



Dear Parents & Carers,

As we reach the end of the penultimate week of the academic year, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support.

As we reach the end of term, we are keen to ensure you have the information you need to make the right choices in preparation for next academic year. Therefore, please do look out for some important information to help you and have informed discussions with your child/ren:

Mr Longhurst, Assistant Headteacher for Behaviour & Attitudes along with Personal Development will write to you with some very important and useful information about making the right choices when purchasing school uniform for the new academic year. We know that this is often tricky (and costly), therefore please do read this as we do not want you to be paying more than you need to. Purchasing clothing and shoes to then find out they don't meet our agreed uniform expectations (and then having to replace it) is the last thing we want for parents & carers.

Mr Bird, Assistant Headteacher for Assessment and reporting has recently written to you regarding some changes to the structure of teaching groups next academic year. Again, there are important things to be aware of, so please do read this letter carefully. Thank you.

Yesterday, we enjoyed an amazing Sports Day with all pupils involved in many traditional and retro events. Thank you to Mrs Hodnett and team for organising such a fantastic day and congratulations to Ragleth House who were overall winners this year, in what was a closely contested competition.

We wish year 10 pupils an enjoyable and interesting week of Work Experience next week and we look forward to hearing about it when they return in September as year 11's! For remaining pupils, we hope that next week's enrichment activities will be fun filled and rewarding.

Finally, it is always lovely to hear of the successes, hobbies and interests of our pupils outside of school. Please do let us know and with your permission, we are very proud to share news in The Link. A recent example can be found within this edition, highlighting the dedication and commitment of Ollie Cummins, Year 10. Not only in the amazing restoration of the car but also having his self-authored article published in a national (possibly international) publication. Amazing work Ollie!

Enjoy the weekend

John Parr
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

17th - 21st July - Enrichment Week

17th - 21st July - Year 10 Work Experience

21st July - End of Term

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September - PD Days

Wednesday 6th September - Term Starts for year 7s only

Thursday 7th September - Term starts for all years

A message from Miss Sollars

We would like to say thank you to Mr Wright for all of his work over the years teaching RE. He has been a committed and supportive colleague who will be missed within the department and we wish him well in his new role. As from September, Religious Education will be taught by Mr Patrick and will be known as Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (RPE); allowing students the opportunity to explore in greater depth the ethical and philosophical questions that are important in the modern world.

Miss Sollars
Head of Humanities

Sports Awards 2023

This week has been an EPIC week for sports at Church Stretton School. This Wednesday 12th July, we hosted the Church Stretton School Sports Awards where we invited our top performers and leaders of sport to receive an award in front of near 110 guests. We had some excellent performances from our school bands and dancers, who were extremely professional. We were also lucky enough to have two inspirational speakers who delivered the awards. One being Nick Beighton, bronze Paralympian medallist in kayaking, he spoke about his struggles after losing both legs whilst in Afghanistan and how he overcame his struggles and channelled everything into sport. We also welcomed an ex-pupil, Jess Stone, who is now a world champion in down hilling and mountain biking. She spoke about her determination and how she managed to work her way to the top in each discipline.

We also concluded the speeches with a message from England Rugby player, Jonny Hill, who is currently away at the World Cup training camp. He wished Church Stretton Students good luck and shared some words of wisdom and encouragement. It is fair to say students and parents alike took a lot away from the evening.



Nick Beighton- Bronze Paralympian Medallist



Jess Stone- World Cup biking Champion - Ex Pupil of CSS



Mary Preece - KS4 Athlete of the year



Wilf Turner - KS4 Athlete of the year



Lowri Morris - KS3 Athlete of the year



Joe Evans- Commitment to Extra Curricular



Martha Wynne - Sport Studies Academic



William Doley- Sport Studies Academic



Daisy - Yr 11 BTEC Sport Award



Female Team of the Year- Yr 10 Rounders Team- County Qualifiers.



