



Dear Parents & Carers,

The spring term has started well and pupils have settled back in to school life seamlessly. On Monday, year 11 pupils received their mock GCSE grades in a 'mock results day', mirroring the actual results day in August. Pupils have been talking about these grades since with their teachers and I am sure at home too. Thank you to parents and carers for your support in this crucial stage in year 11 and we hope the conversations that took place yesterday evening during Progress Evening provided useful information to support your child in the 13 school weeks we have before the hall based exams begin.

With the year 9 foundation exams commencing on Monday, Year 9 pupils should be engaged in revision to prepare so that they can demonstrate what they know, remember and can do. Later in this term, year 9 pupils will begin to think about the subjects that they might pursue in Year 10 / 11 through the 'Pathways' process. More about this important time in year 9 will follow over the next few weeks, so please do look out for this so that you can talk with your child about the decisions they might make.

Best wishes for a good weekend

John Parr  
Headteacher

## Next week will be Week B

### Tutor Time Take-away

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



### Dates for your Diary

- 22nd Jan - 26th Jan** - Year 9 Foundation Exams
- 1st Feb** - Year 7 (Jebb, Darwin & Hazlitt) Progress Evening
- 8th Feb** - Year 7 (Owen & Wylie) Progress Evening

### Lunch Money

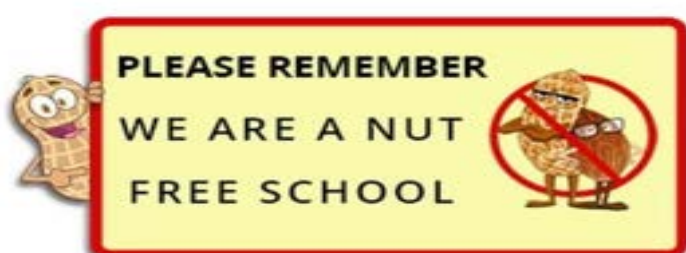
Please can you ensure that you top up your ParentPay account for school lunches. There is also a top up machine in the lunch hall where students can use coins or cash.

### Pupil Absence Procedure

Please click [here](#) for information regarding reporting a pupil absence. Thank you.

### Appointments

We appreciate that pupils may need to have appointments during the school day, please could we ask that we have prior notice and a copy of the appointment card/letter. Thank you.



### Whole School Attendance

From 8th - 12th January 2024

Caradoc 93.5%	Hazler 95.4%
Ragleth 90.7%	Lawley 90.8%

# Year 9 Foundation Examinations

## 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

The Foundation Examinations will take place w/b 22<sup>nd</sup> January which gives Year 9 a clear fortnight after the Christmas holidays before the exams start, this will ensure all students can see each of their subject teachers at least once before their exam. A launch assembly for the Foundation Examinations will be held with Year 9 on the morning of Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, during which we will explain the importance of revision. The exams will allow you and your child to see where their strengths lie in the Foundation subjects as they begin to think about their GCSE pathways choices, this process will start later in the Spring term.

The Foundation Examinations are an important indicator of progress made by students and although there will be preparation taking place in lessons, the expectation is that this is supplemented and supported with revision at home. Our Parent/Carers guide to effective revision can be found on the school website [here](#), and it is full of ways that you can help your child to prepare for their exams. We have invested in an online revision tool called Seneca Learning; your child has the log in details for this. Please encourage them to use this along with the other sign posted revision resources on GO 4 Schools for each subject.

During the revision assembly we will explain to Year 9 how to plan the use of their time and ensure that they can fit in sufficient revision for each subject. There is help, support and guidance on the school website [here](#) covering how to revise, how to deal with stress and useful links to documents such as the topics covered by the exams, a blank revision planner and the exams timetable.

## Spring Term Foundation Exams 2024

### Year 9 Timetable

Week B

Date	Period 1 9:15 – 10:15	Period 2 10:15 – 11:15	Break	Period 3 11:30 – 12:30	Lunch	Period 4 13:20 – 14:20	Period 5 14:20 – 15:20
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Normal Lessons	<b>RPE</b> 48 mins (1hr)	Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	<b>French reading</b> 48 mins (1hr)	Normal Lessons
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>French writing</b> 48 mins (1hr)	Normal Lessons	Break	<b>Computer science</b> 48 mins (1hr)	Lunch	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	<b>History</b> 48 mins (1hr)	Normal Lessons
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Geography</b> 48 mins (1hr)	Normal Lessons	Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	<b>DT</b> 48 mins (1hr)	Normal Lessons
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Normal Lessons	<b>Drama</b> 30 mins (38 mins)	Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	<b>Music</b> 30 mins (38 mins)	Normal Lessons

\*The Y9 Art Exam will be carried out in class where all appropriate resources will be available to students



# English: KS3 Spring Term



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What are we learning, why are we learning it and how you can support.

