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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school term and, of course, Happy New Year!

It was lovely to welcome our students back to school on Tuesday after what we hope was a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break. We were particularly pleased to welcome Mrs Williams as our new Head of maths and Mr Mottram as teacher of computing. Welcome aboard!

Shortly after the last day of term, the group of students and staff returned from their ski trip to Italy, all safe and having enjoyed a wonderful time away. My thanks go to Mrs Davis and her team of staff both current and returning as volunteers for leading the trip.

For Year 11 pupils, 2024 sees the year of their GCSE / Level 2 exams, with now only 14 school weeks until the first of the hall based GCSE exams. Following the mock exams last term, year 11 will soon meet as a group for a 'mock results day', led by Dr Wood and Mr Bird, alongside other staff. Please look out for the letter to parents & carers of year 11 with more information about this.

For Year 9 pupils, their foundation subject examinations (not including maths, English or science) commence soon. Mr Bird held a specific assembly this week for year 9 pupils to remind them about the guidance that teachers have already provided along with resources to use as an aid for revision. It won't be long after these exams before year 9 pupils start to think about their subject choices for key stage 4. A big year for year 9!

This morning, Ms Chapman, teacher of music and Careers Coordinator met with all of year 10 to talk to them about Work Experience. Pupils have a responsibility to sort out their work experience placements, with support and guidance from the school, so it is imperative that they are doing this soon if not already started. Please do encourage your child to be making arrangements as a priority.

Finally, thank you for ensuring that your son/daughter has returned to school in the correct uniform and abiding by our expectations regarding make-up and jewellery. It really does make a difference, meaning conversations can be about learning and progress rather than uniform and appearance.

Have a good weekend

John Parr
Headteacher

Next week will be
Week A

Tutor Time Take-away

This weeks' focus was on Corridor Routines. Please do ask your child about the topic and get them to explain to you what was discussed.



Tutor time take-away



Today's take-away is....

Corridor routines

Epiphany

Dates for your Diary

18th Jan - Year 11 Progress Evening

22nd Jan - 26th Jan - Year 9 Foundation Exams

1st Feb - Year 7 (Jebb, Darwin & Hazlitt) Progress Evening

8th Feb - Year 7 (Owen & Wylie) Progress Evening

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.



Year 9 Foundation Examinations

22nd to 26th January 2024

The Foundation Examinations will take place w/b 22nd January which gives Year 9 a clear fortnight after the Christmas holidays before the exams start, this will ensure all students can see each of their subject teachers at least once before their exam. A launch assembly for the Foundation Examinations will be held with Year 9 on the morning of Tuesday 9th January, during which we will explain the importance of revision. The exams will allow you and your child to see where their strengths lie in the Foundation subjects as they begin to think about their GCSE pathways choices, this process will start later in the Spring term.

The Foundation Examinations are an important indicator of progress made by students and although there will be preparation taking place in lessons, the expectation is that this is supplemented and supported with revision at home. Our Parent/Carers guide to effective revision can be found on the school website [here](#), and it is full of ways that you can help your child to prepare for their exams. We have invested in an online revision tool called Seneca Learning; your child has the log in details for this. Please encourage them to use this along with the other sign posted revision resources on GO 4 Schools for each subject.

During the revision assembly we will explain to Year 9 how to plan the use of their time and ensure that they can fit in sufficient revision for each subject. There is help, support and guidance on the school website [here](#) covering how to revise, how to deal with stress and useful links to documents such as the topics covered by the exams, a blank revision planner and the exams timetable.

Spring Term Foundation Exams 2024

Year 9 Timetable

Week B

Date	Period 1 9:15 – 10:15	Period 2 10:15 – 11:15	Break	Period 3 11:30 – 12:30	Lunch	Period 4 13:20 – 14:20	Period 5 14:20 – 15:20
Monday 22 nd January	Normal Lessons	RPE 48 mins (1hr)	Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	French reading 48 mins (1hr)	Normal Lessons
Tuesday 23 rd January	French writing 48 mins (1hr)	Normal Lessons	Break	Computer science 48 mins (1hr)	Lunch	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons
Wednesday 24 th January	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	History 48 mins (1hr)	Normal Lessons
Thursday 25 th January	Geography 48 mins (1hr)	Normal Lessons	Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	DT 48 mins (1hr)	Normal Lessons
Friday 26 th January	Normal Lessons	Drama 30 mins (38 mins)	Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Music 30 mins (38 mins)	Normal Lessons

*The Y9 Art Exam will be carried out in class where all appropriate resources will be available to students

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.