Male team of the Year - Yr 7&8 Rugby Team



Bronze Level Leader Ambassadors



KS3 Male Leader of the year- Joel Berry



KS3 Female Leader of the year- Dora Turner



KS4 Male Leader of the year- Freddie Westall



KS4 Female Leader of the year - Ellie Bill

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.



Sporting Success

Christoph Wilderer (yr 7) went to the Wenlock Olympian Games last Saturday as one of the youngest students at the event. Christoph came in 3rd for U14 boys (being only 12) and 1st for U14 doubles where he was paired up with a girl. Christoph is aiming high for his badminton and hopes to enter the county badminton trials in September. A great achievement, Well done!

Enrichment Week

Enrichment week July 2023 – Day trips and in-school activities

	Monday 17th	Tuesday 18th	Wednesday 19th	Thursday 20th	Friday 21st
Year 7	Blue planet Aquarium Leave 9am Return 3.10pm Own clothes Packed lunch (Meet Hall – Mrs Quye) In school – computer design Own clothes – B8	DT & Problem solving In school Own clothes Meet Y4/5 (Mr Norman/Mr Hart)	PE Inter-House In school School PE kit Meet Sports hall (Mrs Hodnett)	Art In school Own clothes Meet B10 (Mrs Fletcher-Tyrie)	House walk and BBQ Own clothes Sensible walking shoes/coat Packed lunch (R & L Mr Wright – Hall C & H - Mr Elkins Sports hall)
Year 8	Drama In school Own clothes Meet Drama studio (Mr Wise)	PE Inter-House In school School PE kit Meet Sports hall (Mrs Hodnett)	West Mids safari Park Leave 9am Return 5pm Meet Hall Own clothes Packed lunch (Mr Cox) In school – computer design Own clothes – B8	English In school Own clothes Bring PE kit Meet R3/4 (Mr Balmer/Miss Beamond)	House walk and BBQ Own clothes Sensible walking shoes/coat Packed lunch (R & L Mr Wright – Hall C & H - Mr Elkins Sports hall)
Year 9	PE Inter-House In school School PE kit Meet Sports hall (Mrs Hodnett)	Science In school Own clothes Meet B4/5 (Mr Cox)	Maths In school & Cardingmill valley Meet Y1/2 Own clothes (Mr Williams)	Drayton Manor Leave 9am Return 6pm Hall Own clothes Packed lunch (Mrs Dixon) In school – computer design Own clothes – B8	House walk and BBQ Own clothes Sensible walking shoes/coat Packed lunch (R & L Mr Wright – Hall C & H - Mr Elkins Sports hall)

Trust Awards



Congratulation to all of the students who have been nominated for this years Trust awards. Clara Powis is the overall Trust winner. Well done!
Pictured left is Clara Powis with Pete Johnstone Deputy Trust CEO and Headteacher John Parr.



School Uniform

Please see below pictures of skirts which we expect students to wear in school. Photos 1 and 2 are skirts appropriate for the school day.

Photos 3 and 4 are not appropriate.



Church Stretton Youth Club - Open session for young people and volunteers

In collaboration with SYA and Church Stretton Town Council, Mayfair Community Centre are seeking to start a Youth Club for young people in school years 6 and 7. We hope this will run on Tuesday evenings during term time and will take place just before the existing Youth Drop-in sessions for school years 8 to 11.

To make this happen, we need the support of volunteers to work with our trained youth leaders a few hours each month. We're holding an open session with taster activities on Tuesday 18th July between 4.00 and 5.30pm. Parents and young people are invited to pop in and meet us, try out some of the activities that will take place at these sessions, and talk to us about volunteering. If you know anyone else who may be interested in volunteering with us, please pass on this information and invite them to pop in for a chat on 18th July or give Eve or Nicola a call at Mayfair on 01694 722077.

Young people in school years 8 to 11 are, as usual, welcome along to the later Youth Drop in from 6pm to 7.30.

Food & Nutrition



This week the Y10 Food preparation and nutrition students were given the task of choosing two dishes to cook in their two hour lesson. This was a practice run for their exam next year.