Dear Students and Parents,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas break! We're excited to welcome you back to another term full of exciting learning opportunities in English at Church Stretton School! Here's a breakdown of what each year group will be getting up to this half-term alongside some useful links that will help you support their study.



## Year 7 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'



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Why are we studying this?

In the Spring Term, Year 7 delves into Shakespeare's enchanting comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream." This whimsical play introduces students to Shakespearean language, comedic elements, and diverse characters. Their exploration is a foundational step, setting the stage for the study of "The Tempest" in Year 8. As they navigate the magical realm of the play, students will be mastering writing effective points, choosing the best quotations and explore the effect of Shakespeare's choice of language. This early exposure not only lays the groundwork for studying "The Tempest", but also serves as a bridge to the modern complexities of "Small Island" in Year 9, fostering a seamless transition from classical to contemporary literature.

## Links

[Knowledge Organiser](#)  
[Further Reading List](#)

## Year 9 'Small Island'



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SCHOOL

Why are we studying this?

In Year 9, students delve into Andrea Levy's modern masterpiece, "Small Island," developing analytical skills crucial for modern drama. "Small Island" tells the story of The Windrush Generation and follows individual characters on their journey to acceptance. They learn to analyse dramatic conventions like stage directions and structural elements, exploring the intricacies of character language and play structure. This study serves as a springboard for their exploration of "An Inspector Calls" in Key Stage 4, fostering a seamless transition from contemporary literature to classic drama.

## Links

[Knowledge Organiser](#)  
[Further Reading List](#)

## How can you support?

- Below each unit description you will find links to useful resources that can be used to increase students' knowledge and help them read around the subject. We are really keen that students engage with this and would really welcome your encouragement.
- Also, as it is 400 years since the publication of Shakespeare's First Folio, there is a wealth of great programmes on BBC iPlayer that would greatly support our students' study.
- Of course, don't forget to look at our curriculum page which includes the Programme of Study and all our useful links and resources.

## Year 8 'The Tempest'



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Why are we studying this?

In Year 8, students embark on the exploration of Shakespeare's enchanting play, "The Tempest." This marks a crucial phase in their literary journey, focusing on the development of analytical skills and the art of crafting balanced arguments. Through the magical narrative, students delve into themes of power, betrayal, and forgiveness, refining their ability to critically analyse texts and explore human nature.

## Links

[Knowledge Organiser](#)  
[Further Reading List](#)





# English: KS4 Spring Term



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What are we learning, why are we learning it and how you can support.

GCSE English Language and Literature,

Welcome back! We have been absolutely delighted by the attitude and work rate of our GCSE students after they have returned from the Christmas holidays! We are ready to support them with a brilliant curriculum and targeted revision to support them through their GCSEs. For a useful guide to supporting your child through the curriculum and their revision, please use the following link:



## Year 10 'Power and Conflict' Poetry



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Why are we studying this?

In Year 10, students embark on the AQA 'Power and Conflict' poetry anthology, building upon their KS3 poetry foundation. Prepped to analyse imagery and craft comparative essays exploring meaning, they now delve into the first 10 poems exploring the poetry of Tennyson, Owen, Dharker and others.

This unit will build students' core knowledge of poets, contexts and themes before supporting them in writing structured, comparative essays crucial for success in GCSE English Literature Paper 2 a component of the End of Year 10 exams.



## Year 11 'Power and Conflict' Poetry



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Why are we studying this?

Year 11 will be returning to the 'Power and Conflict' anthology to complete 5 remaining poems. Next, there will be a focus on constructing brilliant essays using a range of model responses, essay plans and, of course, independent and creative thinking. Students will be completing in-class exam responses to support their preparation for the Easter Mock Exams when they tackle GCSE English Literature Paper 2.

