



Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to another edition of The Link.

I will begin with some news regarding changes to the pastoral system. We are very pleased to inform you that next year we will be increasing our pastoral leadership staffing. The current model of pastoral leadership of a Head of KS3, a Head of KS4 under Assistant Headteacher, Mr Longhurst's leadership will change to the following: Assistant Headteacher, Mr Longhurst - Behaviour & Attitudes

Ms Dixon - Head of Year 7

Ms Gajny - Head of Year 8 & 10

Mr Elkins - Head of Year 9 & 11

A non-teaching Pastoral Support Assistant - supporting Year Heads

I hope you agree that this extension of the pastoral team is exciting. This week, pupils have had assemblies from Mr Elkins and Ms Gajny to introduce themselves as Heads of Year. During the assemblies, it was explained to pupils that their Head of Year will stay with them as they progress through school.

With just 4 weeks of summer term remaining there is much to look forward to and much to think about for all year groups.

As we move into the final weeks of summer term, students continue to work hard preparing for their assessments and should be congratulated on their approach to the exams. For Year 7 in particular, this is a new experience and they have coped admirably. Well done to all students therefore! Once these assessments are completed, pupils will turn their thoughts to less pressured activities including work experience, enrichment week and sports day.

Of course, Year 11 have completed all of their exams now, so we hope that they are enjoying the early start to a summer break and we look forward to joining them at their Prom next week.

As one year group leaves, we look forward to welcoming our new year 7 intake for September to the Transition Evening taking place on 03rd July followed by Transition Day for pupils on 04th July. This should be an exciting day for pupils and we hope they are all looking forward to it.

With best wishes for a good weekend

*John Parr*  
Headteacher

## Next Week will be Week B

### Tutor Time Take-away

This weeks' focus was on Social, Moral, Spiritual, Cultural (SMSC). Please do ask you child about the topic and get them to explain to you what was discussed.



### Year 11 Leavers

If any year 11 students have any uniform they would like to donate to the school we would really appreciate this. Thank you.

### Upcoming Events

**30th June** - Year 11 Prom

**5th July** - Year 9 Ludlow College Day

**6th July** - Year 10 Shrewsbury College

**13th July** - Sports Day

**17th - 21st July** - Enrichment Week

**17th - 21st July** - Year 10 Work Experience

**21st July** - End of Term

### 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.

## Stretton Focus – Student Journalists

On Friday 16th June, Daisy, Evie, Daisy, Louisa and Wiola were presented with a certificate of achievement for their excellent articles published in 'Stretton Focus'. In attendance were Christine Williams, a Stretton focus editor; Paul Harding, Stretton Focus chairman and Mr Parr, headteacher of Church Stretton School. All year, the student journalists have featured in the middle pages of the magazine giving a young person's viewpoint on the world. If you are a Year 10 and interesting in becoming a student journalist next academic year, write a short letter explaining why you would be a good candidate for this opportunity and hand it into R4 by Wednesday 28th June. Mr Balmer



## Food & Nutrition

Chef of the week



Scarlett Hurrell  
Emily Kirkwood  
Martha Bruce  
Molly Jeffries



We've had a lovely aroma wafting through school this week as the year 9 students have been making Citrus cheesecakes with fresh fruit toppings.



## Student of the Week



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

### This week's winners

#### KS3 Winner

Amelia Pearson nominated by Mr Balmer for brilliant recall of how to write analytical paragraphs.

#### KS4 Winner

Jordy Simpson nominated by Dr Wood for "winner" in chemistry.



