



Dear Parents & Carers,

I will begin once again with a thank you to the NHS team who visited school yesterday to administer the HPV vaccination to Year 8 and 9 pupils. They worked tirelessly, with school staff support, to ensure all pupils with consent given received their vaccination within the day.

Thanks also to Mr Elkins, Mrs Colburn and Miss Halliday who accompanied the Year 10 GCSE geography pupils to Birmingham for their fieldwork on Wednesday. I know that pupils enjoyed the day and gathered important information to use back in the classroom as part of their course.

COVID update: Whilst we have moved into a time where the number of confirmed cases in school is thankfully very low, COVID is still in the community. We will be providing pupils with a new supply of Lateral Flow Tests to bring home soon. In the meantime, please do continue the testing routine over half term break. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe and school open.

I hope that when you are reading this the forecast gale force winds have either not arrived, or caused significant disruption if they have. Thank you for your understanding with the decision to close school today and move lessons online. As usual, pupils and staff have shown tremendous resilience to ensure learning can continue. Let's hope that beyond these few days of stormy weather, the half term break is more settled and pleasant.

Finally, please do read the important letter that has been sent home today regarding a change to the planned date for the end of spring term.

With best wishes for a lovely half term break

*John Parr*  
Headteacher



## Accelerated Reader

Well done for reaching your  
Accelerated Reading Targets



### Year 7

Joshua Purslow  
Maisie Hall  
Sam Cornehl  
Rares Nemes

### Year 8

Lauren Clark  
Jack Cornehl  
Finley Foxall  
Jensen Hadwen  
Ashley Holdsworth  
Indiya Howells  
Sky Milner  
Jimmy Nicholson  
Jack Raine  
Morgan Spender



Congratulations to former student Alex Brian who has received an offer at an Oxbridge university for 2022 entry. Alex will be studying French and History at the University of Cambridge. A brilliant achievement!

## Survey

As part of a government scheme to reduce the stigma surrounding periods and to ensure no pupil misses any education, we have asked students to complete an anonymous survey in school to inform our next steps. We would also like your feedback to help us decide what products to provide and how to make them available to pupils. [Please complete this](#) survey to give your feedback.

Thank you.



## Student of the Week



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

### **KS4 Winner**

**Aleesha Karakulah** Nominated by Mr Elkins for taking part in the form assembly and speaking in front of a large audience

### **KS3 Winner**

**Matthew Cooper** Nominated by Miss Halliday - Matt is always listening and contributing during lessons, constantly trying his best and working hard. It's fantastic to see you helping your classmates too.



This week's nominations:

### **KS3 & KS4 Nominations**

Mrs Hough	Maria Louro	Excellent result in recent year 9 French exam. I am so proud of Maria's excellent result. Well done!
Mrs Hough	Dean Harvey	Dean constantly gives 100% every French lesson and is doing amazingly. Well done, keep it up!
Mrs Hough	Finley Middleton	Finley is performing above his target in French and did extremely well in a recent exam. Well done Finley. I am a very proud teacher. Well done!
Mrs Hough	Leia Davis	Leia constantly performs to an exceptional level and this was mirrored in her recent module assessment. Well done Leia!
Mrs Hough	Amelia Tooth	Every lesson, Amelia gives 100%. Very proud teacher of her French achievements. Well done!
Mrs Hough	Ruby Wright Smith	Ruby never fails to give 100% in every French lesson and her writing is amazing. She is using complex phrases and vocabulary in more detailed passages. Well done Ruby!
Mrs Mackechnie	Jacob Bennett	Being a team player - sharing a fantastic circle theorem proof with the class, with great enthusiasm!
Miss Halliday	Matthew Cooper	Matt is always listening and contributing during lessons, constantly trying his best and working hard. It's fantastic to see you helping your classmates too.
Mr Elkins	Aleesha Karakulah	Taking part in the form assembly and speaking in front of a large audience.
Mr Barham	Joel Berry	Excellent enthusiasm in PE this week. Not only ready to get started on task quickly, but willing to help out with demonstrations, equipment and more. Excellent effort!
Miss Sollars	Holly Collett	Outstanding hard work in history this term.
Miss Sollars	George Prosser	Progress made and independent work completed
Miss Sollars	Denis Barker	Outstanding progress in history this term
Miss Sollars	Thomas Wright-Smith	Outstanding work in Year 9 history exam. Exceptional progress
Miss Whitcombe	Ella McFarlane	Delivering an enthusiastic warm up, always getting everyone fully involved



## 7Xfr1 French Haiku Poems about the Seasons



7Xfr1 recently wrote some fantastic French Haiku poems about the seasons. They took much care to have the correct number of syllables in each line and were very creative with the language they have learnt this year. Very well done to all!

