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Edition 11 20th November 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

Phew! At the end of what has been a particularly challenging week, may I firstly thank you all for your support and words of encouragement. We are taking each day as it comes and will likely face further challenges linked to Covid-19 over the remainder of this term / year. Please rest assured that we will work hard to maintain the best provision for your child and keep you informed of any further developments.

Year 11 students have engaged well with their distance learning and we would hope that year 10 students will follow in the same manner. They are following their normal timetable as their teachers provide work to ensure that they keep up with the planned sequence of learning. It is vital that students maintain this so that gaps in knowledge do not develop.

With only 4 weeks of the Autumn Term remaining, whilst we are unable to do the normal pre-Christmas things in school, we are pleased that Shire Services are planning to offer a Christmas menu before the end of term. Further details of this will follow once the menu is finalised.

Have a good weekend

John Parr



Due to the new government restrictions relating to Covid, our main retail outlet, will have to be closed from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November for 4 weeks, unless guidance changes.

We will still be open for on line, telephone and email orders, and we will be offering a click and collect service from our main Shrewsbury shop. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but we will be fully available to contact and assist with any items that are needed.

If you have any queries please do contact us.

Regards

School Shop Direct

**17-18 Sundorne Trade Park,  
Featherbed Lane, Shrewsbury, SY1 4NS**

**Telephone: 01743 440449**

**E-mail: [info@schoolshopdirect.co.uk](mailto:info@schoolshopdirect.co.uk)**

**[www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk](http://www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk)**

## **LUNCHES AND SNACKS -** **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

If you would like your child to have schools meals, please can you ensure that they have credit on their ParentPay account. We have several students who have built up a debt. We would very much appreciate it if these could be cleared. Thank you.

## **School drop off and collection**

Please can we ask parents not to drive over the grass when dropping off and collecting children from the school car park. Thank you.



## Key Stage 4 Student of the Week



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

**Izzy Kennedy**

Nominated by Mrs Carr: Science Supernova

**Klara Kokkinou**

Nominated by Mrs Carr: Science Supernova

**Faith Cooper**

Nominated by Miss Whitcombe for an excellent effort and focus during lessons

**Christopher Giddins**

Nominated Miss Sollars for outstanding work in History



This week's nominations:

Mrs Carr	Abi Griffiths	Science Supernova in Biology
Miss Sollars	Alfie Dales	Outstanding work in History
Miss Whitcombe	Alysia Rees	Demonstrated good understanding in written coursework.
Mrs Carr	Aman Raza	Science Supernova in Biology
Mrs Carr	Bella Healey	Science Supernova in Biology
Mrs Carr	Caitlyn Francis	Science Supernova in Biology
Miss Sollars	Christopher Giddins	Outstanding work in History
Mrs Carr	David Jones	Science Supernova in Biology
Mrs Pugh	Elisha Tudor	Excellent work in English
Miss Sollars	Emma Smith	Outstanding work in history
Mrs Carr	Eric Turner	Science Supernova in Biology
Miss Whitcombe	Faith Cooper	Excellent effort and focus during lessons
Miss Whitcombe	Felicity Davies	Extremely well written coursework.
Mrs Carr	Felix Fowler	Science Supernova in Biology
Miss Sollars	Flynn Solomons	Outstanding work in history
Mrs Carr	Grace Martin	Science Supernova in Biology
Mrs Carr	Izzy Kennedy	Science Supernova in Biology
Mrs Carr	Jacob Bennett	Science Supernova in Biology
Mrs Proffitt	Jake Foulger	Excellent effort and work ethic in French
Mrs Proffitt	James Farr	Excellent effort and work ethic in French
Mrs Pugh	Kian Morris	Excellent work in English
Mrs Pugh	Kieven Liu	Excellent work in English
Mrs Carr	Klara Kokkinou	Science Supernova in Biology
Mrs Carr	Laura Brian	Science Supernova in Biology
Mrs Carr	Lauren Edwards	Science Supernova in Biology
Mrs Carr	Lola Humphries	Science Supernova in Biology
Mrs Outram	Louis Morris	Outstanding work on a ratio assessment
Mrs Carr	Lydia Naylor	Science Supernova in Biology
Mrs Pugh	Maddy Cumberlidge	Excellent work in English
Miss Sollars	Marnie Solomons	Outstanding work in History
Mrs Carr	May Swain	Science Supernova in Biology
Mrs Proffitt	Rhiannon Castle	Excellent effort and work ethic in French
Mrs Carr	Ria Marland	Science Supernova in Biology

