



Dear Parents & Carers,

It was lovely to welcome pupils back on Monday after what we hope was a restful half term and hope that we can begin to return to some 'normality' following recent Government announcements about 'Living with Covid'. For further details about how changes to Covid-19 regulations affect pupils and staff, please see the letter sent home on Tuesday of this week, located [here](#).

Of course, Russia's invasion of Ukraine is distressing and concerning, and we understand children and young people may have questions or be seeking reassurance. We are using a factual, unbiased and pupil friendly resource in PSHE lessons, so that our pupils have an opportunity to learn about the events and ask questions. Staff have been provided with a link to a '[Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation](#)'. Please do follow this link yourselves as it shares some useful advice and resources for schools and teachers – but they may also be useful for families and young people themselves.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming year 9 pupils along with their Parents and Carers for the Year 9 Pathways Evening. This is a key event for year 9 so we encourage all pupils to attend with their parent/s or carer/s. It will be lovely to host this in school after so many remote events. Please note that we are trying to make this evening as normal as we can as we 'learn to live' with Covid-19. Mask wearing is now optional for students and staff in school, but you are welcome to wear one if it makes you feel more comfortable. There will be sanitiser in Reception for your use when entering and leaving. Further information about this will be sent home by Dr Wood, Deputy Headteacher who leads the process.

With best wishes for a good weekend.

John Parr
Headteacher

Pathways

The Pathways process, sometimes known as options, is now underway. Our Pathways Evening, will be in school on March 10th 5-7pm. Below you will find some other key dates for your diary.

Key Dates 2022:

- **Thursday 10th March**, Pathways Evening, 5-7pm
- **Thursday 24th March**, Progress Evening, 3:30-6:30pm
- **Friday 25th March**, Pathways final choice sent electronically to students
- **Monday 28th March**, deadline for submission of options form, 9am.
- **From 29th March onwards**, best-fit interviews and subject choices confirmed.

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.

Important DofE dates for your diary

BRONZE AWARD

Bi-Weekly sessions starting Week B Wednesday 9th March 3.30-4.40pm

Practice expedition Saturday 21st May - Sunday 22nd May

Main expedition Saturday 11th June - Sunday 12 June

SILVER AWARD

Bi-Weekly sessions starting Week A Wednesday 16th February 3.30-4.30pm- in B4

Practice expedition Friday 25th, Saturday 26th, Sunday 27th March

Main expedition Friday 8th, Saturday 9th, Sunday 10th July

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, **school will be closed on Friday 8th April** meaning that our last day of term for the Easter Holidays will be Thursday 7th April finishing at our normal time.

Our new term will begin on **Monday 25th April**.



Student of the Week



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

KS4 Winner

Alfie Dales Nominated by Miss Whitcombe for excellent resilience with completing his BTEC Sport Coursework

KS3 Winner

Lucy Ockenden Nominated by Mrs Proffitt for excellent piece of French writing and "La Vie en Rose" poster



This week's nominations:

KS3 & KS4 Nominations

Mr Gardner-Hart	Zac Crumpton	Not only excellent at Chemistry but helps other students and me with explanations.
Mr Basnett	Connor Gray	Amazing progress in English.
Mr Basnett	Lauren Edwards	Excellent answers in English
Mr Basnett	Carl Allison	Excellent answers in English.
Mr Wise	Jacob Bate	Improvement in time management and organisation during cooking
Mr Wise	Rudy Laslett	Improvement in time management and organisation
Mr Wise	Aaron Skitt	Improvement in time management and organisation
Mr Roberts	Maddie Davies	Excellent effort and attainment in English
Mrs Proffitt	Ella McFarlane	Excellent piece of French writing and "La Vie en Rose" poster
Mrs Proffitt	Lucy Ockenden	Excellent piece of French writing and "La Vie en Rose" poster
Mrs Proffitt	Abi Williams	Helping a new student settle into our school and tutor group
Mrs Proffitt	Zac Crumpton	Writing a fantastic French Haiku Poem
Mrs Proffitt	Edward Dunn	Writing a fantastic French Haiku Poem
Mrs Proffitt	Dora Turner	Writing a fantastic French Haiku Poem
Mrs Proffitt	Rachel Beever	Writing a fantastic French Haiku Poem
Mrs Proffitt	Aisha Raza	Excellent achievement in French
Mrs Proffitt	Ruby Jammaz	Excellent achievement in French
Mrs Proffitt	Daisy Deards	An excellent Spanish description of her friends
Mrs Proffitt	Wiola Sewry	An excellent Spanish description of a celebrity
Mrs Proffitt	Erin Robinson	An excellent Spanish description of a celebrity
Mrs Proffitt	Evie Jackson	An excellent description of a Disney character in Spanish
Miss Whitcombe	Alfie Dales	Excellent resilience with completing his BTEC Sport Coursework



