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10th July 2020

Dear parents /carers,

Well a week has flown by and during that time, we have made good progress with our plans for September, based on the Government guidance for re-opening in September. I won't mention more of this here, as I am sending a specific letter, co-authored by senior staff, which covers our initial plans (subject to change!). Please read this carefully as it has specific information about important things, like transport, catering and how lessons will operate.

As we near the end of term, I am pleased to let you know that we will be fully staffed for September, so are ready to welcome all of our students back to school. However, a final update regarding changes to staffing. At the end of this academic year we are saying farewell to colleagues mentioned in previous communication, but also Mrs Jones, Science / ICT teacher and Mr Pearce, Family Support Worker. We will miss both colleagues very much and I am sure that you would like to join me in wishing them the very best for the future. Joining us in September: Mr Mottram, currently Cover Supervisor who will be changing his role and commencing teacher training with us; Ms Hanson, Teacher of English (who previously taught at Church Stretton School) and Mr Elkins, Teacher of Geography / Humanities. We look forward to welcoming them aboard in the new academic year! Finally, I am pleased to inform you of a slight change to our leadership structure from September 2020. Mr Bird, in addition to his role as Head of Science, will join the Senior Leadership Team as Assistant Headteacher, whilst pastoral leadership will be bolstered by the appointment of Mrs Mackechnie as Head of Year 11, who has previously held significant responsibility for pastoral leadership in another school. I know that both colleagues are itching to get started and will make a positive impact on school improvement work and supporting our students. Next week, we look forward to welcoming Year 6 students who will be joining us in September, after very late notice from the Government that we could invite them in to school this term. We hope that the brief time with us allows them to feel comfortable and allay any concerns before the summer break.

For all students returning, please note that teachers will be very limited indeed with what can be provided for use during a lesson, due to restrictions within Government guidelines and to keep everyone safe. So please could you ensure that equipment for return to school includes the basics (pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, sharpener) plus the extras:

coloured pencils

pair of compasses

protractor

glue stick

safety scissors

scientific calculator - Casio fx-83GTX is recommended and a reading book!

We are still very much continuing with Accelerated Reader and don't want student to stop reading, so please do encourage your child/ren to continue reading over the summer break....hopefully whilst enjoying some relaxation and family time too. Mr Basnett who is leading Accelerated Reader, will be very pleased to see that you are taking the quizzes after each of the books that you read!

Have a lovely weekend John Parr Headteacher

Mathematical Mindbender 4



What could be better than a little diversion into the wonderful world of maths to take your mind off Corona?

Last week's winner: Grace Wood

The correct answer was $((7 \times 7 \times 7) + 7) / 7 = 50$ or $((7 / 7) / 7 + 7) \times 7 = 50$

This week's challenge is to solve this puzzle. Can you solve it?

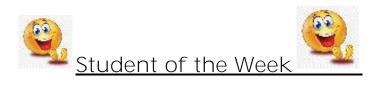
In the equation shown, P, Q, R, S, and T are 5 consecutive positive integers. What are they? $P^{2} + Q^{2} + R^{2} = S^{2} + T^{2}$

Answers to Mrs Bowler at

Hilary.Bowler@csschool.co.uk

The winner will be drawn at random from all correct answers.





Lots of students are receiving multiple nominations so we will be coming up with a leaderboard at the end of term to share. Well done everyone!

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

Year 9 and 10:

Caradoc: Rhiannon Castle

Nominated by Mrs Scott for her regular engagement in live lessons

Hazler: Dan Terrill

Nominated by Miss Sollars for excellent results in his history quizzes

<u>Lawley:</u> Caleb Richards

Nominated by Mrs Mackechnie for completing all MyMaths tasks thoroughly

Ragleth: Grace Wood

Nominated Mrs Proffitt Excellent achievement in a French Writing Task



Year 7 and 8:

Caradoc: Isla Skelly

Nominated by Mrs Hough and Mrs Mackechnie Lovely polite email communication and continued excellent participation in both online video lessons in French and tutor meetings.

Hazler: Louisa Crump

Nominated by Miss Sollars for her outstanding history work on the Titanic

<u>Lawley:</u> Ashley Edwards

Nominated by Mrs Scott for a high level of engagement in video lessons

Ragleth: Alex Hart

Nominated by Mr Clarkson and Miss Whitcombe for his perseverance, initiative and high quality work





Kahoot Quiz:

The results are in. This week's winners are:

Student: Siobhan Morris

Staff: Mrs Richards

Well done to everyone who took part. The next quiz will be posted on Monday

morning. Good luck.

