



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new academic year as you receive the first edition of The Link this term! We hope that you have enjoyed a peaceful and relaxing summer break and that students are ready for the new school year. It was fantastic to welcome all of our students on Wednesday last week in full school uniform and fully equipped for learning. Thank you, therefore, to you as parents and carers for your support in ensuring students are ready for school!

A warm welcome, at this point, to our new Year 7 students and also students who are new to our school and joined other year groups. I am sure that it will not take long for the initial nerves to subside, for new friends to be made and new experiences enjoyed. Indeed, as I write this edition of The Link, many of our new Year 7 students are on a residential trip to Bushcraft, an outdoor activity centre where they will participate in teambuilding and competitive tasks. I am sure that they will have had a wonderful time and we look forward to hearing about their experiences.

## GCSE Results

It is with pleasure that we are able to congratulate all of our Year 11 leavers for their fantastic GCSE results this summer!

We are so proud of all students' achievements, with 71% of students achieving the standard pass grade of '4' (equivalent to C grade) in both English and maths—well above the national average! In addition, 58% of students achieved the more demanding grade 5 in both English and maths - record results for Church Stretton School and well above the national average!

I would like to express my gratitude to all staff, teaching or non-teaching for the support given and to you as parents and carers for ensuring that our students, whatever their starting point or ability, gained such fantastic grades. Most of all, we hope that Year 11 of 2018/19 left us with fond memories of school and as young people who have a desire to continue learning.

Enjoy the weekend

**Mr. J. Parr**  
**Headteacher**

## Nut Free School

**We are 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.**

**Many Thanks**

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE SCHOOL TARGET = 96%**

**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

**SINCE SEPTEMBER 97.2%**

**4th September - 6th September 2019**

**Caradoc 97.3% Hazler 97.2%**

**Lawley 96.3% Ragleth**

**96.5%**

# HOMework CLUB! INFORMATION:

What's your plan this evening, Xbox? Hanging out with friends? Well that pesky homework gets in the way of it all! Wish you didn't have to do this at home? Well now you don't! If you have parents who have to collect you late or you just want to get it out of the way, then homework club is for you!

You can: talk to fellow students, do homework, do revision for tests, and you can go on the computers if you finished.  
Weekly Kahoot quiz with prizes!

Oh, and if that doesn't make you want to go, we have free biscuits and printing!

When:

Monday 12:20pm until 1:00pm  
Thursday until 3:10pm until 4:10pm

Where:

B8

**Mr Overton will**  
**be there to help**

## P.T.A NEWS

As the new term gets under way the P.T.A is busy planning activities for the next few months.

The P.T.A holds two main fundraisers each academic year which help ensure it maintains its ongoing commitment to fund the lease of the school minibus. The first of these events will be the pre Christmas Craft Fayre .

The Craft Fayre is a very popular event that will take place on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 10 until 3**. Please put the date in your diary as it is a great opportunity to begin the festive season and also buy unique gifts.

If you are a craft producer who would like to reserve a stall at this event we would be pleased to hear from you. For more information contact Angela Pownall via the P.T.A email address below as soon as possible, as places are limited. More information on the Craft Fayre and other P.T.A news is also available on Facebook and Twitter, please see 'Church Stretton School's Friends and Supporters'.

If you would like to get involved in supporting the P.T.A the **next meeting is planned for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** . It will be held in **The Hayloft at The King's Arms from 7.30**. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to be kept up to date with P.T.A news please email [csschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:csschoolpta@gmail.com). We are a small, friendly group who welcome new members. Joining the P.T.A is a great way to keep up to date with school activities and meet new people. Your contribution, however small, will be appreciated.

## GO 4 SCHOOLS Year 7 – Access from Home



Year 7 are currently working through logging into the school network, setting up school emails and logging into GO 4 Schools in their Computer Science lessons. Mrs Jones, and a large number of Year 7, will have been out on the Bushcraft Trip this week. This means that some Year 7 may not complete the whole process until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Staff have been informed and will not set homework on GO 4 Schools until the beginning of October. If you have any questions then please contact Mrs Jones on [Samantha.jones@csschool.co.uk](mailto:Samantha.jones@csschool.co.uk)

Thank you for your patience!

# Summer School 2019



## Summer School

Summer school was one of my favourite parts of the summer. All of the subjects were really interesting, fun and amazing. I made lots of brilliant friends and I now know some of the teachers! My favourite session was the P.E because I love sport!

Thank you so much everyone for making a wonderful summer school experience and if I could I would definitely do it again!

Serena Vickery

## Summer School

When I first came to summer school I thought that I would not make any friends but I was wrong. I had lots of fun at summer school doing science, art, drama, P.E, cooking and I.T. I liked science because a few of us got to use a Bunsen burner to heat metal. I am happy that I was able to make lots of new friends. I liked the treasure hunt because I got to know the school. On the last day of summer school we had a BBQ that I really enjoyed. Summer school was great and I can't wait until school starts.

By Lewis

## Summer School

On the first day we did a treasure hunt followed by I.T. We set up our password on the computers. After that we did cooking and made delicious cornflake cakes.

