



Dear parents & Carers

As you receive this edition of The Link, our fantastic pupils and staff have finished the week with the satisfaction of completing the whole school sponsored walk! It has been a lovely afternoon for our school community, clearly demonstrating togetherness and mutual support. Thank you for any sponsorship you are providing to raise important funds for our school and to support a charitable donation. In particular, thank you to Mr Wise, Head of Performing Arts for his leadership and coordination of the event. Also many thanks to Caterlink for providing cakes for all of our students on their return.

Last Friday we welcomed numerous visitors to our school for the Open Morning event, following the highly successful Open Evening. We have received many comments from visiting prospective parents & carers who wanted to let us know how much they enjoyed their visit, how welcoming and well resourced the school is and most of all, what fantastic student ambassadors we have. We agree! Indeed, **over 150** pupils returned to school to help to make the Open Evening as special as it was - thank you to each and every one. We express huge thanks to: pupils who were helping out in subject areas; the school choir, including pupils and staff, who performed for the very first time; year 11 prefects who provided exceptional tours; Year 11 Finn Middleton who created a fantastic (and very professional) video that parents and carers thoroughly enjoyed and finally the pupils who spoke so eloquently to visitors in the presentation, Elizabeth and George in Year 7 and Lucy, Joe and Rosie in Year 11. Thank you all!

It was lovely to welcome parents and carers of year 7 to the 'meet the Tutor' afternoon yesterday. We know that the transition from primary to secondary school can often feel difficult, so we hope that the opportunity to speak with your child's Tutor was helpful and reassuring.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend

John Parr
Headteacher

Tutor Time Take-away

This weeks' focus was on why we use retrieval tasks. Please do ask your child about the topic and get them to explain to you what was discussed.



Dates for your Diary

Thurs 19th Oct - Year 10 Progress Report Evening
24th, 25th, 26th Oct - Church Stretton School presents
Six The Musical

Lunch Money

Please can you ensure that you top up your ParentPay account for school lunches. There is also a top up machine in the lunch hall where students can use coins or cash.

Pupil Absence Procedure

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

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

This week in photos



Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Tom Taylor who completed "The Big Welsh Swim" of over a mile in the choppy waters of Lake Padarn to raise over £1000 for the Lingen Davis Cancer Fund.



Amazing
work Tom!



Alex Berry and Freddie Westall took part in the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. What an incredible opportunity!

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.

Sports Leadership



Yesterday concluded the final XC primary races at Cardingmill Valley where 740 pupils from 10 of our local primary schools ranging from year 1-6 have been racing. It is with huge thanks to the 7 year 9 sports leaders have helped to support in many ways, the leaders have performed many tasks and have done so with great maturity, the event would not have gone as well without them, please congratulate them when you see them. Thanks to :

Dora T , Rachel B, Ruby TW, Ed D, Will P, Marcus C and Dan B.



Fixtures Result

This week, the u14 girls made their way to Shewsbury high school to compete in the county netball tournament against some of the most competitive netball schools in Shropshire. These girls have been training hard and always work well as a team. The level of competition was extremely high and unfortunately the girls were unable to qualify for regionals on this occasion, but look forward to improving and developing their skills for next years' county tournament. From left to right Izzy lowE, Dora Turner, Millie Carter, Rachel Beaver, Ruby, Wright Smith, IVy, Emily orme, Nia Carter, Larissa , Meredith Green.

Year 11 Carding Mill Valley

On Monday and on Thursday this week, Church Stretton's two Year 11 geography classes headed off on field trips to Carding Mill Valley. We collected plenty of data to support our studies of Rivers, and how their profiles change as you go downstream. On each day, we were split into two groups, and we trekked up and down the valley, collecting information about the river from nine different areas, including from Lightspout Waterfall and the sluice near the bottom. At each location, we used ranging poles to measure the width of the river, metre rulers to measure the depth, plus we used dog biscuits as markers to calculate the velocity of the river, over a 5 metre period. And, of course, we took well-earned breaks at the Valley's cafe, where we refreshed ourselves with ice creams, pastries and luxury hot chocolates!



