

# Shrewsbury School Shortlisted for Prestigious National Award

Thursday 1 April 2021

*Shrewsbury School is delighted to announce that it has been shortlisted for the Boarding School of the Year Award for the second year running in the national TES Independent School Awards.*



This follows the national success of being named the Independent School of the Year at the Independent School of the Year Awards in October 2020, where we were also the joint recipient of the Community Outreach award.

Leo Winkley, Headmaster of Shrewsbury School, comments:

“I am delighted for the pupils and staff of Shrewsbury School that we have been short-listed for Boarding School of the Year 2021. The past twelve months have required communities and individuals to draw deeply on their reserves of resilience and adaptability. As a community that is seven days a week, whether in remote or in person, the pupils and staff have stayed together. As a school, we have worked hard to contribute positively to the community around us, as well as providing the best possible experience for the girls and boys in our care. Shrewsbury aims to empower children to flourish in life and to lead lives that benefit others.

“This short-listing is another encouragement to keep striving in all we do.”

The TES (The Times Educational Supplement) Awards recognise the most outstanding independent schools from across the country and at the 2020 TES Awards Shrewsbury School received unique special recognition when it was ‘highly commended’ in the category of Boarding School of the Year.

TES Editor Jon Severs said: “After a difficult year for all schools, it is an honour to celebrate the TES Independent School awards, not only to celebrate excellent practice but to ensure that practice is shared far and wide.

We received an unparalleled number of entries this year, which is testament to the great work all have done during the pandemic. The schools that have been shortlisted should be proud – it’s a remarkable achievement.”

For the very first time, TES Independent School Awards winners will be announced at a virtual ceremony on Friday 30 April 2021.

# Letters from Shrewsbury No. 21: Dear Three-Dimensional Learner

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# Annual Events of the Old Salopian Hunt in Winter 2020

Thursday 1 April 2021

*Plans were made to hold the annual gathering of The OSH & The RSSH on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020, but, like every other Salopian Sport, on the day we had to comply with Government and School instructions, regarding the Covid Pandemic and consequently cancel our sixty-eight year old Run, back at Shrewsbury, with The Hunt.*

We also missed out on the after-run Tea & Cakes in The Stott Pavilion and, even worse, The Annual Dinner in Kingsland House ! However, seventeen of the OSH Members did manage to hold The AGM on “Zoom” that evening, which showed that we are still determined to carry on and look forward to future events in 2021.

All was not lost for 2020, as the second big event of our calendar, being the Thames Hare & Hounds Annual Alumni Race, was to be held as a Virtual Race. The race organiser, David Jenkins of TH&H, made a decision that the 68th Alumni Race could be run, either on Saturday 12th December or on Sunday 13th December, over a suitably testing 5 Mile Cross-Country course, with at least 90 metres of elevation, preferably in muddy conditions (to replicate the Wimbledon Common course !). After their run, registered entrants would then submit and download their Garmin or Strava data to the “OpenTrack” race recording system, who produce results.

From late September, 2020, onwards, emails were flying to and fro, between organisers, Committee Members and The OSH Club Members. It took just as much organising as if it was an actual normal race in Roehampton ! However, it was so impressive to build a list of 22 entrants to the Race, which is the biggest OSH Team in many decades, enabling Team members to score points in each category of the event.

