

Asdan Pupils Raise Funds for Midland Air Ambulance

Year 11 Asdan pupils visited the air ambulance crew at RAF Cosford to present a cheque for £800 which was raised from organising a charity race.





The Shifnal Gallop 10K (6 miles) was held for the first time on a very cold snowy and frosty morning on Sunday 31st January. Despite this the Asdan pupils turned up early to help set the course with signs and to greet all the competitors. Pupils were involved in all aspects of organising the race including designing the course, advertising the race, and processing all the entries. On race day pupils and staff took the role of marshalls to make sure all the runners followed the route and didn't get lost on the six miles through the countryside north of Idsall. Pupils were also at the finish to welcome runners at the finish and give out the medals.



The number of entries exceeded all expectation with over 170 runners from all over the Midlands entering the race. This meant that even after covering the costs, such as medals for all the finishers, the race raised £800 for Midland Air Ambulance. Competitors have posted reviews of the race on the Runner's World website with comments such as "I was struck by the great organisation, the number of encouraging marshalls and a real professional feel to the race" and with everyone saying they would run the race again it looks like the race will become an annual event.