



Dear Parents & Carers,

As we reach the end of another week, we are getting used to the new ways of working, which are not straightforward, but in place to keep all as safe as possible. On Tuesday this week, we conducted a fire drill to make sure that new ways of assembling could be trialled and so that all, including new students, could become familiar with how to evacuate school in an emergency. This went very well and students were excellent in their approach, leaving the building calmly and safely.

The weather is changing, temperatures falling and rainfall now expected quite regularly. I must remind you again that students will be required to wait outdoors at their designated assembly point for the foreseeable future, so they must bring a waterproof coat and maybe a pocket / folding umbrella to avoid getting wet and uncomfortable. We know that having to keep windows open in classrooms and doors propped open where safe to do so for ventilation is now making the inside of school cooler than we would like. So we will be sensible with students wearing non-uniform, but there is, of course, a balance, so we would expect students to be wearing their polo shirt, with a vest (or t-shirt that cannot be seen) underneath if cold, with a school jumper as another layer. Mr Longhurst is expanding on this in a separate article. Thank you for your support.

A reminder now that the Chromebook scheme remains open until 11th October for parents/carers to 'sign up'. The uptake has been really positive, with many parents already committing to the lease or outright purchase option.



Finally this week, thank you to Mrs Willis, Parent Governor, who kindly bought and donated an infrared thermometer to school, so that we can safely take a student's temperature should the need arise. It has already been called into action and is very gratefully received. Thank you!

With best wishes for a good weekend

John Parr

Headteacher

Masks

Please could we remind students that re-useable masks need washing regularly and disposable masks need to be changed daily to maintain good hygiene.

Additional Layers

Due to Health and Safety requirements we have to keep the windows in classrooms open for ventilation. We are, of course, very mindful that outside temperatures are beginning to drop. Students therefore, will be permitted to wear additional layers as long as they follow the guidance correctly. Students may wear a t-shirt (which can not be seen) under their polo-shirt, a school jumper, a school fleece (which will shortly be back in stock), or a plain navy /black fleece in the interim. Please note hoodies **will not** be allowed and students will be expected to remove them if asked to by a member of staff. These layers are additional and not instead of regular school uniform. Thank you, Mr Longhurst.



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Order from 14th September to 11th October

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Username: Stretton20

Password: S3cure02!

Church Stretton Chromebook Programme

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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

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Acer Spin 512 Chromebook



If you are a business or individual looking to help the school by buying a device for students to use in school or as part of our distance learning plans please make a donation to the school fund and we will arrange for the purchase to be made on your behalf. The full cost of a device, excluding VAT, is £332.

Donations can be made via bank transfer:

Sort Code: 30-92-04

Account No: 00027408

Please include a reference that will allow us to identify and thank you.

Donations can also be made using a cheque made payable to Church Stretton School.

- Every device purchased by businesses/individuals will carry a dedication advertising who they were donated by;
- We will celebrate each business/individual that makes a donation through an article in the Link;
- Each business will be provided advertising space in the Link (all of the above only if you wish).

Thank you to the local businesses that have already pledged support for the school by making a donation. If you would like further details of how you can help the School 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		

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....

Alfie Lawton -

Nominated by Mrs Mackechnie for excellent work on estimating

Ben Salisbury -

Nominated by Mrs Davis(Eng) for an outstanding start to Year 8.

Elizabeth Creffield -

Nominated by Miss Hough for consistently working to a very standard

Ellie Ross -

Nominated Miss Sollars for outstanding work on History Assessment



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 Year 9
Mrs Dixon	Ty Clark	Great start to French in Year 9
Mrs Dixon	Oscar Walden	Great start to French in Year 9
Mrs Dixon	Ruby Williams	Great start to French in Year 9
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 began 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!



Accelerated Reader



Congratulations to the following students for reaching their Accelerated Reader target.

Emma Burke

Erin Leigh

Alex Costa-Veiga

Lowri Morris

Isaac Hall

Archie Norval

Scarlett Hurrell

Seth Richards

Emily Kirkwood

Mia Sandwith

Congratulations to our first Millionaire



Lowri Morris



Adam Wise's outstanding response to homework asking for a description of a raven. 8x1

The Raven

It stared at me, inquisitively, with its eyes like a pool of eternal darkness. I froze. As it hopped closer to me, I got a glimpse at the size of its beak, as the jet black creature snapped it open and shut, and at that point I realised it was focused on me. Its claws gripped onto the tree branch underneath it, I could almost hear the branch screaming for help as the ravens grip got tighter and tighter. The raven itself was covered in long, black feathers, darker than the night sky above it. Then it called out, a long repetitive caw as if it called out that it had found its dinner, and it had friends...

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>



The next P.T.A. meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th October at 8pm via Zoom.

Please join us if you can. We will be looking for a new chair person to support Angela Pownall and Chrissie Fox in their roles as Treasurer and Secretary, but no-one will be pressurised to take on a role. We welcome any contribution however small. It is however, a great time to join the P.T.A. as major events will not take place in the near future and so the new post holder will have time to settle in to the role. The P.T.A. supports the school in a variety of ways, including the lease of the school minibus and without a new Chair person it cannot continue, please consider whether this is a role you could take on. Thank you.

If you would like to join the meeting, find out more about the role of Chair or join the P.T.A. mailing list please email csschoolpta@gmail.com.

A skatepark for Church Stretton

We believe that our home town Church Stretton deserves a skatepark. There is already space waiting in the town park, where an old wooden skatepark once stood. A skatepark is a positive influence on a community, giving young people a place to play, socialise and express themselves.

An opportunity to receive some FREE good condition metal ramps with composite surfacing from Telford & Wrekin council has arisen.

We have already had interest from local volunteers to help transport, and put together the ramps. **THANK YOU.** But we need more support!

How can you help?

Sign here: <http://chng.it/hjPnwFVJyb>

Donate here: <https://gf.me/july29bqv>

Like and share this campaign on Facebook and elsewhere

<https://www.facebook.com/StrettonSkatePark>

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/>