This week's nominations:

Miss Whitcombe	Robbie Wooldridge	Well written coursework
Miss Sollars	Rory Ayres	Outstanding work in History
Mrs Outram	Ruby Walsh	Outstanding work on a ratio assessment
Mrs Pugh	Samet Karagandere	Excellent progress in English
Mrs Richards	Shane Clark	Outstanding effort in English lessons.
Mrs Carr	Sienna Frisby	Science Supernova in Biology
Miss Sollars	Tamara Parkes	Outstanding work in History
Miss Sollars	Taylor Challinor	Outstanding work in History
Mrs Carr	Taylor Challinor	Science Supernova in Biology
Mrs Carr	Toby Wise	Science Supernova in Biology
Mrs Carr	Will McGregor	Science Supernova in Biology

### **Reminders from the PE Department**

#### **Kit:**

- Correct kit needs to be brought to every lesson - Top, Shorts and Socks (either white or navy) with appropriate foot wear.
- With unpredictable weather we advise layers are brought to wear underneath kit, as well as a lightweight waterproof to wear over the top.
- Additional layers should match the CSS kit colours where possible.

#### **Participation:**

- All pupils are expected to take part in all lessons, unless due to a medical reason with corresponding note signed off by a doctor. If a student isn't participating in the lesson they are still required to bring PE kit to change into as they will be outside and weather is unpredictable. The only reason a pupil isn't required to change is if they are physically unable to change.
- Students are also advised to bring a plastic bag for wet clothes and shoes.

Thank you in advanced for your understanding in support.

# Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to the following students for reaching their Accelerated Reader target.

#### **Year 7**

Issac Hall  
Scarlett Hurrell  
Emily Kirkwood  
Mia Sandwith

#### **Year 8**

Poppy Cumberlidge  
Eleni Ward  
Freddie Westall  
Maisie White  
Beth Perry

#### **Year 9**

Annabelle Kirkwood  
Jack Parr  
Nathaniel Carney-Bradshaw  
Ayaat Green  
Edward Prosser

## Church Stretton School Chrome book leasing programme round 2

### Acer Spin 512 Chromebook



The Chromebooks purchased/leased through the first round of the Chromebook leasing scheme have nearly all been sent home with their new owners and I have had reports of from many happy Students and Parents. Ensuring almost 150 students across all Year groups were able to access their new devices and then arranging their safe transit home was a logistical juggling act. I really appreciated everyone's patience during this process and would like to thank Mr Morgan, Dr Wood, Mr Mottram, Mrs Austin and the office staff for their hard work, help and support over the course of the week.

We have had enquiries from a number of Parents and Carers who missed the deadline for the first round of ordering and we have decided to open a second round to give those who are interested an opportunity to purchase an Acer Spin 512 Chromebook. The Acer Spin 512 Chromebooks are ordered through, and supplied by, Freedom Tech, which is a technology leasing company that provides students with access to the latest devices in a way that is cost effective and are the same models that were available through round 1. Should you have any questions about the device or how the purchase/leasing scheme works please contact Freedom Tech via email: [tech4learners@freedomtech.co.uk](mailto:tech4learners@freedomtech.co.uk) or by phone: 02038575632.

By joining the second round of the programme students will have a School ready device exclusively for their own use at home, with 3-year extended warranty, accidental damage and theft insurance, both with £0 excess for a one-off payment of £414.90. Orders can be placed using the portal at [www.tech4learners.co.uk](http://www.tech4learners.co.uk), you can login by providing your email address, the username: Stretton20 and password: S3cure02! The portal is now open and the deadline for orders for this round will be Thursday 10th December and the first direct debt payment will be taken on 25th December. We would expect delivery of the devices to be in early January.



Joining the programme is optional, but will allow students to have access to a School ready device that our IT team will be able to provide remote support for in case of issues arising while the device is used at home. Students who do not take part in the purchase/leasing scheme will not be disadvantaged during in school or home learning, especially in the event of a full or partial lock down, as we will provide the best quality learning experience for all.

