



THE LINK

Friday 12th June 2020

Dear parents / carers and students,
Welcome once again to The Link and we hope that you remain safe and well.
We are now also saying hello and welcome to Year 6 students along with their parents and carers, who we hope are receiving The Link via email too. We are working hard to liaise with Primary schools and Year 6 students during this term, with Mr Wright, Head of KS3 making some personal visits and Mr Ward, SENCo being in contact too. We would, of course, normally be holding transition events in school, however, unfortunately a physical visit to the site is not allowed by the DfE. Therefore, we will be continuing to update our Transition page on the school website (within the Admissions tab) with key documents and links to help prepare for joining us in September!
We are very much looking forward to welcoming Year 10 students back to school next week for their 1-1 meetings. Thank you to parents/carers who have completed the Year 10 return to school survey (the link was emailed to you this week). This must be completed before your child returns to school. Very shortly, we will be able to let you know which 'pod' you are in for the subsequent face to face teaching groups, therefore which day you will be required to attend. We apologise that the day that will be allocated is not negotiable. Transport will recommence from 22nd June, with transport providers very keen that we let you know that route timings will change slightly. It is likely that they will pick up 10 minutes or so later than usual to avoid arrival at school too early. Students will need to adhere to transport providers social distancing directions, sitting in seats allocated and wearing a face mask (disposable or homemade / reusable). Please note that we are unable to provide face masks, therefore ensure you have adequate for the inbound and return journey each day you attend. As some students return to school, please note that remote work set for those who remain at home may alter slightly. Clearly, staff who are in school delivering face to face work will not be available to offer immediate support during remote lesson time.

We are likely, therefore, to move to some blocks of work being set by teachers to cover more than one lesson over time.
The launch of our new catering provider, Shire Services' was unfortunately interrupted through school closure. It is very sad as the food that they were offering, the wide array of new choices, provision of free refillable drinks bottle and donation of lovely new seating really enhanced our provision and service for students. In addition, we intended by now for all students who gave permission to be registered for cashless catering. This will become even more of a priority to implement, as exchange of physical cash will not be allowed to maintain safety and hygiene, with cashless scanner easily disinfected between customers using it. We will therefore, try to register students who can attend as and when they are on site, starting with the first pod of Year 10 on 22nd June. As a reminder, parents must have a Parent Pay account registered, active and with funds available for students to purchase food, when we are able to sell food again! If you do not yet have a Parent Pay account, when we reopen the canteen and your child is allowed to attend again, you will need to email school reception at office@csschool.co.uk to request a bar coded letter, to top up your school meals account. Unfortunately the machine to load money on to a students account in school will not be operating to avoid cash handling.
Finally, I must thank so many staff for their help in setting up the school site ready for safe re-opening. They have worked tirelessly to do as much as possible to make sure that the safety of all remains the priority. Please see a few of the pictures within for an indication of some changes to the site.

With best wishes and take care

John Parr
Headteacher

Some School site changes for everyone's safety





Online Learning

- An update

Online learning – Update

Week 2 of the Microsoft Teams trial has seen all Year 10 students being offered at least one video lesson opportunity to review the distance learning activities they have been completing and to gain some valuable and much needed feedback on the progress they have been making. The uptake of these lessons was on average 50%, there was variation between groups, and there were various reasons for only getting half of the classes attending. Our audits of student engagement in other distance learning activities indicates a higher level of engagement. Whilst we are in the early stages of providing video lessons, it suggests that we need to continue to provide a variety of learning opportunities as some students may be unable to access every video lesson and others may prefer the alternative distance learning activities we have been providing. We will be offering a blended learning approach to all Year groups of distance learning activities, video lessons and, in time, face to face learning, which we will be starting with Year 10 from 22nd June. Blended learning will be the watch word of education in the coming months and to ensure that we are engaging all students in their learning we will be delivering further training on how to use Teams to deliver video lessons to all staff over the next 2 weeks. We are planning to provide pupils from all Year groups with the opportunity to take part in multiple video lessons in the last 4 weeks of the Summer term and we will update you on these plans when it is appropriate to do so through Go4schools, the Link and email.

To ensure that your child/children are ready to take advantage of these video lessons we have produced how to guides for students that explain how to access Teams on PC/laptops and mobile devices. Our Teams trial has allowed us to identify common issues, which are easily solved but that can be frustrating for both Student and Teacher when working at a distance. These how to guides can be found on the school website, we will continue to update them as and when we trouble shoot new issues. We have found over the last few months that there are numerous fantastic features that Teams offers, which we will endeavour to use well beyond this period of school closures to enhance the educational experience of all students and we are looking forward to engaging with all students through this medium in the coming weeks. We are undergoing a major review of the school's IT infrastructure to allow this advanced use of technology to happen and we are in negotiation over pricing for school ready student devices that we hope to be able to update you on before the end of term.

