



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you once again for supporting our systems by sending your child to school with face covering and all equipment they need for lessons. On the note of face coverings, I would like to say a big thank you to Georgia Davies, Year 11, who kindly donated 250 new and unopened face coverings to the school for emergency use (Pictured below with Mrs Rowley accepting the masks). Thank you Georgia!



Cashless catering seems to be going well and although there are some glitches to address, it is allowing students to pay for refreshments without the need to exchange cash and speeding up the flow of the queue, which is an additional plus point. We have relayed some concerns from Year 11 regarding availability and choice of food to Shire Services, who are going to do their best to make sure that students who get served later still have options available. Today, we were pleased to be able to host Wrates photographers to take individual student photographs. Unfortunately, they were not able to take sibling photos or the Year 11 group photo. However, we will see if this is something that can be arranged later in the academic year, if the situation allows. If not, we will do our best to get a Year 11 year group photograph taken ourselves in the Spring time.

As the weather starts to change, with temperatures dropping and rain forecast, please could you also ensure that your child has a waterproof coat and perhaps a small pocket sized umbrella? We will need to continue having students assemble outdoors, for the foreseeable, at points in the day, so they need to be prepared for the autumn weather.

With best wishes for the weekend

John Parr
Headteacher

ONLINE SAFETY

It has been brought to our attention that there has been some highly inappropriate content being shown on some social media platforms. It has been reported that there are recordings of very upsetting material being broadcast on TikTok. Please can you ensure that you son/daughter remain safe when online and that they do not watch/download any content from persons who they do not know.

Library Book Amnesty

We are running a library book amnesty. Please could we ask all pupils to check under beds, personal bookshelves and school bags to see if they have any library books that haven't been returned. There will be no fines. There will be boxes in their designated zones to leave the books in. Many thanks for your help.





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Username: Stretton20

Password: S3cure02!

Church Stretton Chromebook Programme

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Acer Spin 512 Chromebook



**To order yours
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From £13.93 per month

3 Year Extended warranty

3 Year accident damage

3 Year theft protection

School ready (software, applications, network ready)

Includes chrome licence

Thank you to the local businesses that have already pledged support for the school by purchasing machines through this scheme. If you are a business or individual looking to help the school then please contact admin@csschool.co.uk

Church Stretton School Chrome book leasing programme

The Chromebook leasing scheme was launched last 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 Chromebooks 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 login 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 debit 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		

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.

Distance learning update

Students and Staff are well and truly back in the swing of the new and old routines of school life and beginning to close the gaps that resulted from the lock down. There are ongoing assessments across all Year groups to identify where students currently are in their learning, which allow staff to further target the intervention we have planned. Whilst we are all delighted to have all students back in school, the spectre of a partial or full lock down looms over us. We have been working hard to create plans to ensure that there are no interruptions to any of our students learning, no matter what comes our way. Full details of our plans for each tier of the local and national picture can be found on the school website using this [link](#).

- In the event of a partial or full lock down we will follow the students normal timetabled lessons where practical, setting tasks daily using Go4Schools which will continue to be our main method of sharing distance learning activities. Staff will supplement these activities with MS Teams to provide a live element to each lesson, and will make use of the other Office365 suite of apps to communicate with Students, share resources and collect in and mark work. All of these apps will be available to use on any device that is able to connect to the internet. Should you be in the market for a new device Round 1 of the Chrome book programme is open until October 11th 2020, details can be found on the School website using this [link](#).

Over the summer the school has had a significant improvement in the Wi-Fi infrastructure and we have moved our IT provision to Telford and Wrekin IT services, to further enhance the IT support we receive from Mr Morgan, the School IT manager. Telford and Wrekin are working hard to move our IT systems on to their network and this transition is scheduled to take place before the end of the term. Given the uncertainties caused by the current Corona Virus situation we will be issuing all students with their Telford and Wrekin logon details over the next week so that we have time to make sure they are able to logon to Office365. Links to the School's on line apps can be found by following this [link](#).

Staff will begin using the Telford and Wrekin Office365 system and Go4Schools when setting home learning activities as soon as all students have their logon details. This is to help students become familiar with the system before any potential partial or full lock down is enforced. There will be Year group assemblies each day next week to explain the process involved to all students and their logon details, plus a short user guide, will be emailed to their Church Stretton School email address and the Parent/Carer's email address. We will check that students are able to logon to their Telford and Wrekin Office365 account during Computer Science lessons.

We have tried to cover as many of the questions you may have about Distance Learning in our [FAQs](#) section, however, if you are unable to find the answer to your question please contact admin@csschool.co.uk and we will get back to you .

