



Dear parents and carers

It has certainly been a very busy week in Church Stretton school.

With the first week of term now completed, may I take this opportunity to formally congratulate last year's year 11 pupils on their superb GCSE examination achievements. It was lovely to see so many on results day and witness their joy as they collected the rewards of their hard work. We wish them the very best as they leave us for exciting next steps in their education, employment or training.

Our expectations for all to be Ready, Respectful & Safe were shared with years 8 and 9 in assemblies earlier this week, led by Head of Year 8, Ms Gajny and Head of Year 9, Mr Elkins. This was followed on Wednesday by the year 11 year group photographs being taken. These will provide memories for years to come, when they are able to look back at their friends amongst the whole year group.

Also on Wednesday it was lovely to see over 70 of our pupils competing in after school netball, rugby and football fixtures at Ludlow School. Thank you to Mrs Hodnett, Head of PE, Mr Kirkby and other helpers who accompanied our pupils to Ludlow for the event.

Today, students in Year 7 who had attended Conover Hall returned to school having enjoyed a fantastic experience. Many tired but happy faces appeared from the coaches, including staff who had accompanied the students! I am sure Year 7 students would like to join me in thanking all staff for accompanying them. The Conover Hall staff were extremely complimentary about our students which was lovely to hear. Well done Year 7!

Also today, a group of Year 9 Sports Leaders have been assisting Ms Dillon, School Games Organiser with a fantastic cross-country event in Carding Mill Valley.

Phew! A busy start to the autumn term I am sure you will agree.

Finally, please look out for a letter regarding our Open Evening event happening on 28th September. There is important information in the letter about arrangements on the day for an early finish to school that will mean pupils leave site before the normal end of day.

Have a lovely weekend

John Parr
Headteacher

Tutor Time Take-away

This weeks' focus was on fire alarm reminders. Please do ask you child about the topic and get them to explain to you what was discussed.



Dates for your Diary

Mon 18th Sept- School Photographs
Thurs 28th Sept- Open Evening 17:00-19:30
Fri 29th Sept- Open Morning 09:30-11:00
Fri 6th Oct - Sponsored Walk

Pupil Absence Procedure

Please click [here](#) for information regarding reporting a pupil absence. Thank you.

Appointments

We appreciate that pupils may need to have appointments during the school day, please could we ask that we have prior notice and a copy of the appointment card/letter.
Thank you.

Next week will be **Week A**

Sporting News

Please can students collect lunch passes for their PE lunch time clubs from the PE office at the start of the week. Students can then show this pass to enter the queue on first calling.

A reminder that students who cannot take part in PE should always bring a note and their PE kit to take part in other roles.

Fixture Results

This week, CSS went away for our annual Varsity against our local derby, Ludlow School. We took 6 teams, including: year U13 netball, U14 netball, U16 netball, year 8 boys football, year 9 rugby and year 10/11 rugby.

We filled the 72-seater bus and made the journey up the A49, full of excitement for the first fixture of the 2023 school year.

Over on the netball courts, the games for all ages were end to end and very close. Ludlow are always well drilled and we managed to keep up, winning a few quarters, but overall, couldn't quite finish on top. We will take the small wins for this- plenty of time to train and we look forward for a return fixture.

Over in the football, the boys looked capable and held possession well. The game was end to end, CSS leading 1-0 then Ludlow returning soon after to make it 1-1. Within 5 minutes both teams scored making it 2-2. With 5 minutes to go, CSS took a free kick which screamed into the top left corner- we thought we had taken the win before it shortly after got revoked as offside. The boys were understandably gutted, but they should be happy how they performed.

Our Year 9 boys were set out to impress Mr Kirkby who has been teaching the rugby in PE. The boys were up against a side who play outside of school, but this didn't deter them from making great runs and tackles. The final score literally had one point in it, an extra 10 minutes and things could have been different!

Over on the far pitch, our year 10/11 rugby team were back and forth against a side they have played against a few times, and previously beaten. Our boys played excellently as a unit, with some excellent kicking from Tate Crippin, they managed to convert all tries. We were just pipped in the final play and took a loss by 2 points overall.

A fantastic, busy and impressive first outing. Roll on the new school sports year!!

A message about kit:

A reminder that shin pads, gum shield and boots are part of the required PE kit. Students are required to bring shin pads and gum shield for hockey and boots and gumshield for rugby.

Thank you

PE

Timetable

can be
found

[HERE](#)

Lost Property

If your child/ren have lost any items of clothing, please ask them to check lost property in W1.

Please can we also ask parents and children to check at home whether they have the correct labelled PE kits as a few have gone missing in recent weeks.

