



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to another edition of The Link. With just over 5 weeks of summer term remaining there is much to look forward to and much to think about for all year groups.

Of course, Year 11 have completed many of their exams already, but still have several remaining before they can relax and enjoy their Prom. Meanwhile, all other year groups have various end of year assessments to prepare for before less pressured activities including work experience, enrichment week and sports day. For details of these exams and how pupils can prepare, please see the information sent home from Mr Bird, Assistant Headteacher.

Last weekend, over 60 year 9 & 10 pupils completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition in the Long Mynd. Speaking to pupils who participated, some were certainly tested in terms of endurance and resilience due to some unsettled weather and unintended extra distance walked. However, they all completed the expedition safe and sound. Well done! I am sure pupils would like to express their thanks to Mr Cox, Mrs Davis and Mr Godwin who supported the pupils, assisted by the various Duke of Edinburgh staff.

Finally, on Monday we look forward to welcoming Mrs Gerrard who joins the staff pastoral team. Mrs Gerrard has been appointed as Pastoral Support Assistant, working closely with Heads of Key Stage to support our expectations of good behaviour, high attendance, correct uniform and pupil safety. I am sure that pupils will make Mrs Gerrard very welcome.

With best wishes for a good weekend

John Parr
Headteacher

Week Beginning 20th June is Week B

Important DofE dates for your diary

SILVER AWARD

Main expedition Friday 8th, Saturday 9th, Sunday 10th July



Accelerated Reader



Congratulations to all the students listed below
for meeting or beating their target

Year 7

Phoebe Allport

Jack Jones

Olivia Miller

Year 8

Poppy Carr

Emily Kirkwood

Congratulations to the newest member of our Millionaires club



Olivia Whiting

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Next weeks fixtures

District rounders – years 7, 8 & 9 at Ludlow. We will be leaving school at 14:50pm with an approx return at 17:30pm. Please get changed at lunch.

Upcoming Events - June

- Year 6 intake day - 24th June
- Year 11 Prom - 29th June

Year 11 Exams Timetable for week beginning 20th June 2022

Date	Start Time Gym	Length	Component Name
Tue 28 Jun	09:00	01:25	Russian Writing (H)
Wed 29th June	Contingency day		

Please find a copy of key dates for Year 11 pupils

Thursday 16th – Wednesday 29th June

- Only attend school for an exam
- Arrive in time for the exam
- Leave school after the exam
- If you can't make your own way home then you will be supervised in school until the buses/
your normal mode of transport is available

Wednesday 29th June

- Year 11 Prom, Shrewsbury Town Football Club

Thursday 25th August

- This is exam results day
- Results will be available in school and on Go 4 Schools
- We will write to you separately about these arrangements nearer the time

Appointment Reminder

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.

Vaccination Forms – Year 9

A reminder that forms need to be returned by Monday 20th June.

Thank you.

Nut Free School

We aim to be a nut free school. If your child brings packed lunches or snacks in from home please ensure (even if your child is not allergic) that they do not contain nuts or nut-products, in order to protect those in school with severe allergies. Our kitchen doesn't knowingly use nuts, however nut traces can be found in many products especially when manufactured in a factory alongside nut products. Many thanks.

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.

Lost Property

If your child/ren have lost any items of clothing, please ask them to check lost property in **W1**.

Please can we also ask parents and children to check at home whether they have the correct labelled PE kits as a few have gone missing in recent weeks.

Thank you

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
- Clear retainers must be used for nose piercing

Year 10 Mock Exams Time Table

June 2022 Year 10 Mock Examinations



20th June – 24th June

Week B

Date	P1	P2	Break	P3	Lunch	P4	P5
Monday 20th June	Normal Lessons					Y10 French Listening & Reading	
Tuesday 21st June	Normal Lessons					Y10 Spanish Listening & Reading	
Wednesday 22 nd June	Y10 Drama					Normal Lessons	
Thursday 23rd June	Normal Lessons					Y10 Spanish Writing	
Friday 24 th June	Y10 Biology					Y10 History	

PTA Update

The PTA would like to thank everyone who came to the meeting that we held at The King Arms.

We had volunteers come forward to take on major roles going forwards thus ensuring the continuation of the PTA in the future which is fabulous news.

Our current treasurer will stay on for a little while longer to help to hand over everything and also be there to support and guide the new team going forwards.