This week's nominations:

### **KS3 Nominations**

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Reason for Nomination</b>
Finley Foxall	Miss Evans	Excellent contributions to poetry lessons sharing some very sophisticated and thoughtful answers. Also demonstrating a real commitment to the subject as seen through classwork and homework. Well done Finley- keep up the hard work!
Max Hillier	Miss Evans	For demonstrating real maturity and encouraging others to make the right choice.
Dean Harvey	Mrs Scott	Consistent outstanding effort in Maths
Charlie Gregg	Mrs Scott	Superb independent work in Maths
Will Jackson	Mrs Scott	Consistent outstanding effort in Maths

### **KS4 Nominations**

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Reason for Nomination</b>
Zarabeth Boccacci	Miss Evans	For completing an excellent analytical response on the relationship between Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. Zarabeth's academic writing is continuing to improve and her dedication to the subject is clear to see. Well done Zarabeth and good luck in your upcoming mock examinations!
Izzy Strelitz	Mr Balmer	Going over and above in her preparation for end of year exams!
Maisie White	Mr Balmer	For regularly going the extra mile in her exam preparation!
Pippa Jones	Mrs Scott	Superb Independent work in Maths
Guy Keath	Dr Wood	"Winner" in chemistry.
Layla Morgan	Dr Wood	Resilience in chemistry.
Connor Gray	Dr Wood	"Winner" in chemistry
Ashley-Jack Simpson	Dr Wood	"Winner" in chemistry
Lexie Wistow	Dr Wood	"Winner" in chemistry



## 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)

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
<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**



## **Summer Holiday Fun in Shropshire with HAF (Holiday Activities & Food) – Bookings Open!**

Bookings are now open for the Summer Shropshire HAF (Holiday Activities & Food) programme.

Shropshire Council is working with local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to run an exciting holiday programme this summer, Shropshire HAF (Holiday Activities and Food).

There are free places available on the programme for children and young people aged 4 (reception class age) to 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. There are also a limited number of free places available for children and young people living in areas of high deprivation and/or from low-income households, who are not in receipt of benefits related free school meals. These children and young people can be referred onto the programme by a professional. Places are also available for Ukrainian families, currently staying in Shropshire with host families.

From 25th July to 1st September 2023, eligible children and young people are invited to take part in a range of fun activities, happening at 57 holiday clubs from across the county.

There is something on offer for everyone including sports, arts, cooking, forest schools and other exciting opportunities. Free nutritious meals will be provided at each session, as well as information to benefit the whole family.

### **The Summer What's On Guide and details of how to book are available online**

Some of the holiday programmes also include paid spaces for children and young people who are not in receipt of free school meals. Kirstie Hurst-Knight, Portfolio Holder for Children and Education, said: "Over the Easter holidays, 1,238 individual eligible children and young people, took part in a wide range of exciting and engaging activities at 58 holiday clubs from across the county. Again, providers are offering fantastic holiday clubs this summer. I'd like to encourage all eligible families to book onto HAF and have fun this summer. There is a huge range of activities happening, with free meals provided at each session."

**For more information on HAF in Shropshire, for a copy of the What's On Guide and to sign up to the HAF e-news, [click here](#).**

**Please contact the HAF Programme Co-Ordinators – email: [haf.programme@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:haf.programme@shropshire.gov.uk)**

## The Aim Group

The AIM Group deliver **Free Online Level 2 Accredited Courses** to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing, along with a range of other qualifications that may help with developing your own careers.

Here's some of the most popular subjects available:

- Neuroscience in the Early Years
- Children and Young Peoples Mental Health
- Understanding Autism
- Specific Learning Difficulties
- Nutrition and Health
- Distressed Behaviour in Children
- Bullying in Children and Young People
- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- 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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Empower.*

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# PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER SCHOOL 2023

24th JULY - 28th July

Dorrington Village Hall

10am - 4pm

Ages 6 - 18

**BOOK NOW** → 

Contact Cathy Griffiths:

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SHREWSBURY AC TRACK**

**60M, 800M, LONG JUMP, STANDING HIGH JUMP  
& FUN FOR ALL: FOOD&FUN STALLS**

**FOR ATHLETES AGED 8-14**

**FREE**

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# CHURCH STRETTON YOUTH DROP-IN

**Every Tuesday**  
(during term time)

**6pm - 7:30pm**

@Russells Meadow Pavilion,  
Lutwyche Rd, Church Stretton  
SY6 6AT

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!

TRAINED &  
DBS CHECKED  
YOUTH WORKERS



For more info contact Adie:

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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