Black History Month

This week, Meole Brace School celebrated *Black History Month* in two assemblies. We also picked up 41 history and fiction books by black authors from the Schools Library Service, and our student led Diversity and Inclusion Group will be meeting next week to decide which books will be best to purchase for the school. Finally, the school has set itself a challenge.

Please find details below

A poster for Black History Month. It features the text 'BLACK HISTORY MONTH' in large, colorful letters (red, green, yellow). Below this is a circular collage of book covers. To the right, under the heading 'CHALLENGE!', there is a list of three bullet points. At the bottom left, there is a circular Amazon logo with the text 'GIFT CARD' below it. The background is black with white decorative lines in the top left and bottom right corners.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CHALLENGE!

- Read a book by a famous black author – check out Malorie Blackman's books in the library! Or, read a book about a black historical figure.
- Write a short review and send it to your English teacher.
- At the end of Black History Month, I will put all reviews submitted into a random draw. The winners will feature in *The Link* and will win a £10 Amazon token!

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GIFT CARD



Student of the Week



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

This week's winners

KS3 Winner

Joshua Phoenix nominated by Miss Evans for such a polite and motivated young man. Joshua is always eager to share answers in English and is supportive of his peers.

KS4 Winner

Isla Skelly nominated by Miss Evans for a hard working and committed student who wants to excel in the subject. Isla was the first student to hand in her Macbeth essay for marking and has included some seriously impressive points about Macbeth's morality/ ambition. Well done Isla!



This week's nominations:

KS3 Nominations

Student Name	Nominated by	Reason for Nomination
Jacob Purslow	Mr Wright	Being a fantastic buddy for a new student
Hector Guilbert	Mr Wright	Being a fantastic buddy for a new student
Huey Whitfield-Turner	Mr Vera	Always a hard working student trying his best
George Wallis	Miss Chapman	Outstanding Blues Music homework
Eddy Beedles	Mr Balmer	Eddy is polite, hard-working and regularly provides great responses to questions.
Joshua Purslow	Mrs Scott	Outstanding effort and work in Maths on Standard Index form
Esme Leeder	Mrs Butler	Star baker! Has made a fantastic frittata!
Millie Price	Mrs Butler	Star baker! Has made a fantastic frittata!
Dora Turner	Mrs Butler	Star baker! Has made a fantastic frittata!
Marwa Aoufi	Mrs Butler	Star baker! Has made a fantastic frittata!
Libby Seaborne	Miss Evans	Libby's classwork and homework is impeccable. She listens attentively and exudes maturity and resilience in lessons. A positive role model to other students.
Beau Salisbury	Mrs Scott	Outstanding piece of work on writing numbers in standard form
Aris Perantinos	Mrs Scott	Consistent level of outstanding effort in maths
Ellie Shelton	Mr Seager	The quality of work in Ellie's exercise book has been impressive. Well done Ellie!
Connor Holmes	Mr Seager	Connor has shown a mature attitude to his studies. Well done Connor!
Ella Griffiths	Mr Seager	Ella has made an excellent start in Year 7. Her work in class has been fantastic! Well done Ella!
Isaac Stokes	Mr Seager	The quality of Isaac's work has been fantastic. Well done Isaac!

