



Dear parents and carers,

With only one week to go until the half term break, the half way point of the academic year has now been passed and for Year 11 students, there are only 50 school days until the start of the full GCSE examination series. Please note the recent communication regarding Year 11 revision within the letters page of the school website. Here you will find information regarding opportunities for students to attend revision support and also blank revision timetables to aid students in planning their revision.

It was lovely to welcome parents and carers of Year 7 students to Progress Evening this week. We hope that the direct conversations with subject teachers provided useful information about how your child is progressing.

Next week we wish Year 10 students and accompanying staff a safe journey and enjoyable time as they depart for their GCSE History Berlin trip. Thanks go to Miss Sollars for coordinating the trip. We look forward to hearing all about it when they return to school.

With the weather forecast becoming unsettled again, may I remind you of the procedures should we experience bad weather (snow!), included in this week's edition of The Link. Fingers crossed that we escape anything severe, but please do read through so that you are familiar with the procedure.

Many thanks to parents and carers for returning the forms regarding biometric information linked to Cashless Catering. We would appreciate all returns by 10th February to allow us to begin the process of registration. On the note of catering, I am extremely pleased to inform you that Shire Services are providing a refillable drinks bottle for every student. This kind gesture will allow students to re-use their bottle, filling it at home, at the dedicated 'Generation Juice' point at break and lunch time, the water fountain in the 'quad' area or at a brand new 'hydration station' offering free chilled water, kindly donated by Mr Orme of Wenlock Water. We hope to have 'Bob the bottle filler' installed in the dining hall over half term, ready for the return to school. Please see a preview later on in the Link.

I will share more details of this in due course. This is great news for us as a school, which will allow students to have a drink freely available (to be refilled at break / lunch and before or after school). As a result, we will also be able to reduce plastic waste. Therefore, please note that bottled drinks will no longer be sold on site from 24th February. Please also note that we will also be ceasing to operate the vending machines at the end of next week. Finally this week, I am extremely pleased to provide this link to the [DfE Performance Tables](#) which have now been finalised. Church Stretton School sits amongst the top 6 performing secondary schools in Shropshire, with students having made above average progress in their exams last year. A fantastic achievement I am sure you will agree and one which is testament to all of the hard work and dedication of teachers, students and yourselves as parents and carers.

Thank you!

With best wishes for a lovely weekend

Mr. J. Parr

Headteacher

KS4 Student of the week **Massive Congratulations**

Winners for week commencing Monday 27th January are:

Caradoc/Hazler - Caitlin Breen for outstanding score in Maths assessment.

Ragleth/Lawley Will Evans - for progress across all subjects since Yr 10 exams

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE SCHOOL TARGET = 96%

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

SINCE SEPTEMBER 95.3%

27th January - 31st January 2020

Caradoc 95.2% Hazler 92.7%
Lawley 95.1% Ragleth 97.2%



CHURCH STRETTON SCHOOL

Congratulations

Many students have been busy uploading evidence to support their Award and we are pleased to announce that the following students have now also completed their Award.

Congratulations to:

Lewis Key

Freya Portman

Keep the evidence coming for those yet to complete the Award.

Bronze Award - Year 9

The Bronze Award was launched to Year 9 on Monday with the expeditions taking place on the following date.

- Practice expedition Friday 1st May – Saturday 2nd May
- Main Expedition: Friday 12th June – Saturday 13th June

Thank you to those students who have already returned their reply slips and may we remind all that the deadline is next Friday 14th February.

Should you require any additional information please email Mr Cox or Mrs Davis or visit the DofE website (www.dofe.org).

We look forward to seeing you there.

English/Maths Easter mocks.

Please see below the proposed dates for the Easter mocks.

These will take place during maths/English lessons, in the old gym.

16th March English Language Paper 1

24th March Maths Paper 3 (calculator)

30th March English language Paper 2

Church Stretton School has received the Gold Award from our partners at the National Careers Service once again. NCS runs each summer for Yr11 students moving from school to college or apprenticeship. It involves four weeks of activities. One week away at an outward bound centre, one week away at Aberystwyth University to gain independent living skills and then two weeks back in Shropshire working in teams on social action projects. This all culminates at a graduation event and party. The cost is only £50 which includes food, transport and all activities. All participants will gain important life skills, meet new people from schools around Shropshire (though will always be grouped with some friends from Church Stretton School if requested) and have a summer to remember. Participation in the NCS scheme is now looked at positively by colleges and universities, as well as apprenticeship providers. As well as having fun, students will enhance their life chances. The provider for NCS in this area has changed this year and a letter will come out to all Yr11's about a proposed information evening so you as parents can be better informed. If you or your child is interested and want to learn more please fill in the reply slip on the letter and return it to Mr Overton by Friday 14th February.