The race weekend arrived and, with constant monitoring of the OpenTrack Results Page, the numbers of race finishers started to increase over the hours and days that followed. Messages and a few photos also appeared in “Shrewsbury HQ”, demonstrating individual triumphant completion of the 5 Miles. Each time the provisional results were checked, our Team Members were “chalking-up” some really good timings and positions. It actually took several days of checking, to see many revisions of the OpenTrack Results to start showing more accurate results. It had become very clear that Shrewsbury had won The Open Race, which is the first time in 68 years. Since 1953, we had been 3rd once and 2nd four times. With four to count as team scorers, we had Ed Mallett (S. 2008-13 & Huntsman) coming in as our first counter, at 3rd Place, in 28:29 (and 4th place overall), then his brother, George (S. 07-12 & H’), at 11th in 29:55 (14th overall). Seb Blake (S. 11-13 & Whip) was 21st in 31:19 (29th overall) and Will Hayward (R. 12-17 & W’) was 25th in 31:30 (32nd overall). They enabled Shrewsbury to be the Winners of The King Henry VIII School “Old Boys Trophy” – Well Done ! Requiring three to count, our Ladies did a good job, taking 2nd Place in their category, being pipped by two points, by “St. John’s Leatherhead”. Liv Papioannou (EDH. 14-15 & H’) in 33:30, with Ali Ardisino (M. 17-19) in 36:47 and Flic Hayward (EDH. 17-19 & H’) in 40:43 made a good impression. Then, along came the V60 Category Team Members, who won with 26 Points, way ahead of Winchester’s 42 points, being David Thomas (Rt. 71-75), Tim Bedell (S. 74-78 & H’) and Michael Johnson (S. 55-60). Congratulations to them ! The OSH Members of the V65 Category had their glory snatched by Stowe, with only 4 points in it. Michael Johnson and Richard Hudson (M. 67-72) could have won with one more team member, which just goes to demonstrate that the more runners that join our annual Alumni Race Team, whatever age group, the more chance we have of winning

the different categories. In addition, it was great to see a contingent of RSSH members enter the race (as guests) with The Huntsman, Oscar Hamilton-Russell (R.) come in 13th place overall (in 29:53) followed by Under 17 Will Singleton (R.) at 15th (in 30:17). The Full Results can be seen and analysed, by going to <https://data.opentrack.run/en-gb/x/2020/GBR/thhar-20> . Praise and thanks go out to all of our 19 OSH finishers and it is hoped that they will all be able to make the next Alumni Race even more exciting, by running in person at Roehampton in December.

Our OSH 2020 Stars of The Alumni Race are :- The Mallett Brothers ; The Blake Brothers (Seb & Kris) ; Brother & Sister, Will & Flic Hayward ; The Hon. Sec. Liv ; Edward Tusting ; Ben Hebblethwaite ; Piers Jones ; Ali A. ; Rupert Lougee ; The Hon. Treas. David ; James Humpish ; Passy Goddard ; Tim B. ; Michael J. ; Simon Pickles and Richard H.

You all deserve a big Thank you and Well Run, from me and all of The OSH.  
Peter Birch. Chairman of The OSH Committee.

# HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Friday 9 April 2021

*Shrewsbury School is deeply saddened by the news that His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh has passed away.*

Our deepest sympathies are with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal Family at this time.

The Salopian community is among those mourning across the Nation and the Commonwealth.

As an expression of our sadness the School's flag is flying at half-mast.

There is an online book of condolence available to sign on the [official website of the British Monarchy](#).

We were fortunate to welcome Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh in 1952 to celebrate our 400th Anniversary. [Please follow this link to view footage taken during](#)

# Spectators on-site for Sport Fixtures

Friday 16 April 2021

*It has been both heart-warming and exciting to see competitive sports fixtures played again at Shrewsbury with three days of cricket in the balmy April weather to whet our appetite!*

Behind the scenes the sports department along with other areas of the school are constantly navigating both Sports National Governing Body guidelines and the Department for Education guidance on what we can and cannot do in terms of playing competitive fixtures, hosting opposition and allowing spectators on-site.

After these first few days of pre-season cricket and with the return of pupils onsite, we have taken the decision to pause and reflect on the good practice that has been evident as well as areas that we feel we can improve upon.

As such we will not be permitting spectators/parents on-site over the coming week for both parents of Shrewsbury School pupils and the parents of opposition schools.

We anticipate that once the school has settled back into its now 'normal' rhythm, with twice weekly testing of pupils and staff, that we will look to allow spectators back onto the school site in accordance with NGB and DfE guidance.

We thank you for your cooperation on this matter and as we have iterated to the pupil body, "It is everybody's job to keep our school community safe during this COVID-19 period.