All the students did fantastically well and chose dishes to showcase their skills.

The 3 standout dishes were a molten chocolate pudding by Adnan Khalid, a gorgeous Bakewell tart by Beth Perry and an exquisite fruit and cream Pavlova by Holly Watson.

BE EQUIPPED AND READY

TO LEARN

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| ✓ Coloured pencils | ✓ Pen -black/blue |
| ✓ Ruler | ✓ Exercise books |
| ✓ Glue stick | ✓ Reading Book |
| ✓ Protractor | ✓ Pencil |
| ✓ Compass | ✓ Rubber |
| ✓ Scientific calculator | ✓ Pencil sharpener |
| ✓ Water bottle | ✓ Scissors |

School Uniform

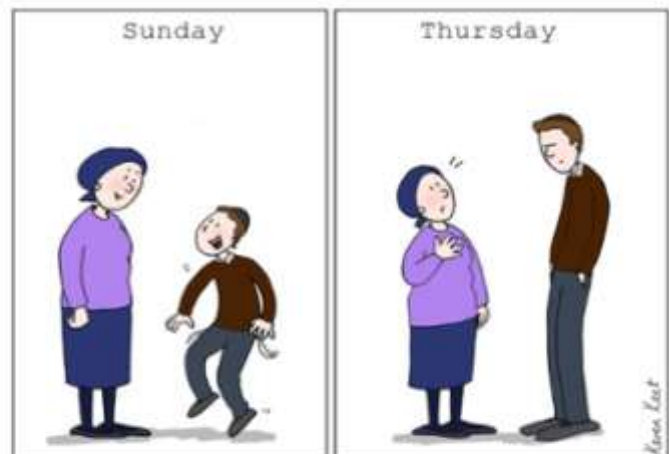
Please can we remind students of the following:-

- Students are allowed natural hair colours only
- Nail varnish and false nails are not permitted
- Students are allowed to wear a watch but no other jewellery other than a single pair of studs - no smart watches
- Clear retainers must be used for nose piercing

School uniform

If you have any school uniform, or PE kit, that is still in good condition but your child has outgrown, or no longer needs, please send it into school.

We are very grateful for your support. Thank you.



DofE Round-Up



It has been a busy year for both our Bronze and Silver Award students which culminated in them completing their qualifying expeditions in recent weeks. 21 Bronze and 14 Silver students have been attending bi-weekly training sessions to develop the navigational skills required for their qualifying expedition. We are pleased to announce that all students were successful in completing this element of the award and can now focus on the remaining 3 sections; physical, skill and volunteering, some students are already there having secured their Award.

We are also delighted to share that our DofE students have spent 572 hours completing volunteering work in the local community which if paid would equate to somewhere in the region of £2751.



**YOUTH
WITHOUT
LIMITS**

Thank you

to
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants

from

Church Stretton School

who spent

572 Hours

volunteering between
1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.

We are immensely proud of the dedication, effort and achievement of young people making an impact in their community.

The social value of these hours is

£2751

RUTH MARSHALL, DofE EXECUTIVE

June 2023

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the 28 students who have achieved their Bronze Award this academic year. There are several more students soon to join the list.

Delphine Hurrell	Fred Davis	Daisy Deards	Bella Atherton	Eleni Ward
Finley Boulton	Euan France	Rosie Carr	Ellie Bill	Sophie Mackechnie
Daisy Jones	Rosie Frankel	Siobhan Morris	Martha Wynne	Isobel Devey
Ishan Manoj	Benjamin Willis	Daisy Swain	Finley Middleton	Lily Jardine
Finn Feeney	Joe Burke	Finley Healey	Thomas Wright-Smith	
Ella McFarlane	Annabelle Kirkwood	Sophie Allison	Joshie Naylor	

Bronze Qualifying Expedition (10/11th June)

Our DofE experience was challenging in both physical and mental ways. We had to stay in high spirits even though we were tackling blisters and the heat. It was a lovely weekend to do it but the lack of shade made us feel more lethargic. However, upon coming to the campsite, we encountered a thunderstorm yet it didn't last for long. On day 2 we were tired due to lack of sleep but we powered through. Overall it was an amazing experience and we were so happy to see school at the end of the expedition.

