



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to our second edition of The Link this academic year.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work towards further normality in school. This week students have had their first joint House Assembly in over 18 months, followed by a dedicated Year 10 Work Experience Assembly on Thursday. These might seem like small things, but being able to bring groups of students together and plan for events later in the year has been a welcome addition to our school week.

You will have seen the information from Shire Services regarding difficulties in obtaining a full range and / or quantity of food from suppliers, which appears to be a national problem linked to transport. Shire Services are doing their utmost to maintain a good offer for students and are doing a great job of it under the circumstances, so thank you for bearing with them in these tricky times.

Today, NHS Nurses are on site to administer the flu vaccination to students (with parents/carers consent). Next Monday we look forward to the school photographs being taken. With regard to the recent news about Covid-19 vaccinations for 12 - 15 year olds, we await the details from the DfE / NHS about their plans. Of course, we will let you know as soon as we receive clarification. Please note that school has no control over the DfE / NHS plans.

With best wishes for a good weekend.

John Parr  
Headteacher

## Yr 10 Work Experience

We are pleased to announce that, at the time of writing and unless we face any restrictions, Work Experience for Yr10 students will go ahead this year, after being cancelled for the last two years. The work experience week will once again run alongside Enrichment Week in the last five days of the Summer Term. Be aware that this means Wednesday 12th to Friday 15th July and then with a weekend break, continuing Monday 18th until Tuesday 19th July 2022.

This week gives students a valuable insight in looking for opportunities, experiencing life outside of school, building on their employability skills and helping them make career decisions as they move into their final year of secondary school.

Yr10 students have already been given information about work experience through an assembly and PSHE lessons. A letter detailing the process of securing a placement has been sent to parents/carers. More information can also be found on the School website in the Careers Section using either the student or parent tab or use the following link: <http://www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk/year-10-work-experience>

Any further questions please contact Mr Overton at the school.

# Homework at Church Stretton School

Homework, I love you. I think that you're great.  
It's wonderful fun when you keep me up late.  
I think you're the best when I'm totally stressed,  
preparing and cramming all night for a test.  
Homework, I love you. What more can I say?  
I love to do hundreds of problems each day.  
You boggle my mind, and you make me go blind,  
but still I'm ecstatic that you were assigned.  
Homework, I love you. I tell you, it's true.  
There's nothing more fun or exciting to do.  
You're never a chore, for it's you I adore.  
I wish that our teacher would hand you out more.  
Homework, I love you. You thrill me inside.  
I'm filled with emotions. I'm fit to be tied.  
I cannot complain when you frazzle my brain.  
Of course, that's because I'm completely insane.

Homework, I love you – A poem by Ken Nesbitt

Homework is often a divisive subject in schools, some Parents and Students will feel that there is not enough being set, while others will feel there is too much. What is beyond doubt is that homework is a very important part of your child's education. Not only does it provide them with an opportunity to practice and embed the new learning they complete in school, but it also teaches them to be independent, take initiative and responsibility for completing a task and develop self-discipline. Homework will teach students to find and employ resources such as libraries, the internet and other learning materials. Actively searching for source materials to find information will help you develop important study skills. There is extensive research showing the link between the completion of homework tasks and improved academic achievement and it helps to improve students' memories and critical thinking.

Whilst the benefits of homework are undeniable, we never want students to feel like the protagonist of Ken Nesbitt's poem. So, to help ensure your child is not overwhelmed with too many homework tasks at once we have developed a balanced homework timetable. Staff will be setting homework tasks using this timetable from next week and instructions and links to resources can be found on Go4Schools. The tasks staff set will be focussed on the topics being covered in class, will have a suggested length of time that the task should take and an appropriate deadline. We do not expect students to complete tasks overnight or to spend an excessive amount of time completing them, as this can lead to homework tasks having a negative impact on learning.

