



Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to Mr Collison, Chair of Governors for the kind donation of our wonderful Christmas tree which is located in the school entrance foyer for pupils, staff and visitors to enjoy.

Next week year 11 begin their GCSE mock examinations. These are very important not only as a rehearsal for the final exam series but also to inform pupils and their teachers of what is embedded knowledge and what still needs to be worked on. Ultimately, the outcome of these exams will be determined by the preparation that pupils have put in through exam practice and revision. Therefore such work should continue throughout the exam series and beyond to maintain the good habits until the final exams in summer.

As we near the end of term (only 3 weeks remaining), please note the letter from Mr Longhurst, Assistant Headteacher about Christmas dinner day and Christmas jumper fundraising. Shortly after this, we say farewell to a group of year 11 GCSE history pupils who are heading off to Berlin for 3 days of activities focussing on aspects of their GCSE curriculum studies. Miss Sollars, Head of Humanities will be posting some updates on the school's Twitter feed during the visit, so we can all keep track of how the visit is going. I am sure they will have a fantastic experience and we look forward to hearing about it when they return.

Best wishes for a good weekend

*John Parr*  
Headteacher

## Lunch Money

Please can you ensure that you top up your ParentPay account for school lunches. There is also a top up machine in the lunch hall where students can use coins or cash.

## Appointments

We appreciate that pupils may need to have appointments during the school day, please could we ask that we have prior notice and a copy of the appointment card/letter. Thank you.

## Upcoming Events

**15th December** - Year 10 Geography Fieldwork Trip to Birmingham

**13th December** - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

**15th - 19th December** - Year 11 Berlin Trip

**16th December** - End of Term

## School Uniform

Please can we remind students of the following:-

- Students are allowed natural hair colours only
- Nail varnish and false nails are not permitted
- Students are allowed to wear a watch but no other jewellery other than a single pair of studs - no smart watches
- Clear retainers must be used for nose piercing

Next Week is

**WEEK B**

## Reminder

Please can we remind you that school doesn't open to students until 8.20am, as we are not able to supervise them before this time. Thank you for your support with this.

## Whole School Attendance

from 14th - 18th November

**Caradoc 89.5%**      **Hazler 92.1%**

**Ragleth 89.8%**      **Lawley 91.5%**

# Year 11 Mock examinations

## 28<sup>th</sup> November to 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

The Year 11 Mock Examinations will begin on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November with the English Language examination. We held an assembly for Year 11 on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November to reiterate the key exam information and the behaviour expectations for the examination period. This included the importance of having the correct equipment for every examination, for all examinations they will require:

- **At least two black pens.**



- **A pencil.**



- **A calculator.**



- **A rubber.**



- **A ruler.**



We will not be able to loan students equipment in the examination hall as this causes significant delays and avoidable disruption. Therefore, if your child does not have the required equipment, they must either purchase it this weekend or visit the library on Monday morning where they can purchase all these items.

In the rare circumstances that students are unable to obtain these items of equipment they should see a member of the pastoral team or SLT so that we can help them source them. Students will also require a compass and protractor for maths exams and colouring pencils for geography and DT examinations. All equipment will need to be carried in a clear pencil case or plastic bag so that the contents can be clearly seen.

We are mindful that examinations can be stressful occasions, we have been in the same situation ourselves and we are keen to do all that we can to help students master their nerves. It is important that we all help students to prepare for success by ensuring they are getting between 8 to 10 hours of sleep a night, eating a healthy meal, including breakfast, and that they take breaks from their revision to exercise and socialise. There is help, support and guidance on the school website [here](#) covering how to revise, how to deal with stress and useful links to documents such as the exam timetable.

Year 11 have had the opportunity to take part in a number of revision workshops during the Autumn term, which have introduced them to the many different methods of revision. We are sure that Year 11 have been trialling these techniques and are beginning to identify which methods work best for them.

We believe that every Year 11 student can achieve amazing results in the Mock Examinations and the GCSE Examinations in the Summer of 2023, and we will continue to do all that we can to support them in doing so.

