

18th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

With so much change taking place with Government instructions and different levels of restrictions across the country, we are pleased to remain fully open and able to welcome students every day. This has been supported by your sensible and prompt action where you are making tricky judgements about whether to send your child in to school, or collecting them if we feel they are unable to remain in school. We have not had any confirmed cases of Covid-19 in school and, of course, we hope not to have. We understand that it is difficult for you as parents/carers, as there is quite a lot of 'usual' illness at this time of the year and we also understand that, as a precaution, you may be monitoring and seeking a test for Covid-19 where you feel necessary. If we find students unwell during the school day we may well contact you, so thank you again for your support in collecting them and where appropriate, taking subsequent action to seek a Covid-19 test.

You will have seen the letter and details of the Chromebook scheme from Mr Bird, Assistant Headteacher. I will not repeat what you are able to read and digest in his letter, however, we believe that in the current climate, it is sensible to signpost parents and carers to the scheme, as we may well find ourselves returning to partial or full distance learning for students over this year. Please note that Freedomtech are your 'port of call' if you have any questions regarding the financial or technical aspects of the scheme, their contact details being available through their leaflet.

Last week I shared the news that we are unable to host a physical Year 6 Open Evening or Open Morning, which is very disappointing, however we will be doing our best to produce video materials for prospective parents to be able to view and a form to ask subsequent questions. We will be asking some of our students to help us with this, as we believe that they are the true ambassadors of the school. Further to this, we now know that it will not be possible to host physical 'on site' Progress Evenings too, so please look out for further information about this and how we intend to discuss your child's progress. This first impacts on Year 10, with a Progress Evening due to take place soon.

Last week, Year 11 received information from Mr Staniforth, Principal of the Shrewsbury Colleges Group, regarding Post-16 options. This week, many Year 10 students received their top up vaccinations from the NHS immunisation team (not something to look forward to admittedly) and next week, we are pleased to be able to have school photographs taking place. We will continue to try, within the restrictions and safe working guidance, to keep the added extras happening in school which we know add so much value.

Finally this week, you may be aware that the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is carrying out spot checks over the phone to review school's measures taken for reopening and to minimise spread of the virus causing Covid-19. Along with several other Shropshire schools, we received a call this week from the HSE and the operative was very satisfied with the school's approach to mitigating risk and measures to support safety for all. With best wishes for a good weekend

John Parr
Headteacher

Pavement Etiquette

Please could we ask students to be mindful of other pavement users when travelling to and from school. Please can you avoid walking in large groups so that other users have plenty of space too. Thank you.

Thank you

Things continue to go smoothly in school with students adapting to the new routines and systems. Just a quick reminder that students should be using the hand sanitiser on entry and exit to school, before and after lunch, before and after PE lessons and ensuring that their hands are washed thoroughly after using the toilets.

Face masks must be worn when moving around the school building including when being inside at lunch (if not eating/drinking). They must also be worn at all times during journeys on school buses.

Thanks again on your continued support on ensuring everyone stays safe whilst on school site.

Mr Longhurst

Key Stage 3 Student of the Week



Welcome to our Year 7s who have done very well with KS3 student of the week!

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

Caradoc: **Oscar Walden**

Nominated by Mrs Dixon for an excellent start to Year 9

Hazler: **Alex Costa-Veiga**

Nominated by Mrs Bowler for completing a tricky GCSE question

Lawley: **Emma Burke**

Nominated by Mrs Bowler for completing a tricky GCSE question

Ragleth: **Jacob Bate**

Nominated Mr Wise for excellent contributions to lessons

Back to Key Stage 4 again next week

This week's nominations:

Nominated by	Student	Reason
Mrs Pugh	Lexie Wistow	Excellent effort in English lessons
Mr Clarkson	Rhys Page	Great contributions in Physics and Computer Science
Mrs Mackechnie	Katrina Fowler	Use of correct terminology without prompting
Mrs Bowler	George Devey	Completing a GCSE Maths question
Mrs Bowler	Ruth Shaw	Completing a GCSE Maths question
Mrs Bowler	Emma Burke	Completing a GCSE Maths question
Mrs Bowler	Erin Leigh	Completing a GCSE Maths question
Mrs Bowler	Emily Child	Completing a GCSE Maths question
Mrs Bowler	Reuben Cowley	Completing a GCSE Maths question
Mrs Bowler	Olivia Whiting	Completing a GCSE Maths question
Mrs Bowler	Oliwia Brdej	Completing a GCSE Maths question
Mrs Bowler	Molly Jeffries	Completing a GCSE Maths question
Mrs Bowler	Skyla Stovold	Completing a GCSE Maths question
Mrs Bowler	Alex Costa-Veiga	Completing a GCSE Maths question
Mrs Bowler	Scarlett Hurrell	Completing a GCSE Maths question
Mrs Bowler	Mia Sandwith	Completing a GCSE Maths question
Mrs Bowler	Sky Milner	Completing a GCSE Maths question
Miss Sollars	Tia Adams	Excellent contributions to History lesson
Miss Sollars	Eleni Ward	Excellent contributions to History lesson
Miss Sollars	Martha Wynne	Excellent contributions to History lesson
Miss Sollars	Alex Wooldridge	Positive start to Year 9
Miss Sollars	Macauley Williams	Outstanding work on History assessment
Miss Sollars	Shannon Sutton	Outstanding work on History assessment
Miss Sollars	Milly Lloyd	Outstanding work on History assessment
Miss Sollars	Charlie Morris	Outstanding work on History assessment
Miss Sollars	Aidan Thomsett	Outstanding work on History assessment
Mrs Dixon	Macauley Williams	Great start to French in year9
Mrs Dixon	Ty Clark	Great start to French in year9
Mrs Dixon	Oscar Walden	Great start to French in year9
Mrs Dixon	Ruby Williams	Great start to French in year9
Mrs Scott	Lexie Lewis	Fantastic start to year 8 Maths!
Mrs Scott	Aisha Green	High levels of concentration and effort in Maths
Mrs Scott	Summer Francis	High levels of concentration and effort in Maths
Mrs Scott	Phoebe Jervis	High levels of concentration and effort in Maths
Mrs Scott	Charlie Hatton	Perseverance and determination in Maths
Mr Basnett	Latisha Howard	A positive attitude to improving her work and some quality results.
Mr Wise	Jacob Bate	Excellent contribution in lesson.
Miss Hough	Erin Leigh	Erin has made a very good start to the year in French and has already begun to produce mini paragraphs based on language she has acquired. Well done Erin!
Miss Hough	Amelie Beavis	Amelie has come back to year 8 and already performing to a high level in French, well done Amelie!
Miss Hough	Elizabeth Creffield	Elizabeth is already proving to be a very conscientious young lady in French and performing very well since her return to school. Well done Elizabeth!

Church Stretton School Homework Timetable 2020-21

The homework timetable for the 2020-21 academic year has been finalised and scheduled so that home work tasks are evenly spread across students 2-week timetable, this is to avoid over burdening students with too many tasks at any one time. Staff will be setting home work tasks using this timetable from next week and instructions and links to resources can be found on Go4Schools.

