

THE LINK

Edition 18, 31st January 2020



Dear parents and carers,

It has been another busy week in school with Year 9 students sitting exams in their foundation subjects. Their attitude and approach to the exams has been exceptional and they all deserve congratulations....well done!

In addition, yesterday Year 9 students played their part in the Pathways process, led by Dr Wood, Deputy Headteacher. Dr Wood presented various subjects to students to gauge interest and see whether there may be any clashes between subjects when we begin to create the Pathways blocks. Dr Wood will write to parents/carers of Year 9 shortly to explain the Pathways process, culminating in students choosing their subjects to study in Key Stage 4.

Recently I wrote to inform you of the forthcoming change to the catering provider for our school. We are delighted to welcome Shire Services who will be commencing their work with us soon. Amongst some exciting changes and additions to the already super service, we will be introducing a 'Cashless Catering' system. This will make a big difference not only for our school, but also for students and parents. I will be writing to you in the near future to explain this more fully so that we can ensure we are all ready to engage in the cashless approach when we 'go live'.

For Year 11 students, there are now just 55 school days until the start of written GCSE exams. Thank you therefore for all of the support that you will be providing to ensure that your child can focus on their revision at home. The exam period can be particularly pressured, so having such support really does make a difference.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend

Mr. J. Parr

Headteacher

On Monday 29 pupils took part in Young Voices at the Genting Arena in Birmingham. It was a wonderful celebration of song and over 6000 singers were joined

by Tony Hadley, Ruti (The Voice winner 2018), Urban Strides and The Shires. Huge congratulations to all those involved for being part of an



amazing evening of music.



KS4 Student of the week



Massive Congratultions

Winners for week commencing Monday 20th January are:

<u>Caradoc/Hazler</u> - Francesca Williams for excellent progress on a Maths past paper.

<u>Ragleth/Lawley</u> Annie Cleaver for an outstanding contribution to a Maths lesson.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE SCHOOL TARGET = 96%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
SINCE SEPTEMBER 95.3%

20th January - 24th January 2020

Caradoc 96.5% Hazler 94.6% Lawley 92.9% Ragleth 97.6%



ACCELERATED READER LOOK HOW WELL OUR PUPILS ARE DOING



Congratulations to all the students listed below

for meeting or beating their target

Year 7Year 8Year 9Anya AngellBea BettonEmily HaleAisha GreenNathaniel Carney-BradshawZack Handley

Rosie Carr

Benjamin Willis

Lincoln Hasted Shannon Clark
Lily Jardine Elizabeth Creffield
Jake Jones Ayaat Green
Lewis Kershaw Summar Jones
Ella McFarlane Merve Ozsevgec
George Payton Tallulah Purcell
Beth Parry Shannon Sutton

Serena Vickery Maisie White Martha Wynne

Mary Preece

George Harrison

Congratulations to the newest members of our Millionaires club: Isla Skelly (1,093,856), Lily Jardine (1,025,300) and Martha Wynne (1,022,863).









Congratulations to the following students for completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award;

Year 10

Nancy Beavis Year 10 (cont) Year 11 **Ruby Garner** Tom Calveart Aaron Northwood **Emma Davies** Lucy Orme **Rosie Morton** James Farr Caleb Richards Kaitlyn Orme Will Farr Sean Robertson Jessica Stevens Ben Harris **Grace Sansom**

Imogen Ingle Eva Spurling
Cerys Jones Daniel Terrill
Liam Lewis Thomas Willis
Olly Milner Grace Wood
Jessie Nicholas Millie Youngs

Several other students are close to completing their Bronze Award and we are looking forward to seeing them achieve this in the coming months.

Silver Award 2020

We are pleased to announce that the Silver Award was launched this week and students need to return their reply slips by Friday, 7th February. Places are limited and the expeditions will take place over the following dates.

Practice expedition: Thursday 23rd April – Saturday 25th April 2020

Main Expedition: Friday 10th July – Sunday 12th July 202

Bronze 2020

After the success of the current Year 10 and Year 11 groups we are delighted to inform you that the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award will be launched to Year 9 next week.

The Bronze Award encourages students to take ownership of their learning and work independently to achieve a goal whilst giving something back to their local community. Detailed information will be provided during the launch assembly on Monday.

In the meantime should you wish to find out more please visit www.dofe.org.



Thanks to everyone who came to the P.T.A meeting last week.

It was great to see some new faces.

The next meeting will be the A.G.M on

Tuesday 25th February at 6pm at school.

Please come along...more new members would be most welcome and any support you can give, however small, will be appreciated.

Our thanks go to Chrissie Fox who has volunteered to take on the role of P.T.A Secretary and Angela Pownall who has agreed to continue in the role of Treasurer. We will however, require a New Chairperson.

Caroline Terrill is retiring from this role and we thank her for all the support she has given to the P.T.A in this position and previous roles. Caroline will remain an active PTA member and has kindly offered to support the new post holder with information and advice. The main function of this role is to put together agendas, chair meetings and liaise with the school.

If you think you could be the new Chair or would like more information please contact the P.T.A by email <u>csschoolpta@gmail.com</u>, thank you.













Careers Speed Networking

On Tuesday this week Year 8 students participated in a Careers Speed Networking event. Seventeen organisations, companies and individuals came to speak to the students about their current jobs and their career journeys. Although students were given prompt questions beforehand they didn't need them as the conversations flowed. The students were inquisitive and polite. Our guests were impressed by the students and apart from Mr Overton occasionally forgetting to reset the clock the afternoon was a success.