Would you like to represent Church Stretton School for Cross Country?

SHROPSHIRE SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Annual Shropshire Schools' Cross Country Championships

Saturday 3rd February 2024.

RACE TIMES, DISTANCES & AGE GROUPS (as on August 31st 2024)

Intermediate & Senior Girls will run as one race but be allocated separate results. 10:30 Year 7 Girls (Aged 12 and under 13) approx 2000m

10:45 Year 7 Boys (Aged 12 and under 13) approx 3000m

11:00 Intermediate Girls (Aged 15 and under 17, Yrs. 10 and 11) approx 4000m

11:00 Senior Girls (Aged 17 and under 19, sixth form) approx 4000m

11:20 Intermediate Boys (Aged 15 and under 17, Yrs. 10 and 11) approx 5000m

11:40 Senior Boys (Aged 17 and under 19, sixth form) approx 6000m

12:05 Junior Girls (Aged 13 and under 15, Years 8 & 9) approx 3000m

12:20 Junior Boys (Aged 13 and under 15, Years 8 & 9) approx 4000m

If you would like to enter, complete this forms link: <https://forms.office.com/e/ZcEqwUHTWw>

Sports Partnership

The Autumn Term was very busy for our Sports Partnership Department. Click [HERE](#) to see what they got up to.

PE time
table 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

Basketball Tournament

This Thursday our KS4 boys represented CSS at the south Shropshire Basketball tournament, hosted at home turf in our sports hall. Opposing teams included; Bishops Castle, Ludlow and Lacon Childe. Our boys have trained relentlessly, even squeezing in a session on the Friday before we broke up for Christmas. This training obviously paid off as we were undefeated which means we go through to represent south Shropshire at the county tournament. Special mention to Will and Sam who are year 9s playing up against year 11s- you couldn't tell at all and even scored a number of baskets for the team. Jo M with unbelievable footwork and speed, scoring the most points for the team. Joe B for great leadership qualities and dribbling skills, Misha and Henry both undeniable work rate and awesome defence held the team to the advantage. Aris and Joe E for brilliant team work, linking play and motivation throughout. Stay tuned for the county results!



Music News

What's on In Music – 15/01/24

Monday – Thursday Lunch time – Practice Rooms available for rehearsals – please book at breaktime

Monday after school – Monday Night Noise – new bands welcome!

Tuesday Lunch time – Band rehearsals – all bands welcome

Tuesday after school – High School Musical rehearsal (B9)

Wednesday Lunch time – Stretton School Singers – new members welcome

Thursday Lunch time – Piano Accordion Free Taster Session (Book your place with Miss Chapman)

Thursday after school – High School Musical rehearsal (B9)

Friday lunch time – High School Musical rehearsal (Drama Studio)

Don't forget to collect lunchtime passes for clubs & Practice Rooms at breaktime. You will not be allowed in without one

Coming Soon– Fancy learning the violin, viola or double bass? Free instrument hire.

Stretton School Big String Project Sessions start on Thursday 22nd February, 12.45 – 1.15

Book your place with Miss Chapman

Students who already play violin, viola and cello are encouraged to attend!

Would you like to learn the Piano Accordion?



Free Taster session at lunchtime on Thursday 18th January

Book your place with Miss Chapman

Guitar Club

For students who want to
learn AND who already
play

**Coming soon on Monday
lunchtimes**

12.45 - 1.15

Music Room - B9



Stretton School Big String Project

Starting on Thursday January 22nd during lunchtime for students who already play violin, viola or cello and students who would love to learn!

- ☺ Get free loan of an instrument (unless you have your own)
- ☺ Free Group tuition
- ☺ Learn to read music
- ☺ Learn to play in an ensemble
- ☺ Have lots of fun



Places are limited, so if you would like to learn violin, viola or double bass from scratch, reserve your place with Miss Chapman.