Molly Jeffries, Poppy Flanagan, Ruth Shaw,
Olivia Whiting, Lowri Morris

On day 1 of DofE we began with open minds. We were very lucky with the weather although not so lucky with the sunburn. The Long Mynd wasn't short of people as we met 450 cyclists that were part of the batch burner. The campsite was the highlight of our trip with a stream and wood to explore. We experienced all weathers from thunder and lightning to bright sunshine. On day 2 we had an early start encountering our first hill as soon as we left! By now we were feeling the weight of our bags. Finally, we finished off with a long walk down Carding Mill valley. We were cheered on by some supportive locals and concluded our walk back at school. Overall, we really enjoyed our DofE experience.

Scarlett, Emily, Poppy, Martha, Wrenaya, Isla

Silver Qualifying Expedition (7/8/9th July)

Our Silver DofE group completed their practice expedition last weekend. Each student took the lead navigating their groups on their designated day, completing 7 hours of planned activity, navigating in unfamiliar territory in the Brecon Beacons. The waterfalls were nice addition to the expedition. We look forward to your presentations before we can sign off the qualifying expedition.



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Your cars, your stories – tales of Italian car ownership in the real world



ALFA ROMEO BRERA

OLLIE CUMMINGS

My Alfa story really started when I was around eight years old, helping my dad with his 166 Mk1 and then 166 Ti. Fast forward to 2023, and at the age of 15, I have my own Alfa Romeo Brera SV 2.2 JTS! I wanted a project car to renovate with my dad but also had a very limited budget so did not imagine I'd be able to buy an Alfa. After weeks of scouring the web, there it was: RF06 EYD. Alfa Red, leather seats, SV specification (which meant a glass roof with fully working blind) and only an hour or so away... oh, and a broken clutch. After a phone call then a viewing, a deal was made and without any test drive, it was mine for less than the price of an iPhone 14.

Its first journey home was on the back of a recovery truck to have a new clutch and flywheel fitted. Then on Christmas Eve 2022, my dad took me to collect my Brera and we

went on our first drive. Having not been able to drive it until now, we had taken a gamble, so our stomachs were turning over as quickly as the engine, but it paid off.

My dad has a 37,000-mile Spider and even at 120,000 miles, my Brera did not feel that different: smooth, quiet and picking up well. So began what became a familiar routine of cold, wet, dark hours working through a list of jobs. A full service was top of the list, as despite many receipts, the oil looked to have returned to its crude state. Fresh fully synthetic oil, new filters (who had the bright idea of an air filter which is accessed from under the car?), plugs and coolant were duly fitted. Next our attention turned to new brake pads and discs with the old, very lippy discs consigned to the bin. All of the underside was cleaned and undersealed, including rust-proofing and painting the very solid subframes.

With all the essential work completed, it was time to move on to the cosmetics. The wheels had been powder-coated black and the combination of a generally unpleasant

finish and numerous encounters with kerbs had left them looking very worn. To keep the spend low, a home refurbishment was in order and after many hours of sanding, filling, priming, painting and lacquering, they were finished. So far, I've had many positive comments about how good they look, so yet another slight gamble paid off, it seems. In terms of bodywork, the front wing had the dreaded lacquer peel, and despite having fully working reversing sensors, the rear bumper had many battle scars. Another deal with a friendly bodyshop to repaint both, combined with a home machine polish, made my tired-looking Brera eager and ready for any journey once again.

I've worked on retrimming the aluminium interior trim with a grey brushed steel wrap and given the whole interior a full valet. My target was to save an Alfa from the breakers and to get my Brera ready for the Auto Italia Brooklands show in April 2023, and I have done both. My Alfa journey is still continuing and after what I have learned working on this, I know it will never stop.



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