A step-by -step guide for
How to access Microsoft Teams lessons on a PC/Laptop
will be provided to all students in due course.

COVID-19 School Behaviour Policy

Please can we take this opportunity to draw your attention to an addendum to our Behaviour Policy. This will be used during the arrangements for education of students in school during the Covid-19 partial school closures. It is to be used in conjunction with, and read alongside, the Behaviour Policy, Anti-Bullying Policy, E-Safety Policy.

This policy follows the guideline set out by Shropshire council.

On Thursday 14th May, 2020, the Department for Education published updated guidance for Preparing for the wider opening of schools from 1 June. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-primary-schools#annex-a-behaviour-principles>

This addendum of Church Stretton School behaviour policy contains details of our individual arrangements. We will follow Department for Education guidance to inform development of school policies as required ([Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support](#)).

A full copy of this addendum can be found on the school website.

Students returning to school will be required to follow the pupil code of conduct below.

Pupil Code of Conduct

Pupils are expected to:

- Arrive to and depart from school premises at the agreed time. (Adults should maintain a two-metre distance to other families when dropping off or collecting their children from Church Stretton School)
- Wash hands thoroughly before entering school premises and while in school, wash their hands for at least 20 seconds more often than usual with soap and water or hand sanitiser.
- Remain in their designated seating within the classroom during lesson time.
- Keep a safe distance from other pupils and refrain from physical contact with their peers.
- Maintain healthy practise when coughing or sneezing - The main principal is to **'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'**: cover any cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a **bin**. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and avoiding touching the mouth, nose and eyes with hands.
- Adhere to rules in relation to toilet visits and pre-arranged playtime activities.
- Refrain from spitting or coughing at or towards other pupils and members of staff.
- Maintain responsibility for their own equipment e.g. stationery and water bottles and ensure that these are not shared with other pupils.
- Tell a member of staff if they are unwell and are exhibiting signs of Coronavirus.



DofE Update.

Well done to all students who have continued to complete their award during these unprecedented times. DofE continues to operate and has issued new guidance to allow students to work towards their DofE Awards. This guidance can be accessed through the DofE website <https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/> and will provide activity ideas and answer most questions through its FAQs.

The main changes are as follows:

Participants can now volunteer for family members, for example by mentoring or coaching younger siblings.

Participants can now change section activities more than once. Time spent on previous activities will still count towards completion.

DofE staff members can act as Volunteering, Physical and Skills section Assessors, if required.

We would like to give a huge congratulations to the following students who have secured their Bronze Award despite these challenging times:

Selina Capewell-Hughes

Megan James

Beth Mackechnie

Emily Payne

Izzy Pezzaioli

Jake Foulger

Please continue to upload your evidence which is constantly being checked and approved. If you make an activity change, please wait until Mr Cox or Mrs Davis has agreed the change to ensure that the work you complete is in line with DofE guidance.

Keep up the good work.

Kahoot Quiz

Well done to Freddie Westall and Finley Healey in Yr7 for winning the quiz last week. Prize requests have been noted down and will be received when we return to school. Also well done to Mr Clarkson who got the highest score of the staff team. This week's Kahoot is currently running but will close at 3pm on Friday 12th June. Good Luck



P.T.A News

The P.T.A would like to say thank you to all those who had pledged support for fundraising events this year, but it will come as no surprise, that events have had to be cancelled. Now would normally be the time when we would be making final preparations for The Mynd Drover Challenge Walk but this is sadly not the case and entrants have been informed that it will not be taking place this year. However, some of those entrants have been kind enough to donate their entry fee to the P.T.A and so we would like to say an even bigger THANK YOU to them, as we have made £630 from their kind donations.

In addition, we have to announce that the annual Craft Fayre will not be going ahead this year either.

Despite the enforced reduction in fundraising activity the P.T.A has an ongoing commitment to meet the cost of the lease of the school minibus.

If you are doing any internet shopping please remember you can help us raise funds, at no extra cost to you, by purchasing goods via Easyfundraising.

Please see www.easyfundraising.org.uk for details, thank you.



Accelerated Reader



Lots of students have done really well to continue with their reading doing the "lockdown" We have been particularly impressed by those who managed to reach their targets.

So congratulations and keep up the good work.

Year 8

We have just one AR target-getter this week

Elizabeth Creffield in Year 8.