Stretton School Singers

Wednesday
12.45 - 1.15

Music Room

New members welcome!

Careers News

YEAR 11

LUDLOW SIXTH FORM COLLEGE OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 13TH JANUARY – 10.00 - 12.00

GO TO RECEPTION AT THE MAIN SITE TO REGISTER



North Shropshire
College

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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Year 11 Information

NCS

Experiences away from home



All the info you need to grab your spot is on our website, just scan the QR code.

Here's a quick run down in case you can't wait:

WHEN?

There is a choice of dates across the year during school holidays.

HOW MUCH?

The most you'll pay is £95. Depending on your circumstances, your place could even be free!

WHAT'S NEXT?

- 1.** Head to our web site
- 2.** Chose your dates, experience and nearest travel hub
- 3.** Make a payment if you need to.
Simple!

YOUR FIVE DAY AWAY FROM HOME EXPERIENCE...

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January 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

We at Church Stretton junior and adult Badminton Club hope 2024 brings health and happiness for you and your loved ones!

2023 was a fantastic year for our club and Badminton England, culminating in the launch of the new 10-year strategy with a commitment to young people, inclusion and simply ensuring badminton is a sport for everyone.

A new term is nearly upon us. This is an Olympic and Paralympic badminton year! So could 2024 be the year to begin, reinvigorate or grow your badminton journey? If you're new to badminton, take a look at our poster and join our Spring term sessions, our coaches and existing members can help improve your game and experience the enjoyment our sport brings.

If you're a regular player, perhaps you can kick-start 2024 by joining our club and becoming a Badminton England member. You'll get insurance to cover you on court, access to a range of discounts across thousands of national retailers, concessions on badminton equipment and even exclusive discounts on tickets for the YONEX All England Championships in March.

Our sport is flourishing. And this year is going to be even bigger and better for badminton. Badminton England's new year's resolution for 2024 will be to inspire and to develop...to help badminton thrive. This fits with our strapline of **RAISE** – raising your wellbeing to **Respect** others and yourself; **Achieve** your badminton goals, **Inspire** others and be inspired, improve your **Skill**, and above all **Enjoy** your badminton.

We hope you will join our journey in 2024!

The Spring 10 week Term commences on Wednesday 17th January 2024 culminating in the end of season competition and presentation of awards.

Contact Alan Fox on 01694725588 or 07977060303 or email alandavidfox@live.co.uk for further details.



Badminton for All

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

PLAYING AND COACHING SESSIONS OPEN TO ALL

Come along and have a go

Church Stretton Leisure Centre

Spring Term commences 17th January 2024

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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MAYFAIR Five Year Plan

Help shape our future

At Mayfair we are putting together a plan for the next 5 years and we need YOU to help shape our future plans.

Please complete our survey online at
www.mayfaircentre.org.uk

Or you can visit Mayfair on the following dates and chat to us and give us your views in person:

Monday 15th January 10:30am to 12:30pm

Wednesday 17th January 3pm to 5pm

For more information, or if you are interested in taking part in more in depth 'focus group' discussions about our 5 year plan, please call and ask to chat to Naomi.

Remember
Mayfair includes our
Health and Wellbeing Centre,
Church Stretton Ring and
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much more!



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CHURCH STRETTON SENIOR YOUTH CLUB

TUESDAYS 6.00PM - 7.30PM
@ RUSSELLS MEADOW PAVILLION

PROGRAMME

SPRING TERM 2024

School
Years 8, 9,
10 & 11

9th January - Skittle Game/Shoe Game, Encaustic Art, Card Games, Posh Hot Chocolate & Muffin Making, Word Search & Colouring

16th January - Let's Talk Game, Zentangle Art, Omelette Making, Kahoot Quiz, Word Search & Colouring

23rd January - Uno Tournament, String Crafts, Toastie Making, Logo Quiz, Word Search & Colouring

30th January - Drugs Workshop, Mug Art Design, YouTube Quiz, Cake & A Cuppa, Word Search & Colouring

6th February - Chinese New Year Crafts, Chopstix Challenges, Chinese Stir Fry Cooking, Word Search & Colouring

ENTRY £1.00
PER WEEK



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