

## THE LINK

Edition 23, 13th March 2020



Dear parents and carers,

This term is going quickly, with now only 3 weeks until the Easter break. Students are working hard as always and in particular, Year 11 students are in full preparations for the GCSE exams, be they the written exams or practical elements such as in Art and Drama.

Of course, we are very mindful of the ongoing concerns around Coronavirus and are keeping a close eye on the information that is available to us, to ensure that we maintain a safe environment which operates as normally as possible. Therefore, whilst lessons continue alongside other school life, we have ensured that our cleaning provision has been increased beyond the usual. Antibacterial wipes and tissues have been provided to add an additional level of precaution for use in classrooms. Students and staff have been informed through tutor time, briefings and by posters around the school, of the importance of regular hand washing and hygiene.

With all of the above in mind, should we face the directive to close the school, which would be taken by Public Health England, please rest assured that we have contingency plans to ensure, as far as possible, that a level of education can be maintained for students. This would be through remote means i.e. Go 4 Schools and therefore ,staff have received updated training yesterday to ensure that work can be shared electronically with students, in file formats that can be opened by all, continuing the work that students are doing at present in their lessons in school. For year 11 students, revision would also be an obvious expectation. With their exams in mind, we are taking advice from Ofqual who oversee the examinations to ensure that students are not disadvantaged should any school closure impact on the examinations.

We will be talking to students in dedicate assemblies to ensure that they are absolutely clear about how work will be shared and to remind them that they will be expected to be checking Go 4 Schools and adhering time wise as close to possible with their timetabled lessons when completing work.

In such challenging times, we appreciate the support you are providing as always, so best wishes for a good weekend.

Mr. J. Parr Headteacher



#### **Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in the school library from Friday, 20th March until Wednesday, 25th March.

Hundreds of books will be available for students to purchase from £2.99.

Students will be able to use their "National World Day" book tokens (issue in school) to receive a £1.00 discount off any full price book.

#### School trips & Visits

With various trips and visits planned both in the UK and abroad between now and the summer break we will continue to monitor the current coronavirus outbreak. We will be governed by the advice given by Public Health England and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Parents will be kept informed if and when decisions need to be made regarding the scheduled running of any trips .

#### **Year 11 GCSE Exams Countdown**

28 school days to go

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE SCHOOL TARGET = 96%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
SINCE SEPTEMBER 95.2%

2nd March - 6th March 2020

Caradoc 94% Hazler 94.4% Lawley 96.2% Ragleth 97.4%



#### **Massive Congratulations**

Winners for week commencing 2nd March

<u>Caradoc/Hazler -</u> <u>Denise Halbert</u> for continued hard work in and out of class.

Ragleth/Lawley - Kaitlyn Orme for

fantastic effort in chemistry.



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#### **ACCELERATED READER**

#### LOOK HOW WELL OUR PUPILS ARE DOING

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



Year 7

**Eleni Ward** 

Year 8

**Sophie Allison Isabella Carter Anya Angell Grace Daglish Jessica Davies Isobel Devey Rosie Frankel Iwan Faulkner Charlie Hatton** Jemima Fox **Siobhan Morris Alex Hart Joshie Naylor Zoe Henson Beth Perry** William Middleton **Sadie Singleton Finn Morgan-Jones Jack Smout James Orme** 

> Jack Parr Jodie Shelton Aaron Skitt Daisy Swain

**Merve Ozsevgec** 

Congratulations to the newest member of our Millionaires club:

Ryan Baig Year 7





Year 10 students at the Brandenburg Gate, on their trip to Berlin.

#### **GCSE Exams**

Year 11 students should have their GCSE exam timetable and information booklet now. Exams are timetabled by the boards to start at 1.30pm as you will see on the student timetables. **We will start afternoon exams at 1.00pm** so that students are still able to catch buses and coaches at the end of the school day. Some students will find that there are one or two afternoon exams which extend beyond 3.10pm; we will be in touch on an individual basis with those affected. An important date for your diary is **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June.** If a national event stops any GCSEs taking place, exams will be re-scheduled on this day so students must make themselves available just in case.

#### Year 11 English/Maths Easter mocks.

These will take place during maths/English lessons, in the old gym, on the dates below:

16th March English Language Paper 1

24th March Maths Paper 3 (calculator)

30th March English language Paper 2



#### Our next meeting is on Tuesday 31st March and is to be held at The Kings Arms

The meeting will start at 7pm in The Hayloft

If you would like to meet some of the P.T.A. members before the meeting come along at 6pm for dinner or a drink

We need someone to take over the role of Chairperson but if you attend the meeting you will not be pressurised into taking on any
role. We would welcome any parents/carers of children at the school, particularly those with children in Years 7 to 9, to ensure the

P.T.A can continue to raise valuable funds.

If you would like to find out more about the P.T.A, think you could take on the Chairpersons role or would like to be added to the mailing list please email csschoolpta@gmail.com.





