

# THE LINK

Edition 35 7th July 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

This week has certainly been another busy one!

Monday saw parents and carers attend the Transition Evening presentation followed by the Intake Day for our incoming year 7 pupils on Tuesday. Thank you to parents & carers of year 6 who attended Transition Evening. We hope you found it useful and that you left with a clear understanding of how transition work will support your child as they make the change from their Primary school to Church Stretton School.

Also on Monday, half of the current year 7's enjoyed their first experience of geography fieldwork, undertaking a river study in Carding Mill Valley. Although the rain resulted in some soggy paperwork, it didn't dampen spirits and all returned tired but happy. The second half of the year group had their turn on Wednesday and had a similarly enjoyable day. Thank you to Mrs Colburn, Mr Elkins and staff who supported the fieldwork.

Wednesday and Thursday saw another two year groups involved in off site visits. On Wednesday, year 9 pupils enjoyed a visit to Ludlow College where they found out about Post-16 opportunities they offer and on Thursday, year 10 pupils had a great day at Shrewsbury College Group experiencing similarly wide-ranging courses that they may not otherwise have been aware of. Thank you, Mr Lowe, Careers Coordinator who led the trips and staff who supported the visits.

For parents/carers and ex-year 11 pupils who attended the Art Show on Wednesday, I have no doubt that they were amazed at the exceptional work of our pupils. Thank you Mrs Fletcher-Tyrie and Mrs Tapscott for organising and hosting the evening.

Yesterday Ms Dillon, School Games Organiser - South Shropshire and Mr Jew, Trusted Sports Alliance Head of Service, supported by our fantastic pupils acting as sports leaders coordinated a superb Primary Athletics event involving local primary schools and some of their year 5 /6 pupils. It was a fabulous event that saw celebration of success and participation - true sports ethos!

Today, 14 year 10 pupils accompanied by Mr Cox and Mrs Davis have departed to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Silver qualifying expedition, taking place this weekend. This will involve 3 days of planned activity, walking around 18km each day through the Brecon Beacons. We look forward to hearing about how it went next week!

It is hard to believe that we are now approaching the final fortnight of the summer term; a time when we hope to enjoy the upcoming Sports Awards Evening, a fantastic sports day followed by activities for years 7 to 9 in enrichment week whilst year 10 pupils attend their work experience placements.

So, certainly not a quiet time of year for our school! With best wishes for a lovely weekend

John Parr Headteacher

#### **Upcoming Events**

13th July - Sports Day 17th - 21st July - Enrichment Week 17th - 21st July - Year 10 Work Experience 21st July - End of Term

#### **Tutor Time Take-away**

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



# **Sporting News**

This terms PE timetable can be found

# <u>here</u>

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 <u>a note</u> and <u>their PE kit</u> to take part in other roles.

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

# **Sports Partnership**

The Sports Partnership team have been very busy this term. To see what they have been up to click <u>here</u>

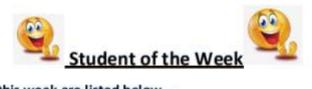
# **Sports Day**



Thursday 13th July
Please can we ask that
your child brings a
water bottle for the
day.

| CSS Fixture Memo    |                                      |  |  |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
|                     |                                      |  |  |
| Date                | Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July        |  |  |
| Year                | 10                                   |  |  |
| Manager             | HAH                                  |  |  |
| Competition         | County Rounders                      |  |  |
| Opponents           | Various                              |  |  |
| Venue               | AWAY @ Corbet                        |  |  |
| Meet at<br>C'rooms  | 12.20<br>BRING PACKED LUNCH          |  |  |
| Start               | 1.30                                 |  |  |
| Return to<br>school | 4.30- arrange pick up from CS school |  |  |
| Bring drink for d   | uring game.                          |  |  |

IF YOU ARE UNAVAILABLE OR HAVE ANY PROBLEMS, YOU I



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

#### This week's winners

KS3 Winner

<u>Una Frith</u> nominated by Miss Evans for always doing everything expected of her without ever causing a fuss. Classwork and homework are to a very high standard indeed.

#### KS4 Winner

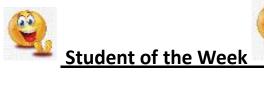
<u>James Davies</u> nominated by Miss Evans – for working diligently in lessons encouraging his peers to do the same. His commitment to achieving his very best is truly impressive as he works hard in class to implement what he has been taught and completes all homework and revision to a fantastic standard.