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Job Title: Exam Invigilator

Contract Type: Casual

Salary: £8.91 per hour

START DATE: TBC

The TrustEd Schools' Partnership is a multi-academy trust based in Shropshire consisting of two secondary schools and four primary schools and is committed to raising pupils' aspirations so that all young people reach their fullest potential and achieve the success they want for themselves.

We are looking to expand our pool of casual Invigilators to work within the Examination office to join our friendly team in the running of all public and internal examinations at the school throughout the academic year. The post would be ideally suited to applicants who are highly organised, vigilant and reliable, have excellent attention to detail and have the ability to remain calm under pressure and the flexibility to be called in at short notice.

Duties include supervising pupils taking public and internal examinations, supervising clash candidates between exam sittings, preparing exam rooms, distributing and collecting exam papers in accordance with the JCQ regulations.

Experience of exam invigilating is desirable, however full training will be provided. This is a casual contact and working hours will be negotiated for each exam period.

Interested? We would love to hear from you.

Application process:

To download an application form and for further details please see the school website <http://www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk/vacancies-0>

Completed application forms should be returned to Marilyn Gibbs at the school or by email to admin@csschool.co.uk by the closing date. Please note CVs will not be accepted.

The closing date for all applications is **11th March 2022**

Interviews will be held as soon as possible after the closing date. An email will be sent to shortlisted candidates with details of the interview process. If you have not heard from us within a week of the closing date, please assume your application has been unsuccessful.

The appointment is subject to satisfactory pre-employment clearances including references, medical clearance and an enhanced DBS Disclosure under the "Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974". Further details regarding this check are available by visiting www.dbs.gov.uk. This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

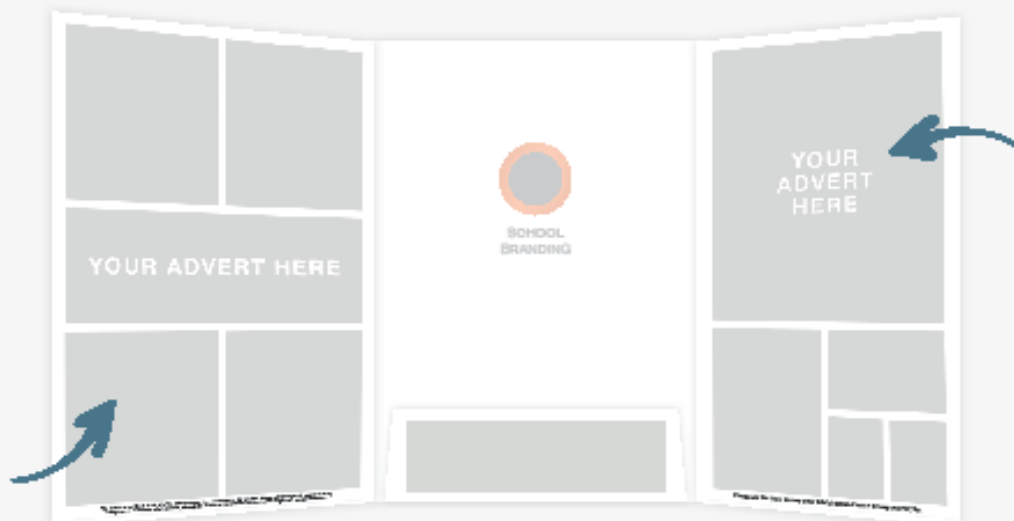
CALLING ALL PARENTS!