ACCELERATED READER



LOOK HOW WELL OUR PUPILS ARE DOING

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

Year 7

Sophie Allison
Rayan Baig
Ellie Bill
Grace Christopher
Tate Crippin
Poppy Cumberlidge
James Davies
Joseph Evans
Euan France
Rosie Frankel
Kayla Hunt
Adnan Khalid
Eva Knight

Year 7 (Cont)

Aris Kokkinos
Courtney Morris
Siobhan Morris
Henry Pett
Thea Pinches
Alex Price
Finley Sharland
Isla Skelly
Freddie Westall
Thomas Wright-Smith

Year 8

Donovan Butler-Goodall
Shannon Clark
Daisy Deards
Iwan Faulkner
Jemima Fox
Morgan Gray
Ayaat Green
Ben Holdsworth
Delphine Hurrell
Robert Lewis
Milly Lloyd
Charlie Morris
Merve Ozsevgec

Year 8 (Cont)

Edward Prosser
Shannon Sutton
Daisy Swain
Owen Thomas
Oscar Walden
Macauley Williams
Mackenzie Williams
Ruby Williams
Alex Wooldridge

COULD IT BE YOU?

We are looking for someone to take on the role of P.T.A Chairperson.

The main function of this role is to put together agendas, chair meetings and liaise with the school.

If you take on this role you will be well supported by an enthusiastic Secretary and Treasurer as well as a small group of friendly members. The retiring Chair will remain an active PTA member and will be available to support the new post holder with information and advice.

Coordinators for the two P.T.A annual fundraising events are already in place so there will be no major fundraising responsibilities.

If you think you could be the new Chairperson or would like more information please contact the P.T.A by email cssschoolpta@gmail.com, thank you.

If the Chairperson's role is not for you but you feel able to provide a little support please come along to the next meeting... new members would be most welcome and there will be no pressure on anyone to take on a role they feel unable to undertake.

**The next meeting will be the A.G.M on
Tuesday 25th February at 6pm at school.**

School Closure in Bad Weather

Please see below our arrangements should we need to close due to bad weather. Please be assured that we will endeavour to open and remain open wherever possible but I do have to be mindful of Health & Safety both on site and more importantly, on the journey to and from school. We do take clear advice and guidance from our transport companies relating to the safety of travel.

School Closure – before school

If we are faced with inclement weather **before** the start of school and I make a decision not to open it will be broadcast on BBC Radio Shropshire and other local radio stations as early as possible on the morning concerned. We will also post a message on our website under the News tab on the Home page, in the drop down “Announcements” -

www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk before 07.00am whenever possible.

Early Closure during the day

If the bus companies determine that they need to make journeys earlier in the day due to bad weather we will send students home early. We will attempt to inform parents of these arrangements via BBC Radio Shropshire and other local radio stations; the school website home page and through In Touch, which will leave a message by email and text.

The school **will open** the following day after closure **unless** a notice is posted to the contrary on our website; and on BBC Radio Shropshire. Please check these sources early in the morning if in doubt.

If you have any concerns about these arrangements please do not hesitate to contact us at school.



STRETTON LANGUAGES GROUP

— AN EVENING TALK IN THE LIBRARY —

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Proto-Indo-European: What Is It? And How Do We Know?

David Langslow
Professor of Classics, University of Manchester

Church Stretton Library
Wednesday 12th February 2020 at 7pm
followed by discussion over wine and refreshments



ADMISSION £5 including wine and refreshments
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Want to prove the naysayers wrong? So, do we. Let's come together and take the world by storm.

Take a few weeks out this summer to meet new people, try new things and cover new ground, if you're 15 to 17, NCS is the experience you've been waiting for.

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 lined 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:

- ✓ Go online to wearencs.com & fill in the online form
- ✓ Call 0800 197 8010
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Theatre only prices £12 and £8 (under 18) pay on the door or pre-book
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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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