



Dear Parents & Carers,

We are now approaching the final week of the half term and therefore the half term break, which I am sure all are looking forward to. It has been a complex and demanding half term, but students and staff have worked tremendously hard to support the new ways of working and very different structure of the day. Thank you, therefore, to students for adapting so well and to staff for the additional effort and increased workload associated with the peripatetic approach, which has been pretty exhausting. Now that we have completed a block of time working this way, we have decided that shortly after returning from half term break, we will be making some changes to try to get subject teachers back into their department bases. Currently, teachers are moving to the students who are largely remaining in their year bubble 'zone' in the school. We will be changing this arrangement, which will still keep year bubbles apart, as far as possible, whilst allowing teachers to access their specialist resources more readily (currently much cannot be moved from room to room) and therefore students will have an even better teaching experience. We will be writing to you in advance of the change and talking to students in school about how it will work, so please do look out for this information.

Next Friday we say farewell to Mr Ward who, as I have mentioned previously, is moving to Telford Park School as Senior Leader responsible for Inclusion / SEN. I will write more on this next week, but in the meantime, I am sure that many students and parents would like to say farewell to Mr Ward in their own way. We will also be inviting Mrs Bishop, School Senior Cleaner (now retired) back to say farewell properly after 51 years of service to the school, as we were unable to do so due to lockdown.

Finally, on the note of lockdown, whilst we have not received any information regarding the much debated 'circuit breaker' fortnight, if we are instructed to close for a period of time, we anticipate returning to distance learning immediately, with the use of MS Teams playing a large part in how we intend to provide ongoing education to our students. We were extremely pleased to find out that over 150 Chromebook devices have been ordered through the Freedomtech portal.

Although the devices would not be received in time to meet a lockdown if it takes place around half term break, it is extremely encouraging to know that so many students will be prepared with suitable equipment should we have future need. It is also a fabulous resource for students to use at home to support their classwork and homework. We are aware that many parents have unfortunately missed the first chance to get involved and therefore will be asking Freedomtech to open a second window of opportunity for parents to sign up to the Chromebook scheme before the end of the Autumn term. Mr Bird, Assistant Headteacher will be in touch with more information about this soon.

With best wishes for the weekend

Mr. J. Parr
Headteacher

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 at Church Stretton School. Please see the [school website](#) for further details.

School Photographs

Students have been their photo proofs. Please note the DEADLINE date for orders has been extended to Thursday 29th October

Farewell from Mr Ward

Dear Parents and Pupils,

I hope that you will allow me 3 minutes of self-indulgence. I just wanted to record a few feelings and thoughts before I embark on my final week at Church Stretton School. With Covid-19 complicating things somewhat I fear that I might not be able to say a proper goodbye to all the amazing pupils, parents and staff who I have had the pleasure to work with at Church Stretton School. For those who I have not seen or said thank you to, please take my emotional ramblings as a heartfelt display of gratitude. They really are meant. There are not many people who have the luxury of looking forward to each and every work day. In that respect I know that I am lucky. Over the last 13 years I have worked and continue to work with some incredible colleagues who go above and beyond to help provide a positive future for your children. The work that goes on behind the scenes is relentless and I feel lucky to have worked alongside such a proactive and enthusiastic team of professionals. That said, a school is not made solely by its teachers. It's the pupils of this school that make it so special and you as parents have every reason to be incredibly proud of your young people. Of course, there occasionally tantrums, fallings out and even times when we need to raise our voices but these moments are hugely



outweighed by the smiles, laughter, high fives (socially distanced of course) and kindness that I witness each and every day. To the staff – You are a great team. I'll miss you lots (Even you Mr Longhurst), Thank you for all your support. To the parents – It has been pleasure working with you to support your children. I cannot speak highly enough of them. I wish you and your children all the success in the future. To the pupils – You are amazing young people. When I think of the contribution you have made within the school, and the contribution you are yet to make in your communities and the wider world, it fills me with confidence. If you have got this far, all that remains is for me to say goodbye and good luck. It's been an absolute pleasure. Mr Ward

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.

Reminder - 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.

