



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that one term has already been completed this academic year. So much has happened to enhance the learning of our students that it is not possible for me to list all events, but I am indebted to the hard work of our fantastic students and staff, who work so hard and contribute so much to our school community. This spirit continued this week with students enjoying a delicious Christmas lunch, provided by the fantastic Shire Catering team who were assisted by staff helpers Mrs Carr, Ms Gajny, Mr Norman and Mrs Gerrard in serving the lunches.

Some exciting news to share with you now. Ms Gajny, along with being a fabulous teacher of science here and founder of the after school running club, has also qualified to represent TEAM GB at the Aquathlon World championships in May next year! A quick google of what an aquathlon is will tell you that it is a highly demanding event, including open water swim followed by distance running. Wow! Good luck to Ms Gajny - we look forward to finding out how things go in due course!

As we draw the term to a close, may I remind you that school will be closed to students until Wednesday 04th January 2023, when we look forward to welcoming all back for the start of a new term. The importance of the highest levels of attendance, punctuality and having the correct equipment for lessons cannot be underestimated. I would like to thank parents and carers, for your unstinting support in ensuring that students will return prepared and ready for learning and in full school uniform.

We wish you a restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday and look forward to seeing students again in the New Year!

John Parr
Headteacher

Merry Christmas



When we return in the new year it will be **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.

Upcoming Events - January 2023

- **Wed 4th January** - New term starts
- **25th January** - Year 11 Hereford Taster Day 12-3pm

BE EQUIPPED AND READY

TO LEARN

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

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

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

Sporting News

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.

Congratulations

Oliver Regan Year 7 competed in his first ever competition qualifying in the 5 County Times for swimming. Oliver achieved his first ever county entry time in the 200Back by ten seconds. He has only been swimming with a club since



Girls Only Basketball

We're looking to develop a girls basketball team

We train on Sundays 3-4pm at Shrewsbury Sports Village SY1 4RQ

If you're in years 7 to 11, please come along for a free trial, learn new skills and have some fun



RESPECT

EVERYONE IS EQUAL

DESIRE TO GROW

Health Champions

Project by Isla Burgoyne and Seth Richards

"Seth and I did a Festive Fitness Fun Session with Yr7 students, where we played a variety of games to get them moving.

We would like to thank the PE Department for letting us do this, Lee and Amanda from SYA for helping us and being amazing, and we would also like to thank the Yr7's for being lovely to teach and joining in so well."

Isla Burgoyne

Health Champions is a project delivered SYA to help young people create and run projects based around improving and raising awareness around mental



NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2024/25

There are no changes proposed to Shropshire Council's admission arrangements for 2024/25 for community and voluntary controlled schools. However, the Council is co-ordinating a consultation for admission authority schools, such as academies, whose trustees are responsible for setting their admission arrangements and who wish to make changes to those arrangements. We wish to notify all parents/carers that the consultation will begin on **5 December 2022** and continue for more than 6 weeks until **20 January 2023**.

Proposed changes to Shropshire's admission authority school arrangements are shown below.

- **The Trust-Ed CSAT Alliance** is proposing to standardise their policies in terms of definitions e.g. children adopted from care. This will apply to:

Alveley Primary School	Belvidere School
Castlefields Primary School, Bridgnorth	Church Stretton School
Stokesay Primary School	Mary Webb School & Science College
St. Leonard's CE Primary School, Bridgnorth	Meole Brace School
	Oldbury Wells School
- **The 3-18 Education Trust** is proposing changes to standardise their policies:
William Brookes School, is proposing the removal of an older sibling in the sixth form and raising the priority of staff criteria.
Thomas Adams School is proposing a lower priority and extension of children of staff criteria.
St. Martin's School is proposing a higher priority and extension of children of staff criteria and the addition of exceptional medical grounds for secondary applicants.
Coleham Primary School is proposing an extension of children of staff criteria.
The Priory School is proposing an extension to children of staff criteria and higher priority to Shrewsbury catchment children over those outside the catchment with a sibling connection.
- **Bridgnorth Endowed School** is proposing the addition of children of staff criteria
- **Ellesmere Primary School** is proposing a reduction to their Published Admission Number from 60 to 45.
- **Claverley CE Primary School, Corvedale CE Primary School and Holy Trinity Academy** are proposing the removal of faith-related criteria in their policies.
- **The Community College, Bishops Castle** are consulting on the addition of children of staff criteria.