Go4Schools is the online system we use to allow parents and students to access information about their homework tasks and linked resources. User guides for the Go4Schools website and mobile app can be found [here](#) to support its use. Teaching staff will use a number of different online platforms to ensure homework is stimulating and accessible for all students. I have included details of the most frequently used online platforms and the login details students should use to access these sites.

# Church Stretton School

## Homework Timetable 2021-22

	Mon A	Tues A	Wed A	Thurs A	Fri A		Mon B	Tues B	Wed B	Thurs B	Fri B	
<b>7X1</b>	History	Art DT	English French	Chemistry	Drama		Music Physics	Maths	Geography	Comp Sci RE	Biology	<b>7X1</b>
<b>7X2</b>	Chemistry	DT	English	Art Biology	Comp Sci Physics		French	Maths	History	Geography RE	Drama Music	<b>7X2</b>
<b>7Y1</b>	Biology DT	Geography	English	RE	History French		Chemistry Drama	Maths	Art	Physics Comp Sci	Music	<b>7Y1</b>
<b>7Y2</b>	Chemistry DT	RE	English Physics	French	Drama		Music	Maths	Art Comp Sci	Biology	Geography History	<b>7Y2</b>
<b>8X1</b>	Comp Sci RE	Drama	Music	English	Geography DT		History	Art Chemistry	Biology Physics	French	Maths	<b>8X1</b>
<b>8X2</b>	Comp Sci	Art RE	History Physics	English	DT		Geography Music	Biology	Chemistry	Drama French	Maths	<b>8X2</b>
<b>8Y1</b>	Geography	DT	Physics	Art Comp Sci	Drama RE		Maths	History Music	English	Chemistry	Biology French	<b>8Y1</b>
<b>8Y2</b>	French	Drama DT	Geography Physics	Music	Art		Maths	Comp Sci History	English	Biology RE	Chemistry	<b>8Y2</b>
<b>9X1</b>	Maths	English	Geography History	Art Drama	Physics		Chemistry Music	Comp Sci RE	DT	French	Biology	<b>9X1</b>
<b>9X2</b>	Maths	English	Comp Sci History	French Geography	Biology		Chemistry	Drama RE	DT	Art	Music Physics	<b>9X2</b>
<b>9Y1</b>	Maths	English	Chemistry French	Drama Physics	Comp Sci		Geography	RE Biology	Art Music	History	DT	<b>9Y1</b>
<b>9Y2</b>	Maths	English	Physics French	Drama Chemistry	History		RE	Music	Comp Sci Geography	Biology	Art DT	<b>9Y2</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Option 3</b> DT French History BTEC Sport RE	<b>Science</b> T1 Bio T2 Chem C1 Phys C2 Bio C3 Phys	<b>Option 2</b> Art Construction Food & nutrition Drama Geography	<b>Option 4</b> Geography History BTEC Sport Spanish	<b>Option 4</b> Spanish		<b>Option 1</b> Art Construction Food & nutrition History	<b>Science</b> T1 Chem T2 Bio C1 Chem C2 Phys C3 Bio	<b>Maths</b> 10M1 10M3 <b>English</b> 10E2 10E4 10E5	<b>English</b> 10E1 10E3 <b>Maths</b> 10M2 10M4 10M5	<b>Science</b> T1 Phys T2 Phys C1 Bio C2 Chem C3 Chem	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Option 1</b> BTEC Sport History Geography RE	<b>English</b>	<b>Option 2</b> Art Comp Sci Construction Drama T1 Bio T1 Phys	<b>Science</b> T1 Chem T2 Bio C1 Chem C2 Physics C3 Physics	<b>Science</b> T2 Chem C1 Bio C3 Bio		<b>Option 3</b> Art Construction DT Geography	<b>Maths</b>	<b>Option 4</b> BTEC Sport French History Music	<b>Science</b> C1 Phys C2 Chem C3 Chem	<b>Science</b> T2 Phys C2 Bio	<b>11</b>



**Office 365** – every student at Church Stretton School has an Office365 account, which gives them an Outlook email account that will allow them to communicate with Staff and their peers. It also gives them access to the latest Office apps, like Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Teams, plus 1 TB of cloud storage for their schoolwork. Students can install Office on their home devices free of charge, allowing them to access the Office apps even when they are offline.