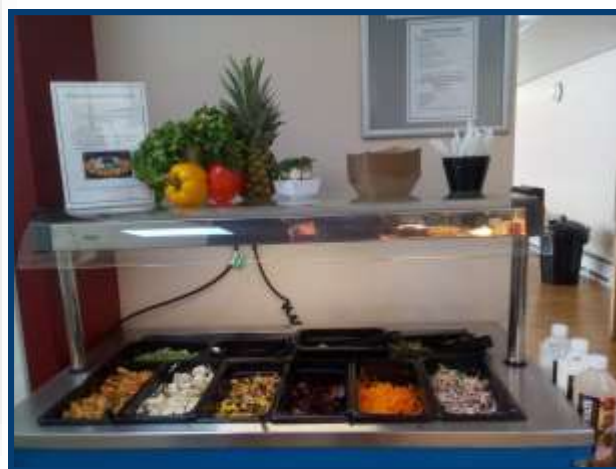
So, a fresh start, a new team and we're sure there'll be lots of lovely fundraising events to come in the future. Watch this space!

If anyone would like to be on our mailing list please get in touch via csschoolpta@gmail.com or get in touch via our Facebook and Twitter pages at Church Stretton School's Friends and Supporters.

Thanks again for your support and good luck to the new team going forwards.

Deli and Salad Bar

Students can now enjoy our new deli and salad bar at lunch times. A selection of pastas, couscous and fresh vegetables are available. A great addition to our lunch menu.



Sporting Success

On Monday 13th June the year 9 & 10 girls qualified for the County Cup Athletics Final at Oakengates Athletics Track. The girls put in some fantastic performances, especially after a tough weekend of Duke of Edinburgh! Well done to all!



The year 8/9 boys basketball team went to Bishops Castle this week for their first game. They won convincingly, with some lovely play particularly from Will Doley and Joseph Mushininga. There were also some fantastic coaching and leadership skills on display from Alex Berry.



CHURCH STRETTON
SCHOOL

Bronze Qualifying

Expedition

Saturday 11th - Sunday 12th June

Congratulations to the Year 9 and 10 students who completed their Bronze qualifying expedition last weekend. Students walked through localised rain and hail showers on Saturday, but this did not put a dampener on the expedition and students arrived to camp in high spirits, albeit a little wet. The routes were more challenging than the practice expedition and a handful of students saw more of the Long Mynd than they intended but navigated their way successfully on both days. The students did us proud.

#WhatTheStudentsThink?

DofE was a good challenge which I felt proud of myself for overcoming. On day one, me and my group set off in high spirits, singing while walking up some hills. We worked together and motivated each other to keep going even when it was tough. We learnt valuable new skills and got plenty of exercise. When we got to the campsite we made out food and set up our tents, preparing ourselves for the next day. Setting off on day two was the hardest bit for me, however, with the encouragement of my team and some more food. I made it with time to spare.

Isobel Devey



DofE was definitely an experience! Overall it was an enjoyable experience but it did have its lows. I had a lot of fun with my friends and learnt a lot of new things. The walk was challenging, but with motivation we all completed it, and there were some great moments within the pain of the walk. Camping was definitely the highlight of the experience, as we got to cook our own dinner and spend a fun evening with friends. We met some lovely assessors (shout out to Jan) who helped us and gave us great advice.

Delphine Hurrell





DofE was a great team building experience which I recommend. Although there were moments where I wanted to go home, the campsite made it worth it. I really enjoyed setting up the tent and making my own food and socialising with my friends. The feeling when we arrived back at school was good and relieving. Everyone should take part in DofE! Ps. It looks good on your CV.

Jodie Shelton



DofE was a new experience for me as I have never done anything like it before. On day one it was lucky that the uphill was first thing, because as soon as we reached the top it started raining so heavily and I struggled to read the map. It really tested my resilience. Once it stopped raining the mood lifted and we were able to keep walking with no problem. We did get lost, and go on a 40-minute detour but eventually we made it to the campsite, which was so much fun. The next day we had to wake up very early to put the tents away. The bag felt 10 times heavier on the way back, but it was very sunny which lifted our spirits, and was so much nicer than the day before. Yet again it was a steep uphill climb to begin with, but when I reached the top it was such a relief to see Church Stretton below, when I reached school I was very proud of what I achieved.

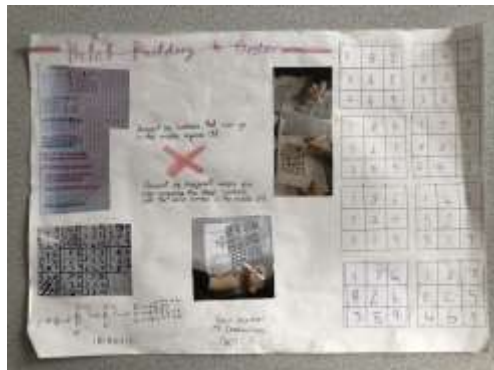
Anabelle Kirkwood



Up Next... Silver Qualifying Expedition
8th - 10th July

Edge Hill University Maths Competition.