KS3 Student of the week nominations 🛬

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Name	Teacher Nomination	Name	Teacher Nomination
Shannon Sutton	Mrs Scott	Catherine Parry	Mrs Walker (DT)
Ashley Edwards	Mrs Scott	Isla Skelly	Mrs Hough
Charlie Morris	Mrs Scott	Erin Robinson	Mrs Hough
Lilly Brown	Mrs Scott	Louisa Crump	Miss Sollars
Aidan Thomsett	Mrs Scott	Isla Skelly	Mrs Mackechnie
Erin Robinson	Mrs Scott	Erin Robinson	Mr Roberts
Jodie Shelton	Mrs Scott	Alex Hart R4	Miss Whitcombe
Bonnie Kinsey	Mrs Scott	Alex Hart	Mr Clarkson
Rudy Laslett	Miss Sollars	Maisy White	Mrs Davis (Eng)
Katrina Fowler	Mrs Walker (DT)	Iwan Faulkner	Mr Basnett
Bonnie Kinsey	Mrs Walker (DT)	Thomas Wright-Smith	Mrs Walker (TA)

KS4 Student of the week nominations



Ewan Harrison
Frank Popoovic
Mathew Blakeway
Cody Jones
Aaron Northwood
Lucy Poole
Ed Bowen 9R3
Jessie Nicholas x2
Rhyanna Good
Caleb Richards
Harry Lawrence
Lily Abram
Fin Carter
Harry Lawrence
Millie Youngs
Nicole Powell
Jack Andrews
Ella Singleton
Jack Andrews
Annie Cleaver
Ruari Frankel
Jacob Bennett
Grace Trueman

Laura Brian X2
Jacob Bennett
Rebecca Norval
Dougie Fox
Emma Davies
Annabel Hartshorne
Cerys Jones
Lewis Key
Seb Rees
Freya Townsend
Dan Terrill
Rosie Wilson
Lucy Orme
Sophia Clift
Harriet Lloyd
Katie Howard
Tom Calveart
Emma Davies
Lewis Key
Lily Carney-Bradshaw
Chris Davies
Georgia Davis
Aaron Northwood
Luke Matthews





ACCELERATED READER

Well done to all our excellent Accelerated Readers this week.

Congratulations to everyone who has passed their targets:



Year 7

Sophie Allison Grace Christopher Beth Perry

Year 8

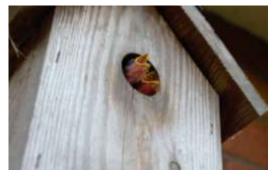
Alex Hart

Delphine Hurrell

Well done to you all.

There will be £5 Book Vouchers to be spent in Independent Bookshops winging their way to them through the post.

Everyone else keep reading. I have more vouchers to distribute before the end of term.



Photography Hobby

Ollie Cummins (year 7 Hazler) has found a new hobby during lockdown and has taken some fantastic photographs in his garden of a Harris Hawk and some Sparrow Chicks. He used his Nikon DSLR D3100 Camera to take the photographs. This has inspired him to want to take more photographs of wildlife.





Online Learning -

<u>Update</u>

We have continued to increase the number of video sessions offered to students over the last week, providing lessons and pastoral support through Year group tutor meetings. Tutors remain the first point of contact for tutees and their parents when they are experiencing issues with MS Teams, distance learning activities and pastoral concerns, such as mental health issues. All tutors have a close bond with the members of their tutor groups and will do all that they can to support them during these difficult times and well into the future. Tutors can be contacted via email or through MS Teams, as and when they are needed.

As MS Teams has become a well-established part of our everyday teaching, we are exploring additional apps that can be used within Teams to enhance the learning experience of students, whilst provide the teachers with real time data on how engaged students are with their learning. These additional apps will allow us to record who is attending the online lessons and how often they are contributing to the group chat and asking/answering questions using their microphones. This information will allow us to identify the students who are going above and beyond in their online lessons, so that we can recognise their efforts through the student of the week initiative. We are investigating how we can provide students with feedback on the work they complete during the video lessons. We have found that it is possible to provide both verbal and written feedback, which will allow us to provide students with an experience that is closer to that of the physical classroom.

