



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to another edition of The Link.

I will begin by congratulating Ms Gajny, Science Teacher who represented TEAM GB at the Aquathlon World Championships in Ibiza last Monday! She came 8<sup>th</sup> overall in her class, which was an outstanding achievement - we are very proud of her. Well done Ms Gajny!

Year 7 pupils have made an excellent start to their foundation exams and are to be congratulated on their attitude and approach. Whilst they have their first experience of exams, for year 11, there are now just 4 school days until the hall-based GCSE exams begin. Mr Bird, Assistant Headteacher has written to parents/carers of year 11 with important details about what happens between now and the end of the exams. Please do read this carefully, in particular regarding the last day that all pupils are expected to attend school unless they have an exam remaining.

Today, Mr Longhurst, Assistant Headteacher has made arrangements for some pre-coronation celebrations, culminating in a commemorative planting of a tree on the school site. Thank you to Mr Norman and Mr Hart for producing a very professional plaque for all to be able to remember this historic time.

We have quickly reached the end of another week after the Bank Holiday weekend and with another this weekend, we hope that you enjoy the extra day together and that you enjoy the coronation celebrations that you may have planned.

Whatever you are doing, have a lovely weekend.

*John Parr*  
Headteacher

Next Week will be

**Week B**

### **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.

### **Upcoming Events**

**10th May** - Year 9 Immunisations (School Leaver Booster DTP & MenACWY)

**13th - 14th May** - DofE Bronze Practice

**15th May** - Year 8 X1/Y2 Geography Trip Borth

**22nd May** - Year 8 X2/Y1 Geography Trip Borth

### **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.

Thank you

### **Year 11 Examinations Info**

Summer exams are starting on 15th May for year 11 students. Please click [here](#) for information regarding what students should bring and timetables. You can also find revision advice [here](#). A letter has also been sent out this week to parents with key dates which 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

# Sporting News

This terms PE timetable can be found [here](#)

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.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Alex Hart in year 11 for receiving his John Beswick award. John Beswick awards go to students within the Shropshire County, who are showing true promise and success in their sport. Alex has been asked to train with the GB squad for cyclocross and has won several national competitions.

What a great achievement!



### PE EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Meeting Point - Make sure you are at the designated meet point by 12.20(lunch) or 3.20pm (afterschool)

Mon Lunch	KS3 Netball (HH)	PE Office
Mon After School	Hockey ALL YEARS (MW) Table Tennis (HH)	Sports Hall Changing Rooms PE Office
Tues Lunch	Fitness Club/Gym (RB) Year 7+8 Basketball (RB)	PE Office Changing Rooms by drama
Tues After School	X Country Running Club (YG) Rounders- outdoors (HH)	PE Office
Weds Lunch	Kwik Cricket (RB) Boys and Girls Cricket ALL YEARS (RB)	PE Office
Weds After school	Netball training – ALL YEARS (HH) Badminton KS3 (PW)	PE Office
Thurs Lunch	Leadership Training Session- Invite only (AB) Year 9-11 Basketball (RB)	PE Office
Thurs After School	Boys & Girls Tennis (HH)	PE Office
Fri Lunch	Badminton KS4 (PW)	PE Office
Fri After School		

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



# Kings Coronation



Today we have been celebrating the Kings Coronation with students and teachers enjoying some chocolate cake during lunch. Thank you to the kitchen team for making these. Our head boy Alex Meason and head girl Erin Robinson have braved the British weather and planted a tree with a plaque made by Mr Norman teacher of Design Technology and Construction and Mr Hart Design Technician, a huge thank you to everyone involved.





## Congratulations to Rose Lovelock

Rose has secured her copy of *The Disappearing Spoon*, to keep. She has written a review of this book for others, so they know what to expect (see left). There is a copy of the book back in the library and is available for others to now take out and read. Five feet apart by Rachel Lippincott is currently out on loan being reviewed. We have the new instalment of books in the library which are ready and waiting to be read and reviewed by you.

*The Disappearing Spoon*  
by Sam Keane  
Review written by Rose Lovelock

★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆  
The thing with this book is that it is confusing. I'm not sure I completely understand it and it seems to drift off. It doesn't capture my interest. I think it is definitely a book for older readers, maybe year 9+. I feel that as I get older my opinion on this book will change. I will read it again.



- Lessons in chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
- The kid who came from space by Ross Welford
- The fourteenth goldfish by Jennifer L. Holm
- Kay's marvellous medicine by Adam Kay
- In the key of code by Aimee Lucido
- The extraordinary life of Greta Thunberg by Devika Jina and Petra Braun

Please see Mrs Carr to sign up or for further details.  
We look forward to you joining the club.