Thank you

Extra-curricular activities Autumn term 2023-24

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	KS4 Drama Workshop KS3 Netball- HH KS3 Boys Rugby- GK	Year 8 and 9 Drama Club Art Club KS3 Table Tennis - JS Volleyball- GK Fitness- HH Leadership Club- LD Orchestra – B9 - AJC	Choir – B9 – AJC KS4 Netball- HH KS4 Basketball – GK Dance Club- AB Year 7 STEM club in B3-DF & KJ Carr	Year 7 Drama Club Badminton KS3- PW KS3+4 Football – JS + GK	KS3 film club W6 LS Badminton KS4- PW
After school 3.30 start	Girls Rugby –GK Hockey – MW Monday Night Noise – B9 – AJC/TR	9,10 &11 Football – GK Girls Football – HH + JS X Country - YG	Netball all Years – HH + AB Gym Club – TW/AR <i>Dungeons & Dragons Club</i>	School Show Rehearsal (KS4) Boys Basketball – GK Girls Basketball- HH Portfolio Workshop (KS4)	School Show Rehearsal (KS4)

PE Activities

Drama Activities (Studio)

Art Activities (B10)

Music Activities (B9)

Other Activities

PE EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

	<u>LUNCH –12.20-1PM</u>	<u>AFTER SCHOOL 3.10-4.30</u>
MONDAY	KS3 Netball (HH) KS3 Boys Rugby (GK)	Girls Rugby ALL YEARS (GK) Hockey ALL YEARS (MW)
TUESDAY	Table Tennis (JS) Volleyball (GK) Fitness Club/Gym (HH) Leadership Club (LD)	Years 9, 10 & 11 Boys Football (GK) Girls Football (HH + JS) X Country Running Club (YG)
WEDNESDAY	KS4 Netball (HH) KS4 Basketball (GK) Dance Club (AB)	Netball training – ALL YEARS (HH) (AB) Gym Club – Fitness Suite (TW)
THURSDAY	Badminton KS3 (PW) KS4 Football (GK) KS3 Football (JS)	Boys Basketball all years (GK) Girls Basketball all years (HH)
FRIDAY	Badminton KS4 (PW)	

Joining a club can help you: Improve skills, fitness & social skills. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Hodnett or Mr Kirkby



Student of the Week



Winners and nominees for this week are listed below....

This week's winners

KS3 Winner

Aris Perantinos nominated by Mr Seager for Aris has made an excellent start to Year 9. He is already showing a good knowledge of the set text we are reading in class. Well done Aris!

KS4 Winner

Scarlett Hurrell nominated by Mr Cox for Superb independent work in physics.



This week's nominations:

KS3 Nominations

Student Name	Nominated by	Reason for Nomination
Isobel Shaw	Mr lowe	Outstanding contribution to form time. Great at offering conversation points during activities and extremely positive towards creating a tutor group and 'house' spirit. Well done!
Ethan Sheffield	Miss Evans	Excellent prior knowledge and enthusiasm as we begin our study of Sherlock Holmes.
Alice Little	Miss Evans	Alice is incredibly insightful and is always so enthusiastic to share her ideas in class and encourage others. An excellent role model.
William Reece	Mr Wright	Volunteering to come in on year 7s first day to help them settle
Sam Brereton Hamer	Mr Wright	For volunteering to come in on year 7s first day to help them settle in
George Powis	Mr Balmer	Excellent contributions to English lessons!

KS4 Nominations

Student Name	Nominated by	Reason for Nomination
Tia Adams	Mrs Fletcher-Tyrie	Fabulous sketchbook planning in preparation for clay work.
Isabel Strelitz	Mr Lowe	A fantastic first week in Year 11 Maths - Completing good work to a high standard and speaking confidently when chosen to give answers. Well done!
Tate Crippin	Mrs Hodnett	Man of the Match for the KS4 Rugby match vs Ludlow. Tate scored a hatrick and also kicked and converted every try.
Lawson Wyatt	Mrs Chapman	An outstanding start to Key Stage 4 Music! Such a positive attitude ... well done.
Charlie Warburton	Mrs Scott	Outstanding start to year 10 maths
Phoebe Jammaz	Mrs Scott	Outstanding start to year 10 maths
George Degg	Miss Evans	George has shown a real resilience and hard working attitude since joining the class. It is clear he wants to excel in English and will work hard in order to do so.

Chloe Stafford	Miss Evans	Chloe has completed some voluntary pre-study work on Macbeth as she begins GCSE English. This work has led to her having a very strong understanding of the plot which she has been enthusiastic to share with the class. Chloe has also helped a number of her peers when they have been upset and has been there to offer reassurance- a truly kind soul.
Chloe Walder	Miss Evans	Chloe has returned to year 11 even more committed and hard working. It is clear she wants to do well and is willing to work hard in order to achieve. She was also eager to make a start on homework and did this straight away. Well done Chloe-keep up the hard work and positive influence on your peers!
Katie Pateman	Miss Evans	Excellent start to year 11 with some incredible and perceptive insights as we begin 'A Christmas Carol'. It is clear that Katie wants to improve and her analytical writing has shown real progress since returning. Keep up the hard work Katie!
Denis Barker	Mr Balmer	A wonderful start to his GCSE studies in English!
Jack Wheal	Mr Balmer	An excellent attitude in English and some really good analysis in his book.
Wilf Turner	Mr Balmer	Excellent attitude and work-rate in English.
Charlotte Hale	Mr Bird	Excellent start to Chemistry
Owen Rushton	Mr Bird	Excellent start to Chemistry
Jack Garner	Mr Seager	Jack has made an excellent start to Year 10. He has made a range of fantastic contributions during class discussions. Well done Jack!
Leila Jones	Mr Cox	Excellent effort and contributions in physics