We are continuing to set all work on Go 4 Schools, as we understand that some students will be unable to access the video lessons. The work that is covered in video lessons is the same as the work set on GO 4 Schools, so as long as students are completing this work they will be at the same point in their studies as those who are attending the video lessons. Joining online lessons provides students with the chance to ask and answer questions, that will help to further their understanding. Those students who are unable to access video lessons can still seek the support of their teachers using the school email system and they will do all they can to reply as soon as they possibly can.

Please can I give you a final reminder to read the Parents/Carers agreement and complete the relevant sections to provide your child(ren) with permission to use MS Teams, the agreement can be found by clicking on this link. Unfortunately, we will be unable to provide access to MS Teams video sessions for those Students we have not received Parent/Carer consent for after Friday 10th July.

The video lesson timetable for the final week can be found on the next page. We will be welcoming the Year 6 students who will be joining us as Year 7s in September on Friday 16th July, so that they can meet their form tutors and get a feel for the school. As a result, we will be unable to deliver video lessons on this day and will be setting distance learning activities on GO 4 Schools only.

Key Stage 3 Summer term video lesson timetable

During the w/b 13th July each Year group will receive at least one video lesson from the subject listed below and a lesson in the core subject shown below. Other lessons may be offered and students will receive email invites to these lessons.

Group	7	8	9
X1	MFL	Humanities	Art
X2	MFL	Humanities	Drama
Y1	Comp Sci	Drama	DT
Y2	Comp Sci	Music	DT
Y3			DT

Date	7	8	9
13-Jul	Maths	Science	English

Year 10 Summer term video lesson timetable

During the final week of the summer term we will aim to provide Year 10 students with at least one video lesson in each core and option subject.

Minimum number of lessons		Core subject
	1	English
	1	Maths
	1	Biology
	1	Chemistry
	1	Physics

Minimum number of lessons		Option
	1	Α
	1	В
	1	С
	1	D

Church Stretton School uniform

Available from School Shop Direct

Unit 17-18 Sundorne Trade Park Featherbed Lane Shrewsbury Shropshire SY1 4NS 440449 Opening Times Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm Saturday 9am to 4pm Sunday by appointment only Tel: 01743



www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk

Items with * must be purchased from School Shop Direct

- Navy polo shirt, with school logo/house name*
- Navy knitted jumper, with school logo/house name*
- Trousers, black, plain, not slim fit/jeans or patch pocket
- Skirts, straight, black, plain and knee length, non-stretch fabric
- Shoes, black, sensible, not canvas or trainers (no Converse, Reebok or others!)
- Summer only, boys black tailored shorts
- Optional quarter zipped fleece.

PE kit

- Shorts or skort
- Rugby shirt, with school logo*
- PE polo shirt, with school logo*
- Training shoes with non-marking sole for indoor use
- Studded football boots
- Shin pads
- Sports socks
- Gum shield
- Plain black or navy blue swimming costume/ swimming trunks
- Girls plain, navy leggings, optional



BE EQUIPPED AND READY TO LEARN

Every day the following items will be in my bag:

	The Hotel
√ Pen - black/blue	√ Reading Book
√ Pencil	√ Rubber
√ Pencil sharpener	√ Scissors
√ Coloured pencils	√ Glue stick
√ Ruler	√ Scissors
√ Glue stick	√ Protractor
√ Compass	
√ Scientific calculator	
√ Water bottle	

Church Stretton School PTA - Theatre and Theatre at Home W/C 06.07.2020

Parent Teachers Association (PTA) and Funding

It is great to hear the good news story that the Government have announced a funding package to support - and regenerate - Art and Culture. We will look at the detail when it is available to see if there may be any help for Art and Culture in Church Stretton. There is no doubt that our community benefits from the wellbeing that the arts and culture create. Whilst these weekly notices of online streaming events that we have been issuing have hopefully continued to enthuse your appetite for theatre, there is still a long way to go before we can enjoy live theatre again.

