



Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again, we reach the end of another week which has flown by. Students have been working hard with assessments and classwork, which is helping teachers assess what students know and can do and identify any gaps to be filled. This week, we also welcomed the local Policing Team who requested an opportunity to talk with Year 7 and then Year 8 students, to raise their awareness about County Lines. This was, of course, done in a way that was intended to be informative and emphasise the seriousness, whilst not being overwhelming or cause worry. Thank you, therefore to the Policing Team who attended and for their comments about how superb our students were. On Thursday, Mrs Godden, CEO of our Trust family of schools (TrustEd Schools' Partnership) came to speak with Year 7 students about an opportunity for two students to become Church Stretton School Year 7 Representatives on a newly forming Trust Youth Parliament. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to work collectively with other students across the Trust schools, to get involved in joint projects and have a voice in how things develop. Further information about this will follow from Mr Wright, Head of Key Stage 3 and Mr Longhurst, Assistant Headteacher.

For Year 11, Mr Overton has been meeting with students to begin their Careers Interviews and to help them consider a direction for future applications. This will continue throughout the year so that students receive a good range of information, advice and guidance when choosing their next stage of education, employment or training. Thank you Mr Overton.

Chromebooks

Finally this week, please note that the opportunity to order a Chromebook for your child at the current pricing closes on October 11th 2020. We have been informed that there are already over 130 orders currently placed, which is very positive. If you would still like to take advantage of the scheme, please [click here](#) to find out more and place your order.

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.

Job Opportunities

We have a vacancy for a cover supervisor and a janitor at Church Stretton School. Please see the [school website](#) for further details.



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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 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 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 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 4 Student of the Week



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

Eleanor Brown: Nominated by Mrs Fletcher-Tyrie and Miss Sollars for excellent effort and commitment to GCSE Art and thought-provoking contributions to History

Cody Price : Nominated by Miss Whitcombe for excellent organisation and work ethic

Sana Saleem: Nominated by Mrs Scott for an outstanding start to Year 11

Harry Lawrence: Nominated Mrs Proffitt by for a fantastic score in French Catch Up Assessment

Miss Whitcombe	Alysia Rees	Improved attitude to learning and great resilience to coursework
Mrs Scott	Amber Kempster	A fantastic start to year 11 maths, excellent focus and work since the beginning of term
Miss Sollars	Carl Allison	Excellent start to GCSE History
Miss Whitcombe	Cody Price	Excellent organisation and work ethic.
Miss Sollars	David Jones	Excellent start to GCSE History
Miss Whitcombe	Eirian Muttitt—Jones	Well presented homework
Miss Sollars	Eleanor Brown	For pertinent and thought provoking contributions to class discussion
Mrs Fletcher-Tyrie	Eleanor Brown	Excellent effort and commitment to GCSE Art course. Well Done!
Miss Whitcombe	Ella Singleton	Fantastic approach to PE mock exam.
Miss Sollars	Elliot Thomas	Excellent contributions
Miss Sollars	Eric Turner	Excellent start to GCSE History
Mrs Mackechnie	Fenn Bartlett-Garrard	Outstanding results on Maths assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Finn Fraser	Excellent contributions to work on ratio
Miss Sollars	Flynn Solomons	Excellent start to GCSE History
Mrs Proffitt	Harry Lawrence	Fantastic score in French Catch Up Assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Imogen Ingle	Outstanding result in Maths assessment
Miss Sollars	Jack Sankey	Excellent start to GCSE History
Miss Sollars	Jacob Bennett	100% on History test
Miss Whitcombe	Jake Duppa	Excellent effort in the multi stage fitness test.
Miss Sollars	Lauren Stevens	Excellent start to GCSE History
Mrs Proffitt	Liam Lewis	Fantastic work ethic in French
Mrs Mackechnie	Lily Abram	Outstanding result in Maths assessment
Miss Sollars	Lydia Naylor	100% in her History test
Mrs Scott	Maks Dzierzawski	A fantastic start to year 11 Maths, excellent focus and work since the beginning of term
Miss Sollars	Marnie Solomons	Excellent start to GCSE History
Miss Sollars	May Swain	Excellent start to GCSE History
Mrs Mackechnie	Nancy Beavis	Outstanding results on Maths assessment
Miss Sollars	Niamh Kelly	Outstanding work on History test
Mrs Proffitt	Phoebe Watkins	Fantastic score in French Catch Up Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Rebecca McFarlane	Fantastic result in French Catch Up Assessment
Mrs Scott	Rhiannon Castle	A fantastic start to year 11 Maths, excellent focus and work since the beginning of term
Mrs Proffitt	Rosie Wilson	Fantastic score in French Catch Up Assessment
Miss Sollars	Ryan Lloyd-Overton	Outstanding work on History test
Mrs Scott	Sana Saleem	A fantastic start to year 11 Maths, excellent focus and work since the beginning of term
Mrs Mackechnie	Shane Clark	Excellent contributions to work on ratio
Miss Sollars	Tai Adams	Excellent start to GCSE History
Miss Sollars	Tamara Parke	Outstanding work on History test
Miss Sollars	Taylor Challinor	Excellent start to GCSE History
Miss Whitcombe	Will McGregor	Well thought out answers to exam questions.