Best wishes

***Andrew Pembleton, Director of Sport***

# Futures & Higher Education Bulletin

Wednesday 21 April 2021

*Futures and Higher Education Bulletin Edition 12 Lent Term 2021 from the Futures Department, full of useful information, reminders, resources and weblinks for Fifth and Sixth Formers and their parents.*

Please follow the link to download it as a pdf: [Futures Bulletin Edition 12, Lent Term 2021.](#)



# Lockdown training put to the test for Boat Club in Virtual Race

Wednesday 21 April 2021

*At the end of the Lent Term the Boat Club took part in the Virtual Schools' Head of the River which was held to replace the cancelled Schools' Head traditionally hosted on the tideway in London.*

The format of the racing was for crews to cover 2112m on the water in one direction and submit GPS files which recorded speed and distance.

The event provided a good focus for the crews in the final few weeks of the term and some very strong results to give some confidence and reward for the significant hours of training completed in through lockdown.

1st VIII 2nd narrowly losing to St Paul's School by 0.4sec

1st IV+ 1st

2nd VIII 1st



J16A VIII 3rd



J16B VIII 1st

Girls 1st 4X 1st

Girls 2nd 4X 1st



# Cricket season gets off to a promising start

Friday 23 April 2021

*Cricket has returned once more to the playing fields of Shrewsbury, with the opening week of the season seeing boys and girls return to action under beautiful blue skies.*

The 1st XI have faced Warwickshire, Worcestershire, and the MCC, while the Girls 1st XI have progressed to the 2nd round of the National 100 ball competition after their pre-season preparations against Warwickshire.

There was a notable milestone for 4th Former Jack H (Rb) on Sunday, who, in just his 6th appearance for the 1st XI, completed a wonderful century against Warwickshire. The 14-year-old opened the batting, and finished with 106 runs from 135 balls, helping his team to a 77 run victory. The Radbrook pupil is currently attached to the Worcestershire CCC Academy, and will be looking to impress further as the season goes on. Fellow Worcestershire Academy player Harry C (PH, L6) also shone in the same fixture, taking 6 wickets for 34 runs.

The U17 Boys and 1st XI Girls also both enjoyed National Cup wins on Thursday, comfortably beating Newcastle-under-Lyme and Rugby School respectively.

Results:

April 12th 2021

Warwickshire CCC Academy U19 219-8 (50overs), (J Parry 3-36), Shrewsbury School 220-7 (A Jassel 3-19), (JJ Fielding 80)

April 13th

Worcestershire CCC U19 Academy 219-8 (50overs), (J Pattenden 3-31), Shrewsbury School 87-10, (B Parker 5-24)

April 14th

Worcestershire CCC U19 Academy 173-3 (20 overs), (H Cullen 62), Shrewsbury School 90-8  
Shrewsbury School 77-10 (18.4 overs), Worcestershire CCC U19 79-6

April 18th

Shrewsbury School 262-6 (50overs), (J Home 106), Warwickshire CCC Academy U19 186-10, (H Cooke 6-34), (A Riaz 69)

April 21st

MCC 138-10 (40 overs), (A Gallimore 4-28) Shrewsbury School 102-10

April 21st

Cheadle Hulme Girls 1st XI 63-4 (100 balls), Shrewsbury School Girls 1st XI 64-0

April 22nd

U17 Boys 250-3 (35 overs), (Cooke 100, Jenkins 51), Newcastle-under-Lyme 74-10

April 22nd

Girls 1st XI 189-2 (20 overs), (Morris 103\*), Rugby 108-9

# Success for Salopian in Pony European Selection Trial

Friday 23 April 2021

*Archie T (Rt, IV) won by a four-mark margin at West Park Horse Trials on Sunday, April 11th.*

Riding his horse Mohill Gypsy, Archie was awarded first place in the Pony European Selection Trial.

Archie said; “This is my second season doing the Pony European Trials but unfortunately there was no Europeans last year due to COVID.

“I was in the lead after the dressage phase but picked up four penalties in the show jumping phase. I regained the lead after having the second fastest time in cross country and winning by a four-mark margin. I am now looking forward to moving onto horses and hopefully taking eventing into a professional career in the future.”