	Mon A	Tues A	Wed A	Thurs A	Fri A		Mon B	Tues B	Wed B	Thurs B	Fri B	
7X 1		Music History	Drama Art	Maths	Chem French		Physics Biology	English Comp Sci	Geog	RE	DT	7X 1
7X 2	Physics	History Biology	Drama	Art	English French		Music Chem	Maths	Geog Comp Sci	RE	DT	7X 2
7Y 1	Art	English	Maths	Comp Sci DT	Chem French		Geog	History	Music Drama	Physics	Biology RE	7Y 1
7Y 2	History	Biology	Drama Chem	Maths	Geog French		English	RE DT	Art Comp Sci	Physics	Music	7Y 2
8X 1	Geog French	RE	Chem Biology	Comp Sci	DT		Art	English	History	Music Physics	Maths Drama	8X 1
8X 2	History French	Comp Sci	Music Physics	English	RE DT		Music Geog	Art	Drama Chem	Biology	Maths	8X 2
8Y 1	Drama Geog	Art Chem	English	RE	Comp Sci		History	Biology Physics	French	Music	Maths DT	8Y 1
8Y 2	Music	Maths Chem	Art Geog	Comp Sci	RE		History	Physics	English	Drama Biology	DT French	8Y 2
9X 1	Drama	English	RE	Music Biology	Maths		Geog Chem	DT	Art Physics	Comp Sci Spanish	History French	9X 1
9X 2	Art	English French	Comp Sci	DT Chem	Maths		RE Biology	Music	Drama	Geog History	Spanish Physics	9X 2
9Y 1	RE Physics	Music	Geog Biology	Comp Sci	History French		DT	Art	English	Drama	Maths Chem	9Y 1
9Y 2	DT	History Drama	English Physics	French	Comp Sci		Geog	Music Art	Maths	Biology	RE Chem	9Y 2
10	Option 1 History Geog RE BTEC PE	Maths Science C1 Bio C2 Phys	Science T1 Chem T2 Bio C1 Chem C2 Chem C3 Bio	Option 2 T1 Bio T1 Phys Drama Art Construction Comp Sci	Science T2 Phys		Option 4 History BTEC PE French History Music	Science C1 Phys C2 Bio	English Science C3 Chem	Science C3 Phys	Option 3 T2 Chem Art Construction Geog DT	10
11	Science T1 Chem T2 Chem C1 Bio C2 Phys C3 Phys	Science T1 Phys T2 Bio C1 Chem C2 Chem C3 Bio	Option 1 History Geog Music BTEC DIT	Maths 11A1 11A2 English 11B1 11B2 11B3	Option 2 Drama T1 Bio Comp Sci Art Con- struction Option 1 French		Option 3 Art Construc- tion T2 Physics Drama History	Maths 11B1 11B2 11B3 English 11A1 11A2		Option 4 History Geog DT BTEC PE	Science C1 Phys C2 Bio C3 Chem Option1 French	11

ICT access at home

Many thanks to those parents/carers who have already completed the ICT access at home questionnaire. The results of this questionnaire will feed into our planning for any possible future local or national lock down. All results will be dealt with confidentially and will allow us to plan our home learning provision to ensure all students are appropriately supported. Please follow the [link](#) to share your thoughts with us.

Church Stretton School Chrome book leasing programme

The Chromebook leasing scheme was launched this week, which you will have received a letter and flyer about, which explain how the programme works, the specification of the Acer Spin 512 Chromebook that is available for purchase or lease and details of how to order the device. The Acer Spin Chrombook's are ordered through, and supplied by, Freedom Tech, which is a technology leasing company that provides students with access to the latest devices in a way that is cost effective. Should you have any questions about the device or how the purchase/leasing scheme works please contact Freedom Tech via email: tech4learners@freedomtech.co.uk or by phone: 02038575632.

By joining this programme students will have a School ready device exclusively for their own use at home, with 3-year extended warranty, accidental damage and theft insurance, both with £0 excess for a one-off payment of £414.90. Orders can be placed using the portal at www.tech4learners.co.uk, you can logon by providing your email address, the username: Stretton20 and password: S3cure02! The portal is open now and the deadline for orders for this round will be Sunday 11th October and the first direct debt payment will be taken on 25th October. We would expect delivery of the devices to be in early November.

Joining the programme is optional, but with the possibility that School may go into a partial or full lockdown, we are keen to enable parents/carers to have confidence that their child would have a 'school ready' device that we know would have all of the necessary software installed, antivirus protection and security settings to keep students safe, plus the ability for the School ICT manager to remotely assist with any difficulties and provide updates as and when they are required. Leasing the device is a good way to spread the cost, but will incur an increased cost, which we have broken down in the table below to show you the terms available and the additional cost incurred. The School is not making any money from the programme and our main priority is ensuring as many students as possible have suitable IT equipment that is fit for purpose and provides value for money.