Earlier this year there was a competition for year 9 students run by Edge Hill University. They required teams to submit posters based around a 2 difficult maths questions – this required high-level mathematical thinking, reasoning, and communication. It was fantastic to see so many quality posters.



After a couple of weeks, we had news that 3 teams made it through to round 2. Amazing!

Lilypop Screammers

Maths Momas

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Lily Jardine

Ella MacFarlane

Isla Skelly

Poppy Cumberlidge

Freddie Westall

Rosie Frankel

Maisie White

Connie Woodhouse

Ellie Bill

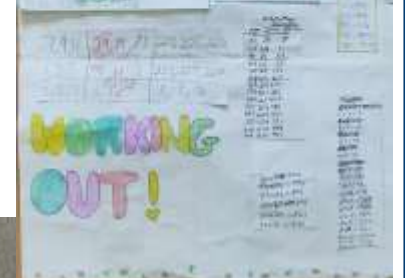
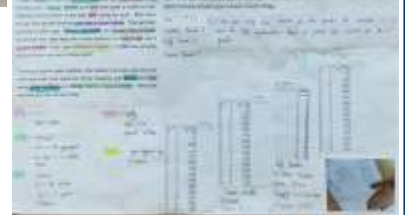
Siobhan Morris

Georgina Foster

Clara Powis

Fred Davis

In round 2 there was another poster based around 2 new questions – again, asking students to show an incredible level of mathematical logic and communication. Students spent their own lunchtimes completing the posters – showing a great level of dedication. After 2 weeks, we received news that one team were successful and have made it through to the final where they will present their poster at Edge Hill University. That team was:



Lilypop Screammers

Lily Jardine

Poppy Cumberlidge

Maisie White

Siobhan Morris

Clara Powis



A huge well done to this team, all the other teams that competed and to Mr Lund for his help and support during these challenges. Good luck girls!

Mr Williams.



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Council



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SAFER SCHOOL

This is to certify that

**Church Stretton
School**

*has taken a responsible
approach towards ensuring
a safer & more secure
environment for its
pupils, staff and visitors.*

Tanya Miles

Executive Director for People

**Expires
June 2024**

R. Jones

Assistant Chief Constable,
West Mercia Police

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	<p>Table Tennis Club Mr Barham</p> <p>KS3 Girls Rounders Miss Whitcombe</p>	<p>KS3 Fitness Club Mr Wise</p> <p>Year 7+8 5 a-side football</p>	<p>KS4 Girls Rounders Miss Whitcombe</p> <p>Years 7+8 Dodgeball Mr Barham</p> <p>Years 9,10 and 11 Basketball Mr Wise</p>	<p>KS3/4 Badminton Mr Wright</p>	<p>KS4 Badminton Mr Wright</p>
AFTER SCHOOL	<p>Cheer KS3 Miss Whitcombe</p> <p>KS4 Boys Football Mr Barham</p>	<p>KS3 Basketball Mixed Girls/Boys Mr Barham</p> <p>KS3 Boys Football Mr Davis</p> <p>Walk and Talk Miss Whitcombe</p>	<p>Girls Football Mr Barham</p>	<p>All year's girls Rounders Miss Whitcombe</p>	



**NO
ORDINARY
JOB**

RAF WORLD

ACCESS ALL AREAS

**WEDNESDAY 22ND
JUNE 2022
18:00-20:30**

Join us for our new virtual event RAF World, to explore where we could take your future with an exciting career with the RAF. From the comfort of your own home, you can immerse yourself in the following:

- Explore interactive, 360° global operations and see how we offer support all over the world
- Tune into the Main Stage show, to watch Live from the RAF Panel, where they will be chatting about life in the RAF, how to apply and what's next for you
- Nine must-see areas to learn about the different professions across the RAF, unique lifestyle and benefits that accompany a role and more. These will be packed with tonnes of info and videos to help find a career for you
- Speak to an RAF recruiter. Our experts in the field will be there to answer all your burning questions about life in the RAF and how to apply
- And lots more!

CLICK [HERE](#) TO BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET NOW!



Adults up for change discover lightbulb moments

South Shropshire Youth Network is a peer network for anyone working with young people aged 8-25 years old – or wanting to work with young people. Each year we organise a youth conference to amplify the local youth voice.



This year the conference is **face to face** and the organising team includes young people. The aim is for young participants to meet local decision makers, councillors and campaigners in a relaxed atmosphere and talk about what young people need, want or like where they live.

Are you interested in hearing from young people and willing to take some action, however big or small? - Then you're invited too!

Organisations can book a stall space & are expected to join in the activities & conversations. More information & to book your free ticket including lunch: [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Any questions? Contact Infrastructure Support Officer Marinke Fontein, on [marinke.ssyf\(at\)outlook.com](mailto:marinke.ssyf(at)outlook.com), www.ssyf.net/ssyn