# Annual Darwin Science Competition sees record numbers of participation

Friday 23 April 2021

*This year's virtual competition was a success across the globe*

Once again circumstances dictated that the Darwin Science Competition take place in a remote format for the second year running, but the number of teams entering has never been higher. With 39 submissions the competition was fierce and, with geography not a consideration, the 21 participating schools were located all around the UK and even internationally!

The 2021 competition focused entirely on the quiz this year (with hopes to re-introduce a practical element in person in 2022). Teams of four Year 7 pupils battled over rounds on space, famous discoveries, eminent scientists, sounds from nature and the traditional biology, chemistry and physics to win the coveted trophy. Having such a breadth of teams entering necessitates a challenging set of questions to split them and the pupils rose to the challenge admirably, with some highly impressive scores and many reports of a great deal of fun from their teachers.



All pupils who entered will receive a certificate of participation, sent out to Schools this week.

Such has been the success of the remote competition this year and last, it is certainly something we are hoping to continue in future, even as we return to a local competition with tasks in the Shrewsbury School laboratories included.

A few teams came very close to the coveted 'medal positions', and all pupils received a certificate of participation. The following earn the accolade of Highly Commended:

- Aysgarth '1' (North Yorkshire)
- Pembroke House (Kenya)
- Prestfelde '1' (Shropshire)

In third place this year were Team 1 from Thomas's Battersea and the second position was occupied by Team 2 from Moor Park.

Champions of the Darwin Science Competition 2021 were Team 1 from Shrewsbury High Prep School (pictured) – very well done indeed Tristan, Hamish and Sam!



The winning pupils and school will each receive a copy of *The Science Book* along with the trophy for display in their department.

We extend our thanks and congratulations to all pupils who took part and especially the facilitating staff at each institution; we are thoroughly looking forward to next year!

Mr David Wray

Head of Science Outreach



# Head of Dance appointed and Old Salopian lands Assistant Choreographer role with National Youth Music Theatre

Friday 23 April 2021

*There have been some exciting developments for Salopian Dance this week*

We are delighted to announce that Miss Sian Archer has been appointed as Head of Dance from September 2021.

Miss Archer has been teaching at Shrewsbury for the last seven years, having trained at Kate Simmons Dance, where she specialised in Ballet, Tap and Contemporary. She has overseen the development of dance as one of the school's fastest growing activities over recent years, with ever-increasing numbers of students taking classes in a variety of dance styles.

The opening of the Barnes Theatre in 2020 has provided the school with a state-of-the-art dance studio, which is also registered as an exam centre for students wishing to take graded examinations in ballet, tap and contemporary. Miss Archer's appointment heralds a new era for dance at Shrewsbury and will enable the school to offer an even wider range of classes, with students working towards exams and taking part in elite competitions, as well as enjoying recreational dance.



Miss Archer will be joined in the department by Miss Olivia Jones, who will be teaching classes in Jazz, Commercial and Musical Theatre, as well as assisting with our outreach programme, leading a Competition Team and developing a Strength and Conditioning programme for dancers.

Miss Jones trained at Bird College Conservatoire for Dance and Musical Theatre in London, graduating in 2015 with a BA Honours Degree. She has worked as a dancer and performer both in the UK and internationally and has taught at various schools, colleges and dance studios across the Midlands, including DanceXchange, the Birmingham Hippodrome and the Old Rep

Theatre in Birmingham. She holds her IDTA Associate in Ballet Teaching and a Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training.

This week, we were also very pleased to hear that Anya Tonks (OS, MSH 2020) has been appointed as Assistant Choreographer within the National Youth Music Theatre's Creative Mentoring scheme. Anya will be working on the NYMT's production of 'Billy The Kid' in London this summer, before taking up a place to study Dance and Choreography at Falmouth University in September.