# Good luck Year 11!

## Autumn Term Mock Exams 2022 - Year 11 Timetable

(F = Foundation, H = Higher, bracketed timings are for students with extra time in exams)

Week B

| Date                                   | Period 1<br>9.05 – 10.05   | Period 2<br>10.05 – 11.05 | Break<br>11.05 – 11.20 | Period 3<br>11.20 – 12.20 | Lunch<br>12.20 – 13.10 | Period 4<br>13.10 – 14.10  | Period 5<br>14.10 – 15.10 |
|--|--|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Monday<br>28 <sup>th</sup> November    | <b>English Language</b><br>1 hr 45 mins (2 hrs 12m)                                      |                           |                        | Normal Lessons            |                        | Normal Lessons   |                           |
| Tuesday<br>29 <sup>th</sup> November   | <b>DT</b><br>2 hrs (2 hrs 30m)<br><b>RE Christianity</b><br>1 hr (1 hr 15m)              |                           |                        | Normal Lessons            |                        | <b>Maths Non-Calculator</b><br>1 hr 30m (1 hr 53m)   |                           |
| Wednesday<br>30 <sup>th</sup> November | <b>History</b><br>1 hr 40 mins (2 hrs 5m)  |                           |                        | Normal Lessons            |                        | <b>Spanish Writing</b><br>F 60m H 1 hr 15m   |                           |
| Thursday<br>1 <sup>st</sup> December   | <b>Geography</b><br>1 hr 30m (1 hr 53m)  |                           |                        | Normal Lessons            |                        | <b>Maths Calculator</b><br>1 hr 30m (1 hr 53m)   |                           |
| Friday<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> December     | <b>Biology</b><br>1 hr 45m (2 hrs 12m)<br><b>Combined Science</b><br>1 hr 10m (1 hr 28m) |                           |                        | Normal Lessons            |                        | <b>French Writing</b><br>F 60m H 1 hr 15m<br>(1 hr 15m H 1 hr 34m)<br><b>RE Judaism</b><br>1 hr (1 hr 15m) |                           |

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Week A

| Date                                  | Period 1<br>9.05 – 10.05   | Period 2<br>10.05 – 11.05 | Break<br>11.05 – 11.20 | Period 3<br>11.20 – 12.20 | Lunch<br>12.20 – 13.10 | Period 4<br>13.10 – 14.10   | Period 5<br>14.10 – 15.10 |
|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Monday<br>5 <sup>th</sup> December    | <b>English Literature</b><br>1 hr 45m (2 hrs 12m)  |                           |                        | Normal Lessons            |                        | <b>French Listening &amp; Reading</b><br>F 1 hr 20m H 1 hr 45m<br>(F 1 hr 40m H 2hrs 12m) |                           |
| Tuesday<br>6 <sup>th</sup> December   | <b>Chemistry</b><br>1 hr 45m (2 hrs 12m)<br><b>Combined Science</b><br>1 hr 10m (1 hr 28m) |                           |                        | Normal Lessons            |                        | <b>Sport</b><br>1 hr (1hr 15m)  |                           |
| Wednesday<br>7 <sup>th</sup> December | <b>Drama</b><br>30m (38m)  |                           |                        | Normal Lessons            |                        | <b>Construction</b><br>1 hr 15m (1 hr 34m)  |                           |
| Thursday<br>8 <sup>th</sup> December  | <b>Physics</b><br>1 hr 45m (2 hrs 12m)<br><b>Combined Science</b><br>1 hr 10m (1 hr 28m)   |                           |                        | Normal Lessons            |                        | <b>Spanish Listening &amp; Reading</b><br>F 1 hr 20m H 1 hr 45m                           |                           |
| Friday<br>9 <sup>th</sup> December    | <b>Food Technology</b><br>1 hr 45 m (2 hrs 12m)  |                           |                        | Normal Lessons            |                        | Normal Lessons  |                           |

# HAVE YOU COLLECTED YOUR SPONSORSHIP?



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# 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 Lenovo 300e Gen3 Chromebook that is available for purchase or lease and details of how to order the device. The Lenovo 300e Gen3 Chromebook's 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](mailto: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 £448.92. Orders can be placed using the portal at [www.tech4learners.co.uk](http://www.tech4learners.co.uk), you can login by providing your email address, the username: **CSS22** and password: **S3cure02!** The portal is open now and the deadline for orders will be Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December and the first direct debt payment will be taken on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December. We would expect delivery of the devices to be in early January.