## GCSE Food & Nutrition


# Chef of the week




Tristan Davies Yr 9




Tristan made a homemade basil pesto (Without nuts) to mix into his pasta salad. It smelt delicious!!



Monday 


**B4** which Key Stage **3**

12:35 - 13:05pm



## Chess Club

In W2  
On Wednesday's  
at 3.10pm



HOMEWORK  
CLUB

In W1  
3.10pm to  
4.10pm

Every & Tuesday  
& Thursday



## Student of the Week



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

### Winners week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> April

#### KS3 Winner

**Oliver Hannah** – nominated by Mrs Quye for a wonderful creative response to a poem.

#### KS4 Winner

**George Payton** – nominated by Mr Barham for excellent leadership session. Showed great motivational techniques throughout. Drills linked perfectly to the aims of the session. Tone with the students was perfect and the students engaged really well because of this. I am so impressed.

### Winners week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> May

#### KS3 Winner

**Abbi Williams** - nominated by Miss Evans for fantastic dedication to the subject- finishing reading Jane Eyre after studying part of this in lesson; completion of GCSE speech and commitment to revising for her core English exam. An absolute credit.

#### KS4 Winner

**Ollie Cummins** – nominated by Mrs Scott for outstanding effort and focus in maths.



This week's nominations:

### **KS3 Nominations**

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Reason for Nomination</b>
Poppy Jervis	Mrs Quye	Wonderfully creative response to a poem
Jessica Warburton	Mrs Quye	Wonderfully creative response to a poem
Harry Pugh	Miss Evans	For an impressive dedication to his preparation for his GCSE Spoken Language Endorsement examination and his year 9 core exam in English. Harry has been practising PEEZL paragraphs and improving his analytical skills so that he can be successful in his core exam.
Evie Perry	Mrs Quye	Fabulous insect drawing response to an artist study
Patrycja Kawiecka	Mrs Quye	Fabulous insect drawing response to an artist study
Natalie Downward	Mrs Scott	Excellent effort and perseverance in maths
Chloe Stafford	Mrs Proffitt	An excellent effort with a French poster on the environment
Alfie Rowley	Mrs Pugh	Reached above his target in his English exam- Congratulations
Charlie Warburton	Mrs Pugh	Excellent effort with his exam on 'Small Island'
Pippa Pledger	Mrs Pugh	Excellent result in her English exam
Eleanor Merrill	Mrs Gajny	Great attitude and enthusiasm for learning
Lily Jervis	Mrs Gajny	Great focus in lessons.
Phoebe Jammaz	Mrs Gajny	Great focus and contribution in lesson

## KS4 Nominations

Student Name	Nominated by	Reason for Nomination
Gabe Carter	Mr Barham	Excellent leadership session. Showed great motivational techniques throughout. Drills linked perfectly to the aims of the session. Tone with the students was perfect and the students engaged really well because of this. I am so impressed.
Bella Atherton	Miss Evans	A quiet and conscientious student who really does go above and beyond in terms of classwork and homework. Bella has shown increased confidence in English with her written responses improving. A polite and lovely student who doesn't make a fuss but deserves a fuss being made of her!
Serena Vickery	Miss Evans	Outstanding work ethic in English and a really impressive language analysis response in her assessment. Well done Serena- keep up the hard work!
Jodie Shelton	Mrs Scott	Fantastic effort and dedication to revision in maths
Gabe Carter	Miss Evans	Excellent dedication to English- enthusiasm in lessons, consistent high standard of homework and exceeding his target grade in his recent assessment.
Natalie Downward	Mrs Scott	Excellent effort and test result in maths



## Extra-curricular activities Summer term 2022-23

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Yr 7/8 STEM Club (YG) B4  SCHOOL CHOIR – ALL YEARS  KS3 Netball (HAH)  Year 10 Show Rehearsal	DT catch up Y5/Y6  Table Tennis (HAH)  Fitness Club (RB)  Year 7 and 8 Show Rehearsal	French Club (NP) G6 KS3 Coding Club (DC) BB  Film Club (PW) W5  Year 10 Show Rehearsal  Kwik Cricket (RB) Rounders (HH)  Rock band (TR) Music room	Sports Leadership club (AB)  Badminton KS3 (PW)  Year 7 and 8 Show Rehearsal  Art Workshop B10	Y11 GCSE Spanish Listening Practice  Year 10 Show Rehearsal  Badminton KS4 (PW)  Sign Language Club L5 W6
After school 3.20 start	Monday night noise (Rock band)  Years 7+8 Basketball (RB)  Girls Tennis- (HH)	Homework Club (JG) W1  Boys and Girls Cricket (RB)  Running Club All Years (YG)	Chess Club (EH) W2  Years 7 + 8 Boys Football (MN)  Netball training- All years	Homework Club (JG) W1  Dungeons & Dragons Club Y1 KS4 Drama Workshop  Years 9-11 Basketball (RB)  Boys Tennis (HH)	KS4 Art Portfolio Workshop TBC  Year 10 Show Rehearsal