Miss Archer, who has taught Anya for the last five years, said: "I am so pleased for Anya, it's a fantastic opportunity for her to explore and gain new choreography skills. She has worked hard over the last twelve months, teaching dance at Shrewsbury Bangkok. I really look forward to seeing what she achieves over the summer."



# Letters from Shrewsbury No. 22: Dear Pedestrian

Monday 26 April 2021

*The latest in the Headmaster's series of 'Letters from Shrewsbury'. A letter to 'Dear Pedestrian'*

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# Dubai Salopian Event

Tuesday 27 April 2021

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## **Dubai Salopian Event**

This year's much anticipated Salopian get together took place at the world-famous Waldorf Astoria Hotel located within Dubai's International Financial Centre and was made up of Old Salopians, various partners, and prospective parents.

Rather than continue with the usual sit-down meal formula (and last years ill-fated cricket match), it was decided to add some spice to the evening and that *most* traditional of Salopian pursuits was introduced – competitive wine tasting.

Guests were welcomed into the Bull & Bear Restaurant/Bar with a flowing glass of traditional red sangria. As the group numbers increased I noticed that so too did the noise volume and at this moment it was clear the evening was off to an electric start.

After half an hour or so of catching up and mingling we were escorted to the venue's balcony terrace on the 18<sup>th</sup> floor, where the blind wine tasting would commence. After an indefinite period of group loitering, we finally managed to divide ourselves into 3 teams ready for our South African hostess to start the tasting. The competition format consisted of the hostess verbally providing two descriptions for each wine and each team then having to guess the correct description.

Our first team was rather Salopian heavy and made up of Nikolas Tryggvason, Ed Bevan, Nick Green and Charlie Marlow. Much like the Laurenz V Singing Grüner Veltliner from Austria they were lively, vibrant, and palatably friendly. I won't however touch on their aromas.

The responsibility of securing The Schools future firmly landed on my shoulders as my table hosted the prospective parents, who were a joy to welcome and I am confident their children will fit into school life perfectly. Mirroring the Sallier de la Tour Inzolia from Italy, the conversation was fresh and light with stories told of Shropshire's flowery meadows and notes of zest and bite.

We now come onto the winning team of Mark Towers, Edward Gallagher, and Mike Rigby. Our third wine, the Santa Carolina 2018 Carolina Reserva Carmenère from Chile, was spicy and briary to the nose as this team were to the eyes and ears in their dominant pursuit of victory. Edward Gallagher was certainly feeling saucy and wild on this occasion!

Just like our final wine, the Santa Julia Malbec, Salopians and friends of The School only ever get better with age and the event was a shining example of this. The conversation was full of plum, had a velvety finish and was most certainly full bodied.

A big thank you must go to the Salopian Club for their continued support with this annual event, which has now been running for a decade.

Salopians in the UAE are regularly in touch, so if you find yourself in the regions please feel free to get in touch – [rupert.connor@gmail.com](mailto:rupert.connor@gmail.com).

Floreat Salopia

Rupert James Connor (S. 92 – 97)

# Old Salopian Football Club Powers On

Tuesday 27 April 2021

*The fixture started frantically with both sides closing down their opponents with tactical fouls and terrific energy ...*

In the Arthur Dunn trophy, the Old Salopians are in the Quarter finals against Old Kimboltians which are due to be played by mid May. The Salopians have so far beaten Old Shirburnians and recently a very strong Old Etonians side.

Old Etonians 0 - **Old Salopians 1**

**Date :** 17 April 2021

**Location :** Club Des Sports, East Acton (due to Cricket season at Eton College)

This was a fixture which on paper favoured the Etonians who came third in the top division of the league the previous season (the division above where our 1<sup>st</sup> XI play).

The fixture started frantically with both sides closing down their opponents with tactical fouls and terrific energy. The tie could have gone either way with spectators thinking that 1-0 to either side could be the end result.

The Salopians missed a few chances in the second half but, when the time mattered, a ball was played through the middle between the Etonian centre backs and Raul Alexis (SH 2006-2009) pounced on the chance, slotting a left footed strike into the bottom right hand corner of the goal with 25 minutes to play.

