

## THE LINK

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Dear Parents & Carers,

The wait is over! You will, I am sure, be aware that Gavin Williamson, Education Secretary recently provided clarification for schools about how they can operate in September in relation to the changes in restrictions. For information, the guidance can be found here. We will now apply these changes as we plan for a much more 'normal' school for students and staff, but will be mindful of the possibility that things may change quickly too. We will write more fully to you before the end of term so that you are clear about how the new academic year will start for students, how lateral flow testing will operate along with a possible staggered return for students from 3rd September 2021.

As we near the end of the academic year, may I draw your attention to some teaching staff changes taking place? At the end of this academic year, we say goodbye to Mr Arkwright who, after 16 years of teaching science to countless students is taking a well earned rest. He will be very much missed by students and staff alike. Mrs Davis, Head of English leaves at the end of this year after nearly 12 years service to Church Stretton School. We would like to thank Mrs Davis for her commitment to leading improvements to outcomes for the many students whom she has personally taught and those she has impacted upon through her work as Head of English. After 6 years of service as Head of Maths, we say farewell to Mrs Bowler. I am sure you will join us in thanking Mrs Bowler who has also helped countless students through her own teaching of maths and the leadership of the department. Also leaving the teaching staff following up to 2 years of service to the school are Mrs Outram (Maths), Mr Jones (PE) and Mr Mottram (Computing) who have all worked tirelessly within their respective departments to help students both in the classroom and with numerous extra curricular activities. We wish all colleagues the very best wishes for their future—we will miss them!

We will also see some changes as some non-teaching staff leave us. We wish Miss Archer, Teaching Assistant for nearly 7 years and Mr Osman, Higher Level Teaching Assistant the very best for their exciting career progression routes. Miss Archer is leaving us to pursue her passion as a full time dance teacher, whilst Mr Osman begins his training to become a maths teacher. We would like to thank them for all of their hard work and wish them the very best for the future.

Finally, and with a very heavy heart we will be saying farewell and a very happy and well earned retirement to Mrs Chris Floyd, Headteacher's PA and Office Manager. Mrs Floyd has worked with utmost dedication, commitment and love for the school and students in various roles since starting here in 1990. I truly cannot find enough words to pay testament to the dedication and hard work that Mrs Floyd has put in over this time or the sheer volume of information that Mrs Floyd knows about the school. I know that Miss Morgan, currently School Receptionist 2 days per week, who will be taking on this role will certainly be keeping in touch with Mrs Floyd! The number of students, parents and staff who have directly or indirectly benefitted from Mrs Floyd's care, advice and guidance are countless and alongside being an absolute professional, she is just such a lovely person. I have absolutely no doubt that, like me, you will want to wish her an enjoyable and restful retirement. We will miss you very much! Joining us in September, we look forward to welcoming Mr Balmer as Head of English, Mr Williams, as Head of Maths, Mr Barham, Teacher of PE / PE Coordinator, Dr Wilson, Teacher of Science and Mr Hughes, Teacher of Maths. Joining the Learning Support Team we welcome: Mrs Berry, HLTA along with Miss Halliday, Mr Rochester, Mrs Redfern-Pugh and Miss Thomas as Teaching Assistants. We look forward to these colleagues joining us in September! Have a good weekend

John Parr

Headteacher



### Accelerated Reader

Well done to the following students for reaching their targets.



Year 7

Oliwia Brdej Tilly Carter

Reuben Cowley George Degg

Poppy Flanagan Charlotte Hale

Phoebe Jammaz Benjamin Lawrence

Hadassa Scurtu

Year 8

Mercy Plaza-Richards

Maisie White

**Rosie Williams** 

Year 9

Delphine Hurrell

**Evie Jackson** 

**Daisy Swain** 

The Solihull Approach (NHS) has released an online course FREE TO ALL residents of Shropshire:

### 'Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing'



### How do I access?

www.inourplace.co.uk

### What's the code?

If you haven't used it already here is the access code for all the online courses (funded for residents): **DARWIN18** 

• If, like many parents, you have already used this code, log into your account <u>here</u> and this course will be ready in your dashboard to start whenever you are ready.

