



## Dear Parents & Carers

It has certainly felt like summer this week! Thank you for sending your child in with water bottles so that pupils can fill them up using our water fountains at break or lunch time (not during lesson or at lesson changeover). Please do take note of the message sent home from Mr Longhurst about summer uniform options. Pupils are very welcome to wear shorts but they, like school trousers, must be in line with the specified permitted uniform. As always, thank you for your support.

Last weekend, 20 pupils completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition navigating over 18km through the Long Mynd. Speaking to pupils who participated, some were certainly tested in terms of endurance and resilience due to some unsettled weather. However, they all completed the expedition safe and sound. Well done! I am sure pupils would like to express their thanks to Mr Cox and Mrs Davis who supported them, assisted by the various Duke of Edinburgh staff.

Wednesday this week saw the year 11 pupils gather for a final time for a farewell get together. All pupils enjoyed some time to say farewells to staff, sign shirts and take photographs which will hopefully provide fond memories in years to come. Whilst some pupils are still to return next week for their last examinations, we are already missing the year group and it is noticeable that we no longer have pupils in Senior Student uniform. This is an indicator for current year 10 as we will be looking to them to step up to the role of responsibility very soon. In the meantime, year 10 pupils are nearing their end of year exams before their work experience placement week at the end of term.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend

*John Parr  
Headteacher*

## Upcoming Events

- 30th June** - Year 11 Prom
- 5th July** - Year 9 Ludlow College Day
- 6th July** - Year 10 Shrewsbury College
- 7th July** - Sports Day
- 17th - 21st July** - Enrichment Week
- 17th - 21st July** - Year 10 Work Experience
- 21st July** - End of Term

## Next Week will be Week A

### Warm Weather

As the weather is warming up, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that pupils can wear either plain black knee length tailored shorts (without external pockets) or a black school skirt with their school polo shirt (as per our uniform policy which can be found [here](#)). Students should not be wearing their PE kit instead of their uniform.

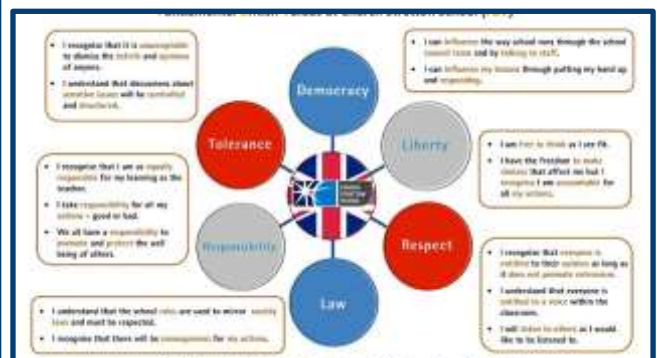
Please can you ensure that they have a water bottle with them and when appropriate, that sun cream is applied before leaving in the morning. Pupils may also wear a sun hat outside at break/ lunch time, but this must be removed before returning inside.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr M Longhurst

### Tutor Time Take-away

This weeks' focus was on Fundamental British Values. Please do ask you child about the topic and get them to explain to you what was discussed.



### Late Students

A number of students are arriving late into school. Please can we remind parents that students need to be in school by 8.45am latest.

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.

## Badminton Competition

If there are any students wishing to take part in a badminton competition on Saturday 1st July for the 137th Wenlock Olympian Games please ask Mrs Hodnett for an entry form. Thank you.

## Fixture Results



Year 7 and 8 had their first cricket game of the year and managed a convincing win over Belvidere. The boys managed to win by nearly 60 runs! They were a pleasure and represented the school excellently yet again. Edward Dunn captained the team and was instrumental in the set up and organising of the team on the day. Also a shout out to Ben for umpiring.

### 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.

## Fixtures Results

This week was an extremely important sporting week for CSS, we qualified for the County Cup athletics, a very prestigious local event which sees the leading schools in athletics compete against each other at Oakengates Track. It was a huge achievement to make the finals, out of 17 schools (private included), we managed to qualify in our junior boys' team and inter girls' team to the finals on Wednesday. We had some outstanding performances from Ella McFarlane who won the discus, Elsa Lovelock who won 1500m (10 seconds in front of 2<sup>nd</sup> place!), Christoph Wilderer placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in Triple Jump and much more. Overall, we can proudly say that our junior boys' team are 8<sup>th</sup> in the county and our inter girls' team are 5<sup>th</sup> in the county (beating the likes of Wrekin College!). We have well and truly put Church Stretton on the map. We look forward to implementing athletics to our curriculum and pushing on with these successes in future competitions.

Please see our fantastic County Cup finalists below:

Megan Williams, Ella Roberts, Mary Preece, Isla Skelly, Ellie Bill, Ella McFarlane, Ruth Shaw, Lowri Morris, Eleni Ward,

Christoph Wilderer, Max Hillier, Ollie Boulton, Rares Nemes, Will Gregg, Riley Guthrie, Aris Perantinos, Sam Pike (missing from photo: Elsa Lovelock, Marcus Cordingley, Will Reece, Rosie Frankwell

Special mention to Marcus Cordingley and Ellie Bill who captained their teams - outstanding leadership and sportsmanship shown from both.





