



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school term and, of course, a new year!

It was lovely to welcome our students back to school on Wednesday after what we hope was an enjoyable Christmas break. A few days after the last day of term, the group of GCSE History students and staff returned from Berlin in the early hours of the morning, all safe and having enjoyed a wonderful time away. My thanks go to Miss Sollars and her team of staff both current and returning as volunteers for leading the trip.

Thank you for ensuring that your son/daughter has returned to school in the correct uniform and abiding by our expectations regarding make-up and jewellery. It really does make a difference, meaning conversations can be about learning and progress rather than uniform and appearance.

For Year 11 pupils, 2023 brings the year of their GCSE / Level 2 exams. Following the mock exams last term, year 11 will soon meet as a group for a 'mock results day', led by Dr Wood and Mr Bird, alongside other staff. Please look out for the letter to parents & carers of year 11 with more information about this.

For Year 9 pupils, their foundation subject examinations (not including maths, English or science) commence soon. Again, look out for the letter regarding these exams for further information.

Finally, today we say farewell to Ms Gerrard, pastoral support worker as she leaves us for pastures new. Good luck and best wishes for the future!

Have a good weekend and a Happy New Year!

John Parr
Headteacher

Next week will be WEEK B

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

Upcoming Events

- **Weds 11th January** - Years 7,8 & 9 Nasal Flu immunisations
- **25th January** - Year 11 Hereford Taster Day 12-3pm

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Christmas Jumper day. We raised a total of £260!

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.

Maths Support - Free Lesson on Percentages

I am running a free online lesson on basic percentages on Monday 16th January at 7.30pm. Percentages are a huge part of the GCSE and exam questions are often not answered well despite pupils feeling confident about them.

You can sign up for this lesson by completing this form: <https://dashboard.mailerlite.com/forms/158757/76452808439629667/share>

If you would like any further information please email me at:

hello@mathswithmrsmack.co.uk

Mrs Mackechnie

Sporting News

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

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

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.

Spring Term PE Timetable

B - Jan 9th-13th	8YG BASKETBALL 8YB HOCKEY 8XG BASKETBALL 8XB HOCKEY 7XG GYMNASTICS 7XB BASKETBALL	9YG SWIMMING 9YB BASKETBALL 9XG HOCKEY 9XB BASKETBALL 7YG BASKETBALL 7YB FOOTBALL	9XG TABLE TENNIS 9XB HOCKEY 8XG HOCKEY 8XB BASKETBALL 10 + 11 GAMES	7YG SWIMMING 7YB GYMNASTICS 7XG SWIMMING 7XB GYMNASTICS 10 GAMES	10 GAMES 9YG TABLETENNIS 9YB HOCKEY 11 GAMES
A - Jan 16th-20th	7YG GYMNASTICS 7YB FOOTBALL 7XG GYMNASTICS 7XB BASKETBALL 8YG HOCKEY 8YB BASKETBALL	9XG SWIMMING 9XB BASKETBALL 9YG SWIMMING 9YB BASKETBALL	7YG BASKETBALL 7YB GYMNASTICS 8XG BASKETBALL 8XB HOCKEY 9YG TABLE TENNIS 9YB HOCKEY 9XG TABLE TENNIS 9XB HOCKEY	8XG SWIMMING 8XB BASKETBALL 8YG SWIMMING 8YB HOCKEY 11 GAMES	8YG HOCKEY 8YB BASKETBALL 7XG BASKETBALL 7XB GYMNASTICS 10 GAMES 11 GAMES
B- Jan 23th-27th	8YG BASKETBALL 8YB HOCKEY 8XG BASKETBALL 8XB HOCKEY 7XG GYMNASTICS 7XB BASKETBALL	9YG SWIMMING 9YB BASKETBALL 9XG HOCKEY 9XB BASKETBALL 7YG BASKETBALL 7YB FOOTBALL	9XG TABLE TENNIS 9XB HOCKEY 8XG HOCKEY 8XB BASKETBALL 10 + 11 GAMES	7YG SWIMMING 7YB GYMNASTICS 7XG SWIMMING 7XB GYMNASTICS 10 GAMES	10 GAMES 9YG TABLETENNIS 9YB HOCKEY 11 GAMES
A- Jan 30th- 3rd	7YG GYMNASTICS 7YB FOOTBALL 7XG GYMNASTICS 7XB BASKETBALL 8YG HOCKEY 8YB BASKETBALL	9XG SWIMMING 9XB BASKETBALL 9YG SWIMMING 9YB BASKETBALL	7YG BASKETBALL 7YB GYMNASTICS 8XG BASKETBALL 8XB HOCKEY 9YG TABLE TENNIS 9YB HOCKEY 9XG TABLE TENNIS 9XB HOCKEY	8XG SWIMMING 8XB BASKETBALL 8YG SWIMMING 8YB HOCKEY 11 GAMES	8YG HOCKEY 8YB BASKETBALL 7XG BASKETBALL 7XB GYMNASTICS 10 GAMES 11 GAMES
B- Feb 6th-10th	8YG BASKETBALL 8YB HOCKEY 8XG BASKETBALL 8XB HOCKEY 7XG GYMNASTICS 7XB BASKETBALL	9YG SWIMMING 9YB BASKETBALL 9XG HOCKEY 9XB BASKETBALL 7YG BASKETBALL 7YB FOOTBALL	9XG TABLE TENNIS 9XB HOCKEY 8XG HOCKEY 8XB BASKETBALL 10 + 11 GAMES	7YG SWIMMING 7YB GYMNASTICS 7XG SWIMMING 7XB GYMNASTICS 10 GAMES	10 GAMES 9YG TABLETENNIS 9YB HOCKEY 11 GAMES
A- Feb 13th-17th	7YG GYMNASTICS 7YB FOOTBALL 7XG GYMNASTICS 7XB BASKETBALL 8YG HOCKEY 8YB BASKETBALL	9XG SWIMMING 9XB BASKETBALL 9YG SWIMMING 9YB BASKETBALL	7YG BASKETBALL 7YB GYMNASTICS 8XG BASKETBALL 8XB HOCKEY 9YG TABLE TENNIS 9YB HOCKEY 9XG TABLE TENNIS 9XB HOCKEY	8XG SWIMMING 8XB BASKETBALL 8YG SWIMMING 8YB HOCKEY 11 GAMES	8YG HOCKEY 8YB BASKETBALL 7XG BASKETBALL 7XB GYMNASTICS 10 GAMES 11 GAMES
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Well done to Jack Judson in Year 7 who was mascot for Wolverhampton Wanderers at Aston villa on Wednesday night.

