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Dear Parents & Carers,

We have a full school again! Thank you for your support during the ongoing tricky times and well done to all students, particularly those who had to continue their learning from home during the partial closure. Whilst not wishing to tempt fate, we have seen a reduction in student absence through general illness and also the number of confirmed Covid-19 cases being reported to us. This is really encouraging and we hope this continues.

At the time of writing, we still have no information about when we are to expect Covid-19 vaccinations for students aged 12-15, but will keep you informed of course when we do. In the meantime, it is vital that home lateral flow testing continues to take place and that parents/carers tell us if any tests are positive. This way, we can keep track of cases and do our best to avoid spread of infection to keep school open for all.

Finally, we hope that the recent information sent to you about a vacancy for a parent Governor is of interest and look forward to hearing from any interested parents/carers. If you are unsure and would like an informal chat with myself or another Governor about the role, please do contact school Reception.

Have a good weekend John Parr Headteacher

Uniform Reminder

As you are aware, we currently have the windows open for increased ventilation. We have been very fortunate with the weather to date. However, when the colder weather does arrive, If students are wearing both a school polo and school jumper (as expected) and are still cold they will be allowed to wear a t-shirt/vest <u>underneath</u>. Additionally, if students have a school fleece they can choose to wear this as an additional layer. As the temperatures drop we will continue to monitor this situation further.



Safer Schools

Church Stretton school continues to work towards a Safer School accreditation. This is a school security initiative created by West Mercia Police and supported by Shropshire Council. It involves the following aspects:

- 1. Implement basic security measures applicable at all schools i.e. property marking, and visitor passes etc.
- 2. Consider pro-active security/safety measures for the site/ building and/or protecting assets.
- 3. Establish a procedure for recording incidents i.e. anti-social behaviour, vandalism etc. Any recorded information can then be analysed. In addition, the same recording procedure can be used for surveying a problem i.e. an unauthorised thoroughfare.
- 4. If there are any projects to be undertaken, they are prioritised. Following the implementation of a project, the success of it is reviewed.
- 5. PSHE or education of pupils as per the Safer School pack.

To achieve the accreditation, we have annual Safer School meetings, with the next meeting arranged for later this term. Part of the Safer School process is gathering the views of parents/carers. If you have views/concerns, including any positive observations regarding the school site/grounds, please could you forward via email to martyn.longhurst@csschool.co.uk by Friday 22nd October 2021 so they may be considered at a Safer School meeting.



Accelerated Reader Well done for reaching your **Accelerated Reading Targets**



Year 7

Nia Carter Zac Crumpton Gracie-Mae Cumberlidge Zack Hilditch

Harry Pope Millie Price **Toby Westall**



Student of the Week



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

KS4 Winner - Daisy Swain Nominated by Mr Wise for outstanding book work and practical organisational skills in food.

KS3 Winner - Clara Powis Nominated by Mrs Hanson For helping other students with tasks during online lessons, as well as producing brilliant work of her own.

This week's nominations:

KS4 Nominations

Mr Wise	Daisy Swain	Outstanding book work and practical organisational skills in food	
Mr Wise	Beatrice Hadwen	Outstanding practical organisational skills in food	
Mr Wright	Maddie Gray Superb attitude to work since returning in year 11		
Mr Wright	Emily Hale	Excellent and committed work in RE	
Mrs Mackechnie	William Alston	Beginning a fantastic geometric debate!	
Mrs Mackechnie	Jacob Bennett	Concluding a fantastic geometric debate!	
Mr Elkins	Louisa Crump	Outstanding contributions in class	
Mr Basnett	Ishan Manoj	Incredible enthusiasm for improvement.	
Mr Basnett	Lauren Stevens	Consistently good effort and quality of work.	
Mr Clarkson	Liea Andrews	Liea Andrews Great progress on online assignment in Physics	
Mrs Proffitt	Daisy Swain	Daisy Swain Excellent attitude and commitment to GCSE Spanish	
Mrs Proffitt	Daisy Deards	Daisy Deards Excellent attitude and commitment to GCSE Spanish	
Mrs Scott	Joss Nockolds	Excellent attitude to learning in Maths	
Mrs Scott	Brooke Stovold	Excellent attitude to learning in Maths	
Mrs Scott	Daisy Swain	Excellent attitude to learning in Maths	
Mrs Scott	Evie Jackson	Excellent attitude to learning in Maths	