The Salopians held on and in all honesty suffered few final attacks with our defence playing a very composed and dominant match. Man of the match was our centre half Charlie Pilkington (G 2006-2011).

Photo : What was the score Raul?

Featuring goal scorer Raul Alexis (SH 2006-2009).



# Salopians come 3rd in the country at International Maths Competition

Tuesday 27 April 2021

*The Maths competition is an annual event that sees pupils solving 30 mathematics problems against other school pupils.*

**The Purple Comet! Math Meet** is a free, annual, international, online, team, mathematics competition designed for middle and high school students that has been held every year since 2003.

This year over 12,000 students from over 50 countries from Afghanistan to Vietnam competed – and the Shrewsbury School team came first in their class and third in the entire country.

Teams compete by submitting solutions to a list of 30 mathematics problems. There is a ten-day window during which teams may compete choosing a start time most convenient for them. The problems range in difficulty from fairly easy to extremely challenging.

Well done to Ivan Y (SH, U6), Richard L (O, U6), Eustacia F (M, L6), Yuhan W (MSH, L6) and Saku N (O, L6) who performed outstandingly at the “just for fun” maths mental workout. This year’s official results can be found [here](#).

# Students test their knowledge in the annual Hawksley-Burbury Science Competition

Wednesday 28 April 2021

*The Hawksley-Burbury Science Competition is our annual Practical Science competition and is open to any scientist in the Fifth and Sixth Forms, testing skills of observation and scientific deduction.*

The competition is named after Samuel Hawksley-Burbury (OS 1848-50), a former Head of School who went on to become a Fellow of the Royal Society (FRS).

It consists of three sections (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) in each of which candidates are set a number of short tasks requiring careful observation and analysis.

It is not necessary to be studying these subjects at AS or A2 level to take part, as the competition does not require specialised knowledge.



Twenty-four students took part in this year's competition.

**Overall winner:** Harry Clarke (Ch, L6)

**Prox accessit:** Kate Rutherford (EDH, L6) and Marco Chan (O, L6)

**Individual practical winners:**

**Biology:** Marco Chan (O, L6)

**Chemistry:** Yuhan Wang (MSH, L6)

**Physics:** Harry Clarke (Ch, L6)

Harry will be presented with his prize at the Academic Prizegiving during Speech Day at the end of the Summer Term.

*Mr David Wray  
Head of Science Outreach*

# Relatively Speaking at Soulton Hall

Thursday 29 April 2021

## *Open air theatre returns to Shropshire*

Robin Case (Staff 1980 to 2013) and Tim Ashton (S, 200-2005) have teamed up to continue the tradition of open-air theatre at Soulton Hall, the Ashton family estate.

During the first lockdown, Tim Ashton built a theatre on the estate to help struggling theatre companies and struggling actors (see *The Salopian*, Winter 2020, pp 76,77). After a successful 2020, the new season at Soulton Hall opens with Classic Theatre Company's *Relatively Speaking*, Alan Ayckbourn's witty garden comedy, directed by Robin Case.

Classic Theatre Company is a small group of actors, drawn from all over the country, and dedicated to the high-quality performance of popular but well-respected drama. And *Relatively Speaking* is no exception.

Apart from the first scene, the play is set in a garden, so what better setting than the walled garden at Soulton? The play opens in Ginny and Greg's tiny London bedsit. But why are there so many flowers, and whose slippers are under the bed? Meanwhile at their house Buckinghamshire, Philip is wondering why the post arrives on Sunday, and why his wife isn't going to church today.

We hope that as many Salopians as possible will support Tim and Robin's initiative to help actors as they emerge from lockdown and swell the audience at Soulton for performances at 2.00pm and 6.00pm on Thurs 20, Fri 21, Sat 22, and Sun 23 May.

Bring your own chairs, and maybe a picnic. Excellent bar facilities available.