Year 11 Student Journalists

Our Year 11 Student Journalists were rewarded for their articles by Stretton Focus this week.

Mr Barrie Raynor presented each of them with a cheque and a portfolio of their articles. I hope many parents had a chance to read the articles which were on a range of subjects: Some topical, such as feminism in 2020, or the evolution of the music industry and some personal, such as living with autism, but all of them were extremely well-written and extremely professionally delivered. The team at Focus were extremely impressed with all of the students and once again wanted to pass onto the school their admiration of these young people.

Our student journalists were:

Alex Brian (visit his music blog to experience what a fine journalist he is).

Megan James

Rosie Morton

Joe Trueman

Jacob Helm

During Lockdown I asked some of the journalists to continue writing about what they were experiencing, and they have submitted their pieces to me. Hopefully, at a future date, I will be able to publish these articles; they might give us a sense of how Year 11 felt about the massive impact Covid 19 had on their lives.

I have already had some very impressive applications from Year 10 students for next year's School Journalists' Opportunity. Watch this space (and GO4Schools) for further details on how you can apply for this post.



DT with Mrs Davis

Since half term, my DT classes have been set the task of learning how to use Tinkercad, a simple 3D CAD package. This software can be easily embedded into the 3D printers we have in the department enabling students to print the designs they create using Tinkercad.

We have had a few issues with logging into our respective classes but the students have shown great resilience and perseverance. I gave them some simple tasks to follow to learn the basic 3D drawing and modelling skills and I have to say I am very impressed with how quickly they have independently extended their learning. I look forward to seeing more of the students work as we continue with our distance learning.

Ozzy Stephens Y7



Freddie Westall



Wilfred Turner Y7

Sophie Mackechnie



Chris Davies Y10



Student of the Week



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

Winners drawn by Mr Longhurst

Year 9 and 10:

Caradoc: Giles Morgan - 3 nominations

Nominated by Mrs Outram, Mr Basnett and Mr Clarkson for consistent hard work, commitment and perseverance

Hazler: Ella Singleton

Nominated by Mr Bird for her hard work and dedication in Chemistry

Lawley: Kian Woodhouse

Nominated by Dr Wood for showing resilience and perseverance in getting on to MS Teams

Ragleth: Chris Davies - 3 nominations

Nominated by Mr Overton, Mrs Davis(DT) and Mrs Jones for all round outstanding effort and engagement.



Year 7 and 8:

Caradoc: Grace Hilditch

Nominated by Miss Sollars for her positive attitude and motivation

Hazler: Sophie Mackechnie - 5 nominations

Nominated by Miss Sollars, Mrs Jones, Mrs Mackechnie, Mrs Davis (DT) and Mrs Davis (English) for positive attitude, engagement, effort and motivation.

Lawley: Viola Sewry

Nominated by Mrs Jones for her absolutely outstanding quiz results and effort

Ragleth: Finley Boulton

Nominated by Mr Basnett for a great effort with AR and the only one to get 100% on the last quiz.





Nominations for Student of the week.....

KS3 Students

Student	Staff	Subject/reason
Alex Macdonald	Miss Sollars	outstanding commitment and effort
Amelia Osbourne	Mrs Jones	absolutely outstanding quiz results and effort
Bella Atherton,	Mrs Davis (Eng)	Quiz master!
Beth Hunter	Mrs Carr	Fantastic model making skills - model of leaf cross section
Bobbie Ann Hutchings	Mrs Blount	positive attitude and effort
Charlotte Davies	Mr Bird	Showing great resilience
Daisy Swain	Mrs Jones	always working really really hard and asking questions when they do not understand.
Delphine Hurrell	Mrs Carr	Fantastic model making skills - model of leaf cross section
Edward Bowen	Mrs Profitt	taking a very sensible approach to his online learning in French
Edward Mutitt-Jones	Mrs Hough	written French work
Erin Robinson	Mrs Carr	Fantastic model making skills - model of leaf cross section
Erin Robinson	Miss Sollars	for outstanding history knowledge and attitude
Finlay Boulton	Mr Basnett	great effort with AR and the only one to get 100% on the last quiz.
Finn Healey	Mrs Jones	always working his hardest and trying hard even when he finds the work challenging (and for letting me know when a link was not there!!)
Finn Morgan-Jones	Mrs Carr	Fantastic model making skills - model of leaf cross section
Freddie Westall	Mrs Davis (DT)	brilliant following of instructions to complete a piece of CAD work.
Freddie Westall	Mrs Davis (Eng)	Quiz master!
Grace Heath	Mr Clarkson	detailed research on types of computers
Grace Hilditch	Miss Sollars	positive attitude and motivation
Harley Davis	Mrs Pugh	a fabulous piece of writing in English
Hazel Walters	Mrs Fletcher-Tyrie	Outstanding creativity during lockdown
Isabel Strelitz	Mrs Davis (Eng)	Quiz master!
Isla Solomons	Mrs Davis (Eng)	Quiz master!
Jack Parr	Mrs Carr	Fantastic model making skills - model of leaf cross section
Jodie Shelton	Mrs Jones	always working really really hard and asking questions when they do not understand.
Joe Buckingham	Mrs Davis (Eng)	Quiz master!
Katrina Fowler	Mrs Jones	working very hard with continued engagement.
Lily Atkin	Mr Charles	fantastic work and effort
Louisa Crump	Mrs Jones	always working really really hard and asking questions when they do not understand.
Louisa Crump	Mrs Carr	Fantastic model making skills - model of leaf cross section
Martha Wynne	Miss Sollars	outstanding achievement
Martha Wynne	Mrs Davis (Eng)	Quiz master!
Mittens the cat!	Mr Clarkson	Winner of Physics Kahoot challenge
Rosanna Price	Mrs Hough	persevering with French work despite having technical issues.
Rosanna Price	Miss Sollars	perseverance and progress
Rosie Carr	Mrs Carr	Fantastic model making skills - model of leaf cross section
Rosie Carr	Mrs Profitt	taking a very sensible approach to her online learning in Spanish
Rosie Carr	Miss Sollars	for positive attitude and work ethic