CHOIR



Wednesday

12.45 - 1.15

B9 (Music Room)

Year 7 & 8

Free Harp Taster Session



Friday 22nd September 12.30 - 1.15 Music Room (B9)

Limited Spaces See Miss Chapman if you would like to attend

Orchestra

(For anyone who already plays an instrument)



Tuesday 12.45 - 1.15

B9 (Music Room)

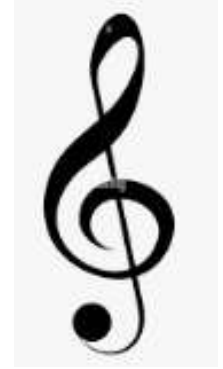


What's on - Music

Monday 3.30 – 5.00 - Monday Night Noise

Tuesday 12.45 – 1.15 - Orchestra

Wednesday 12.45 – 1.15 – Choir



Friday 22nd September 12.30 – 1.15 – Harp Taster Session for Year 7 & 8 students (Limited places – see Miss Chapman to reserve your place)

Composer of the Week is **J.S. Bach**

Research this composer and present your findings in an interesting way – poster, fact file, 'Facebook' profile, bunting, magazine article or however you want ... be creative!

Email your work to Miss Chapman or bring it to B9.

Coming soon

Stretton Live Lounge

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Last Thursday of Half Term

Lunchtime – B9 – £1



Sixth Form Entry Procedure September 2024

Dates for your Diary



Whole School Open Day - *Saturday 30th September 2023*

Sixth Form Open Evening - Tours of Sixth Form House available
Wednesday 11th October 2023

Becoming a Sixth Former Day (life in the Sixth Form, incl. houses/forms)
Tuesday 24th October 2023

Becoming a Sixth Former Day (academic focus)
Thursday 9th November 2023

Application, incl. Scholarships & Bursaries Closing Date (not subject choices)
Monday 13th November 2023

Sixth Form Academic Scholarship Examinations & Specialist Scholarships
Thursday 16th & Friday 17th November 2023

Offer letters will be sent out in December

Career Information

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Taster Days & Events

Taster Days:

Taster Days will need to be booked via your current place of education.



1st December 2023

Introduction Day:



6th June 2024

Open Days:



**30th August 2023
4:30pm - 7:00pm**



**18th October 2024
4:30pm - 7:00pm**



**3rd February 2024
10:00am - 12:00pm**



**12th June 2024
4:30pm - 7:00pm**



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1st December 2023

Introduction Day:



6th June 2024

Open Days:



14th October 2023
10:00am - 12:30pm



3rd February 2024
10:00am - 12:30pm



15th June 2024
10:00am - 12:30pm



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Badminton for All

Church Stretton Badminton Club invite you to try out our fantastic sport

In these playing/coaching sessions open to anyone.

Come along and have a go

Church Stretton Leisure Centre

Commences 13th September 2023

6.30pm to 8.00pm

All abilities welcome from 7 years upwards

Sports wheelchairs and rackets available FOC

For more info call Alan Fox on 01694725588 or 07977060303

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Relationships can be difficult, complicated, fun, satisfying, exciting, annoying bring out the best in us and bring out the worst in us. We are often in one, but we don't often spend much time on them. So here is your chance to make the time and come to one of our workshops.

- Do you feel your relationship needs some attention?
- Do you feel you are drifting a bit lately or things have been difficult?
- Would you like to meet with others and share ideas and thoughts?
- Are you looking for a way forward?

WORKING ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP

Why not join us for our 4-week workshop with 2 hours session each week
There are 2 different workshops on offer this Autumn:

**Starts on Thursday 28th September 2023
from 10.00am to 12.00pm**

**at Helena Lane Community Centre, 20 Hamlet Rd, Ludlow SY8 2NP
or**

**Starts on Thursday 16th November 2023
from 10.00am to 12.00pm
at The Centre, Oak Street, Oswestry, SY11 1LW**

To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by:

Emailing Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

Or call us on 01743 250950



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS



How much school will you have missed in a year?

INCREDIBLE!

You have missed very little learning and stand the best possible change of success.

97-100%

Fewer than 5 days

GOOD!

You have met our school target – well done.

96%

6 days missed

NEARLY THERE

This is almost 2 weeks of school missed. That's 50 lessons!

95%

9 days missed

IMPROVEMENT NEEDED

55 lessons missed across the year.

94%

11 days missed

CONCERN

This is known as persistent absence and will involve school action. It is the same as missing half a day of school every week.

90%

20 days missed

SIGNIFICANT CONCERN

This is the same as missing a day of school a week. If you have 80% from years 7-11, you will have missed **ONE YEAR** of school.

80%

38 days missed