Enrichment Week

During enrichment week years 7,8 & 9 have the opportunity to go to Manchester leaving on Monday 17th July and return on Wednesday 19th July. As the itinerary is still in draft format costing are difficult to forecast but will be no more than £180pp. This will include a 2 night stay and a stadium tour. We are asking for a deposit of £25 per person before Friday 20th January which can be paid via parent pay. The remaining balance will need to be paid by 1st May 2023.

PE Extra-curricular activities Spring Term 2022-2023

<u>PE EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE</u>		Meeting Point - Make sure you are at the designated meet point by 12.20(lunch) or 3.20pm (afterschool)
Mon Lunch	KS3 Netball (HAH)	PE Office
	Girls Rugby ALL YEARS (HAH)	Changing Rooms by drama
	Hockey ALL YEARS (MW)	Sports Hall Changing Rooms
Mon After School	Boys Rugby ALL YEARS (RB)	Changing Rooms by drama
	Table Tennis (HAH)	PE Office
Tues Lunch	Fitness Club/Gym (RB)	PE Office
	Years 9, 10 & 11 Boys Football (RB)	
Tues After School	X Country Running Club (YG +HAH)	Changing Rooms by drama
	KS4 Netball (HAH)	
Weds Lunch	Basketball squad training (RB)	PE Office
Weds After school	Year 7 & 8 Boys Football (MN)	Changing Rooms by drama
	Badminton KS3 (PW)	PE Office
Thurs Lunch	Leadership Training Session- invite only (ABE)	PE Office
Thurs After School	Basketball all years (RB)	PE Office
Fri Lunch	Badminton KS4 (PW)	PE Office
Fri After School		

Joining a club can help you: Improve skills, fitness & social skills. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Hodnett or Mr Barham.

Maths Christmas Challenge

Over Christmas, the maths department sent out a challenge for students to complete. The challenge is issued every year by GCHQ - the UK's intelligence, security and cyber agency. It involved 6 cryptic puzzles that involved cyber security, languages, coding, analysis, engineering, codebreaking and mathematics (see below).

It was brilliant to see several brilliant attempts at the challenge – well done to all who had a go!

Below are the students to successfully complete the challenge:

Zac Crumpton

Eleanor Merrill

George Wallis

Freddie Westall

Below are the honourable mentions, who had a good go and got some correct answers:

Ed Dunn

Agatha Wright

Thomas Woodhouse

Ester Johnson

Six of the puzzles below have one-word answers. Using the design on the front of the card, arrange these to form two what3words addresses. The remaining puzzle contains a third address. Once you've found the locations, take a single word from each one to find our seasonal message.

Cyber Security

Rudolph needs to escape from this cyberspace maze by reaching the flag. He starts where indicated and can move North/East/South/West to points along the same layer, or he can Ascend/Descend between layers (as shown by the dashed lines).

He can only go in the direction of the arrows. If he touches a key, then ALL the gold arrows will swap direction. What is his shortest route to get to the flag – and can you describe it using one 7-letter word?

Languages

If a French allurophile fancies a chat, what does a Polish cynophile fancy?

Coding

F	O	R
M	A	T
I	O	N

1. Replace all the blue cells with a letter from PART
 2. Replace all the green cells with a letter from EYES
 3. Replace all the gold cells with a letter from UNCURL
 After each step you should have three 3-letter words in the rows of the grid, and you need to finish with a 9-letter word in the same formation as FORMATION.

Analysis

The Director has written his usual Christmas message, but now uncover the odd one out amongst the words forming these two sentences. It's odd because it's **not odd**!

Engineering

Turn 20

Codebreaking

xibu4kpsst beesst jt pvucpse hsjc sfkpiot

Mathematics

If 2=GROWTH and 6=EXIST, then 9= what seven letter word which describes what you'll be doing with your presents on Christmas Day?

#GCHQChristmasChallenge

Follow [@GCHQ](#) - [GCHQ](#) to find the answers soon

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

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.

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



SHREWSBURY COLOUR RUN

LingenDavies

1st APRIL 2023

5k



REGISTRATION COSTS

ADULTS	£23
CHILDREN	£8.50
(12 and under)	

Family tickets available,
see website for details

Help us **make a positive difference** to
lives affected by cancer in our community.



1ST APRIL 2023



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SHREWSBURY, SY4 4AS

JOIN US FOR OUR 2023 COLOUR RUN

Described as the happiest 5K in the world.



COLOUR RUN PACKS

Packs include:
T-shirt
Sunglasses

THE IMPORTANT BITS!

- It would be great if adults could raise £50 and children £25 but we realise this may not be possible for everyone, so however much you are able to raise is appreciated. You can raise funds from asking people to sponsor you, holding a bake sale or dress down day, or any fundraising idea you can think of!
- Anyone can participate.
- To sign up fill out a registration form which you will find at www.lingendavies.co.uk/event/colourrun2023



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