### Can I tell my family and friends?

Absolutely! Share the news with family members and other families in the area so that they too can take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

### How long is it?

'Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing' itself is in 2 parts (2 modules long in total):

### Take Part 1

...then take 'Understanding your child' OR 'Understanding your child with additional needs'

(11 modules each taking 10-15 minutes to complete, benefitting from time to digest in between)....

...then take Part 2.

### If you like this...

...you might like the other courses 'Understanding your teenager's brain' (short course) or 'Understanding your child's feelings' (taster course), or other courses in the series. www.inourplace.co.uk



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

Connie Woodhouse Nominated by Mrs Proffit for excellent attitude and resilience when working from home.

Lily Atkin Nominated by Mrs Walker for excellent work in the recent Art assessment - Well done!

Joey Taylor Nominated by Mrs Quye for making excellent choices and encouraging others

Morgan Gray Nominated Mrs Mackechnie for consistent hard work and dedication

Mrs Scott	Finn Morgan- Jones	Excellent effort in Maths
Mrs Scott	Sean Crumpton	Excellent effort in Maths
Mrs Scott	Lucas Farley	Excellent effort in Maths
Mrs Scott	Joeseph Norval	Excellent effort in Maths
Mrs Scott	Anya Angell	Superb effort in Maths
Mrs Scott	Eve Watkins	superb effort in Maths all year
Mrs Scott	Daniel Shaw	Always striving to do his best in Maths
Mrs Scott	James Davies	Always working hard in Maths
Mrs Scott	Matthew Giles	Always working his hardest in Maths
Mrs Scott	Jack Thomas	Consistent hard work in Maths
Mrs Scott	Maria Louro	Consistent hard work in Maths
Mrs Scott	Phoebe Jervis	Consistent hard work in Maths
Mr Clarkson	Madison Young	Outstanding research and classwork in Science
Mr Clarkson	Alisa Kovaleva	Exceptional attitude towards work and helping others
Mr Clarkson	Tyler Edwards	Superb attitude and skills during Science investigation
Mrs Walker	Jack Wright	Fantastic effort in Art, especially with homework.
Mrs Walker	Lily Atkin	Excellent work in the recent Art assessment - Well done!
Mrs Walker	Lily Gibbons	Excellent work in the recent Art assessment - Well done!
Mrs Walker	Tyler Edwards	Excellent work in the recent Art assessment - Well done!
Mrs Walker	Will Jackson	Excellent work in the recent Art assessment - Well done!
Mrs Walker	Abdullah Ozsevgec	Excellent work in the recent Art assessment - Well done!
Mrs Walker	Harrison Parry	Excellent work in the recent Art assessment - Well done!
Mrs Walker	Owen Rushton	Excellent work in the recent Art assessment - Well done!
Mrs Walker	Hadassa Scurtu	Excellent work in the recent Art assessment - Well done!
Mrs Walker	Abbi Williams	Excellent work in the recent Art assessment - Well done!
Mrs Walker	Pippa Pledger	Excellent Artwork throughout this term - Well done!
Mrs Mackechnie	Iwan Faulkner	Consistently working hard, asking questions and regular contributions to lessons
Mrs Mackechnie	Daisy Deards	Consistent hard work and dedication
Mrs Mackechnie	Beth Hunter	Consistent hard work and dedication
Mrs Mackechnie	Isobel Devey	Consistent hard work and dedication
Mrs Mackechnie	Morgan Gray	Consistent hard work and dedication
Mrs Mackechnie	Merve Ozsevgec	Consistent hard work and dedication
Mrs Mackechnie	Sophie Mansell	Consistent hard work and dedication
Mr Overton	Joseph Evans	Dedication to Basketball Club and helping out when he is there.
Mrs Proffitt	Connie Woodhouse	Excellent attitude and resilience when working from home.
Mrs Proffitt	Maisie White	Excellent attitude and dedication to studies.
Mr Wright	George Prosser	Excellent verbal contributions
Mrs Fletcher-Tyrie	Joey Taylor 7Y2	Best improvement in drawing skills.
Mrs Mackechnie	Macey Pezzaioli	Excellent work ethic over the last couple of weeks
Mrs Quye	Denis Barker	For independence, initiative and ambition
Mrs Quye	Holly Collett	For excellent work and resilience in Language assessment
Mrs Quye	Joey Taylor	For making excellent choices and encouraging others
Miss Whitcombe	Grace Heath	Excellent effort in Rounders, scoring a full rounder!