KS4 Nominations

Student Name	Nominated by	Reason for Nomination
Misha Kononov	Miss Sollars	Excellent work in history and with homework
Beth Perry	Mr Balmer	Beth is always working to the best of her ability and recently produced an outstanding essay on the theme of morality in 'Macbeth'.
Ethan Knight	Mr Balmer	Ethan has made a fantastic start to his GCSE English studies. Whilst studying 'Macbeth', Ethan is showing fantastic knowledge of the plot and characters.
Dexter Crippin	Mr Balmer	I can always rely on Dexter to give 100% every single lesson. Well done!
Jimmy Nicholson	Miss Evans	Jimmy just gets on with it and is so committed to improving. His recent analysis of Lady Macbeth's character and evaluation of the writer's intentions was extremely impressive. Keep up the hard work and motivated attitude Jimmy!
Cerys Hope	Miss Evans	Cerys' attitude to learning in English has been so impressive- she completes work, presents her book/annotations beautifully, reads aloud in class and is always eager to contribute to lessons. She hasn't allowed herself to be pulled into any silly behaviour and has shown such a kindness to myself and her peers. Please continue to shine Cerys.
Ollie Cummins	Miss Evans	Ollie is always so polite and lovely to staff and peers. His progress in English has improved owing to his hard work and determination to succeed. Ollie is extremely supportive of his peers and is always willing to contribute to lessons.
Katie Pateman	Miss Evans	For being kind and supportive and challenging poor choices of younger students.
Abbi Williams	Miss Evans	For helping out in English at open evening. Thank you so much :)
Isla Burgoyne	Miss Evans	For helping out in English at open evening. Thank you so much :)
Wrenaya Griffiths Sergeant	Miss Evans	For helping out in English at open evening. Thank you so much :)
Charlie Hatton	Mr Seager	Charlie has made an excellent start in English this year. Well done Charlie!
Ella Roberts	Mr Seager	The quality of Ella's work has been excellent. Well done Ella!



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

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 & KC	Year 7 Drama Club Badminton KS3- PW KS3+4 Football – JS + GK	KS3 film club W6 LS Badminton KS4- PW Sport Studies Catch up- G4- HH
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 Dungeons & Dragons Club	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

Would you like to learn a musical instrument?

Classic FM suggest that playing a musical instrument makes you smarter ... "Einstein once said: "Life without playing music is inconceivable to me. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music... I get most joy in life out of music". And as it turns out, Einstein was onto something: many studies show a correlation between musical training and academic success, in both children and adults. Learning to play an instrument stimulates the brain, improving functions like memory and abstract reasoning skills, which are essential for maths and science." Classic FM Website.

They list other reasons to learn an instrument, including that it helps with time management, builds confidence, relieves stress and finally ... it's fun!!



To find out more visit:

www.shropshiremusicservice.org.uk

Stretton Live Lounge

Featuring:

Fortyfive

(Year 11 Band)

19th October 2023

Lunchtime – Music Room – £1 entry



What's on – Music

Monday 3.30 – 5.00 - Monday Night Noise

Tuesday 12.45 – 1.15 - Orchestra

For all instrumentalists

Wednesday 12.45 – 1.15 – Choir

New members welcome



Composer of the Week is:

Mozart

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!

House Points available for your amazing work

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

CHURCH STRETTON SCHOOL PRESENTS...