Nominations for Student of the week..... KS3 Students (cont)

Student	Staff	Subject/reason
Sadie Singleton	Cody Price	dedication to completing all work in maths at the highest standard
Sean Crumpton	Miss Sollars	exceptional hard work
Sophie Mackechnie	Mrs Mackechnie	creating KS4 Student of the Week certificate
Sophie Mackechnie	Miss Sollars	positive attitude and motivation
Sophie Mackechnie	Mrs Jones	for continued effort and engagement.
Sophie Mackechnie	Mrs Davis (DT)	brilliant following of instructions to complete a piece of CAD work.
Sophie Mackechnie	Mrs Davis (Eng)	Quiz master!
Wiola Sewry	Mrs Jones	absolutely outstanding quiz results and effort

KS4 Students

Student	Staff	Subject/reason
Aidan Dales	Dr Wood	Resilience and perseverance in getting on to MS Teams
Aiman Soussi-Dahdouh	Mr Bird	Hard work and dedication in Chemistry
Caleb Richards	Mrs Mackechnie	Outstanding work on probability
Caleb Richards	Mrs Davis (Eng)	outstanding effort
Cerys Jones	Dr Wood	Completing assignments on MS teams and independent learning skills
Chris Davies	Mrs Jones	Outstanding effort and exceeding target in BTEC DIT
Chris Davies	Mrs Davis (DT)	Making a brilliant start to their GCSE coursework.
Chris Davies	Mr Overton	For fully engaging in My Week of Work, taking part in a live session and mature reflection on how he used his essential skills to overcome work issues
Cody Price	Mrs Scott	dedication to completing all work in maths at the highest standard
Edmund Nockolds	Mrs Carr	Perseverance and keeping on!
Ella Singleton	Mr Bird	Hard work and dedication in Chemistry
Ewan Harrison	Mrs Mackechnie	Outstanding work on probability
Ewan Harrison	Mrs Carr	Perseverance and keeping on!
Felicity Davies	Mr Bird	Hard work and dedication in Chemistry
Felicity Davies	Mrs Davis (Eng)	outstanding effort
Felicity Davies	Mrs Carr	for their fantastic efforts with their Biology work and maintaining their high standards
Francis Davies	Mrs Davis (DT)	Making a brilliant start to their GCSE coursework.
Georgia Davies	Mrs Jones	Outstanding effort and exceeding target in BTEC DIT
Georgia Davies	Mrs Davis (DT)	Making a brilliant start to their GCSE coursework.
Georgia Davies	Mrs Davis (Eng)	perseverance
Giles Morgan	Mrs Outram	Consistent hard work and commitment towards distance learning stud
Giles Morgan	Mr Basnett	has attempted all of the work and found ways round problems.
Giles Morgan	Mr Clarkson	excellent written work on nuclear physics



Nominations for Student of the week..... KS3 Students (cont)