This week's nominations:

#### **KS3 Nominations**

| Student Name             | Nominated by | Reason for Nomination   |
|--------------------------|--------------|---|
| George Wallis            | Miss Evans   | Phenomenal enthusiasm and flare for the subject.<br>Surpassed his target grade in his recent English core<br>examination. |
| Demi-Leigh Waterfield    | Miss Evans   | For demonstrating an impressive understanding of Animal Farm and its links to the Russian Revolution. Well done, Demie!   |
| Ashley Holdsworth        | Mrs Richards | Ash is always such a polite and friendly pupil, who tries his best in every lesson.                                       |
| Tillie Stubbs            | Mrs Colburn  | Excellent participation during the year 7 geography trip  |
| Kayla Jones              | Mrs Colburn  | Excellent participation during the year 7 geography trip  |
| Petra Pinches            | Mrs Colburn  | Excellent participation during the year 7 geography trip  |
| Lexie Bland              | Dr Wood      | Good citizenship (picked up litter from the corridor that someone else had dropped)                                       |
| Ryan Drakeford           | Miss Evans   | Demonstrating resilience and commitment to improving in<br>English.   |
| Vea Ongsit               | Miss Evans   | For consistently demonstrating unwavering enthusiasm in<br>English and being a model student to her peers.                |
| Myley Griffiths-Sergeant | Miss Evans   | Continued hard work and investment in the subject. Her conscientious approach to her studies is outstanding!              |
| Isabel Shaw              | Mr Wright    | For their great help on transition day  |
| Eleanor Merrill          | Mr Wright    | For their great help on transition day  |
| Isabel Cowley            | Mr Wright    | For their great help on transition day  |
| Lexi Foulgar             | Mr Wright    | For their great help on transition day  |
| Thomas Ockenden          | Mr Wright    | For their great help on transition day  |
| Oscar Jeffries           | Mr Wright    | For their great help on transition day  |





| Zac Cotton    | Mr Wright | For their great help on transition day     |  |
|---------------|-----------|--|--|
| Sonny Martin  | Mr Wright | For their great help on transition day     |  |
| Olivia Henson | Mr Wright | For their great help on transition day     |  |
| Poppy Jardine | Mr Wright | For their great help on transition day     |  |
| Ruby Jones    | Mr Wright | For their great help on transition day     |  |
| Will Reece    | Mr Wright | For their speech at the transition evening |  |
| Phoebe Pote   | Mr Wright | For their speech at the transition evening |  |
| Evie Perry    | Mr Wright | For their great help on transition day     |  |

# **KS4 Nominations**

| Student Name      | Nominated by | Reason for Nomination  |  |
|-------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Maisie White      | Mrs Carr     | Amazing dedication to her revision for the yr10 Biology exam.  |  |
| Summer Francis    | Miss Evans   | Summer is so incredibly hard working and her dedication to improve and ensure she 'gets it' before moving on is astounding. Summer will very often take work home to finish off/continue to work on it to ensure she is confident and listens to everything she is told. She never allows herself to be distracted and is a positive influence on her peers. |  |
| Sadie Singleton   | Mrs Carr     | Her determination, perseverance, and positive attitude. Well done!   |  |
| Sophie Mackenhnie | Mrs Carr     | Her positive attitude.   |  |
| Courtney Morris   | Miss Evans   | An exemplary student who is hard-working, polite, and kind to all she meets. Courtney has exceeded her target grade in her mock examinations which is a real testament to her commitment to achieving in the subject. Well done, Courtney!   |  |
| Jack Smout        | Miss Evans   | A real improvement in the subject- both academically and in terms of attitude. Jack attained an impressive grade in his recent English Language mock examination showing his ability to achieve in the subject. Well done, Jack- keep up the focus and hard work!  |  |
| Lily Jardine      | Miss Evans   | Outstanding performance in her hair dressing taster session<br>at Shrewsbury College- Lily's work was used as an example<br>by the instructor. Well done, Lily- impressive work!   |  |



# Shrewsbury AC Athletics Festival 19.6.2023

Shrewsbury AC aiming to get kids active with new, innovative 'Athletics Festival' Shrewsbury Athletics Club is pleased to announce that it will be holding its first ever Athletics Festival on Saturday 29th July. This is an innovative idea that will combine live music, food, and carnival games on the infield with races and jumps on the track in an effort to make the event fun for all and connect with the local community.

Athletes aged 8-14 will be able to take part in the on-track events with the 60m sprint, 800m, long jump, and standing high jump on offer. It will be free to take part in the athletics, although registration is mandatory via Shrewsbury AC. This event is open to all - whether you're a member of an athletics club or not.

This Athletics Festival is endorsed by England Athletics, the governing body for athletics in England. Competition Partnerships and Innovation Manager, Nichola Skedgel, says "Athletics is the foundation of all sports which is why we are thrilled to be working in partnership with Shrewsbury AC on their festival of athletics. It is everything a family day out should be; age-appropriate competition played out alongside fun activities and entertainment for all the family to enjoy. We hope everyone has a great day and this will be the start of athletics festivals up and down the country for all the enjoy, regardless of age or aspiration."