Accelerated Reader



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



Alex Costa-Veiga
George Devey
Poppy Flanagan
Scarlett Hurrell

Erin Leigh
Mia Sandwith
Olivia Whiting
Sam Carver
Harry Cummins.



Congratulations to our newest Millionaire

Annabelle Kirkwood

School Photographs

Students will be coming home with the proofs next week. Please note the DEADLINE date has been extended to
Thursday 29th October

Head Lice

Cases of head lice have been identified within school and we wanted to make sure you were kept informed. Whilst lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread. As there has been an outbreak, we suggest that you check your child's head and treat as required.

Year 7 & 8 County Lines assembly

County Lines is a form of criminal exploitation, in which criminals groom and manipulate children to sell drugs, often in towns outside their home county. Our thanks go to our local Policing team, who have been in to school this week to talk to our Year 7 and Year 8 students to inform them and emphasise the seriousness of this type of exploitation without overwhelming them.



P.T.A NEWS

The next P.T.A meeting will take place on **Wednesday 14th October at 8pm via Zoom**. If you would like to join the meeting please request the Zoom link via the email address below.

New members are needed: the P.T.A. is a small friendly group and now is a great time to join the P.T.A. as major events will not take place in the near future.

Could you be the new P.T.A. Chair person ? If you join the meeting you will be under no pressure to take on this role but a new Chair person is needed if the P.T.A is to continue to support the school. We welcome enquiries from anyone who thinks they may be interested.

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.

CAMPAIGN FOR A SKATEPARK IN CHURCH STRETTON



Calling Church Stretton Community Businesses and Members!

You are invited to help make Church Stretton an even better place to grow up. We've been offered FREE skate ramps from Telford and we don't want to waste this opportunity of a beneficial sports resource for the young people of Church Stretton...

"New research has shown a striking correlation between people who skateboard and their improved mental health" - Skateboard England

By adding your name to our petition or donating, you can support the project which will help make our town even better for our young residents.

Where we're at

400 names on our petition. £3300 has been raised in the first 5 days of the appeal. More than 30 local people have volunteered their time & effort to help - including skilled professional builders and fabricators.

The tarmac space is ready for the first 4 ramps (phase 1) to be collected from Telford and installed this month. The ramps are galvanised steel frames with composite surfacing (Skate Lite Pro) which is the gold standard for outdoor parks. All this is very low maintenance and long lasting.

Who's on board?

Huws Gray building supplies have volunteered transport and delivery for Phase 1.

- Britpart, Jacob UK LTD & Central Garage have made generous donations as well as over 40 other resident donations so far.

What we need:

We don't want to stop there - we want to see some really beneficial investment in our young people through a 3-phase development plan.

We are seeking funding through the National Lottery, Connexus and Severn trent Community Funds, as well as within the community.

"It's so important to develop facilities for children and young people in EVERY community" - GoFundMe donor

PLEASE HELP MAKE THIS HAPPEN

Find us on Facebook under 'Campaign for a Skatepark in Church Stretton 2021'

Text or call us on 07531 718102 or email tom.c.rochester@gmail.com

£3300+

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WEEK OF DONATIONS

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'A SKATEPARK FOR
STRETTON TOWN PARK'
ON CHANGE.ORG AND A
TEAM OF 30 VOLUNTEERS
FORMED

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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://wwwucas.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/>