For a guide to the English Language and Literature GCSE exams, when they are and how you can support your child, please use the link below:

[English Language and Literature Guide](#)

## Links

[Knowledge Organiser](#)  
[Challenge Slides](#) (These are  
great to stretch your  
knowledge and understanding)

### Reading and Enrichment

Welcome back to another year of reading. Students will continue to have dedicated 'Reading for Pleasure' lessons and form time reading.

Looking for inspiration? Check out our PiXL Reading Secondary Newsletter for some ideas using the link below:

[15 - KS3 and 4 Reading Newsletter - Spring 2024.pdf](#)  
([churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk](http://churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk))

**Creative Writing Club**  
**Yr 7 Book Club**

## Links

[Knowledge Organiser](#)  
[Challenge Slides](#)



# Sporting News

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.

## Sports Leadership

On Thursday we helped out at a primary school Netball development Day at Shrewsbury Sports Village. We lead an activity in the morning to help the students improve their skills and, in the afternoon, we umpired matches."

Rachel-"Today, I learnt more about umpiring and became more confident umpiring a match."

Joel-"I learnt more about the game of Netball and the umpiring aspect to it."

Ivy-"I now feel much more confident and am super excited to try my new skills out!"

Izy-"I have become more confident in leading activities before matches and umpiring in general."

We would like to thank everyone from England Netball and Energize Shropshire for organising the event and allowing us to further our leadership skills. We are amazed at how well the kids did today and are excited to see their netball skills develop and improve in the future.

But most of all, we would like to thank Mrs Dillon for going out of her way to take us there."

By Joel, Ivy, Izy and Rachel



PE timetable can be found [HERE](#)





## Student of the Week



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

### This week's winners

#### KS3 Winner

**Ethan Sheffield** nominated by Miss Chapman for his outstanding effort in Music.

#### KS4 Winner

**Evie Vaughan** nominated by Mrs Scott for amazing work on Trigonometry.



This week's nominations:

### **KS3 Nominations**

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Reason for Nomination</b>
Eleanor Merrill	Mr Elkins	Outstanding work in Geology assessment
Vea Ongsit	Miss Rumsey	Excellent work in science cover lesson
Raife Mytton	Mr Hughes	Massively exceeding expectations within maths lessons.
Tyler Williams	Guy Kirkby	Doing an excellent demonstration in front of the whole class. Showing great resilience and confidence. This is not something he would have done in September.
Esther Johnson	Miss Chapman	Outstanding effort and work in Music
Alfie Gladders	Miss Chapman	Excellent work in music
Mia Copeland	Miss Chapman	Outstanding effort in Music
Daniel Lewis	Miss Chapman	Amazing attitude towards music!
Amelia Pearson	Miss Chapman	Amazing attitude towards music!
Joshua Phoenix	Miss Chapman	Outstanding effort in Music!
Assisi Malvone	Mr Seager	Assisi is working well in English and is showing a good understanding of our set text. Well done Assisi!
Phoebe Pote	Miss Chapman	Outstanding effort in Music!
Lexi Foulger	Miss Chapman	Outstanding effort in Music!
Molly Bell	Mr Seager	Molly has made a fantastic start to the year. Her work is of a high quality showing a good understanding of the set text. Well done Molly!
Isobel Shaw	Miss Chapman	Outstanding effort in Music!
Abdul-Haq Bashir	Mr Seager	Abdul has made a fantastic start this term. His work is of a high quality and reveals an excellent understanding of the subject. Well done Abdul!
Zach Davis	Mr Seager	Zach has made an excellent start this term. His work is of a high quality and shows a very good understanding of the subject. Well done Zach!
Romy Sewell	Miss Evans	For her improved confidence and focus and in English and offering to read parts of Small Island- thank you Romy!
Archie Thompson	Miss Evans	For an improved effort in English- Archie is really trying and is more willing to contribute to lessons. Some of his ideas are fantastic! Well done Archie!