Grace Martin	Mrs Mackechnie	Outstanding work on percentage questions
Grace Wood	Dr Wood	Completing assignments on MS teams and independent learning skills
Harry Dryden	Mrs Carr	for his fantastic efforts with his Biology work and maintaining their high standards
Isabella Healey	Mrs Mackechnie	Outstanding work on percentage questions
James Tipton	Mrs Carr	Perseverance and keeping on!
Kian Woodhouse	Dr Wood	Resilience and perseverance in getting on to MS Teams
Kyle Bratby	Mr Bird	Hard work and dedication in Chemistry
Laura Brian	Mrs Mackechnie	Persistence and commitment with work
Laura Brian	Mrs Davis (Eng)	100% commitment and outstanding achievements
Liam Lewis	Mrs Mackechnie	Outstanding work on probability
Lucy Poole	Mrs Davis (DT)	Making a brilliant start to their GCSE coursework.
Lucy Poole	Mrs Davis (Eng)	outstanding effort
Lucy Poole	Mrs Carr	for her fantastic efforts with her Biology work and maintaining their high standards
Luke Matthews	Dr Wood	Completing assignments on MS teams and independent learning skills
Lydia Naylor	Mrs Davis (Eng)	100% commitment and outstanding achievements
Maddy Cumberlidge	Mr Bird	Hard work and dedication in Chemistry
Maddy Cumberlidge	Mrs Jones	Outstanding effort and exceeding target in BTEC DIT
Matthew Blakeway	Dr Wood	Resilience and perseverance in getting on to MS Teams
May Swain	Mrs Mackechnie	Outstanding work on percentage questions
May Swain	Mrs Jones	Working with teacher to complete all work set
Millie Youngs	Dr Wood	Completing assignments on MS teams and independent learning skills
Nancy Beavis	Dr Wood	Resilience and perseverance in getting on to MS Teams
Reuben Peters	Mr Bird	Hard work and dedication in Chemistry
Rhyanna Good	Mr Bird	Showing great resilience
Ria Marland	Mrs Mackechnie	Outstanding work on percentage questions
Rosie Wilson	Mrs Fletcher-Tyrie	Resilience and hard work in art
Rosie Wilson	Mrs Davis (Eng)	perseverance
Ruari Frankel	Mrs Mackechnie	Outstanding work on percentage questions
Sam Davinson	Mrs Outram	superb commitment to his studies and excellent understanding
Sophie Brown	Dr Wood	Resilience and perseverance in getting on to MS Teams

AIMHIGHER WEST MIDLANDS PRESENTS...

ART IN ISOLATION COMPETITION!

HAS SOCIAL DISTANCING MADE YOU THINK DIFFERENTLY ABOUT YOUR FUTURE?

DO YOU WANT A CHANCE TO WIN A £20 OR £50 AMAZON VOUCHER?

DO YOU WANT TO GET CREATIVE AND EXPRESS YOURSELF?

Aimhigher West Midlands would like to challenge you to express how you have kept motivated, inspired or have changed your ambitions for your future career through art!

In each year group, two runners up will win a £20 Amazon voucher and the winner will receive a £50 Amazon voucher!

Interested?
See next page for more information...

Aimhigher are running a competition called Art in Isolation. All students in Year 9,10 and 11 have been sent the flyer with competition details and rules. This is across the entire West Midlands region. There are several prizes of £20 Amazon vouchers for the runners up in each year group and a £50 voucher for the winner. Entries need to be in by 21st June.

Good luck



WHAT CAN I CREATE?

Your art piece can be ONE of the following...

- PAINTING
- DRAWING
- SCULPTURE
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- COLLAGE

It must be in line with the themes of aspiration, motivation and inspiration.

HOW TO ENTER:

(YOU MUST BE IN YEAR 9 - 11)

SEND YOUR ART PIECE TO:
ncop@bcu.ac.uk

SUBJECT TITLE:
Art in Isolation Competition

TO INCLUDE IN THE MAIN TEXT:

- Your name, school and year group
- Title of your art work
- Choose ONE of the following to submit your entry via email:

1. Attach a short video showing and talking through your piece (make sure to get a close up of your piece!)
2. Attach a photograph of your piece and a written narrative (200-400 words. You can write it in the email or attach it as a document!)

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY:
SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2020 8PM

WINNERS ANNOUNCED:
MONDAY 29TH JUNE 2020

Yr11 Apprenticeship Opportunity

Mick Boulton, from Boulton's Travel has contacted me to discuss an exciting opportunity. He is looking to take on one or possibly two people to work for the company. That could be either in the yard, looking at maintenance, mechanics and in the future driving or in the office with administrative skills and office management. There is not a specific job but he wants the right employee. If you are interested in this opportunity please email me and we can set up a meeting, virtually at the moment of course.

Mr Overton lee.overton@cssschool.co.uk