**Subjects:** All subjects will make use of Office365

**Year groups:** 7 to 11

**Username:** This is your child's school email address **firstname.surname@csschool.co.uk**

**Password:** The first time they logon students should use **Stretton2021** and we encourage them to then set their own secure and memorable password.



**Seneca Learning** – is an online platform that can be thought of as an effective & engaging interactive revision guide.

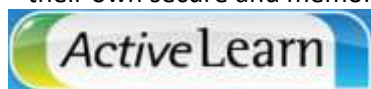
Summaries, notes, videos, and lots of different types of practice questions will all be found on the Seneca platform. The system is also completely adaptive so your child's learning experience will be tailored to suit their needs. We have signed all students up to Seneca premium, the Seneca Premium package contains additional courses and features to help your child boost their exam grades.

**Subjects:** All subjects are covered by Seneca

**Year groups:** 7 to 11

**Username:** This is your child's school email address **firstname.surname@csschool.co.uk**

**Password:** The first time they logon students should use **seneca2020** and we encourage them to then set their own secure and memorable password.



**ActiveLearn** - is a digital learning space for teachers and students, with teaching and the revision resources for students across a wide range of subjects. It creates a personalised teaching and independent learning experience both in and outside the classroom.

**Subjects:** Maths, French, Science and Spanish

**Year groups:** 7 to 11 for French and Spanish, 9 to 11 for Maths and Science

**Username:** This is your child's school email address **firstname.surname@csschool.co.uk**

**Password:** The first time they logon students should use **Stretton2021** and we encourage them to then set their own secure and memorable password.



**Kerboodle** - is a school subscription service with varied subjects and courses available based on the latest curricula.

Kerboodle gives student's access to:

**Resources** – a bank of learning resources including videos, animations, podcasts, worksheets and much more

**Digital book** – Online and interactive version of the student books for display and annotation

**Assessments** – Teachers can set homework through Kerboodle for students

**Subjects:** Science and Geography

**Year groups:** 7 to 9 for science, 7 to 11 for Geography

**Username:** This is your child's school network logon **firstname.surname**

**Password:** The first time they logon students should use **their username**, they will be prompted to set their own secure and memorable password.

We aim to develop the IT skills students will need in the next steps of their education and into the world of work but understand that this can be a steep learning curve. Therefore, we provide user guides and how to videos for the most common issues students experience, which can be found on the school website [here](#). If you experience IT issues that are not covered on the support page then please contact [admin@csschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@csschool.co.uk) and either Mr Morgan, the school IT manager, or myself will contact you to provide support.

# Year 10 Progress Evening - 21st October

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10 students,

In preparation for the upcoming progress evening, 21st October 2021, we would like to hear your views on how you would like the evening to run. During the last academic year, we were unable to meet face to face, so we used a video conferencing platform to meet virtually instead. Some parents told us that they preferred this method and have asked if we can continue with this system. Some parents said they preferred to meet in school.

We would like to know your view and make you aware that it is possible to accommodate parents who would like to meet remotely and those who would like to meet face to face in school if we run a hybrid event. The first part of the evening would be remote appointments for those that want them, and the second part would be face to face appointments in school. Parents would 'attend' one or the other, but not both.

I have sent a link, via email, to a Microsoft Form to gather your thoughts and when I have reviewed your responses, I will be in contact to let you know how the evening will work and to share details of how to book appointments.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your views with us,

Mr Bird



The poster for Church Stretton School features the school's logo (a stylized sunburst) and the 'TRUST-ED' logo. It includes a collage of four images: students in a classroom, a student working on a craft project, a student jumping in the air, and a student painting. The text 'Church Stretton School' is prominently displayed. Below the collage, it says 'Come and see what we have to offer...'. The event details are listed: 'Open Evening 30th September 5pm-7:30pm' and 'Open Morning 1st October 9:15am-11:00am'. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'Church Stretton School, Church Stretton, Shrewsbury Road, Shropshire SY6 6EX', 'Tel: 01694 722209', and 'Web: www.churchstrettonshropshire.sch.uk'.