## KS4 Nominations

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Reason for Nomination</b>
Tia Winter	Mrs Scott	Outstanding independent work on Pythagoras
Isabelle Hill	Mrs Scott	Outstanding independent work on Pythagoras
Harrison Parry	Mrs Scott	Outstanding independent work on Pythagoras
Charlie Warburton	Mrs Scott	Outstanding independent work on Pythagoras
Ethen Leigh	Mrs Hughes	For an phenomenal amount of work done in his own time, outside of class.
Annabelle Hodgkinson	Mr Wise	For proactive independent preparation for practical exam
Leila Jones	Miss Sollars	Outstanding work on homework
Scarlett Hurrell	Miss Sollars	Outstanding work on homework
Wrenaya Griffiths-Sergeant	Miss Sollars	Outstanding work on homework
Adam Wise	Mrs Scott	For sharing his fantastic vector expertise with others
Leila Jones	Mrs Scott	Dedication to master Pythagoras in maths
Lily Jervis	Mrs Scott	Persevering to understand Pythagoras in maths
Amelia Tooth	Mrs Scott	Persevering to understand Pythagoras in maths
Ethan Knight	Mrs Scott	Mastering Pythagoras in maths
Misha Kononova	Mr Seager	Misha is working extremely well in English in preparation for the GCSE Exams. Well done Misha!
Molly Jeffries	Mr Seager	Molly is working extremely well in English and is making excellent progress. Well done Molly!
Zarabeth Boccacci	Mr Wise	For her independent preparation towards the drama exam
Rayan Baig	Miss Evans	For showing resilience and a determination to improve and succeed in the subject. Rayan has been working incredibly hard in class and it is pleasing to see his poetry comparison skills improving.
Eve Watkins	Miss Evans	For her maturity and stoicism and never causing a fuss. She is continuing to demonstrate a real enthusiasm and perceptive approach to English and is the student that is always willing to contribute. I am also delighted that Eve has chosen to pursue A Level English!
Jenson Hadwen	Miss Evans	For always getting his head down and working hard. Jensen's maturity and commitment to his classwork and homework is lovely to see and it is clear that he is determined to do well in the subject. Well done Jensen!
Phoebe Jammaz	Miss Evans	For her unfaltering hard work and commitment to English. She is a lovely student who is always so polite and willing to contribute to lessons.
Maria Louro	Miss Evans	For bedazzling my duty vest- thank you Maria :)





# This week in photos



## Music News

### Stretton School Big String Project

Starting on Thursday January 22nd during lunchtime for students who already play violin, viola or cello and students who would love to learn!

- ☺ Get free loan of an instrument (unless you have your own)
- ☺ Free Group tuition
- ☺ Learn to read music
- ☺ Learn to play in an ensemble
- ☺ Have lots of fun



*Places are limited, so if you would like to learn violin, viola or double bass from scratch, reserve your place with Miss Chapman.*



## What's on In Music – 22/01/24

Monday Lunch time – Guitar Club for beginners AND advanced players – Bring your own instrument if you have one.

Monday after school – Monday Night Noise – new bands welcome!

Tuesday Lunch time – Band rehearsals – all bands welcome

Tuesday after school – High School Musical rehearsal (B9/Drama Studio)

Wednesday Lunch time – Stretton School Singers – new member's welcome

Wednesday after school – Piano Accordion Band – LIMITED PLACES – see Miss Chapman for more details

Thursday Lunch time – Stretton School Big String Project

Thursday after school – High School Musical rehearsal (B9/Drama Studio)

Friday lunch time – High School Musical rehearsal (B9/Drama Studio)

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Don't forget to collect lunchtime passes for clubs and Practice Rooms at breaktime. You will not be allowed in without one

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**Advanced notice** – A love themed Stretton Live Lounge – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

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Valentines Roses for your mate, date or crush just £1 delivered anonymously on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Available soon