SIX

THE MUSICAL



OCTOBER

Tuesday 24th | Wednesday 25th | Thursday 26th

Doors open 6:15 (7PM start) for refreshments

Adults: £5 | Under 16s: £4



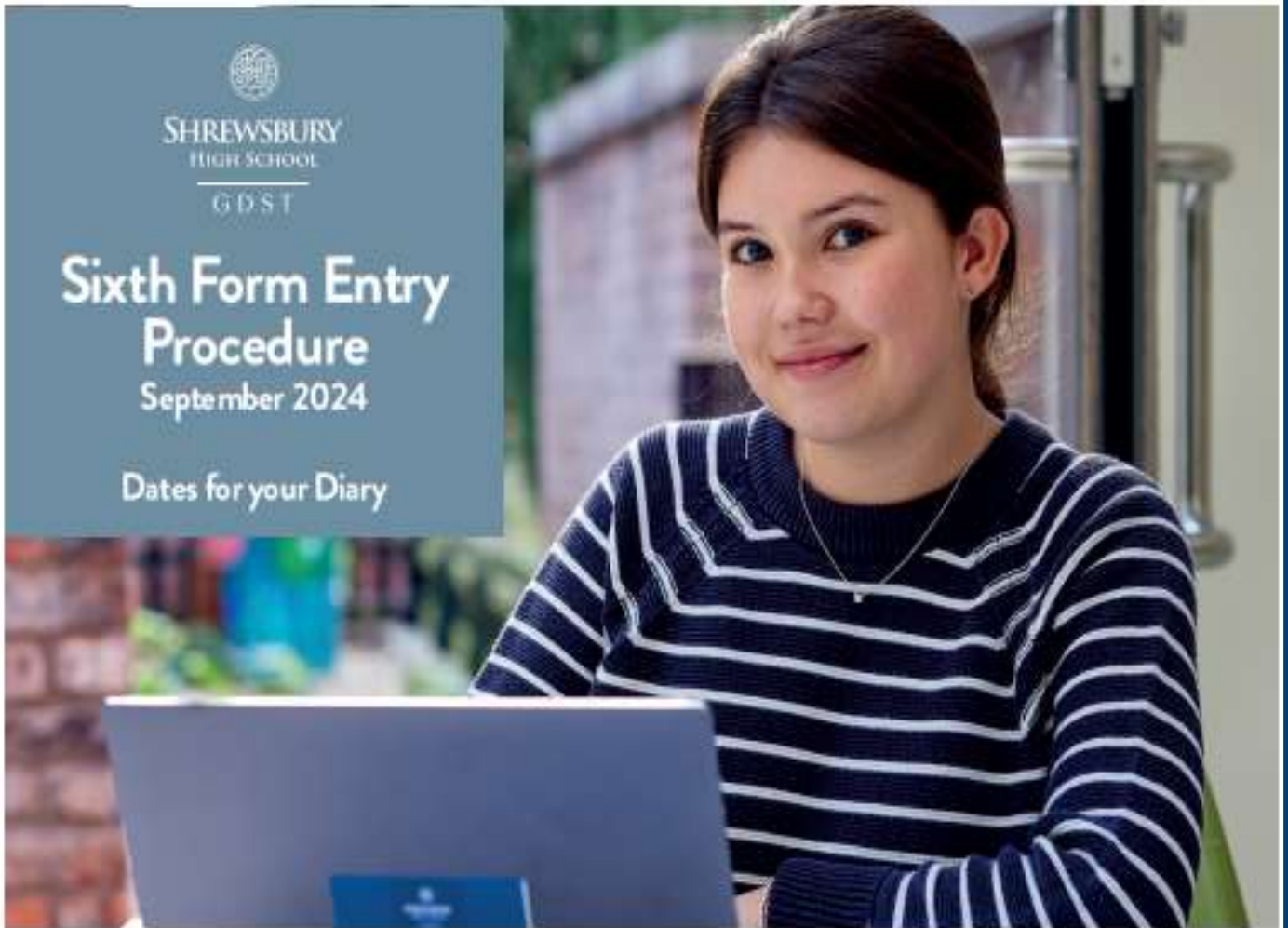


SHREWSBURY
HIGH SCHOOL
GDST

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

The Sixth Form at Shrewsbury High

The Sixth Form at Shrewsbury High offers the very best of independent learning, supercharged by our powerful GDST network of schools and alumnae. Girls benefit from the flexibility of a tailored timetable, a wide choice of subjects, personalised teaching and one-to-one mentoring to help every student decide on their next steps, whether that be university, a degree apprenticeship or a year of travel.

Opportunities including the innovative GDST Leadership and Enterprise Diploma (LEAD), the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and the GDST Space Technology Diploma provide our Sixth Formers with a chance for discovery and collaboration beyond Town Walls.



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Ludlow Sixth Form
College



Taster Days & Events

Taster Days:

Taster Days will be bookable via the school.

Open Day:



13th January 2024
10:00am - 12:00pm

Open Evenings:



5th October 2023
5:00pm - 7:00pm



9th July 2024
4:30pm - 7:00pm



For More 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:



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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Diana Griffiths School of Dance and Drama

Performing Arts ✨

Workshop

Tuesday 31st

October &

Wednesday 1st

November

Dorrington Village Hall

9am - 5pm

Dance ~ Act ~ Sing

Ages 6-18

To BOOK your place, contact Cathy

EMAIL: cathymgriffiths@gmail.com

PHONE: 07570966006

DOWNNTON HALL ESTATE

presents



TAKE YOUR PICK OF THE PATCH

Experience the best of autumn with your family at Downton Hall Estate. Enjoy a day in the Shropshire countryside and access the pumpkin patch for just £5 per car, redeemable against the pumpkins you pick.

OCTOBER
14TH - 31ST
10 am - 4 pm

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PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT

 info@downtonhall.co.uk

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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