We are currently compiling a presentation folder for all of our parents. Inside the folder there will be space to include

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR LOCAL COMPANIES AND BUSINESSES

3,000 FOLDERS WILL BE PRODUCED

and distributed to the parents of all our students, teachers and any others who request information about the school. Advertising revenue will generate income to boost school funds.



If you wish to take this opportunity to support the school and promote your business, act now to reserve your spot - *space is limited*. Please register your interest with **FSE** on **01933 303520**.

WE'RE BACK!



For more information please [click here](#).

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
EUTHOUGHT APPROACH

ourplace

NHS

WWW.INOURPLACE.CO.UK

FREE Online course for parents
**'UNDERSTANDING
YOUR CHILD'S
MENTAL HEALTH &
WELLBEING'**

ONLINE LEARNING
(AVAILABLE 24/7)

WORK THROUGH THE CONTENT
ANONYMOUSLY AT YOUR OWN PACE



COMPLETE PART 1

COMPLETE 'UNDERSTANDING
YOUR CHILD' OR
'UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS'
(SOLD SEPARATELY*)

COMPLETE PART 2

*PREPAID FOR RESIDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR AN ACCESS CODE

'Understanding your child with additional needs'

A new online course for parents.



This online course is for parents, relatives and friends of children who have a physical or learning disability, or may have autistic traits. In the UK, you may be within the SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) system. Some parents describe their child as differently abled, or neuroatypical.

It is equivalent
to a:



A **BIG** course, with lots of
relevant content.

This course is in two sections:



Lays the foundation for understanding your child.



Looks at some particular aspects of parenting:
sleeping and anger management.

Once you've finished level 1 you can progress onto level 2
if you'd like.

A total
of:



15-20 mins each.

Some of what this course covers:

- How your child develops
- Understanding how your child is feeling
- Tuning into what your child needs
- Different styles of parenting
- Why is sleep important

Further details:

www.inourplace.co.uk | www.solihullapproachparenting.com | solihullapproach@heartofengland.nhs.uk

Apprentice Plant Engineer

Clee Hill Plant Limited is a leading construction plant hire company and the largest compaction and surface dressing hire company in the UK. We would like to invite you to come and join us in this exciting opportunity. We have supplied plant and equipment hire services to customers for over 55 years and maintain and repair a wide variety of machines from JCB's to Bomag Rollers.

A little bit about us:

We have a nationwide network of 9 depots (Glasgow, Darlington, Stoke, Chesterfield, Ludlow, Corby, Andover, Dartford and Newton Abbot) with a fleet of over 2,300 machines. Yes that's right over 2,300! So if you have a keen interest in plant machinery and love to get your hands dirty please apply or come down to our Depot and meet one of our friendly staff who can provide you with an application form.

Due to our continued expansion and future prospects we can offer this career opportunity at our Ludlow depot (SY8 3QF). Basic hours are 8:00am until 4:30pm Monday to Friday (40 hours per week).

The successful candidate will have or be predicted to have GCSE grade 4 or above (Grade C or above) in Maths, English and IT or equivalents. You will have practical skills and have a keen interest in mechanics.

During your Apprenticeship you will be able to achieve your level 2 in Plant Maintenance and progress to complete level 3.

What will your role involve?

- Service and maintenance tasks (commensurate with level of experience and training) under the direct supervision of an experienced mentor
- Attendance at college on a block release basis.
- Completion of work-based training programme in accordance with college and company requirements

You will be provided with help through:

- A dedicated mentor to help you throughout your career as an Apprentice
- Regular progress reviews and feedback sessions

And it doesn't end there! Upon completing your Apprenticeship, you can continue to learn and develop within the role of Plant Fitter and gain new skills and knowledge through product training sessions.