The following schools are not proposing changes, but they are consulting on their admission arrangements to comply with the School Admissions Code 7-yearly consultation requirement:

Martin Wilson School, Shrewsbury
Buildwas Academy

Clebury Mortimer Primary School
Idsall School, Shifnal

The consultation documents and further information can be found on the individual school websites and on the Shropshire Council website www.shropshire.gov.uk in the link to Consultation on Admission Arrangements 2024.

To make comments on any of the proposed changes by **Friday 20 January 2023** e-mail school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk, or contact the school directly, or write to:

School Admissions, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, SHREWSBURY SY2 6ND

University Centre Shrewsbury's Young Nature Photographer Of The Year!

A competition to inspire the next generation
of nature photographers!

Send in your best wildlife photographs by
midnight, **Sunday 8th January 2023** to
naturephoto@chester.ac.uk

Prizes across four ages categories (5-18
years) include:

- Wildlife Camera Traps
- Shropshire Wildlife Trust Memberships
- Other wildlife essentials including
nature guides, bug hotels, bird feeders
and nest boxes

Prizes will be presented in
Shrewsbury on
Wednesday 15th February 2023
by BBC Springwatch's
Iolo Williams



Could you be Shropshire's Young Nature Photographer of the Year, 2023?

University Centre Shrewsbury are inviting young people aged 5-18 to enter their Young Nature Photographer of the Year, 2023 competition.

Aimed at inspiring the next generation of nature photographers, up to 5 photographs can be submitted by each individual with entries closing at midnight on Sunday 8th January.

Entries should be emailed to naturephoto@chester.ac.uk including the entrants name, date of birth and school name in the main e-mail with the photos as attachments.

There will be prizes across four school age categories: Primary (511) and Key Stages 3, 4 and 5 including:

- Wildlife Camera Traps
- Shropshire Wildlife Trust Memberships
- Other wildlife essentials such as, nature guides, bug hotels, bird feeders and nest boxes

Entries will be judged by a panel, including wildlife author and photographer David Woodfall and winners will be informed, by e-mail, by the 15th January.

Winners will be invited to The UCS Young Nature Photographer of the Year, 2023, Awards Morning on the 15th February, where the prizes will be presented by BBC Springwatch presenter Iolo Williams. Further details of this event will be provided if your photograph is a winner.

Further information about the competition is available on the website:

[UCS Young Nature Photographer of the Year 2023 Competition Poster.pdf \(chester.ac.uk\)](#)

Year 10 Geography Field Trip

On the 5th of December 2022, Year 10 geography students went on a field study trip to Birmingham to investigate the impacts of urban regeneration in four areas of the city and to later answer our enquiry question: "To what extent was the regeneration of Brinley place the most successful urban regeneration in Birmingham?".

We arrived mid-morning, got off the coach, and started walking towards our first location, Brinley place. Upon arrival, it was bustling with Christmas shoppers and restaurant goers. We set up a few research studies. First, we counted to see how many pedestrians go up and down the street; then we recorded the decibel level of the area. Afterwards, we observed the surroundings to check for how clean the area was and if its level of public safety was acceptable. Finally, we asked members of the general public questionnaires, such as how far they have come and why they have come here. We did this for three other places: The Mailbox, The Bullring and Eastside. Each with various levels of success; when asking our questionnaires, the older generation were defiantly more willing to stop and talk!

Overall, it was great and successful trip to show Year 10 about urban regeneration in Birmingham.

Finn Middleton (Y10)



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 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, you can logon by providing your email address, the username: **CSS22** and password: **S3cure02!** The portal is open now and the deadline for orders will be Saturday 10th December and the first direct debt payment will be taken on Sunday 25th 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.

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**

South Shropshire Gymnastic Club



Christmas Classes

Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th

December

9:30am -12:30pm (age 5-16yrs): £18

9:30am-10:30am: (age 3-5yrs): £6

OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON MEMBERS

Non-members contact Caroline:

07769151649/ssgymnasticclub@btinternet.com

Limited spaces available, please book your space ASAP!

(Classes @ Ludlow
College Sports Hall)



If you would like to find out about other services the Parenting Team offers please email 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