On day two we did drama and art. After lunch we did music on African drums then Science. We made explosions!

I totally recommend summer school! It's a blast.

Rosie Williams

## STUDENT JOURNALISTS – The NEW RECRUITS

For the last six years, the English Department has enjoyed a very fruitful collaboration with our local community publication – The Stretton Focus. Each year, three lucky Year 11 students are selected to hone their writing talents on a real audience – the good people of Stretton and its wider community.

Over the years, the quality of the writing has been superb and the students have been an absolute credit to the school, themselves and, to be honest, young people in general; the feedback from the community has been incredibly positive.

This week, The Focus came into school and interviewed all of the prospective candidates and I am pleased to announce that the following candidates were successful and will be in-post as our Student journalist for this year.

This year the quality of candidates was so high, we have decided to create 6 journalists rather than the usual three.

The editor of The Focus, Mr Barrie Raynor, was incredibly impressed by how articulate and confident the students appeared and he found it very difficult to arrive at the final selection.

So well done to everyone but the chosen journalists are:

Joe Trueman and Jacob Helm  
Megan James and Rosie Morton  
Alex Brian

So look out for their first article. It is due to appear on the 1<sup>st</sup> November. I hope you enjoy reading their work.



## College Open Days 2019-20

### Shrewsbury Colleges Group (Shrewsbury 6<sup>th</sup> Form and Shrewsbury College)

Need to book via website. No cost.

Shrewsbury 6<sup>th</sup> Form College  
English and Welsh Bridge Campuses  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 5:00pm – 8:00pm  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 5:00pm-  
8:00pm  
Shrewsbury College  
London Road Campus  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 5:00pm- 8:00pm

### Hereford 6<sup>th</sup> Form College

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 5:00pm –  
8:00pm  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020 9:30am – 12:30pm  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020 5:30pm -7:30pm

### Ludlow College

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 5:00pm – 8:00pm  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 5:00pm- 8:00pm  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 10:00am – 12:00pm

### North Shropshire College

Oswestry Campus  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 5pm – 7pm  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 5pm -7pm  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020 5:00pm – 7pm

### Walford Campus (Animal Care)

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 10am- 12pm  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020 10am- 12pm  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020 10am – 12pm

### Reaseheath College- Cheshire (Agriculture)

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 10:30am start

### Hartpury – Gloucestershire (Agricultural)

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### Hereford School of Art

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 10:00am  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 6:00pm  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 6:00pm  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 6:00pm  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 6:00pm  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 6:00pm

### Herefordshire College

Hereford Campus  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 4:30pm -7:30pm  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 4:30pm –  
7:30pm  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 4:30pm -7:00pm

### Holme Lacy Campus (Agricultural)

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019 10am-12pm  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 10am – 12pm



**Net Zero:**

**The UK's contribution to stopping global warming**



**A talk by Richard Millar**

Richard is the Senior Analyst for Climate Science at the Committee on Climate Change, the official independent advisory body to the UK government on reducing emissions and adapting to the risks of climate change.

**6.45 pm, at Church Stretton Academy**

**Friday 8th November**

**Preceded by our A.G.M.**

Admission £3.00. Free to students and members.

[www.strettonclimatecare.org.uk](http://www.strettonclimatecare.org.uk)

Charity No. 1159816 Tel: 07528 493181



# Race Night

## With cheese & wine

Silvester Horne Institute

Church Stretton

Friday 20th September

7pm (first race 7.30pm)

Tickets £5

Includes cheese platter and glass of wine

Tickets available from Sandford Hardware, Salts, John Thomas or Stepping Stones 07785730941 or Caroline on 07738359404

Over 18s only

All proceeds to Stepping Stones Nursery



## 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**

**Commences 18th September 2019**

**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**

**RAISE your wellbeing**

**Respect + Achieve + Inspire + Skill + Enjoy**

## PLAYERS NEEDED



**We are looking for more players to join our Under 14's for this season.**

**Players need to be in school year 8 or 9.**

**All abilities welcome.**

**We train on Wednesday nights from 5.30pm until 6.30/7pm at the playing fields in Craven Arms.**

**If you are interested please contact**

**Dave Rowley on 07976 241463,**

**Ricki Davis - 07496 067364**

**or drop us a message via facebook - Cravenarms Junior Footballclub**





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CONDUCTOR HARTMUT HAENCHEN

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TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER AT 6.45PM

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## Church Stretton School Theatre

Sung in Italian with English subtitles.

Mozart's thrilling classic of MURDER and SEDUCTION

Sexual intrigue, jealousy, wit, anger... and retribution! The new Royal Opera Season begins with Mozart's engaging masterpiece, which follows Don Giovanni, the woman he serially seduces, and the vengeance that finally catches up with him. The opera is renowned for its ever-shifting portrayals of complex characters, fast-moving action and mix of the comic and the heartfelt. A cast of international singers – both familiar and making Royal Opera debuts – under conductor Hartmut Haenchen perform the glorious arias and ensembles of this opera favourite.

Theatre only prices £12 and £8 (under 18) pay on the door or pre-book

Enquiries and pre-bookings 01694 722209



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[www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk](http://www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk)