Here is one Haiku for each season from the many fantastic ones written.

### **SPRING**

**Sam Pike**

Au printemps il pleut	<i>In spring it rains</i>
Le printemps est le meilleur	<i>Spring is the best</i>
Un nouveau départ	<i>A new departure</i>

### **SUMMER**

**Rachel Beever**

En été il pleut	<i>In summer it rains</i>
Et il y a du soleil	<i>And it is sunny</i>
Je porte un tee-shirt	<i>I wear a t-shirt</i>

### **AUTUMN**

**Oliver Blakeway**

En automne il pleut	<i>In autumn it rains</i>
Je porte une veste et un jean	<i>I wear a coat and a pair of jeans</i>
Je n'aime pas automne	<i>I don't like autumn</i>

### **WINTER**

**Dora Turner**

En hiver il neige	<i>In winter it snows</i>
Je porte des gants et une veste	<i>I wear gloves and a coat</i>
J'aime le père Noel	<i>I like Father Christmas</i>

## Silver Criteria

### SILVER

**Volunteering 6 months**

**Physical** one section for  
6 months, the  
**Skills** other for 3 months

*Plus an extra 6  
months in the  
Volunteering, or  
the longer of the  
Physical or Skills  
sections if you  
haven't got Bronze.*

**Expedition 3 days 2 nights**



### Information

First Wednesday (Week A) every month

- 2<sup>nd</sup> March Route Planning
- 16<sup>th</sup> March Expedition Packs (Practice)

#### Practice Expedition

(Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March)

- 25<sup>th</sup> May First Aid
- 15<sup>th</sup> June Route Planning
- 29<sup>th</sup> June Expedition Packs (Main)

#### Main Expedition

(Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July)

## School Council

A group of students who are members of the school council have designed some posters about unacceptable language and student wellbeing. The posters will be displayed in all classrooms and around school after half term. Well done to all involved.





# World Book Day Challenge



## Welcome to the Church Stretton World Book Day House Challenge!

This year, to help celebrate the world of books,  
we're running a House competition.

Read on to find out how it's going to work and how  
you can win a prize and points for your House!



THANK  
YOU!



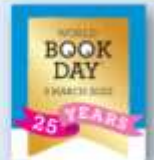
### How it works:

You choose from one of 6 reading challenges (on the next slide)  
which you could complete over the half-term break.  
Complete the activity before 3pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February and  
submit to [ewan.balmer@csschool.co.uk](mailto:ewan.balmer@csschool.co.uk).  
Include: Your name, your Year group and your House name.

For each Activity there will be a top 3 entries picked.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place = 5 House Points and a £10 Book Token!
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 3 House Points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 1 House Point

House Points will be totalled up to give an overall House winner!



THANK  
YOU!



1. Make a meal / bake a cake inspired by a book you like.



2. Recreate your favourite book characters using toilet rolls.



3. Recreate a book cover in an imaginative way and take a  
picture of it.



4. Build a famous novel setting out of Lego or other household  
items.



5. Create a picture of you 'Extreme Reading' where you are  
caught reading somewhere obscure.



6. Write a chapter of Fan fiction about your favourite book or  
characters.



### EXAMPLES



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## Food Thunks

Mrs Su Quye

It is always a delight chatting to students whilst doing lunch duty. This term we have enjoyed discussing some interesting "Food Thunks".

They're not necessarily all true...but food for thought, so we thought we'd share.

Bananas are categorised as herbs		Raspberries and plums belong to the Rose family	
	There is more protein in broccoli than a steak		Lindt balls feel cool on the tongue because coconut oil takes much heat from tongue to melt them
The earliest recipe for soup is from 6000 BCE and contains hippopotamus		The most expensive pizza in the world costs \$12 000 and takes 72 hours to make	
	Marmite was introduced to the UK over 100 years ago		Coconut water can be used in an emergency as a substitute for blood plasma
Honey never goes "off" and can last for thousands of years		There are over 300 banana related accidents in the UK each year	
	Peanuts grow underground like potatoes, so they aren't actually a nut		Puffer fish contains a toxin which is 1000x more powerful than cyanide.