## Stretton School Big String Project

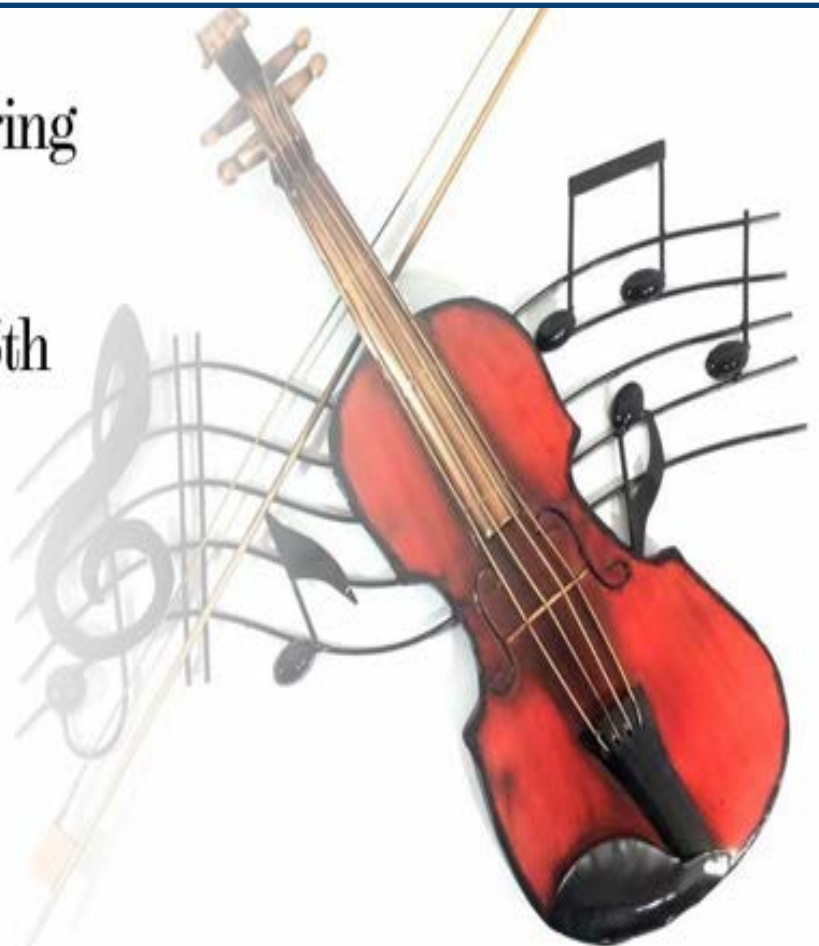
Starts on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>  
January

12.45 – 1.15

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FREE tuition & instrument loan

Book your place with Miss Chapman



# Guitar Club

For students who want to  
learn AND who already  
play

**Coming soon on Monday  
lunchtimes**

**12.45 - 1.15**

**Music Room - B9**



Piano Accordion Band

Starting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January

3.30 - 4.30



Tuition and loan of a piano accordion to take home

Just £4 per session

Please see Miss Chapman for a consent letter



## Stretton School Singers

Wednesday  
12.45 - 1.15

Music Room

New members welcome!



# Careers News

Tuesday 6 February

4.45-6.00pm

## Rugby Skills Taster Session

SCG London Road Campus, SY2 6PR

### Got a passion for Rugby?

A practical rugby session for any year 10 and 11's looking to join a Player Performance Pathway onto our [Level 3 Rugby Education](#) course, or our wider academic offer for any potential rugby players.

These fun after-school sessions will be delivered our Rugby Coach Dale Smallman and other RFU Level 3 course staff and will include specific tactical content to improve development.

For more details email [dales@shrewsbury.ac.uk](mailto:dales@shrewsbury.ac.uk)

Book your place at

<https://shrews.co/RugbyTaster>



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## Taster Days & Events

### Taster Days:

Taster Days will need to be booked via your current place of education.

 **1st December 2023**

### Introduction Day:


 **6th June 2024**

### Open Days:

 **30th August 2023**  
4:30pm - 7:00pm

 **18th October 2024**  
4:30pm - 7:00pm

 **3rd February 2024**  
10:00am - 12:00pm


 **12th June 2024**  
4:30pm - 7:00pm



### For More Information:

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# CHURCH STRETTON SENIOR YOUTH CLUB

**TUESDAYS 6.00PM - 7.30PM**  
**@ RUSSELLS MEADOW PAVILLION**

## PROGRAMME

### SPRING TERM 2024

School  
Years 8, 9,  
10 & 11

9th January - Skittle Game/Shoe Game, Encaustic Art, Card Games, Posh Hot Chocolate & Muffin Making, Word Search & Colouring

16th January - Let's Talk Game, Zentangle Art, Omelette Making, Kahoot Quiz, Word Search & Colouring

23rd January - Uno Tournament, String Crafts, Toastie Making, Logo Quiz, Word Search & Colouring

30th January - Drugs Workshop, Mug Art Design, YouTube Quiz, Cake & A Cuppa, Word Search & Colouring

6th February - Chinese New Year Crafts, Chopstix Challenges, Chinese Stir Fry Cooking, Word Search & Colouring

ENTRY £1.00  
PER WEEK



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Stretton  
Town Council

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code to complete  
our membership  
& consent form



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