



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to another edition of the link. I will start with a note of congratulations to our year 11 pupils for the way that they have conducted themselves during the first week of the mock exams. With one more week to go, pupils should remain engaged with revision so that they are fully prepared for each of the exams.

### Safer Schools

As an accredited Shropshire 'Safer School', we recently hosted a visit involving Mr Bartlett who is Crime Prevention Officer for Shropshire Council, the local Policing team (thank you to PCSO Dave Baron who is always so supportive of our work) and Mr Longhurst, Assistant Headteacher. Following the visit, Mr Bartlett has shared his thoughts which we are delighted to share with you:

Following the success of the school's Safer School accreditation in the Summer term this year, Mr Longhurst chaired an annual meeting to update the school's involvement in the security/safety process. As previously, real commitment and comprehensively following the process. This included Safer School surveys of parents/students and reviewing incidents over the past year. Extremely positive feedback from the surveys and no recorded incidents. The school has good reason to be satisfied and the process continues with a future meeting planned for Autumn 2023. Excellent work!

As with all schools in the county, West Mercia Police support school involvement in the Safer School initiative and they attended the meeting at Church Stretton School. Police attendance is much appreciated by schools.

### Sporting news

It has been lovely to see so many different sporting events taking place this academic year. You will have seen mention of many of these in recent editions of The Link, including fixtures and sporting clubs for children to get involved in. It has also been lovely to share news of student success from activities that take place in and outside of school. Thank you to Mrs Hodnett, Head of PE and her team for making such opportunities available for our pupils.

### TrustEd Sports Alliance

Complementing and enhancing the fantastic work of the school PE department, Trusted Sports Alliance is making a huge difference to the sporting opportunities for a huge number of pupils in South Shropshire. Church Stretton School is proud to be the host school of the School Games work, with the team made up of Lyndsey Dillon who is head of Trusted Sports Alliance in the South and also working out of Church Stretton School, Miss Beamond, both of whom will be familiar to our pupils. Along with our pupils participating in events, we have pupils from our school acting as coaches, sports mentors and officials, all really fabulous leadership roles which our pupils are rising to the challenge of and excelling in! The most recent newsletter for the TrustEd Sports Alliance has been sent out alongside this edition of The Link. Enjoy the read!

Have a good weekend.

*John Parr*

*Headteacher*

### Upcoming Events

**5th 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

### Flu Immunisation

On Wednesday 11th January 2023 the immunisation team will be in school to administer the Nasal Flu immunisation to years 7, 8 and 9.

A consent form is being sent home with your child this week which needs to be returned by Friday 16th December 2022.

### Whole School Attendance

from 21st - 25th November

**Caradoc 90.2%**

**Hazler 87.7%**

**Ragleth 90.6%**

**Lawley 86.6%**

### Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal, we raised £105.55.

Again, thank you to the prefects for spending their lunch and breaks selling them.

## Next Week is WEEK A

### 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.

### Christmas Lunch

On **Tuesday 13th of December**, we will be having our annual traditional Christmas lunch. A vegetarian option will also be available. Please could you complete this Form quiz by **Tuesday the 6th of December** to assist the kitchen with their preparations. Please note Christmas lunch will be the **only** lunch time option available on this day. Please complete a form for each child.

Please click [HERE](#) to complete the form.

### 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

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# 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 A

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

# 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 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.

## 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.

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

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

Captain Iwan Faulkner holding up the ball, Will Doley making a run for the line (photo below)

### Sport Fixture results

On Tuesday we took our U14 & U16 Boys Hockey Squads to Thomas Telford School for a training match in preparation for the county tournaments next week. Both teams did extremely well against super level of competition. The U14 team came away with a loss, but with a few members of the team missing, including a GK, it was a learning curve for the team who are looking to take on the feedback for their tournament on Tuesday.