Tickets £20 or buy 4 for £60. Visit <http://www.soultonhall.co.uk/event/54/provisional-play.htm>

This production is sponsored by Tanners Wines, Shrewsbury



# Rowing crews make significant progress during training days

Thursday 29 April 2021

*Despite not be able to run the annual training camps, rowers enjoyed a two-day session on the water.*

With the restriction on international travel and overnight trips in place, the Boat Club could not run its usual annual April training camps and instead ran two short series of training days to get the crews out on the water.



The J15s were the first to get going and having had a very limited time on the water in the preceding term, it was a great opportunity to get them out in a range of boats. For the land training sessions and crew boat-work the rowers were based at the boathouse. For small boat-work we travelled to Bomere.



All involved made significant progress in a short space of time and it was a great opportunity to have the Senior Boys and Girls coaches working with the J15's.



At the end of the holiday, it was the chance of the Seniors and J16's to get out on the water. The weather was fantastic and the timely easing of some travel restrictions allowed the Senior Boys and Girls to get some time out on Lake Vyrnwy.





# Shrewsbury School begins cricket season with four centuries

Thursday 29 April 2021

*The cricket season got off to a flying start with four centuries from our Salopians.*

Jack H (Rb, IV), Izzy M (MSH, L6) and Harry C (PH, L6) have shone on the cricket field in the first two weeks of the summer, with all three scoring centuries for the school in the space of just five days.

Fourth former Jack's 106 came while opening the batting for the 1st XI against Warwickshire, Izzy smashed 103 not out for the Girl's 1st XI against Rugby, while Harry hit exactly 100 against Newcastle-under-Lyme for the u17's.

Harry said: "It felt amazing to hit a senior century for Shrewsbury School, especially in a cup competition. I'm looking forward to this season because I feel like we have a strong chance to win lots of silverware as a team and as a school across both 1XI teams."

Izzy added: "When I knew I had reached 100 runs I felt proud of myself and happy to be in the team that helped to get me there. I am very excited to see what the rest of the season brings!"



Gwenan Davies, Head of Girl's cricket said: "Izzy has the ability to score quickly at the top of the order, and on her day can take the game away from any bowling attack. Her explosive knock was another example of her talent as an incredibly clean striker of a ball."

Adam Shantry, Cricket Professional, added: "A century is a fine achievement at any level of cricket, and to have three of our players reach this landmark so early in the season is especially pleasing. We look forward to seeing all our young cricketers develop the habit of contributing match defining scores on a regular basis."

- Upper 6th Former JJ fielding (Rt) has become the latest Salopian to add to the list of centuries, scoring his first ton of the season as Shrewsbury post 196-4 from their 30 overs at Wrekin College

# Sixth Former offered place at one of the UK's most highly-regarded theatre schools

Friday 30 April 2021

*The theatre school programme only offers 20 places each year.*

Orlando W (U6, Rt) has been offered a place on the Foundation Acting programme at the Guildford School of Acting.

GSA is one of the country's top vocational conservatoires and offers only twenty places each year. This year, the audition process has been even more challenging than usual, with auditions via self-tape and zoom rather than in person!



Orlando said: "I am most looking forward to the life experience and emotional maturity that this course will offer. I feel it is the best step in the right direction I could take at this stage in my life and I am so honoured that I have been accepted.

"Having directed my own production at Shrewsbury, I am also looking forward specifically to the directing and writing modules that are offered on the course, as well as the vast range of skills I will learn and hone through other modules."



Dr Helen Brown, Director of Drama, added: “We are delighted for Orlando, who has been a dedicated member of Shrewsbury’s theatrical community since his arrival as a Drama Scholar in the third form.

“In his first year, he took the starring role of Joe Keller in the Junior production of ‘All My Sons’ – an experience which inspired a love for Arthur Miller’s work which led him to direct his own production of ‘A View from the Bridge’ in the Lower Sixth.

"He has performed in every school play during his time at Shrewsbury, from ‘His Dark Materials’ to ‘Jesus Christ Superstar’. In 2018, he toured to the Edinburgh Fringe with the school’s original musical adaptation of ‘Rebecca’, and would have taken the role of Tom Buchanan in ‘The Great Gatsby’ had Covid not intervened.”