We know how important and exciting it is to be choosing your new uniform when starting at school, and we are here to help.

Due to Covid 19 we want to help everyone to access their new uniform in a safe and controlled way. For Summer 2021 we will be making a few changes and additions to how we serve our customers

ON-LINE – The on-line shop is fully open – Orders can be delivered directly to your address. In addition, we will be offering a collect from store service. (Click/collect)

To aid social distancing, collect from store orders will only be available for collection once you have been contacted to say your order is ready, on arrival you will see a collection point.

Please allow up to 7 days for collect from store – as we need to manage the number of people arriving to maintain distancing.

Last date for orders for back to school – Sunday 15th August 2021.

SHOP – The shop will be open as normal. But to maintain distancing, fewer customers will be able to be in the shop at one time. We STRONGLY advise that customers shop as early as possible.

Please see our website for up to date opening details.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Appointments are available on Sundays – please telephone or email to make an appointment

We thank you for your help with planning uniform early this summer, so that we can offer everyone a safe environment.

For any queries and help please do contact us:

17-18 Sundorne Trade Park, Featherbed Lane, Shrewsbury, SY1 4NS Telephone: 01743 440449

E-mail: info@schoolshopdirect.co.uk

www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk





# THE COLLEGE OF

We're looking to your future!

Are you a school leaver this year? Looking to see how you get to the future you want?

Book a place at one of our events to explore your options for September 2022

> **BOOK ONLINE AT** scg.ac.uk/events

Look overleaf for all upcoming events!





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### **Badminton for All**

Church Stretton Badminton Club invite you to try out our fantastic sport

In these playing/coaching sessions open to anyone.

Come along and have a go

**Church Stretton Leisure Centre** 

INCLUDING DISABILITY BADMINTON

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6.30pm to 8.00pm

All abilities welcome from 7 years upwards

Sports wheelchairs and rackets available FOC

For more info call Alan Fox on 01694725588 or 07977060303

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# CHURCH STRETTON BADMINTON CLUB Respect + Achieve + Inspire + Skill + Enjoy

### RETURN TO PLAY

Church Stretton Junior and Adult Badminton Club are proposing a summer taster session at Church Stretton Leisure Centre as our return to play initiative following the Covid-19 disruption.

This is the first time we are offering a summer session for many decades. The purpose is to reignite the passion for badminton in Church Stretton and beyond.

Shropshire Council have our Covid Risk Assessment (which has been developed following the Badminton England Road Map to return to play) so, we are now expecting to return to play at the end of July. Session to start on a Wednesday. The first night is yet to be confirmed. Sessions start at 6.30pm and to finish at 8.00pm.

We plan to use this short period as taster sessions prior to our main season starting in September.

We are a fully inclusive club with current members from 7 years old up to 93 years old. We are open to - and catering for - those with disabilities. We have sports wheelchairs and experience in coaching players with disabilities.

Wheelchair badminton is a relatively new and growing sport that will be featured for the first time at the 2021 Tokyo Paralympics. The rules are very similar to traditional badminton except that singles are played on half the court and the front service line to the net is always 'out'.

Stephen Cox, our experienced wheelchair player, helps with coaching. Players are not necessarily wheelchair users; it is a very suitable sport for amputees, spinal cord injuries or any disability affecting the lower limbs. Players will need sufficient upper limb ability to control a sports wheelchair. We have sports wheelchairs and rackets available for use. Badminton is not only a competitive sport but very much a social activity – proven to help with social, physical and mental wellbeing.

Come and give it a try.

Places will be limited. So, please let us know ASAP if you would wish to take up this opportunity.

You can register your interest by contacting Alan Fox on 01694 725588; 07977 060303; or by email alandavidfox@live.co.uk