## Student of the Week



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

### This week's winners

#### KS3 Winner

**Marcus Cordingley** nominated by Mrs Hodnett for Captained the Junior Boys at the County Cup athletics finals this week. He was absolutely brilliant in organising the team and cheering his team mates on. His effort throughout the day was outstanding - a true credit to the school.

#### KS4 Winner

**Sonny Guthrie** nominated by Dr Wood for Good Citizenship.



This week's nominations:

#### **KS3 Nominations**

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Reason for Nomination</b>
Isabelle Page	Miss Evans	Completing a fabulous PEEZL paragraph as additional homework to practise her skills for the upcoming core exam. There was some impressive analysis of language- looking at multiple effects of a metaphor! Superb work!
Toby Williams	Miss Evans	A model student.. Goes above and beyond both in terms of classwork but also homework. Toby is demonstrating a tremendous flare for the subject which is leading to him exceeding his target grade. Well done Toby- keep up the hard work and dedication!
Oliver Edwards	Miss Evans	For his passion and enthusiasm for English alongside his fantastic work ethic to improve his analytical paragraphs in preparation for his upcoming core exam.
Ben Watkiss	Mr Barham	Umpiring a Year 7 and 8 cricket match.

#### **KS4 Nominations**

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Reason for Nomination</b>
Katie Pateman	Miss Evans	Has read the entire play of Macbeth, created summaries and lists of key vocabulary and quotations totalling to 30 pages! A massive achievement and dedication to her English Literature studies. Well done Katie!
Pippa Jones	Miss Evans	Pippa has shown a real commitment to improving in English and works hard to do so. Her maturity and the support which she also gives to her peers is something to also be commended.
Finley Middleton	Miss Evans	A pleasure to have in the room owing to his enthusiasm and constant drive to achieve his very best. Finley's commitment to the subject is astounding and his written responses are demonstrating perceptiveness and thoroughness which had led to him consistently exceeding his target grade.

Lawson Wyatt	Miss Evans	For focus and sophisticated responses in English.
Hannah Bradley	Mrs Carr	Always giving 100%
Ellie Bill	Mrs Hodnett	Captained the Intermediate Girls' team at the County Cup athletics finals this week. She was <u>absolutely brilliant</u> in organising the team and cheering her team mates on as well as giving 100% on all her events she competed in herself. A very good leader and role model.



### 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

**STEM CLUB**

Monday  
B4  
Key Stage 3  
12:35 - 13:05pm

## Chess Club

In W2  
On Wednesday's  
at 3.10pm

## HOMWORK CLUB

In W1  
3.10pm to 4.10pm  
Every & Tuesday  
& Thursday

## Food & Nutrition



William Parr  
Toby Westall  
Larissa Meredith Green  
Ruby Wright Smith

Fantastic work making cheesecakes this week especially looking at presentation skills.



## Clara's Charity Events

Clara Powis in Year 10 has been raising money for Hope House. Clara organised a charity ball on Saturday with the theme 'colour' where Clara dyed her hair blue! The ball raised an amazing total of £7072.46!! Clara has now raised an outstanding total of £33,000 for Hope House through her charity events! Please go support her next charity event on 24th September.



## Clara's next Charity Event

Clara's Classic Convoy  
*In aid of Hope House Hospice*



**VINTAGE AND CLASSIC VEHICLE RUN**  
*24th September 2023*

£15 for vehicle inc driver  
+£5 per passenger

Ticket price includes-  
Hot drink and sausage bap at Netley Hall



Check in from 8.30am  
(Leaving at 10am)



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## Year 10 Geology Trip

Last week on Thursday 8th June the Yr10 Geology class set out on their first field trip to The Ercall quarry, just south of the M54 between Telford and Shrewsbury, to solve the mystery of the quarry's geological history.

In 1974 Ercall hill was extensively mined for its Quartzite rock to construct the foundations of the M54, but now it belongs to the Shropshire Wildlife Trust and is open to the public for exploration. Upon arrival we took a short wander through the woods to reach the main quarry where we did our preliminary sketches of the rock face, we then climbed a short but steep section of the hill to get closer to the mystery of The Ercall Unconformity!

We took rock samples and made notes on what they were and where we found them before beginning our puzzling over the creation of this incredible hill. After much deliberation – with no help from Mr. Elkins – we worked out that the main structure of the hill was an igneous rock called Granophyre, formed 540 million years ago (Mya). The unconformity (at Ercall this is between the Granophyre and the next layer of sedimentary rock known as Breccio-conglomerate) is where the rock surface is eroded and then later in time, a new layer of sediment is deposited on top of the eroded surface. The time gap (geological history we can't study) at this unconformity was a staggering 7 million years!