		Terms available and monthly cost		
	One off payment	12 months x £36.77	24 months x £19.65	36 months x £13.93
Year 7 and 8	£414.90	£441.24	£471.60	£501.48
Increased cost	-	+£26.34	+£56.70	+£86.58
	One off payment	12 months x £36.77	24 months x £19.65	32 months x £15.68
Year 9	£414.90	£441.24	£471.60	£501.76
Increased cost	-	+£26.34	+£56.70	+£86.86
	One off payment	12 months x £36.77	20 months x £23.58	N/A
Year 10	£414.90	£441.24	£471.60	
Increased cost	-	+£26.34	+£56.70	
	One off payment	8 months x £55.15	N/A	
Year 11	£414.90	£441.20		
Increased cost	-	+£26.30		

Lunches and snacks

If you would like your child to have schools meals, please can you ensure that you have credited your ParentPay account. When adding credit for your child's school meals account on Parentpay, please ensure that you use the 'pay for child's name meals' option on the homepage (not 'add parent account credit') as this will automatically allocate your credit to the school meals payment item.

If you have just used the 'add parent account credit', you will need to do the following to allocate the funds to be used for school meals. Please follow these steps to allocate your funds;

Click on the 'pay for child's name meals'

Enter the amount you wish to allocate

Click on 'use parent account credit' option on payment

This will then transfer your credit to be used for school meals.

Many thanks



School Photographs

Wrates Photographers will be coming into school on

Friday 25th September

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions only individual photographs will be taken. Wrates are unable to offer group or Year 11 photos. If restrictions do change later in the year we will look at the possibility of Year 11 group photos at a later date.

This year all proofs orders will take place online. Wrates offer highly professional photographs to parents in a 'Proof Pack' with several pack options to choose from, I am sure you will be delighted with the results.

All students will be photographed to enable us to update our school database.



SHREWSBURY COLLEGES GROUP

Shrewsbury Colleges Group is running a Post 16 Options Careers Roadshow Virtual Event. It will happen on Wednesday 7th October at 6:30pm. This is an online version of the Progression Event that the College has been running for the last few years at Shrewsbury Town Football Club.

This will be a good event to take part in to get a breadth of information from training providers, colleges and businesses offering apprenticeship, as well as the Armed Forces. The college will have a county wide approach but also for the Church Stretton night look closely at the opportunities in this area of the county. There will be a presentation from the College, a live Q&A session and then the ability to digitally move onto the providers to gather more information. The main presentation will remain accessible after the night.

You do need to book a place for this free event. The link below will take you to the information page and booking form. Church Stretton School would encourage you to attend this event.

<https://www.scg.ac.uk/calendar/event/109-post-16-options-virtual-roadshow-church-stretton>

Open Events Colleges and Training Providers 2020-21

Shrewsbury Colleges Group

Booking essential

A levels and Vocational Art Courses @

English and Welsh Bridge Campuses

Tuesday 13th October 2020 4:15pm – 8:00pm

Wednesday 21st October 2020 4:15pm -8:00pm

Vocational courses@

London Road Campus

Thursday 5th November 2020 4:15pm – 8:00pm

North Shropshire College

Physical tours outlined below. Virtual tours also available

Oswestry Campus

Wednesday 17th October 2020 5:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday 10th February 2021 5:00pm -7:00pm

Wednesday 16th June 2021 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Walford Campus

Saturday 17th October 2020 10:00am -12:00pm

Saturday 6th February 2021 10:00am – 12:00pm

Saturday 19th June 2021 10:00am -12:00pm

Hereford 6th Form College

Physical open evenings will happen on the dates below. No booking required at the moment. No times have been announced as yet.