The school would like to thank the following individual and businesses:

National Trust, West Mercia Police, Worker Drones Uk, Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Hospital, Lingen Davies Trust, Natwest, Agilent Technologies, Isla Bikes, ESP Energy, Renu Hair and Beauty, Lanyon Bowdler, RSH Radiotherapy Department, Oakapple Catering, Millie Preece, Emma Alston, Councillor David Turner and Jayne Willis.





Monday 17th February from 10 until 2 at Mayfair Centre, Church Stretton



In memory of Ruby's sister Rachael (Rara) All proceeds go to 52 Lives www.52-lives.org



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Oh, and it's all in for just £50. Bursaries are also available. Nope, no catch. We're government-funded, so the most you'll pay to go on NCS really is £50.

Designed especially for 15- to 17-year olds, the NCS experience will give you a clearer idea of what you want from your future.

We'll help you realise that big, exciting things can come from feeling a little bit overwhelmed.... No. seriously, it's all good. Remember, No. We. Can. Show yourself exactly what you're made of!

On NCS, you'll mix with a new crowd, and take on fresh challenges together and before you know it, you'll be rooting for each other, as you all tackle your own little hurdles.

Along the way, you'll also get a taste for independence and pick up skills that'll help you smash your future goals and if that's not enough for you, you'll also be given a platform to have your voice heard and pursue a passion project.

The NCS experience might last just a few weeks, but the impact? That lasts a LOT longer, over 500,000 people have already done NCS nationally and we want you to take the leap.

Flip over for your local programme dates with Shrewsbury Town in the Community.

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Wave 1 – Monday 22nd June – Friday 17th July 2020 Wave 2 – Monday 6th July – Friday 31st July 2020 Wave 3 – Monday 20th July – Friday 14th August 2020

Week 1 - Be Epic

We will pick your teenager up from a local pick up point and they will spend the next 5 days with NCS staff and qualified instructors at an outdoor activity centre. In a team of 15, they will try their hand at a variety of outdoor pursuits ranging from rock climbing and kayaking to problem solving and challenge courses (but don't worry these are all optional). All of their meals (we cater to all dietary requirements) and accommodation are provided, and we have some amazing evening entertainment fined up for them during their stay!

Week 2 - Live Life

Your teenager will live at a university, staying in student accommodation gaining some independence. During this part of NCS they will take part in a range of sessions designed to build key life skills, which are favoured by colleges, universities and employers. In previous years these have included; driving experience, self-defence, first aid and much more. There is something to suit everyone!

Week 3 & 4 - Do Good

The final 2 weeks of NCS are non-residential and using their new-found skills they will be empowered to plan and run their own social action project, to make a difference in the local area. The projects are youth led and the NCS team will be on hand to provide support and guidance. Last year NCS participants raised £1,242,927 for local charities and good causes!

Two Ways to Sign Up for just £50:

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- ✓ Bring cash to your school on the 21st January school

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Screening @ Church Stretton School Theatre

13th February @ 7.00pm

Matthew Bourne's Romeo and Juliet has been hailed as 'the single most eagerly awaited dance show for 2019' by The Daily Telegraph. This passionate and contemporary re-imagining of Shakespeare's classic story of love and conflict is set in the not too distant future in 'The Verona Institute'.

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

Tickets from Burway Books, Beaumont Rd, Church Stretton

Or Enquiries and pre-bookings for disability seating 01694 725588

Online sales at www.artsalive.co.uk

www.ticketsource.co.uk/cs-school-theatre



NHS Careers Live!

12 February 2020, 4 - 7pm

Shropshire Education & Conference Centre, Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, SY3 8XQ

Did you know ...?

Careers in the NHS stretch far beyond Nursing and Medicine...

... Maintenance Engineering | Therapists | Scientists | HR | Finance | IT ...

Dear Pupil,

We'd like to invite you and up to two guests to an NHS careers event arranged jointly by The Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust and Shrewsbury Colleges Group on Wednesday 12 February from 4-7pm at the Shropshire Education & Conference Centre.

The NHS is the largest employer nationally and locally with a wide range of jobs and careers that include catering, business, estates, as well as the caring and medical roles.

The event will give you the opportunity to meet a variety of staff from the Hospital Trust and to find out about their job roles, have a tour of hospital facilities and discuss advice and guidance with College staff. There will be advice on Apprenticeships and how to apply for posts at the hospital, and we will be offering places for a Junior Doctor Q&A and sessions in the Practical Skills Lab (additional details and how to book will be sent to attendees once session numbers have been finalised so keep an eye on your inbox!).

As well as stands and hands-on activities there will be talks every 30 minutes: the NHS will showcase the routes into their diverse job roles including work experience and Apprenticeships, and Shrewsbury Colleges Group will highlight the many qualifications and course packages we can offer for these careers.

Parking: there is limited free parking at the venue with additional spaces in the hospital's chargeable main car parks.

Please secure your place here shrews.co/nhs and choose an arrival time. Bookings should be made by Tuesday 11
February 2020. If you have any questions please contact Ruth Blackhurst ruthb@shrewsbury.ac.uk

We look forward to seeing you at the event.

Best wishes

Catherine Armstrong

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