**Church Stretton School**

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**Open Evening**  
30th September 5pm-7:30pm

**Open Morning**  
1st October 9:15am-11:00am

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



# PE

## Extra-Curricular Timetable

### Lunch-Time Activities

Early-lunch passes can be obtained from the club / activities.

Packed lunches are encouraged to make the most of your time.

Check with the activity leader what kit will be required.

### After-school Activities

Activities start at 3:20. Check the finish time with the activity leader.

Ensure that parents / carers are aware of finish / collection times.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
LUNCHTIME	KS3 Netball Miss Whitcombe	KS3 Fitness Club Mr Barham  KS3 Table Tennis Mr Overton	KS4 Netball Miss Whitcombe	KS3 Badminton Mr Wright	KS4 Badminton Mr Wright
AFTER SCHOOL	KS3 Walk and Talk Miss Whitcombe  KS4 Boys Football Mr Davis  KS3 Boys Rugby Mr Barham	KS3 Basketball Mixed Girls/Boys Mr Overton  KS3 Girls Football Mr Davis  KS4 Boys Rugby Mr Barham	KS3 Cheerleading Miss Whitcombe  KS3 Boys Football Mr Davis  KS4 Girls Rugby Mr Barham	Yr 9/10/11 Girls Football Mr Davis  KS3/4 Walk & talk Mrs Quye  KS3 Girls Rugby Mr Barham	



# SPONSORED WALK

FRIDAY OCTOBER 8TH 2021

Take a walk with your fellow students over The Long Mynd whilst wearing your house colours and raising money for charity and school projects.

More information coming soon.

## What's on Kooth in September?



### Kooth Live Forum: Making Friends

**DATE:** September 3rd **TIME:** 7.30pm to 9pm

**INFO:** Come share in our tips and advice for making friends and navigating tricky friendships.

### Kooth Discussion Board: Youth Mental Health Day

**DATE:** September 7th **TIME:** N/A

**INFO:** Stop by to join our discussions about mental health and try out some of our, and the community's, ideas for helping to look after our wellbeing all year round.

### Kooth Live Forum: Tackling Discrimination

**DATE:** September 8th **TIME:** 7.30pm to 9pm

**INFO:** This forum will be discussing different types of discrimination, along with tips for being an ally, where to get support, and how it's okay if you don't feel able to speak out. Come join us!

### Kooth Live Forum: The Importance of Identity

**DATE:** September 13th **TIME:** N/A

**INFO:** We are celebrating International Identity Day a little early, touching on how to recognise your own values and why you shouldn't feel pressure to have it all figured out!

### Kooth Podcast: Creative Writing Top Tips

**DATE:** September 17th **TIME:** N/A

**INFO:** Join us as we chat about our best creative writing tips: How proofreading is your best friend (but also worst enemy), the importance of world building in any fictional world, as well as how to learn to love your writing.

### Kooth Discussion Board: Think Green and Carry on

**DATE:** September 20th **TIME:** N/A

**INFO:** Celebrate Recycling Week with us by stopping by to talk all things reduce, reuse, recycle.

### Kooth Live Forum: Overcoming a "Reputation"

**DATE:** September 24th **TIME:** 7.30pm to 9pm

**INFO:** Join us to discuss reputations of all kinds – what you think it means to have one, how that might impact a young person, and the pressure those labels might hold. We hope to see you there!

### Kooth Live Forum: Social Takeover: Creative Writing

**DATE:** September 29th **TIME:** 7.30pm to 9pm

**INFO:** In this Social Takeover, you are in charge. We can't wait to get those creative juices flowing and have a chance to share our latest Creative Writing Challenge!