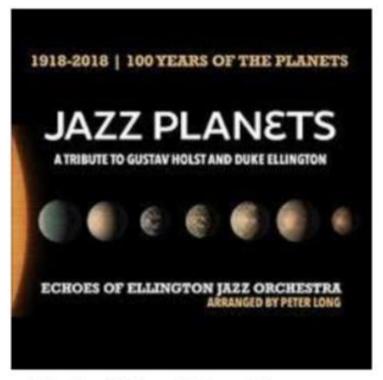
#### **Stretton Youth for Nature and Climate**

#### Writing instrument recycling in school

A new recycling project for writing instruments has been started in school. Recycling boxes are now located in the W block classrooms and the computer room – this will be expanded to other areas in the school over the coming weeks. All writing instruments (except for wooden pencils and chalk) can be recycled into these boxes. This includes any brand of pen, felt tip, highlighter, marker, correction fluid pot, correction tape, mechanical pencil and eraser pen, regardless of their composition. We cannot accept glue sticks, wooden pencils, chalk, erasers, rulers or other cutting objects that could disturb the recycling process. Students are encouraged to bring used writing instruments from home, and parents are welcome to collect from workplaces too. This, and other schemes that we plan to introduce, will raise funds for local schools and charities. We will be having another BAKE SALE on Wednesday 11th March outside the library. Our last sale raised a fantastic £108.58, which will go a long way to putting in place further schemes. We would REALLY appreciate support in the form of cakes and biscuits (please bring these on Wednesday morning).

Laura, Lydia, Grace, Ryan, Jack and Bella





Jazz Planets with Pete Long's Echoes of Ellington Orchestra

A Tribute to Gustav Holst and Duke Ellington

Friday 1st May, 7.30pm Church Stretton School

Also featuring: 'Jazz Planets Showcase'

Friday 1st May, 5.00 -6.00pm Church Stretton School

Church Stretton School pupils will perform their own Planet Suite compositions alongside extracts from the Echoes of Ellington Orchestra

For event tickets and other information see the details below

For Echoes of Ellington Orchestra go to www.jazzplanets.com

#### **BOX OFFICES**

Online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/smt • Phone & Post: Ticketsource 0333 866 3366 Phone/Post/in Person: Salop Sheet Music, Shrewsbury 01743 365561

www.shropshiremusictrust.co.uk





### Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

#### How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause fu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

#### How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

#### How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it



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by washing your hands with soap & water o hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport



Before cooking



On arrival at any childcare or educations



After using the toilet



Before



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



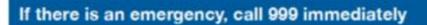
Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3; campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

#### What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call NHS 111 for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19. Parents can visit NHS.UK to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See NHS-UK for advice on coronavirus.





## SHREWSBURY COLLEGES GROUP



# Careers Live! Professional & Industrial Services

Montgomery Waters Meadow, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ST 23 March, 1.00 - 7.00pm

Motor Vehicle, Engineering, Transport and Logistics, Finance, Law, Business & Admin, Leadership & Management, Prison Services, Uniformed Services, IT & Computing, and HR

An interactive introduction to the world of Engineering. Covering information about careers, job roles and the relevant training required to achieve future destinations, as well as CV writing, job application and UCAS statement workshops.

By attending these free events you can see and hear about the extremely diverse range of opportunities in various sectors and how you can achieve your career goals.



#### Visitor feedback on previous Careers Live! events:

"Fantastic opportunity for my daughter - step by step information- from every sector"

"Great evening very inspirational - we attended last year and my daughter was keen to come again this year for further advice and chance to speak to those doing the jobs already. Very informative and helpful"

"An excellent careers event - a great insight into careers and many, many opportunities- So valuable to my daughter and myself on the support that the NHS offers and the many possibilities"

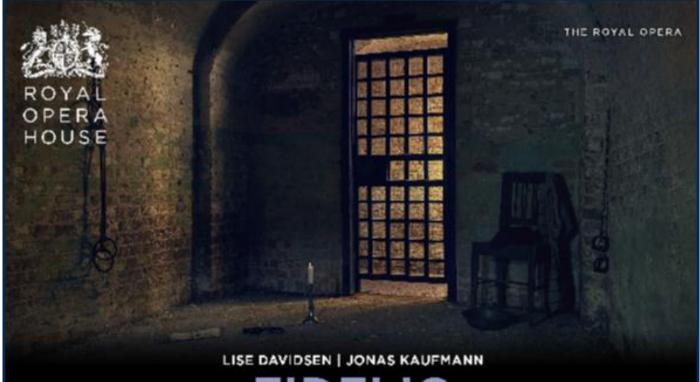
to secure your place visit

shrews.co/CareersLive





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Beethoven's only opera is a masterpiece, an uplifting story of risk and triumph. In this new production, conducted by Antonio Pappano, Jonas Kaufmann plays the political prisoner Florestan, and Lise Davidsen his wife Leonore (disguised as 'Fidelio') who daringly sets out to rescue him. Set in strong counter point are the ingredients of domestic intrigue, determined love and the cruelty of an oppressive regime.

### Screening Live @ Church Stretton School Theatre 17th March @ 7.15pm

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

Tickets from Burway Books, Beaumont Rd, Church Stretton

Enquiries and pre-bookings for disability seating 01694 725588

Online sales at www.artsalive.co.uk

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

# THE SECOND IN AN INSPIRING SERIES OF EVENTS AIMING TO RAISE ASPIRATIONS AND EMPOWER GIRLS TO HEAD OUT INTO THE WORLD WITH CONFIDENCE AND AMBITION.



Wednesday 22nd April 2020 6-8pm

Shrewsbury High School, 32 Town Walls, Shrewsbury, SY1 1TN

Join us to hear from a dynamic female panel of women in medicine, ready to offer expert advice and insight to students from across Shropshire.

Register at Eventbrite or email outreach@shr.gdst.net for more information