If you are interested in the role, please complete an application form and send to hr@cleehill.co.uk

Events at school

Careers Activities throughout Tutor time

PSHE lessons covering job skills

Individual and Form quizzes

Teacher job history

National Careers Week

NCW

7TH - 12TH MARCH 2022



Background

National Careers Week (NCW) is a celebration of careers guidance and free resources in education across the UK. The aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance activity at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people leaving education.

Careers Week encourages education providers to bring together students, local employers and advisers through careers events and activities. During National Careers Week it is up to every school, academy and college to offer careers advice and guidance to their students. We are here to help and can provide free resources, information on current career opportunities and advice on activities and exercises to run.

To download all of our free resources just head over to the NCW website!

www.nationalcareersweek.com



Headline Partner:



#NCW2022 | @CareersWeek
www.nationalcareersweek.com

EMPOWERING STUDENTS

Providing quality free CEIAG resources and linking education with the world of employment to ensure students get an important insight to the future of work and further learning. Better informed students result in better decision making.

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EMPOWERING EDUCATORS/ADVISORS

All of our resources are free to use in classrooms and colleges. You can be assured that by being mapped against the Gatsby Benchmarks, they will enhance and support the work you do. Our website shares some great case studies of how teachers and advisers around the UK have been inspiring young people during Careers Week – feel free to get some ideas.

www.discusscareersweek.com

EMPOWERING ORGANISATIONS

The opportunities for organisations to promote their training or careers opportunities to future generations are limited; schools and colleges have little time for extended CEIAG activities. This is why NCW is so important – we create the time and provide the opportunity for Organisations to engage and inspire.

7th - 12th March 2022



Medical Futures Virtual Conference

Saturday 5th March 2022, 9am – 5.30pm

Considering a career in Medicine?

Our annual conference, free to all Year 11-12 students in the West Midlands and Welsh Borders remains online for 2022 due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Last year the event was fully booked within 3 days, so we are extending our capacity to offer **250 places** available to external students on a first come, first served basis.

The day will cover all aspects of the highly selective admissions process to enable you to make a competitive application. In addition to this there will be the opportunity to hear from current medical students and a variety of health care professionals and experts in the admissions field.



Keynote Speaker: Dr Benji Waterhouse

**Award-winning comedian, writer and
NHS doctor specialising in psychiatry**

Dr Benji Waterhouse is a frontline NHS doctor specialising in psychiatry. He is also an award-winning stand-up comedian whose material provides a fly on the padded-wall account of the mental health world and bust myths along the way (spoiler: there are no padded walls).

His writing has been published in The Guardian and The Independent and his first book, a psychiatric memoir entitled 'You Don't Have To Be Mad To Work Here', is being published by Vintage in Spring 2023 and adapted for screen by House Productions.

Originally graduating from Leeds Medical School where he also achieved a First-Class Honours BA in Medical Ethics, he has featured in a list of 'Inspiring Psychiatrists' by the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 2019.



Programme to include:

- How to make a competitive medical school application (including work experience, admissions tests, interviews etc).
- Choosing the right medical school,
- Excelling in your medical school personal statement.
- Life as a medical student.
- Gaining meaningful virtual work experience.
- Meet the professionals – an opportunity to hear from a Junior Doctor, General Practitioner and doctors working in a range of medical specialities.
- Using reflective journals to support your application.

Concord College Medical Society has nearly 200 members and supports over 40 medical applicants every year with a weekly programme of workshops, presentations and peer-led sessions, plus monthly lectures and focus days on key aspects such as UCAT, BMAT, interview practice and medical ethics.

We support applicants in gaining work experience and are a key partner in the **William Farr Academy**, working in partnership with the **Royal Shrewsbury Hospital** and **Keele University Medical School** to provide expert advice and guidance to talented Shropshire pupils from eligible schools to become outstanding doctors of the future.

Participation in the day will give you access to a huge range of support materials from the society. In addition to this you will also be invited to further support events running later in the year on interview preparation, work experience and special interest lectures.



Kissing it Better



Booking

To apply for your free place on the conference please follow the link on our website to the booking form:

<https://concordcollegeuk.com/news/mfvc22/>

If you have any queries, please email Barry Brown (Head of Science) at:
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