Wednesday 21st October 2020

Saturday 6th February 2021

Thursday 29th April 2021

Herefordshire College

Physical Tours on the following dates. No booking needed at the moment.

Hereford Campus

Tuesday 10th November 2020 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Wednesday 20th January 2021 4:30pm – 7:00pm

Thursday 10th March 2021 4:30pm -7:00pm

Hartpury College

Virtual Tours but on set days. Places need to be booked.

Times to be announced. See website.

Saturday 17th October 2020

Saturday 14th November 2020

Saturday 12th December

Marches Centre of Manufacturing and Technology

Apprenticeship centre for engineering and related trades based in Bridgnorth but working across the county.

A Virtual Pre Apprenticeship Week is happening during Autumn Half Term 26th -30th October 2020. This will give information about various roles as well as the work involved.

An email explaining this will go out to Yr10 and 11 students and families, along with the process for booking a place with them.

Ludlow College

A virtual tour is on offer on the website but the following days are available for physical tours. No booking required at the moment.

Thursday 1st October 2020 5:00pm- 7:30pm

Tuesday 12th January 2021 5:00pm – 7:30pm

Saturday 6th March 2021 10:00am - 12:00pm

Useful websites

Start Profile – the website the school use for Careers investigation and logging of careers activities. Each student has a profile. Parents can also log in as a guest. <https://www.startprofile.com/>

Skillsbuilder – an education company working with the school to help students develop the 8 essential skills for work. Recognised by the Careers and Enterprise Company and major employers.

<https://www.skillsbuilder.org/>

National Careers Service. A national government Careers Information, Advice and Guidance platform which, like Start helps with careers investigation. Personality profiles and really good links to professional and trade bodies for more information. <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Find An Apprenticeship. A national government service helping Yr11 students (and ages above) search for apprenticeship opportunities in the local area and beyond. Applications forms can also be completed through this platforms as well. <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Reed.co.uk

An independent private company. A search engine for apprenticeship opportunities nationwide <https://www.reed.co.uk/jobs/apprenticeships>

UCAS. The University and College Admissions Service. This service helps students apply to University. Though our students are a few off from needing this, UCAS will show what A levels and other qualifications are needed to apply for various degree course. There are also useful information about gap years and degree level apprenticeships. <https://www.ucas.com/>

Medical Schools Council. The professional bodies for medical schools across the UK. Details the process to enter medicine specifically becoming a doctor, the requirements at post 16 and additional testing and work experience needed for the profession. <https://www.medschools.ac.uk/>

Hereford College of Arts

Virtual tours at the moment. Places need to be booked.

Saturday 10th October 2020 10:00am

Monday 9th November 2020 6:00pm

Tuesday 1st December 2020 6:00pm

Holme Lacy Campus (Land based)

Saturday 14th November 2020 10:00am -12:00pm

Saturday 23rd January 10:00am -12:00pm

Wednesday 10th March 4:00pm -7:00pm

Reaseheath College

Virtual open days at the moment. Go directly to the website.

Further Education College websites

Shrewsbury Colleges Group (Shrewsbury 6th Form College and Shrewsbury College) <https://www.scg.ac.uk/>

Hereford 6th Form College <https://www.hereford.ac.uk/>

Ludlow College <https://www.ludlow-college.ac.uk/>

Reaseheath College <https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/>

Hereford College of Art <https://www.hca.ac.uk/>

North Shropshire College (Oswestry and Walford Campuses) <https://www.nsc.ac.uk/>

Hartpury College <https://www.hartpury.ac.uk/college/>

Herefordshire College (Hereford and Holmes Lacy Campuses) <https://www.hlcollege.ac.uk/home>

Training and Apprenticeship providers

Marches Centre of Manufacturing and Technology <https://mcmt-bridgnorth.co.uk/>

County Training <https://www.ctapprenticeships.co.uk/>

SBC Training <https://www.sbc-training.co.uk/>