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**Job Title: Exam Invigilator**

**Contract Type: Casual**

**Salary: £8.91 per hour**

**START DATE: TBC**

The TrustEd Schools' Partnership is a multi-academy trust based in Shropshire consisting of two secondary schools and four primary schools and is committed to raising pupils' aspirations so that all young people reach their fullest potential and achieve the success they want for themselves.

We are looking to expand our pool of casual Invigilators to work within the Examination office to join our friendly team in the running of all public and internal examinations at the school throughout the academic year. The post would be ideally suited to applicants who are highly organised, vigilant and reliable, have excellent attention to detail and have the ability to remain calm under pressure and the flexibility to be called in at short notice.

Duties include supervising pupils taking public and internal examinations, supervising clash candidates between exam sittings, preparing exam rooms, distributing and collecting exam papers in accordance with the JCQ regulations.

Experience of exam invigilating is desirable, however full training will be provided. This is a casual contact and working hours will be negotiated for each exam period.

Interested? We would love to hear from you.

**Application process:**

To download an application form and for further details please see the school website <http://www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk/vacancies-0>

Completed application forms should be returned to Marilyn Gibbs at the school or by email to [admin@csschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@csschool.co.uk) by the closing date. Please note CVs will not be accepted.

The closing date for all applications is **11<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Interviews will be held as soon as possible after the closing date. An email will be sent to shortlisted candidates with details of the interview process. If you have not heard from us within a week of the closing date, please assume your application has been unsuccessful.

The appointment is subject to satisfactory pre-employment clearances including references, medical clearance and an enhanced DBS Disclosure under the "Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974". Further details regarding this check are available by visiting [www.dbs.gov.uk](http://www.dbs.gov.uk). This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

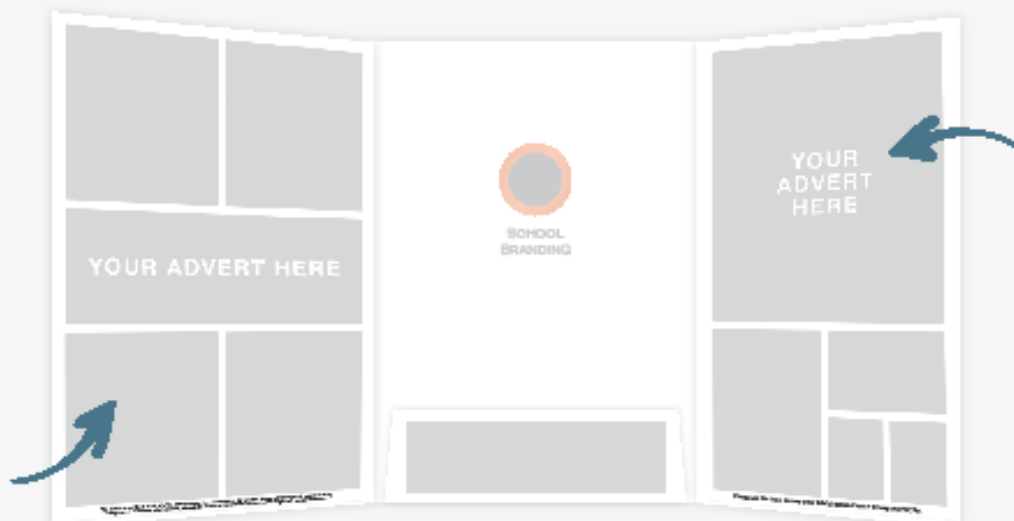
# CALLING ALL PARENTS!

We are currently compiling a presentation folder for all of our parents. Inside the folder there will be space to include

## ADVERTISEMENTS FOR LOCAL COMPANIES AND BUSINESSES

### 3,000 FOLDERS WILL BE PRODUCED

and distributed to the parents of all our students, teachers and any others who request information about the school. Advertising revenue will generate income to boost school funds.



If you wish to take this opportunity to support the school and promote your business, act now to reserve your spot - *space is limited*. Please register your interest with **FSE** on **01933 303520**.





CONCORD  
COLLEGE



# Medical Futures Virtual Conference

**Saturday 5th March 2022, 9am – 5.30pm**

## *Considering a career in Medicine?*

Our annual conference, free to all Year 11-12 students in the West Midlands and Welsh Borders remains online for 2022 due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Last year the event was fully booked within 3 days, so we are extending our capacity to offer **250 places** available to external students on a first come, first served basis.

The day will cover all aspects of the highly selective admissions process to enable you to make a competitive application. In addition to this there will be the opportunity to hear from current medical students and a variety of health care professionals and experts in the admissions field.