We then proceeded to our next stop further along the quarry where we practiced some more fieldwork techniques like measuring the angle and direction the rock beds dip and we also looked at a special sedimentary structure in the Quartzite. This structure was ripple marks, by the symmetrical pattern they had we deduced that this Quartzite had been deposited on a beach as the water goes back and forth producing the symmetrical pattern, so had we been standing there 533 Mya we would have been on the coast of England!

For our final stop we dropped by the local "restaurant" (McDonald's, don't tell anyone!) and had our lunch before heading back to school after a long day of puzzle-solving!



## Enrichment Week

Please see below the activities planned for years 7, 8 & 9 for enrichment week. We are encouraging all children to take part in the trips, if there is not enough interest the trip will not be able to go ahead. If you would like your child/ren to go on a trip you can make payment using ParentPay.

### **Blue planet Aquarium – Year 7 (Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July) Cost £18**

A captivating underwater world is waiting for you to discover at Blue Planet Aquarium. Home to more than 100 living displays, as well as one of Europe’s largest collections of sharks, the aquarium offers plenty of marine life to marvel at.

### **West Midlands Safari Park - Year 8 (Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July) Cost £25**

Discover it all through a tour of some of the world’s most beautiful and endangered exotic animals. Explore a variety of exciting safari zones such as Elephant Valley, African Plains and Wild Africa, with animals that students will be able to see up close and personal. Students will also have full use of the adventure theme park, and with dozens of rides to choose from they are in for a thrill-seeking time. Arrive back at school for 5pm. (Packed lunch required)

### **Drayton Manor theme park and zoo – Year 9 (Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> July) Cost £26**

Enjoy the thrills and spills of rides such as Shockwave and Apocalypse or some more tamer alternatives such as the river rapids. You will also get an opportunity to look around the Zoo and gardens. Arrive back at school for 6pm. (Packed lunch required)

#### Enrichment week schedule (non-residential trips)

	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 9</b>
<b>Monday, 17th</b>	Blue Planet Aquarium <b>Packed lunch needed</b> <b>Cost £18 via ParentPay</b>	Drama activities	PE – Inter House competition (PE Kit needed)
<b>Tuesday, 18th</b>	DT Activities	PE – Inter House competition (PE Kit needed)	Science activities
<b>Wednesday, 19th</b>	PE – Inter House competition (PE Kit needed)	*Safari Park <b>Packed Lunch needed</b> <b>Cost: £25 via ParentPay</b> Back for 5pm	Maths - Orienteering/Problem Solving
<b>Thursday, 20th</b>	Art activities	English activities	*Drayton Manor <b>Packed Lunch needed</b> <b>Cost: £26 via ParentPay</b> Back for 6pm
<b>Friday, 21st</b>	House Walk & BBQ	House Walk & BBQ	House Walk & BBQ

*\* The trips to Drayton Manor and the Safari Park return after school finishes, **please arrange transport home***



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- Mental Health Awareness
- Counselling
- Special Educational Needs and Disability
- Team Leading
- Business Administration
- Lean Organisation Management
- Customer Service
- Functional Skills - Maths
- Functional Skills - English

These are just the popular qualifications, but they have over 30 available! The qualifications are completed within a 6–10 week period at your leisure. They are equivalent to a GCSE. You can do as many as you like, however you can only do one at a time.

**The only criteria you must meet to be eligible, is:**

Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2022

Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years

Not already on a Government funded course

If you are interested in undertaking one of these free online courses or would like further information, then please complete the following link ASAP. This will then allow The AIM Group to contact you to discuss and get you started on your chosen course: <https://theaimgroup.co.uk/booking-form/0014J00000ty5Vo>



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**6pm - 7:30pm**

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FOR SCHOOL  
YEARS 8,9,10 & ,11

£1 PER WEEK

A mixture of activities each week:

Baking    Crafts    Art  
Cooking   Board games  
Table tennis

## Programme :

18th Apr - Sun catchers, Mug cakes and Archery.

25th Apr - Planting, Flapjacks and Badminton.

2nd May - Cap designing, Cinamon Swirls and Beer  
Goggles/Balance Games.

9th May - Silk Art, Cookies and Target Archery.

16th May - Mosaics, Natchos and Football.

23rd May - Lucky dip activities, Chip Butties and Dodgeball.

30th May - HALF TERM

6th June - Cress Heads, Brownies, Hungry hippos and Giant  
Bubbles.

13th June - Sketching, Pizza and Sumo Suits.

20th June - Painting, Cookies and Rounders.

27th June - Tote bags, Smoothies and Football.

4th July - Clay work, Toasties and Nerf Guns.

11th July - Tie Dye T-shirts, Wraps and Parachute.

18th July - Lucky dip activities, Mini pizza's and Bowling

25th July - Summer Party!

Activities subject to change or rescheduling

Drop in with friends &  
try new activities in a  
safe environment!

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# 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