Leasing the device is a good way to spread the cost, but will incur an increased cost, which we have broken down in the table below to show you the terms available and the additional cost incurred. The School is not making any money from the programme and our main priority is ensuring as many students as possible have suitable IT equipment that is fit for purpose and provides value for money.

		Terms available and monthly cost		
	One off pay- ment	12 months x £36.77	24 months x £19.65	36 months x £13.93
<b>Year 7 and 8</b>	£414.90	£441.24	£471.60	£501.48
Increased cost		+£26.34	+£56.70	+£86.58
<b>Year 9</b>	One off pay- ment	12 months x £36.77	24 months x £19.65	32 months x £15.68
Increased cost	£414.90	£441.24	£471.60	£501.76
		+£26.34	+£56.70	+£86.86
<b>Year 10</b>				
Increased cost	One off pay- ment	12 months x £36.77	20 months x £23.58	
	£414.90	£441.24	£471.60	
		+£26.34	+£56.70	
<b>Year 11</b>				
Increased cost	One off pay- ment	8 months x £55.15		
	£414.90	£441.20		
		+£26.30		



## P.T.A. NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended the Virtual P.T.A. meeting this week.

In the current situation fundraising is difficult but the P.T.A still has a commitment to fund the lease of the school minibus and is working hard to develop new fundraising ideas.

We have a simple suggestion as to how YOU can help:

Please sign up to Easyfundraising [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) : if you do so Easyfundraising will make a donation to the P.T.A. when you shop online and you are charged nothing extra.

This year the P.T.A. was unable to hold the annual pre Christmas Craft Fayre and so instead are planning a 'Virtual Craft Fayre' . More information will be available soon on the Church Stretton School's Friends and Supporters facebook page.

Finally, if you would like to be kept up to date with P.T.A. news and join our mailing list please get in touch. The next meeting will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm so please save the date and if you have any fundraising ideas you would like to share with us we would love to hear from you.

Please email [csschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:csschoolpta@gmail.com), thank you.



### Train Travel

It has been brought to our attention that a number of students have been travelling on the train from Craven Arms without tickets or any money to purchase tickets. We have been asked to inform students that if they miss to pay for one ticket, an £80 fine will be issued, if payment for three tickets are missed that would result in a court appearance and a record which would last 15 years. We would really appreciate you discussing with your child the seriousness of not purchasing a ticket. Thank you for your support.



## **Making Memories this Christmas time in Church Stretton**

There's no denying it...Christmas is well and truly in our sights.

We know this year is going to be more challenging for some than previous years, whether it's the thought of possibly not seeing loved ones over the Christmas period, or financial struggles emphasised by Covid\_19 and two lockdowns.

During October Half Term, we worked together to provide free meals for school children. Due to the generosity of the Church Stretton community - people and businesses, we're now able to put a plan into place to help local families out over Christmas too.

As the Government and Shropshire Local Authority have recently announced that they will provide Free School Meals over Christmas instead of daily meals we will be providing a one-off package - and you can decide on the contents depending on your family's needs. It might be food, or it could be other items needed to add a bit of extra sparkle to your children's day.

The process to apply is completely confidential and is open to all families in Church Stretton and surrounding areas who are facing a different, and perhaps more difficult Christmas. All you need to do is email [meals@strettonparish.org.uk](mailto:meals@strettonparish.org.uk) and they will send you a few questions to understand more about your wishes. You can select what items you need and arrange a time to pick up or have the parcel dropped off at your home before Christmas. The deadline for completing the questionnaire is Monday 7th December and collection/optional delivery will take place between the 17th - 24th December.

We hope that this goes a small way to helping you and your family make happier memories this Christmas. Any questions please do not hesitate to email [meals@strettonparish.org.uk](mailto:meals@strettonparish.org.uk)



Organised by The Parish of Church Stretton, Heather & Batch Coffee House, St Lawrence CE Primary School and The Strettons Food Bank

# Open Events Colleges and Training Providers 2020-21

## Shrewsbury Colleges Group

Booking essential

A levels and Vocational Art Courses @

English and Welsh Bridge Campuses

Wednesday 21st October 2020 4:15pm -8:00pm

Vocational courses@London Road Campus

Thursday 5th November 2020 4:15pm – 8:00pm

## North Shropshire College

Physical tours outlined below. Virtual tours also available

### Oswestry Campus

Wednesday 17th October 2020 5:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday 10th February 2021 5:00pm -7:00pm

Wednesday 16th June 2021 5:00pm – 7:00pm

### Walford Campus

Saturday 17th October 2020 10:00am -12:00pm

## Hereford 6th Form College

Physical open evenings will happen on the dates below. No booking required at the moment. No times have been announced as yet.