PE Activities

Drama Activities (Studio)

Art Activities (B10)

Music Activities (B9)

Other Activities

## Parent/carer workshops

Please see the flyer below and complete this Forms link if you are interested in any of the workshops.

<https://forms.office.com/e/AA18eUdxMj>


Dates and times have not yet been confirmed.


Please use the form to add any questions or comments for the attention of Mrs Su Quye.

**2023 Workshops**

# PARENT CARER WORKSHOPS

- **Understanding the teenage brain**
- **Sleep, Eat, Learn, Repeat**
- **Reducing conflict**
- **Improving literacy**
- **Balancing relationships**
- **Anxiety**

 **ONLINE via TEAMS**

 Various dates and times including evenings

Register interest at:

<https://forms.office.com/e/AA18eUdxMj>

**Come and join us!**

## Multisport World Championships Ibiza 2023 - Ms Gajny

Back in early September 2022 I entered an aquathlon (500m river swim and a 5k run) which I won so I decided to see if I could gain selection for the Great Britain age group team for the World Championships which were being held in Ibiza.

Several months passed by and finally I received an email congratulating me on selection... then reality kicked in and I realised to be competitive I needed to up my training and have more focus.

When you have an important date in the diary that is quite far in advance it seems ages away and in those months of December, January and February it still seemed an awful long way off. Training was going well, and I was up to 5 runs a week including track sessions, school running club, longer runs and hill sessions. Along with swimming 3 or 4 times a week, which meant most days I was training before and after school!

April approached and final payments and logistics were sorted and then it was just final preparation. I was swimming and running probably the best for several years, there was nothing more I could do.

Ibiza was warm and sunny, and the atmosphere was fantastic it was so great to see so many athletes competing for their countries in multi-sport disciplines. The Parade of Nations through the streets of Santa Eulalia was amazing and a proud moment wearing my GB kit and carrying a flag.

Race day arrived and lacking nearly 3 hours sleep during the night as I woke up and couldn't get back to sleep. I felt awful... a cup of tea and bowl of porridge later I felt more human, and we walked into town as I needed to set up my transition area.

The 1000m sea swim (50 lengths of Church Stretton Pool) was surprisingly choppy and made for tough conditions sighting the marker buoys, but I made it back up onto the beach then a long run to transition whilst taking my wetsuit off. I had very little idea of how my swim had gone but I was pleased with how I felt. Once in transition wetsuit completely off, trainers on, number belt on and off I went on the 5k run. It was a tricky course with several dead turns and tight corners. I overtook a few athletes in the first couple of kilometres and felt I was going ok. It was just gone midday and the weather was hot. I knew once I had reached the final water station that there was a Km to go so it was focus on keeping form and trying to catch other athletes from different waves. Turning the corner on to the blue finishing carpet and a hill finish for 60m I gave it all.

As events are chip timed results are almost instant, having no idea where I had finished it was a 10min wait for the page to refresh. Could I get close to top ten?

Absolutely delighted to find out that I finished 8th in my age group in the Worlds Championships.

Thank you to the staff and students at CSS for being so supportive.

Next race ... possibly Europeans in August





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- *Would you like to know more about your child's development?*
- *Do you need support to understand your child's behaviour?*
- *Would you like a chance to meet & chat with other parents and carers?*



## **UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS**

The groups are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shropshire

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

SEND Groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed for our SEND Groups

**Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm  
at Sunflower House Hub, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury**

**Understanding Your Child starts on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 from 09.30am to 11.30am  
at St Mary's Bluecoat Primary School, Bridgnorth**

**Understanding Your Child starts on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm  
Virtually via MS Teams**

**Understanding Your Child starts Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 from 09.30 to 11.30am  
At Crowmoor Hub, Crowmere Road, Shrewsbury**

**Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm  
Virtually via MS Teams**

To book a place on one of our groups or for further information on the groups we run please contact the Parenting Team by:  
Emailing: [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)  
Telephone: 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