Shrewsbury AC is excited to hold this Athletics Festival, with live music by Music Heroes, a band made up of music tutors from the Shropshire-based music school, and a variety of carnival game stalls providing entertainment for everyone. In addition to stalls run by athletes and parents, partners like Energize STW, The Crossbar Foundation, Sport&Brands, Lanyon Bowdler, and Warwick University Athletics and Cross Country have already confirmed that they will be supporting this innovate format and host carnival game stalls.

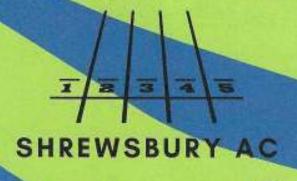
Santino Dummett, event organiser, says "It's a great honour that Shropshire has been picked for this England Athletics national pilot. The Shrewsbury AC Athletics Festival will be a great afternoon of active fun for 8-14 year olds in Shropshire".

The Athletics Festival will be held at Shrewsbury AC at the London Road Sports Centre and Athletics Track, London Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6PR.

The event will last three hours, from 1-4PM on Saturday 29th July.

For more information, please contact festival.shrewsburyac@gmail.com or use this QR code





# Athletics Festival

MUSIC.FOOD.ATHLETICS.

SATURDAY 29TH JULY, 1PM-4PM SHREWSBURY AC TRACK

& FUN FOR ALL: FOOD&FUN STALLS

FOR ATHLETES AGED 8-14



REGISTER INTEREST NOW





Thanks to our official partners:







**Church Stretton** 

# Volunteer with us



We open up a world of possibilities to girls from 4 to 18 - one where they can do anything. We're the UK's largest youth organisation dedicated completely to girls.

It's totally flexible. Any help you can give will make a big difference. There's no commitment too small. You can volunteer in a group or use your skills behind the scenes. You don't need any guiding experience to join.

We meet

Church Shretton

Various eveninge on:

at: Vonous himes between 430pm + 8pm depending on the

girlguiding.org.uk/volunteer



Girls laugh, learn and expand their horizons

for ages 10 to 14

At Guides, all girls are welcome to enjoy our fun-filled space, where she'll make good friends, learn to be herself, explore what she loves and do stuff she's never done before!



Registered charity number: Excepted from registration.

Join a local Guides group girlguiding.org.uk/joinus







# Girlguiding

**Church Stretton** 



For ages 4 to 7

Rainbows welcomes all girls to come together to laugh, learn and have fun in a creative, safe space. It's a wonderful world of adventure, week after week, just for her.





Brownies is full of firsts: she can explore her creative side, get out into the great outdoors, learn how to look after herself, others and the world we live in.



For ages 7 to 10

# Guides

For ages 10 to 14

Guides is a fun-filled space, she'll have one big adventure with friends, learn how to be herself, explore the things she loves and do stuff she's never done before!





Rangers is an open and relaxed space, where you can regularly meet up, go on trips at home and abroad, to help make a difference to the things you care about.



For ages 14 to 18

Find a group near you girlguiding.org.uk

Registered charity number: Excepted from registration.



# 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, <u>click here</u>.

Please contact the HAF Programme Co-Ordinators – email: haf.programme@shropshire.gov.uk



# HOLIDAY STEM SKILL CLUBS

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths clubs for all 8 to 13 year-olds.



With a different STEM theme each day there are lots of investigations, experiments and creative challenges to have fun with!

Meole Brace School, Longden Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 9DW August 7th - 18th 2023

9 am - 4pm (earlier drop and late pick up available) £34 per day with discount for weekly bookings

www.skillclubs.co.uk

All activities fully risk assessed and run by experienced, DBS-checked staff,
OFSTED-registered and accepting childcare vouchers.

# Shrewsbury Timetable

# Mon 7th August - Sphero Art and Animation

Creatively code our fabulous robots to make art and animations



Build and create amazing structures that are bigger than you!

# Wed 9th August - Science of Us Colourful Concoctions

Do experiments and make chemical reactions creating amazing colours

# Thurs 10th August - Engineering Terrific Towers

Build towers from lots of different materials and find out how and why they stay up.

# Fri 11th August - Crumble Autonomous vehicles

Make a vehicle and code it so it navigates autonomously

# Mon 14th August - Sphero Sensors

Code our amazing robots to use their sensors in different challenges

# Tues 15th August - Waterways and Boats

Make different kinds of boats and test what makes them float and move

# Wed 16th August - Stop Motion Animation

Learn how to create different animations and make your own films.

# Thurs 17th August - Construction Engineering

Become a civil engineer for the day building and creating with different materials

# Fri 18th August - Drone Coding

A fun day coding our amazing drones to overcome lots of challenges







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## About us...

Skill Supply have been running STEM workshops, Skill Clubs and events in schools, colleges and businesses since 2014. Designed by scientists and educators, we use STEM activities to develop a whole host of other skills such as: literacy, numeracy, resilience, creativity, curiosity, team-working, communication and much more.