



Dear Parents/Carers,

Phew.....we made it! I cannot recall a start to the school year that has been so challenging for all, but the overwhelming feeling has been one of happiness that we are open and students have returned. Of course, it still isn't as we would want, but after 8 weeks we are getting used to things. Everyone has worked tremendously hard and we are all ready for the half term break!

With a heavy heart though, we are saying goodbye to Mr Ward. After 13 years of service to Church Stretton School, Mr Ward is leaving us for a promoted position in Telford Park School. Mr Ward joined Church Stretton School as Head of PE in 2007 and remained so until 2017, with countless students having benefited from his leadership of the department and being taught by him personally. His commitment to extra-curricular clubs and teams over lunch times, after school and weekends resulted in a wealth of team and individual success for students who will remember his support always. Indeed, students who went on the ski trips organised by Mr Ward will have enduring memories of his humour, care and support. Since 2017, Mr Ward has been our SENCo, Designated Safeguarding Lead and Designated Teacher for Looked After Children. In this role, Mr Ward has once again touched the lives of so many, helping them with difficulties, promoting and aiding inclusion, championing students and just being there for staff students and parents to talk with. Mr Ward will be sorely missed by all at Church Stretton and we wish him the very best for the future!

With Mr Ward's departure, we had the extremely difficult job of replacing him. Please note, therefore, that between 01st November and 31st December, Mrs Hough, also a qualified SENCo will be our interim SENCo and in January, we welcome Mrs Quye who joins us as SENCo and Designated Teacher for Looked After Children. I will write with further information about Mrs Quye soon.

Yesterday you will have received a copy of our Trust newsletter 'TrustEd Talk', including an article about opportunities for our students.

We are delighted to be part of such a supportive family of schools, with the Trust having provided significant assistance with ongoing projects, which have improved the experience for your children.

This has included: negotiating the best value for money to provide a robust wireless network; facilitating the move to external catering, which includes the cashless catering and the lovely new dining tables; facilitating the Chromebook scheme; supporting our plans for a safe full re-opening for students and staff and soon, an electronic safeguarding sign in system for staff and visitors. Most recently, Mrs Godden, Trust CEO came to speak with our Year 7 students about an opportunity to collaborate with students in other Trust schools on a Student Parliament, acting as Church Stretton representatives. In a climate where education remains significantly pressured, we are very fortunate to work together as a group of schools to maintain improvements through economies of scale and mutual support. I am sure you will see more of this in future editions of 'Trust Talk' where Church Stretton's involvement is featured.

I would like to end with a final 'thank you' to yourselves and your child/ren for your contribution to the re-opening of school. We are extremely grateful that we have not been hit significantly with students having to be sent home to isolate, or whole year group 'bubbles' having to follow distance learning. However, we know that the road ahead will be bumpy and may well impact on some or all of us. Therefore, please do enjoy the half term break, stay safe and take time to re-charge the batteries and spend time with friends and family. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 2nd November.

Best wishes

John Parr

Headteacher

School Photographs

Students have been given their photo proofs . Please note the DEADLINE date for orders has been extended to

Thursday 29th October

How to set up your new @taw.org.uk Office 365 account

To reset your account details for the new @taw.org.uk Office 365 account find the email that was sent to all students and their parents during the week beginning 28th September. This [video](#) shows you exactly how to set up your new account and works through the 5 steps below. There is also a detailed how to guide included in the email sent by Mr Morgan.

Step 1: Find your Office 365 account details in Mr Morgan's email

Step 2: Type office.com into the address bar of your browser

Step 3: Enter your new email address into the username field and copy and paste the password into the password field

Step 4: Set your 3 memorable questions and answers

Step 5: Change your password to a more memorable one

To stop your computer from retaining the details of your old Office 365 account, which may stop you from accessing your new account, follow the steps in this [video](#).

It is vitally important that all students access their new Office 365 account as we will be using it to deliver online lessons in the event of a partial or full lock down and if they are unable to log in, they may miss some of their live lessons or lesson resources.

If you continue to experience problems after carefully following the steps shown in the help videos please contact the School on tawe310.admin@taw.org.uk.

Trips and visits

Due to the ongoing Covid restrictions in place and the uncertainty around travel it is unlikely that any trips or visits will take place this academic year. We will, of course, remain up to date with government guidance as it is released and when it is classed as safe to do so we will look at introducing trips back into our curriculum. We fully believe that these extra-curricular activities are an essential part of student life at Church Stretton School which we will aim to re-instate as soon as restrictions allow. With this in mind we usually give advanced warning of all trips so that parents are able to pay over a period of time instead of in one lump sum. Therefore, it may be an idea to start putting some money aside for trips that may become available in the future.

Accelerated Reader

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

Year 7

Poppy Carr
Maddie Davies
Rhys Page
Oliwia Brdej
Reuben Cowley

Year 7 (cont)

Scarlett Hurrell
Molly Jeffries
Hashim Raza
Olivia Whiting
Megan Williams

Congratulations to the newest member of our Millionaires Club

Archie Norval (1,048,655)



Key Stage 4 Student of the Week



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

Aman Raza Nominated by Mr Elkins for outstanding work in Geography assessment

Macy Key Nominated by Mrs Mackechnie for excellent effort and focus in challenging Maths work

Aaron Northwood Nominated by Mrs Richards for an outstanding attitude to the Yr 11 assessments

Rhiannon Castle Nominated Mrs Proffitt for an excellent work ethic and attitude in French

This week's nominations:

Mrs Richards	Edmund Nockolds	Outstanding attitude in Year 11 examinations
Mrs Richards	Aaron Northwood	Outstanding attitude towards Year 11 examinations
Mrs Richards	Sam Davinson	A fantastic approach to learning
Mr Elkins	Aman Raza	Outstanding work in assessment
Mrs Richards	Fenn Bartlett-Garrard	Outstanding attitude for Year 11 examinations
Mrs Proffitt	Will Farr	Excellent work ethic and attitude in French
Mrs Proffitt	Rhiannon Castle	Excellent work ethic and effort in French
Mrs Proffitt	Harry Lawrence	Excellent work ethic and attitude in French
Mrs Proffitt	Ruby Williams	Fantastic effort with work on "School" in French lessons
Mrs Mackechnie	Sam Flack	Excellent effort and focus in Maths
Mrs Mackechnie	Macy Key	Excellent effort and focus in Maths
Mrs Mackechnie	Lauren Stevens	Rising to the challenge of a new Maths group
Mrs Mackechnie	Natalee Evans	Rising to the challenge of a new Maths group

School Fleeces

We have had a few enquiries regarding the school fleece which can be worn in addition to the school polo shirt and jumper. They are available from our uniform supplier (Schoolshop direct) with prices from £15.99. Click [here](#) to go to the website.



THANK YOU!

The P.T.A held a meeting on Wednesday 15th via Zoom and would like to thank everyone who attended.

We are pleased to report that the P.T.A. has now recruited a new chair person and would like to thank Clare Kennedy for taking on this role. Clare has a daughter in Year 10 and would ideally like support from a Vice Chair. If you have a child in the lower part of the school and would like to volunteer for this role please get in touch. As Clare is the new Chair, the P.T.A. can now sustain its support for the school with Angela Pownall and Chrissie Fox remaining in the roles of Treasurer and Secretary. We would also like to thank Caroline Terrill the retiring Chair for the contribution she has made to the P.T.A. in a variety of roles over a number of years.

If you would like to be kept up to date with P.T.A. news by joining the mailing list or take on the Vice Chair persons role please email csschoolpta@gmail.com .

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://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/>

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