KS3 Nominations

Mr Wise	Lily Whitfield-	For maturity and focus in Drama lessons
	Turner	
Mr Wright	Joe Buckingham	Some fantastic contributions in class discussion
Mrs Mackechnie	Millie Carter	Amazing work spotting algebra magic!
Mr Basnett	Beau Salisbury	Extra effort on the homework.
Mr Basnett	Connor Gray	A really strong start to Year 9
Mr Clarkson	Cody-Lee Watts	Outstanding computer coding of 2d graphics
Mr Clarkson	Evie Medlicott	Being focused, patient and determined in computer coding
Mrs Proffitt	Joshua Purslow	Excellent attitude in French
Mrs Proffitt	Isobelle Taylor	Excellent attitude in French
Mrs Proffitt	Azam Khan	Excellent attitude in French
Mrs Proffitt	Maisie Hall	Excellent attitude in French
Mrs Proffitt	Megan Williams	Excellent engagement with online learning
Mrs Hanson	Clara Powis	For helping other students with tasks during on-line lessons, as well as producing brilliant work of her own.
Mrs Scott	Jess Whilding	Excellent attitude to learning in Maths
Mrs Scott	Jordy Simpson	Excellent attitude to learning in Maths
Mrs Scott	Lu Lu Jones	Excellent attitude to learning in Maths
Mrs Scott	Jack Wheal	Excellent attitude to learning in Maths
Mrs Walker	Isobelle Taylor	Fabulous work on tone and shade in the Art assessment.
Mrs Walker	Scarlett Marais	Fabulous work on tone and shade in the Art assessment.
Mrs Walker	Will Kennaugh	Fabulous work on tone and shade in the Art assessment.
Mrs Walker	Holly Hodgkiss	Fabulous work on tone and shade in the Art assessment.
Mrs Walker	Sylvie Booth-Gillett	Fabulous work on tone and shade in the Art assessment.
Mrs Walker	Olivia Miller	Fabulous work on tone and shade in the Art assessment.





Year 10 Virtual Progress Evening

Thursday 21st October 15:30 - 18:45

We had hoped to run the Year 10 Progress Evening as a hybrid event with both in-person and video call appointments, we had made this decision following the extremely helpful feedback we received from Year 10 parents and carers. Unfortunately, given the reintroduction of some measures to restrict the spread of Covid-19 it is no longer possible to host in-person appointments in school. However, we feel it is important for parents and carers to have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress and so we will be hosting a virtual event using the video call facility of the School Cloud website.

The online booking system gives parents/carers the opportunity to choose their appointment time and they will receive an email to confirm the time with a link to access the video appointment. This of course raises questions about how the system works and what device you need to access the appointments. There is a short video showing how the process works and the best device to access meetings on here.

Appointment bookings will open on Friday 8^{th} October at 15:30pm and will close on Wednesday 20^{th} October at 16:00.

Please visit https://churchstretton.parentseveningsystem.co.uk to book an appointment. Login with the following information:

Student's Preferred Name

Student's Surname

Date of Birth

Watch the video here about video calls

In order to make video calls you need to have as a minimum:

- · a device with a microphone and speaker/headphones
- a compatible up-to-date web browser:

iPhone/iPad: Safari Note: there is a known issue joining video calls using iOS 14.2.

Please upgrade any iOS 14.2 devices to iOS 14.3, or use an alternate device.

Android: Chrome or Firefox

Windows: Chrome, Firefox or Microsoft Edge (Chromium - download here)

Mac: Safari, Chrome or Firefox

Linux: Chrome or Firefox

We also recommend:

- Using your smartphone for video appointments. If you don't have a smartphone with a front-facing camera, use a laptop or computer with a webcam.
- Using a headset (or earphones with a microphone) to reduce echo.

Parents' Guide for Booking Appointments

Browse to https://churchstretton.schoolcloud.co.uk/



Step 1: Login

Fill out the details on the page then click the *Log In* button.

A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.



Step 2: Select Parents' Evening

Click on the date you wish to book.

Unable to make all the dates listed? Click I am unable to attend.



Step 3: Select Booking Mode

Choose Automatic if you'd like the system to suggest the shortest possible appointment schedule based on the times you're available to attend. To pick the times to book with each teacher, choose Manual. Then press Next.

We recommend choosing the automatic booking mode when browsing on a mobile device.



Step 4: Choose Teachers

If you chose the automatic booking mode, drag the sliders at the top of the screen to indicate the earliest and latest you can attend. Select the teachers you would like to book appointments with. A green tick indicates they are selected. To de-select, click on their name.



Step 5a (Automatic): Book Appointments

If you chose the automatic booking mode, you will see provisional appointments which are held for 2 minutes. To keep them, choose Accept at the bottom left.

If it was not possible to book every selected teacher during the times you are able to attend, you can either adjust the teachers you wish to meet with and try again or switch to manual booking mode (Step 5b).



Step 5b (Manual): Book Appointments

Click any of the green cells to make an appointment. Blue cells signify where you already have an appointment. Grey cells are unavailable.

To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and click *Delete*. Then choose an alternate time.

You can optionally leave a message for the teacher to say what you would like to discuss or raise anything beforehand.

Once you are finished booking all appointments, at the top of the page in the alert box, press *click here* to finish the booking process.



Step 6: Finished

All your bookings now appear on the My Bookings page. An email confirmation has been sent and you can also print appointments by pressing *Print*. Click *Subscribe to Calendar* to add these and any future bookings to your calendar.

To change your appointments, click on Amend Bookings.



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On Wednesday 20th October, we will be holding our Sixth Form Open Evening from 6.00pm to 8.30pm. This is the perfect occasion for families who are looking ahead to Sixth Form to visit Shrewsbury High and find out more about the academic, pastoral and co-curricular opportunities for their daughter at our school. All visitors will be able to tour our Sixth Form spaces, including the Sixth Form House and Sixth Form library and there will also be presentations from our Headteacher Ms Sharrock, and our Director of Sixth Form Mr Neville, as well as some current sixth formers.



There will also be a 'Subject Carousel' which will give students and their families the opportunity to visit up to 5 subjects which a chance to chat to teachers about the A-Level course and what their subject has to offer.

Registration for the event can take place here: https://shrewsburyhigh.gdst.net/explore/admissions/open-days/.



