GCSE outcomes.

Please note that leggings are not part of our school uniform. We ask that you ensure your child adheres to the prescribed uniform guidelines, which can be found on <https://www.shrewsburyacademy.co.uk/uniform/>. In the summer term students do not need to wear or bring to their school jumper to school. Students do not need to wear tights but must wear white or black ankle socks (not trainer socks).

On colder days, we expect the school jumper to be worn first before a coat. A coat without the jumper is not acceptable.

Shirts should be tucked in and may be short or long sleeved. Ties should be worn properly. Black tailored shorts may also be worn in the summer term.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated and helps us maintain the high standards we set for our students.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



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. We do not have the building released to us until just before we return after Easter. This release date from the builders is much later than anticipated, meaning we have no time to prepare the building for learning. Years 10 and 11 will have a special exam focussed revision timetable on Monday 28th, as well as getting a tour of the new facilities. We are really excited about this and the opportunities for learning that the new facilities will have. It's been years in the planning and building stage.



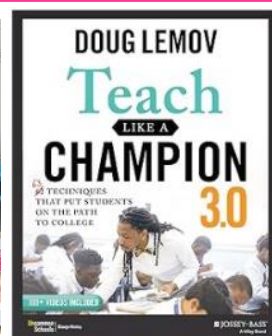
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Teach Like a Champion

Shrewsbury Academy has adopted the teaching strategy 'Teach like a Champion'. I have talked through this before in the bulletin. However the engagement of pupils is really improving, as they see improved consistent approaches from staff.

This week I have had the privilege of visiting over 40 lessons, seeing first hand how learning and engagement has improved, and how focussed our students are on understanding the key aspects of learning called 'powerful knowledge'. Our Spanish team for example is achieving GCSE outcomes above national average and are in fact the strongest results in any of our Trust Schools.

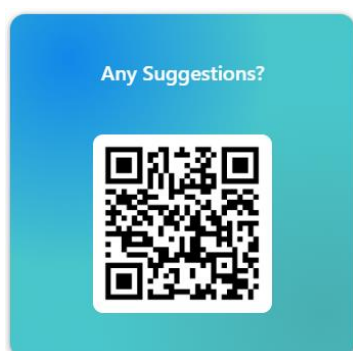
It's always great to see students heavily engaged in learning.



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Voice

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

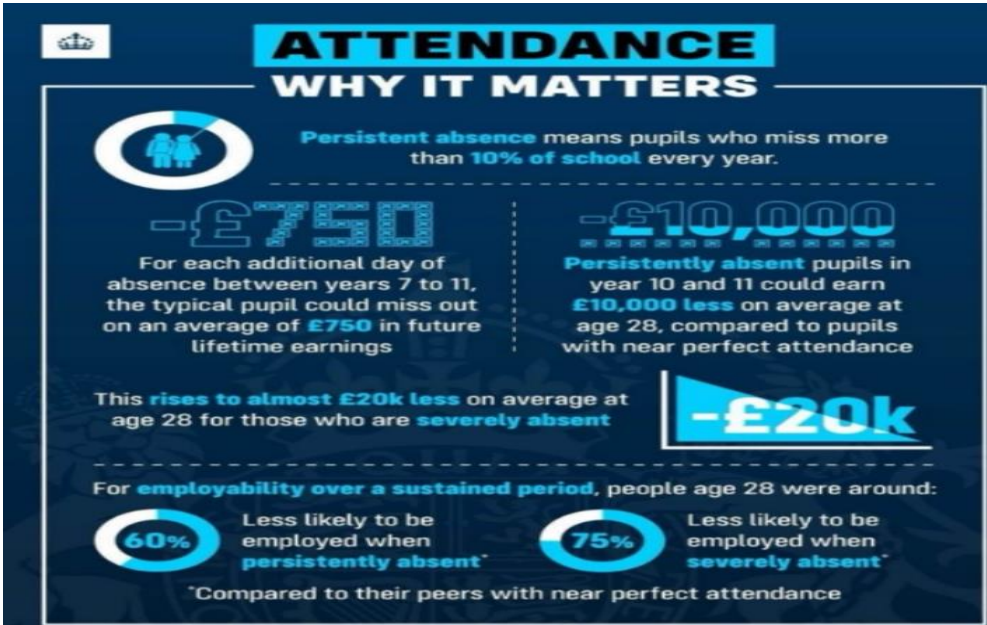


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Shrewsbury Academy Spotlight – Relentless Ambition

Attendance at school has hit a five year high this week, with our attendance rates 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!



British Summer Time Begins

Last weekend saw the clocks go forward an hour and this has brought a warm summery feel to our 7.30am football group. Most mornings Mr Dobson or Mr Rogers will run sessions of football, gym or fitness sessions attracting over 150 pupils a week.

The long shadows of the summer dawn can be seen in the photo with the group appreciating the improved light levels and the warmth of the spring sunshine this week.

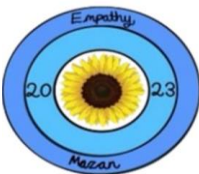
Sport is linked to improved mental wellbeing, improved concentration as well improving fitness and general health. I have never before. seen pre-school sessions in any school during my career, it represents the dedication of staff and students and is exemplary practice. Breakfast club is available to all students straight after for a quick toasted bagel before registration.



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.

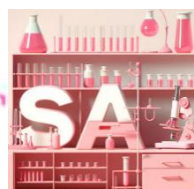


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2025 Spring Term



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 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**
(adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**
(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**
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