Accelerated Reader

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

Year 7

Jack Cornehlis
Troy Lloyd
Benjamin Lawrence
Elsa Lovelock
Samuel Carver
Harry Cummins

Year 8

Finley Healey
Grace Hilditch
Siobhan Morris
Aisha Green
Sadie Singleton



Key Stage 3 Student of the Week



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

Jordy Simpson

Nominated by Mrs Mackechnie for an excellent assessment result

Serena Vickery

Nominated by Mrs Scott for fantastic effort and work this term

Tia Adams

Nominated by Mrs Proffitt for an outstanding result in French Catch Up assessment

Zaryan Baig

Nominated Mr Basnett for a good memory of technical terms and willingness to be involved in every lesson.

Back to Key Stage 4 again next week

This week's nominations:

Mrs Scott	Aisha Green	Fantastic effort and work in Maths this term
Mrs Scott	Mathew Giles	Fantastic effort and work in Maths this term
Mrs Scott	Mary preece	Fantastic effort and work in Maths this term
Mrs Scott	Serena Vickery	Fantastic effort and work in Maths this term
Mrs Scott	Eve Watkins	Fantastic effort and work in Maths this term
Mrs Scott	James Davies	Fantastic effort and work in Maths this term
Mr Basnett	Zaryan Baig	Good memory of technical terms and willingness to be involved in every lesson.
Mrs Mackechnie	Ollie Cummins	Outstanding result on Maths assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Lily Atkin	Outstanding result on Maths assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Jordy Simpson	Outstanding result on Maths assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Matilda Booth-Gillett	Outstanding result on Maths assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Kardo Al-Alimi	Outstanding result on Maths assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Adnan Khalid	Outstanding result on Maths assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Courtney Morris	Outstanding result on Maths assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Ashley-Jack Simpson	Outstanding result on Maths assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Chloe Walder	Outstanding result on Maths assessment
Mrs Mackechnie	Jess Whilding	Outstanding result on Maths assessment
Mrs Outram	Izzy Cross	Excellent understanding of complex surface area work
Mrs Outram	Martha Wynne	Outstanding result on Maths assessment
Mrs Outram	Freddie Westall	Outstanding result on Maths assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Erin Robinson	Fantastic achievements in MFL Catch Up Assessments
Mrs Proffitt	Benjamin Willis	Excellent achievement in Spanish Catch Up Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Alex Hart	Excellent achievement in Spanish Catch Up Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Wiola Sewry	Excellent achievement in Spanish Catch Up Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Amelia Osbourne	Excellent achievement in Spanish Catch Up Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Evie Jackson	Excellent achievement in Spanish Catch Up Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Daisy Deards	Excellent achievement in Spanish Catch Up Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Santiago Alexandre	Excellent achievement in French Catch Up Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Tia Adams	Excellent achievement in French Catch Up Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Joseph Buckingham	Excellent achievement in French Catch Up Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Poppy Cumberlidge	Excellent achievement in French Catch Up Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Rosie Frankel	Excellent achievement in French Catch Up Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Eleni Ward	Excellent achievement in French Catch Up Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Freddie Westall	Excellent achievement in French Catch Up Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Bonnie Innes	Excellent achievement in French Catch Up Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Ella McFarlane	Excellent achievement in French Catch Up Assessment
Mrs Proffitt	Griffin Lewis	Excellent achievement in French Catch Up Assessment

Distance learning

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.

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 .

Distance Learning Timeline

<u>Symptoms shown in school or at home by student or member of household.</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Distance Learning Work</u>
Step 1: A test must be booked - contact 119 and read guidance.	Day one	Students can access work as part of Oak National Academy .
Step 2 - Attend test	Day Two	Students can access work as part of Oak National Academy .
Step 3 - Test results - Please inform school via absence line.	Day Three	Students can access work as part of Oak National Academy .
A) Positive test for COVID 19	Day Four	Lessons to commence as per students timetable - teachers set work through Go4Schools.
B) Negative test for COVID 19	Day Four	Student returns to school
C) Negative test but still poorly		Student returns to school when better

<u>Household is informed to self-isolate as part of track and trace.</u>	<u>Timeline</u>	<u>Distance Learning Work</u>
Step 1: Contact school	Day One	Students can access work as part of Oak National Academy .
Step 2: Distance Learning commences	Day Two	Lessons to commence as per students timetable - teachers set work through Go4Schools.
Step 3: Student shows no symptoms and isolation period is complete		Return to school and engage in normal lessons.

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+

RAISED ON
GOFUNDME.COM AND
PRIVATELY IN THE FIRST
WEEK OF DONATIONS

400+

SIGNED THE PETITION
'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

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.

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.

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

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/>