Joining the programme is optional, we are simply offering parents/carers the chance to purchase a 'school ready' device that we know would have all the necessary software installed, antivirus protection and security settings to keep students safe. There is no financial gain to Church Stretton School from this scheme and we have worked with several technology suppliers to negotiate the most favourable price. We understand that this cost may not be easily affordable which is why a leasing option is available via monthly direct debit payments over a range of payment terms in addition to the option of outright purchase, for example 36 monthly payments of £14.15. At the end of the leasing period, you will have full ownership of the device. Further details of the programme and the payment options available can be found on the portal at [www.tech4learners.co.uk](http://www.tech4learners.co.uk).

Please can students collect lunch passes for their PE lunch time clubs from the PE office at the start of the week. Students can then show this pass to enter the queue on first calling.

A reminder that students who cannot take part in PE should always bring a note and their PE kit to take part in other roles.

### Upcoming Fixtures

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov:** U14 + U16 Boys Hockey @ Thomas Telford

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec:** U13 Boys Football vs Telford Priory @ Home

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec:** South Shropshire Basketball U13 boys & Girls @ Home

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec:** U14 boys County Hockey Away

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Table Tennis Away @ Ludlow

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** U16 Boys County Hockey Away

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Ks3 Boys and Girls Badminton @ Home

Consent forms must be signed by parents for all students attending away sporting fixtures. Forms can be found on Parent Pay and students will only be able to attend if these forms have been completed.

All information regarding arrival/departure times will be given to participants individually.

### Congratulations

Well done to Isla Skelly year 10 who has qualified for West Midland Championships for her Breastroke in Swimming. She has been working so hard on her fitness recently and this has paid off.



## Sporting News

### Equestrian Opportunity

Any students who would be interested in being part of CSS equestrian team (must have access to a pony/horse for weekend comps) please can parents email Mrs Hodnett (holly.hodnett@cssschool.co.uk) to register their interest.

### Well done

Two of our students represented Shropshire on Saturday at Himley Hall XCountry- Elsa Lovelock who placed a brilliant 25th / 74 with her Shropshire team placing second, meaning Elsa came home with a Silver Medal. Megan Buckingham placed an outstanding 3rd / 70, her team also placing 3rd overall. Megan came home with two Bronze medals (picture left). How fantastic that these girls are representing the county and Church Stretton at such prestigious events. Keep up the good work girls.

### Sport Fixture results

**Monday -**

**U13 Girls County Cup vs Thomas Adams**

**U14 Boys County Cup vs Thomas Adams**

We took a bus to Wem where we played two knockout fixtures, unfortunately we lost both games in terrible weather. Kudos for both teams for managing the rain and cold as well as staying positive throughout.

**Tuesday -**

**South Shropshire KS4 Boys Badminton tournament**

We entered two teams and placed 2nd and 3rd. The boys put up a great show against some excellent opponents. Special mention to Captain, Alex Meason who tactically managed the A&B teams to who scored only 2 points difference between them.

**Year 10 County Cup Football vs Bridgenorth Endowed**

Our team conceded early against a well drilled BE team. A very high scoring game ending in 7-2 to BE. Special mention to year 11 students Ashley Edwards (referee) and Edward Jones (manager) for their help.

PE Extra Curricular Timetable can be found [here](#)

The PE timetable can be found [here](#)

# Christmas Lunch



Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December



Join us in the dining room for...

Traditional Christmas Lunch

**Meal Deal £2.60**

**Roast Turkey** with all the trimmings.

**Quorn Fillet** with all the trimmings.

Selection of Festive Puddings



**On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Lunch will be the only lunch time option available.**

Break time items will be available as normal.



# Long Mynd Music Academy

## Music Lessons

Piano

Guitar

Bass Guitar

Ukulele

Drums

Singing



**Age 4+**



Violin

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Clarinet

Flute

Oboe

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**Community Events**

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## **PARENTING HELPLINE**

**available on  
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.00am to 12.30pm  
Call us on 01743 250950**

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. Shropshire Council's Parenting Team is here to support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment.

Do you have any questions around child development and parenting?

Why not call our Parenting Helpline where one of our trained

Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen.

(Please note the Parenting Helpline will not operate between Christmas & New Year)

If you have concerns about a child's safety or well-being please call

**First Point of Contact 0345 678 9021**