### **Keynote Speaker: Dr Benji Waterhouse**

**Award-winning comedian, writer and  
NHS doctor specialising in psychiatry**

Dr Benji Waterhouse is a frontline NHS doctor specialising in psychiatry. He is also an award-winning stand-up comedian whose material provides a fly on the padded-wall account of the mental health world and bust myths along the way (spoiler: there are no padded walls).

His writing has been published in The Guardian and The Independent and his first book, a psychiatric memoir entitled 'You Don't Have To Be Mad To Work Here', is being published by Vintage in Spring 2023 and adapted for screen by House Productions.

Originally graduating from Leeds Medical School where he also achieved a First-Class Honours BA in Medical Ethics, he has featured in a list of 'Inspiring Psychiatrists' by the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 2019.



### Programme to include:

- How to make a competitive medical school application (including work experience, admissions tests, interviews etc).
- Choosing the right medical school,
- Excelling in your medical school personal statement.
- Life as a medical student,
- Gaining meaningful virtual work experience.
- Meet the professionals – an opportunity to hear from a Junior Doctor, General Practitioner and doctors working in a range of medical specialities.
- Using reflective journals to support your application.

Concord College Medical Society has nearly 200 members and supports over 40 medical applicants every year with a weekly programme of workshops, presentations and peer-led sessions, plus monthly lectures and focus days on key aspects such as UCAT, BMAT, interview practice and medical ethics.

We support applicants in gaining work experience and are a key partner in the **William Farr Academy**, working in partnership with the **Royal Shrewsbury Hospital** and **Keele University Medical School** to provide expert advice and guidance to talented Shropshire pupils from eligible schools to become outstanding doctors of the future.

Participation in the day will give you access to a huge range of support materials from the society. In addition to this you will also be invited to further support events running later in the year on interview preparation, work experience and special interest lectures.



*Kissing it Better*



### Booking

To apply for your free place on the conference please follow the link on our website to the booking form:

<https://concordcollegeuk.com/news/mfvc22/>

If you have any queries, please email Barry Brown (Head of Science) at:  
**b.brown@concordcollege.org.uk**



## **Autism West Midlands Update**

If you would like to be added to our professionals mailing list, please email your details to [emmah@autismwestmidlands.org.uk](mailto:emmah@autismwestmidlands.org.uk)

### **FREE Webinars**

For parents, carers and professionals throughout the region, watch “live” or via an automated link to watch a replay. Click on the links to find out more including registration details.

**Understanding Autism – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am-10.30am**

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/understanding-autism-webinar-west-midlands-18feb22/>

**Autism and Anxiety – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am – 10.30am**

Bookings open soon – please check the “events” section of our website

**How Autistic People Process Information – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am-10.30am**

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/how-autistic-people-process-information-webinar-18mar22/>

### **HALF TERM FAMILY EVENT**

**Attingham Park - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 10am – 12pm**

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/attingham-park-walk-for-shropshire-families/>

**WEEKLY Zoom Advice slots – every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**

For those would like some face-to-face contact we are offering this virtually via video appointments. Zoom works well on mobile phones. To book a 45 min advice appointment with a specialist autism advisor please book via our shop

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/online-autism-advice-shropshire/>

**Virtual Support Group for Parents - Wednesday Mornings 10am-11am & Wednesday Evenings 8pm-9pm – NOW 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds of each month**

From the New Year we moved our online support groups to twice a month via the Zoom platform. This is an opportunity to talk with other parents, share ideas, and offer support.

If you are working with a parent/carer who would like to join either of the support groups, please ask them to email the team here [shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk](mailto:shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk)

### **Advice and support**

We continue to offer advice and support over the phone and via email. Parents/carers and professionals can contact our small team directly to arrange an appointment please call:

Mon, Wed, Fri	- Wendy Cowton	07900784186
Weds, Thu, Fri	- Emma Hegenbarth	07881109480
Tue, Wed, Thu	- Dawn Lewis	07706309382
Email : <a href="mailto:shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk">shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk</a>		

**Helpline - 0121 450 7575**

# Oyez! Oyez! Pantomime Returns

All Stretton Amateur Dramatics Society

*proudly presents*

# Aladdin

Join us for a magical  
night of adventure

All Stretton Village Hall

**7.30pm 24/25/26 February 2022**

**2pm on Saturday 26th February**

**Tickets: Sandford Hardware or Alison Hartshorne: 723060**  
**[www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)**

**Adults £7 Children £4**