Test and Trace

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested. Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
 1. A high temperature: any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
 2. A new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
 3. A loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Your child does not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/
- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.
- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.
- If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms. No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support. Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms. The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthybody/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> It is vital for children's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.

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



Key Stage 4 Student of the Week



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

Caradoc: **Aidann Dales**

Nominated by Mrs Scott for superb effort and concentration in all lessons in Maths.

Hazler: **Grace Sansom**

Nominated by Mrs Mackechnie for outstanding engagement and contributions to lessons

Lawley: **Will Farr**

Nominated by Mrs Proffitt for his excellent work ethic and perseverance in French lessons

Ragleth: **Hebe Cole-Jones**

Nominated Mrs Colburn for her exceptional attitude and contribution to history lessons since returning to school

This week's nominations:

Mrs Mackechnie	Finn Fraser	Outstanding contributions and effort
Mrs Mackechnie	Klara Kokkinou	Excellent contribution to tricky graphs question
Mrs Mackechnie	Grace Sansom	Outstanding engagement and contributions to lessons
Miss Sollars	Phoebe Watkins	Exceptional contributions/subject knowledge
Mrs Colburn	Jake Duppa	Exceptional attitude and contribution to Geography lessons since returning to school
Mrs Colburn	Finley Carter	Exceptional attitude and contribution to Geography lessons since returning to school
Mrs Colburn	Hebe Cole-Jones	Exceptional attitude and contribution to History lessons since returning to school
Mrs Scott	Aidann Dales	Superb effort and concentration in all lessons in Maths.
Mrs Scott	Jessie Nicholas	Superb effort and concentration in all lessons in Maths.
Mrs Scott	Chris Davies	Superb effort and concentration in all lessons in Maths.
Mrs Scott	Francis Davies	Superb effort and concentration in all lessons in Maths.
Mrs Scott	Kieven Liu	Superb effort and concentration in all lessons in Maths.
Mrs Scott	Cody Price	Total commitment to hard work in Maths
Mrs Outram	Izzy Kennedy	Excellent work on a difficult modelling task
Mr Wise	Rhiannon Castle	Insightful reflections and detail in portfolio work
Mrs Outram	Nicole Powell	Excellent attitude towards revision and good participation in lessons.
Mrs Outram	Alicia Rees	Excellent attitude towards her studies since starting Year 11
Mrs Colburn	Ruari Frankel	Exceptional attitude and contribution to geography lessons since returning to school
Mrs Proffitt	Grace Wood	Excellent work ethic and knowledge of grammar in French lessons
Mrs Proffitt	Rosie Wilson	Excellent work ethic in French lessons
Mrs Proffitt	Felicity Davies	Excellent work ethic and perseverance with grammar in French lessons
Mrs Proffitt	Harry Lawrence	Excellent work ethic and perseverance in French lessons
Mrs Proffitt	Ben Harris H4	Excellent work ethic and perseverance in French lessons
Mrs Proffitt	Will Farr	Excellent work ethic and perseverance in French lessons
Mrs Mackechnie	Harry Lawrence	Outstanding focus and effort in lessons
Mrs Mackechnie	Elliot Thomas	Excellent effort and regular contributions to lessons
Mrs Mackechnie	Ruari Frankel	Excellent effort and regular contributions to lessons
Mrs Mackechnie	Phoebe Smith	Superb effort and concentration in all lessons in Maths.

PTA NEWS

As the first couple of weeks of school are behind us, we hope everyone has enjoyed the return and settled into a new routine. The P.T.A. is now looking forward to the year ahead and as the next few months are likely to bring unusual circumstances, we hope to have a remote 'zoom' meeting soon. It would be good to see as many people as possible join the meeting and we also hope to welcome some new faces to join our friendly team.

After supporting the P.T.A. in a variety of roles over a number of years, Caroline Terrill is retiring from the post of Chair. We are grateful to Caroline for all she has contributed to the P.T.A. and now require a new Chair person. It is a great time to take on the role as there are no planned events and new ideas will be welcome. You will also be well supported by an enthusiastic Treasurer and Secretary. If however, you do not feel able to take on this role but are interested in joining the P.T.A. please do join the meeting, no-one will be pressurised to take on a role they do not feel able to undertake.

Joining the P.T.A. is a great way to meet other parents (even if it is currently not in person) and contribute to the school community.

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>

Lunches and snacks

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Holme Lacy Campus (Land based)

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

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

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/>

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.

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/>