Wednesday 21st October 2020

Saturday 6th February 2021

## Herefordshire College

Physical Tours on the following dates. No booking needed at the moment.

### Hereford Campus

Tuesday 10th November 2020 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Wednesday 20th January 2021 4:30pm – 7:00pm

## Hartpury College

Virtual Tours but on set days. Places need to be booked. Times to be announced. See website.

Saturday 17th October 2020

Saturday 14th November 2020

Saturday 12th December

## Ludlow College

A virtual tour is on offer on the website but the following days are available for physical tours. No booking required at the moment.

Tuesday 12th January 2021 5:00pm – 7:30pm

Saturday 6th March 2021 10:00am - 12:00pm

## Hereford College of Arts

Virtual tours at the moment. Places need to be booked.

Monday 9th November 2020 6:00pm

Tuesday 1st December 2020 6:00pm

## Holme Lacy Campus (Land based)

Saturday 14th November 2020 10:00am -12:00pm

Saturday 23rd January 10:00am -12:00pm

## Reaseheath College

Virtual open days at the moment. Go directly to the website.

## Further Education College websites

Shrewsbury Colleges Group (Shrewsbury 6th Form College and Shrewsbury College) <https://www.scg.ac.uk/>

Hereford 6th Form College <https://www.hereford.ac.uk/>

Ludlow College <https://www.ludlow-college.ac.uk/>

Reaseheath College <https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/>

Hereford College of Art <https://www.hca.ac.uk/>

North Shropshire College (Oswestry and Walford Campuses) <https://www.nsc.ac.uk/>

Hartpury College <https://www.hartpury.ac.uk/college/>

Herefordshire College (Hereford and Holmes Lacy Campuses) <https://www.hlcollege.ac.uk/home>

Training and Apprenticeship providers

Marches Centre of Manufacturing and Technology <https://mcmt-bridgnorth.co.uk/>

County Training <https://www.ctapprenticeships.co.uk/>

SBC Training <https://www.sbc-training.co.uk/>

## Marches Centre of Manufacturing and Technology

Apprenticeship centre for engineering and related trades based in Bridgnorth but working across the county.

A Virtual Pre Apprenticeship Week is happening during Autumn Half Term 26th -30th October 2020. This will give information about various roles as well as the work involved.

An email explaining this will go out to Yr10 and 11 students and families, along with the process for booking a place with them.

## Useful websites

Start Profile – the website the school use for Careers investigation and logging of careers activities. Each student has a profile. Parents can also log in as a guest. <https://www.startprofile.com/>

Skillsbuilder – an education company working with the school to help students develop the 8 essential skills for work. Recognised by the Careers and Enterprise Company and major employers. <https://www.skillsbuilder.org/>

National Careers Service. A national government Careers Information, Advice and Guidance platform which, like Start helps with careers investigation. Personality profiles and really good links to professional and trade bodies for more information. <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Find An Apprenticeship. A national government service helping Yr11 students (and ages above) search for apprenticeship opportunities in the local area and beyond. Applications forms can also be completed through this platforms as well. <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Reed.co.uk  
An independent private company. A search engine for apprenticeship opportunities nationwide <https://www.reed.co.uk/jobs/apprenticeships>

UCAS. The University and College Admissions Service. This service helps students apply to University. Though our students are a few off from needing this, UCAS will show what A levels and other qualifications are needed to apply for various degree course. There are also useful information about gap years and degree level apprenticeships. <https://www.ucas.com/>  
Medical Schools Council. The professional bodies for medical schools across the UK. Details the process to enter medicine specifically becoming a doctor, the requirements at post 16 and additional testing and work experience needed for the profession. <https://www.medschools.ac.uk/>