



SOUTH SHROPSHIRE ACADEMY

# THE LINK

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With fourteen weeks of Autumn term already completed, we are now approaching the final week before a well earned break and a chance to spend some time relaxing with family and friends.

On Wednesday, students and staff enjoyed a superb Christmas lunch provided by the fantastic Restaurant staff. I am sure that you would like to join me in thanking the kitchen team for their hard work in making the lunch time so enjoyable. Thanks also go to staff for stepping in to help serve the delicious food.

Yesterday, we wished the students and staff heading off on the ski trip a safe journey and enjoyable time. With plenty of snow to look forward to, along with some pretty chilly temperatures, I am sure that they will provide us with an interesting account of their experiences following their return.

Today many of our students and staff are wearing their Christmas jumper to 'Make the World Better in a Christmas Sweater', raising money for Save The Children.

Further to the information about staffing shared last week, I am pleased to inform you of two new colleagues will be joining us in January. Mrs Scott will be joining the maths department whilst Mrs Hough joins the Modern Foreign Languages department. We look forward to welcoming both colleagues to our school. Finally, we recently said farewell and good luck to Miss Bradburn, Teaching Assistant, who after 5 years with us has moved on to work at Shrewsbury Sixth Form College. Replacing Miss Bradburn will be Mrs Richards who we are so pleased to welcome as a permanent Teaching Assistant.

Next week is our final week of the Autumn Term. May I remind you that students will leave the school site at 13:20pm on Friday 20th December? Therefore, please ensure that arrangements are in place for your child to arrive home earlier than usual.

With best wishes for a good weekend and if you are Christmas shopping....good luck!

Mr. J. Parr  
Headteacher

## WE NEED YOU....

**The P.T.A is a small friendly group who need more members.**

Currently meetings are attended mainly by parents of children in Years 9 to 11 and we would love to welcome some parents of children from the lower end of the school.

We are fortunate to have great coordinators for the Mynd Drover and Craft Fayre but we do need increased attendance at meetings to ensure the P.T.A can continue to raise valuable funds for the school in future years.

Our next meeting will be in January and so please consider making it your New Year's resolution to come along; the date will be confirmed soon.

## ★ ★ ★ KS4 Student of the week ★ ★ ★

### Massive Congratulations

Winners for week commencing 9th December are:

Caradoc/Hazler Rosie Wilson - outstanding work on history test.

Ragleth/Lawley Sebastian Rees - Answering a challenging exam question in Maths

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE SCHOOL TARGET = 96%**

**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

**SINCE SEPTEMBER 95.6%**

**2nd December - 6th December 2019**

**Caradoc 96.8% Hazler 92.3%**

**Lawley 93.5% Ragleth 96.8%**

## ACCELERATED READER

### LOOK HOW WELL OUR PUPILS ARE DOING

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

#### Year 7

Kardo Al-Alimi  
Rayan Baig  
Zarabeth Boccacci  
Joseph Buckingham  
Jessica Davies  
Harley Davis  
Finley Healey  
Daisy Jones  
Jake Jones  
Yasmine Kelly Capel  
Siobhan Morris  
Isla Skelly  
Ozzy Stephens  
Eleni Ward  
Eve Watkins  
Chloe Wilson-Holmes  
Martha Wynne

#### Year 8

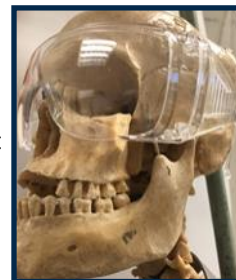
Farrah Butler  
Caitlin Clift  
Iwan Faulkner  
Dillion Goddard-Cockaday  
Morgan Gray  
Jack Heath  
Summar Jones  
William Middleton  
Archie Millington  
Niamh Offerman  
Merve Ozsevgi  
Edward Prosser  
William Smout  
Oliver Walden

#### Year 9

Kean Hall  
Lydia Naylor

## The Science Department have new eye protection.

Over the summer holidays the Science Department sold a few items of old equipment. The equipment was no longer useful for the schemes of work and had been unused for many years. The money raised was enough to buy a class set of safety spectacles for all five science laboratories in school. The safety specs are being used daily by the students for science practicals.



## Yr 10 Maths in Action Trip to Salford University

My favourite session was the last one because of the speaker's enthusiasm. I found the day very thought-provoking.

Olly Milner

The maths trip was very informative, and had 6 talks about how maths fits into everyday life. My favourite talk was the one about over analysing video games and how to complete them in the shortest amount of time possible.

Charlie Lacey-Webster

One of the best talks was over analysing video games this was when a man went in depth on the quickest way how to complete a Pac-man level and talked about his game he created called asteroids.

Reuben Peters

I enjoyed my experience at Salford university. I especially enjoyed the first lecture as it showed how much of the technological world is surrounded by maths

Lewis Key

My favourite lecture was "Over-analysing computer games". He re-programmed the game Asteroids to relate to different kinds of maps. For example he did the normal world map and then he did maps such as the globe. Which when you think about it, would be really weird to play Asteroids on.

Imogen Ingle

Another talk was about coding and how computers just pick up 1's and 0's when we are typing just like now. These talks were very inspiring and I really enjoyed them.

Thank you Mrs Mackechnie for such a great day out!

Millie Youngs

I found the first speech the most interesting because of the speaker's enthusiasm.

Thomas Calveart

It was a good trip to Salford University and it gave a useful insight into how Maths is important in the working world. I especially enjoyed the lectures about over-analysing video games and printing lies in newspapers. I took a lot away from the day and was happy I had the chance to go. I would recommend this trip to anyone as they will definitely learn and take something away from the day.

Jake Foulger

I really enjoyed the lectures and I learnt things I hadn't known I had wanted to know.

Ed Bowen

### Christmas cheer in the Science Department.

Mr Arkwright has had the wonderful idea of the staff in the Science department donating to charity this year rather than sending out Christmas cards to each other. We have donated to the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund.

"Lingen Davies Cancer Fund is Committed to Supporting Cancer Services for the People of Shropshire, Telford and Mid Wales. Over 3,500 people are diagnosed with cancer each year in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin, and Mid Wales. We are here to make sure that those people and their families have access to the best possible support, delivered here, in our community.

We focus our time, money and energy into three key areas:

- \* Improving cancer prevention and early detection
- \* Supporting excellent cancer treatment services locally
- \* Supporting people living with and beyond cancer."

If you would like to find out more about the charity please visit their website.

[www.lingendavies.co.uk](http://www.lingendavies.co.uk)

*Merry Christmas, from all of us in Science.*



# Uniform

With the forthcoming Christmas break please can we ask that you purchase any new uniform that your child may require ready for the new term.

- Students are not allowed to wear skinny trousers or jeans.
- No trainers or boots are allowed.

Should you need any further clarification, please refer to our uniform policy on the school website.

All uniform can be purchased from



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