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**Many young carers go unnoticed, don't struggle in silence!**

If you are or you know somebody under 18 who helps look after someone in their family, or a friend, who is ill, disabled, has mental health issues or misuses drugs or alcohol, you are classed as being a young carer.

### How can Crossroads Together help a young carer?

- Give them chance to meet other young carers
- Teach them new skills
- Make sure someone is there to talk to about their problems
- Take them out on day trips
- Organise group activities
- Give advice on funding
- Provide key information about being a young carer

**Get in touch with our Shropshire young carers team today to find out how we can support you in more detail:**



**07801 57632 or 07990 045045**



**shropyc@crossroadstogether.org.uk**

**[www.crossroadstogether.org.uk](http://www.crossroadstogether.org.uk)**



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Wednesday

**20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

5.00pm - 8.00pm

Saturday

**12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

9.30am - 12.30pm

Thursday

**12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

5.30pm - 7.30pm

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# Badminton for All

Church Stretton Badminton Club invite you to try out our fantastic sport

In these playing/coaching sessions open to anyone.

**Come along and have a go**

**Church Stretton Leisure Centre**

**INCLUDING DISABILITY BADMINTON**

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6.30pm to 8.00pm**

**All abilities welcome from 7 years upwards**

**Sports wheelchairs and rackets available FOC**

**For more info call Alan Fox on 01694725588 or 07977060303**

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***RETURN TO PLAY***



### **Badminton success at the Paralympics Tokyo 2021**

As a boost to the start of our new season for 2021/22 we are delighted to share the success of GB Badminton at the Tokyo Paralympics. Dan Bethell earning a silver medal in the Standing Lower (SL3) classification. SL3 is for players with an impairment in one or both lower limbs and poor walking / running balance. There are other classifications that encompass different impairments.

Dan commented after his success "I really hope it will encourage kids with disabilities to get involved in the sport as it's such a great sport and a great community". We at Church Stretton Badminton club will be doing all we can to support that comment.

As I was writing this on the last days of Paralympic Badminton, there was one match left to go for GB Badminton, and it was another success. Krysten Coombs was in action winning the bronze medal in the Short Stature (SH6) classification. SH6 is for players who have a short stature due to a genetic condition often referred to as 'dwarfism'.

Disability badminton is a relatively new and growing sport that was featured for the first time at the 2021 Tokyo Paralympics. Various reduced court sizes and rules are used depending upon the classification.

Additionally, wheelchair badminton featured in the Paralympics with Martin Rooke reaching the Quarter Finals within Wheelchair 2 (WH2) classification. WH2 is for players with an impairment in one or both lower limbs and minimal or no impairment of the trunk.

Badminton England are actively encouraging clubs to become more inclusive. We are part of that initiative, by creating more opportunities for disabled people to get involved.

To present badminton as an inclusive sport for all, Badminton England are supporting our existing club structure that already caters effectively for disabled players. We would also like to identify new opportunities in which to introduce inclusive badminton provision. If there are any local groups that would like to include badminton - including disability badminton - as an activity then please get in touch. We would be happy to help.

We at Church Stretton Junior and Adult Badminton club pride ourselves in being a fully inclusive club with current members from 7 years old up to 93 years old. We are open to, and welcome, players with a disability. We have sports wheelchairs and experience in coaching players with disabilities.

Stephen Cox, our experienced wheelchair player, helps with coaching. Stephen represented England at the 4Nations Tournament in Cardiff.

We welcome all players, regardless of classification, at our club. We have sports wheelchairs and rackets available for use. We promote Badminton as not only a competitive sport but very much a social activity – proven to help with social, physical and mental wellbeing.

So, if you have a disability and you would like to try Badminton, come and give it a go!

We also have several family groups of children and adults playing on a Wednesday evening from 6.30 to 8.00pm at Church Stretton Leisure Centre.

Contact Alan Fox 01694 725588 or 07977060303 or email [alandavidfox@live.co.uk](mailto:alandavidfox@live.co.uk) if you would like any further information.

Alan Fox



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# Shrewsbury Theatre Singers

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