



SOUTH SHROPSHIRE ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware that our Year 11 football team have made the ESFA National football final Vs Gordon's School, Surrey. The final is due to take place on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April** and we would like to take pupils to support the team.

We are offering the majority of pupils in Years 7 to 11 the chance to travel to Manchester to watch the final. The game kicks off at 4pm so we would aim to leave school at **1pm**. Lesson 3 will be shortened by 10 minutes to allow pupils the opportunity to purchase lunch. Pupils would therefore miss lessons 4 & 5. We expect pupils to arrive back to Church Stretton School at **8pm**.

All pupils that do not wish to attend the trip will have an alternative afternoon timetable provided.

Although there is no entry fee for spectators, there will be a £10 charge for the transportation to and from the Manchester Regional Arena. So that we can organise staffing and travel arrangements we ask that all interested pupils make a **£10 payment by 1pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**. All payments should be made by Parentpay.

The Manchester Regional Arena is a 6,500 covered stadium and although spectators will be under cover pupils should check weather conditions and bring appropriate coats/waterproofs. All pupils will be expected to wear full school uniform and bring books/equipment for lessons 1-3. Refreshments will be available within the ground so pupils may wish to bring a small amount of money with them.

Parents that would like to follow the match should also know that the game is being streamed live on 'YouTube'. A search for 'ESFA TV' on YouTube will take you to the appropriate channel. With that in mind, pupils might like to create banners or posters for the day. Pupils should see Mr Ward if they would like to help with this. I am also looking for keen musicians who might like to create an 'ambience' within the arena.

If you have any questions relating to the trip you should contact Mr Ward at school.

Yours sincerely

*TH Ward*

Mr T Ward  
Head of PE