The PTA funding has sadly been reduced as a result of Covid-19. Our School Theatre; the Craft Fayre and the Mynd Drover are the main fundraising events for the PTA. The Craft Fayre and Mynd Drover have both been cancelled for this year, and the theatre re-opening could be some time in happening. So, there is the resultant loss in funds. The PTA are therefore asking our supporters to register for Easy Funding. This is easy by following the link https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ and adding Church Stretton School as the chosen charity. Please contact Alan Fox (07977060303) or email alandavidfox@live.co.uk if you are able to help in any other way.

Recovery

We continue to look at what and when our recovery might look like. Our discussions with our theatre partners and the school continue.

Our School is responding to Government; Department for Education; and our School Trust guidance and rules for re-opening. As a result, any site use for our theatre beyond that for school students isn't possible at this stage. This is because the safety of students and staff remains a priority. School is continually assessing this information and we expect that it will give clarification about what schools are to look like in September. If and when we are able to achieve and maintain a stable position operating safely in September, we might then be in a place to explore wider site usage.

So, please be patient and understanding with us.

We will remain committed to our objective to use our fantastic theatre facilities to bring you the best of top theatre productions and raising funds for the PTA and school. So please be assured that if it is safe: possible and permissible to do so, we will re-commence your theatre experience.

Theatre at Home

Until then we and our other partners will continue to direct you to a fantastic array of theatre in your home whenever we are able to collect information. Information from our partners this week includes:

NATIONAL THEATRE AT HOME

This week you can still see 'Les Blancs' by Lorraine Hansberry.

Then, on 9th July, National Theatre are streaming *The Deep Blue Sea*. Carrie Cracknell's critically acclaimed production of Terence Rattigan's devastating masterpiece features Helen McCrory and Tom Burke.

National Theatre then continues with #Amadeus on 16 July.

The streaming's are usually at 7pm and available for 7days from the first streaming.

Content for the final set of shows can be found here:

https://nationaltheatrelive.egnyte.com/fl/DvV80vbuox

THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE – FROM OUR HOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE

Continuing this week until 11th July is: *The Magic Flute*

Then on Friday 10 July 2020 at 7pm, broadcast free online as part of the Royal Opera House's #OurHouseToYourHouse series is Kenneth MacMillan's passionate and nuanced choreography for the ballet *Romeo and Juliet*. This shows The Royal Ballet at its dramatic finest.

THE SHOWS MUST GO ON

WOW! What a fantastic show was streamed for us last Friday. *Celtic Tiger*, Michael Flatley's 2005 dance show was a real treat.

There is one more to watch for the normal 48-hour period from this Friday ^{10th} July when you will have another chance to see the first streaming of *'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'* on The Shows Must Go here. @theshowsmustgoo at 7pm.

We think this is the last offering before a break until the middle of August. So, this is your last chance to watch this fun filled musical.

WATCH RSC SHOWS FROM HOME

Streaming from another of our theatre partners allows you to watch lots of fantastic RSC shows with BBC iPlayer and Marquee TV.

It was from Shakespeare's birthday on 23 April that you have been able to watch six acclaimed productions on BBC iPlayer. They are:

<u>Macbeth</u> (2018), directed by Polly Findlay with Christopher Eccleston and Niamh Cusack <u>Hamlet</u> (2016), directed by Simon Godwin with Paapa Essiedu

Romeo and Juliet (2018), directed by our Deputy Artistic Director Erica Whyman

<u>Much Ado About Nothing</u> (2014), directed by Christopher Luscombe

Othello (2015), directed by Igbal Khan with Hugh Quarshie and Lucian Msamati

The Merchant of Venice (2015), directed by Polly Findlay

And you can access 18 productions if you sign up for a 14-day free trial on Marquee TV, the performing arts streaming service with a catalogue of more than 400 dance, opera and theatre productions. Check our previous notifications for what is currently available on Marquee TV

ARTS ALIVE AT HOME

Our partners at Arts Alive are also streaming theatre to your living room. We are awaiting their next offering.

MORE2SCREEN

At some time in the future with our partners More2Screen we hope to be offering at our theatre – subject to necessary permissions; timing; and licences:

The spectacular *Riverdance 25th Anniversary Show*

Kinky Boots which we were planning to show in April.

Jonas Kaufmann My Vienna

A Night at the Louvre: Leonardo da Vinci.

Matthew Bourne's long-awaited ballet The Red Shoes

Matthew Bourne's ballet The Car Man

We look forward to welcoming you back to our school theatre when we are able to do so. For now, enjoy theatre at home and stay safe.

Alan