The U16 boys played against both an A and B team from Thomas Telford School. Playing against the A team, the boys looked an equal match, after some adjustments to our formation we soon scored 2 great goals in succession- ending in 2-0 to CSS.

Now in their flow, the TTS B team were no match, our boys held most of the possession, scoring 6-0. A great confidence boost to take them to their tournament next Thursday.



### BE EQUIPPED AND READY

#### TO LEARN

Please can you ensure you have the right equipment for lessons.

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| ✓ Coloured pencils      | ✓ Pen -black/blue  |
| ✓ Ruler                 | ✓ Exercise books   |
| ✓ Glue stick            | ✓ Reading Book     |
| ✓ Protractor            | ✓ Pencil           |
| ✓ Compass               | ✓ Rubber           |
| ✓ Scientific calculator | ✓ Pencil sharpener |
| ✓ Water bottle          | ✓ Scissors         |

## <Coding Club>

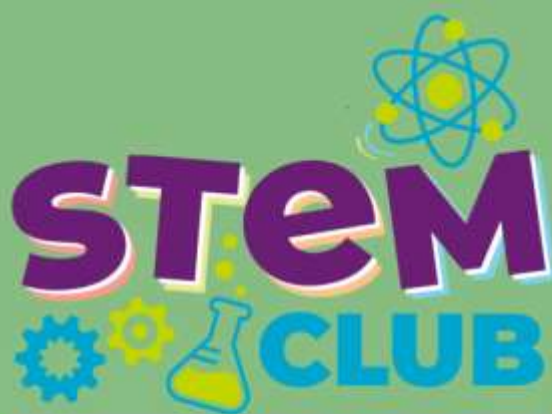
Open to  
Key Stage 3

Learn the basics of code.  
For beginners and experienced coders.

program computers, create games, build websites, build apps, and more.

Venue: 00

Wednesdays 12:30 - 1:00pm



Monday



B4<sup>lunch</sup>

Key Stage 3

12:35 - 13:05pm

STEM Club continues to grow with new students joining the adventure weekly. So far investigations have included: the birth of a dragon, fools gold, herbology, and invisibility cloaks, to name a few. If you have not yet joined the party, all budding scientists are welcome, come along Mondays at lunch and join in the fun. Next week its '**salty snowflakes**', we look forward to seeing you there.

Those attending are the first to receive a well done in science pen, which the science department will award to remarkable students.



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## Christmas Lights

### Switch On

Last weekend, students from Church Stretton school both past and present contributed to the festivities for the Christmas Lights switch in the town square. They performed music and read poems as part of the annual event which took place for the first time in 3 years. This was an enjoyable event organised by the town council and featured many Church Stretton based organisations. Well done to all involved.





# APPRENTICESHIPS AND SEVERN TRENT INSIGHT WEBINAR

14th December  
6:00pm - 7:30pm

**Calling out Parents, Teachers and Careers leaders:** Do you want to hear more about Severn Trent and our amazing Apprenticeships opportunities? **Join us on the 14th Dec 6pm – 7:30pm** for our Insight Webinar and learn more about the wonderful world of opportunities available for your young people.

This will be a great opportunity to find out key tips and information on how to successfully support a young person to apply for one of our apprenticeships programmes.



Scan the QR  
code to join  
the meeting

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# 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.

**SAPA**  
SHROPSHIRE ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

**Long Mynd Music Academy**

**PRESENTS**



# Christmas Holiday Club!



**MUSIC ~ SINGING ~ DANCING  
DRAMA ~ YOGA ~ ART ~ CRAFT**

**Film Club**

Add Film Club:  
3-5pm each day  
Just £5 extra!



**MONDAY 19TH -  
FRIDAY 23RD DECEMBER**

**TIME: 9AM - 3PM  
WHERE: THE ACADEMY,  
CHURCH STRETTON  
COST: £25 PER DAY**

If you would like to find out about other services the Parenting Team offers please email [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or call us on 01743 250950



## **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**

