



Dear Parents & Carers,

Well, the snow won last week as we had to make the difficult decision to close the school for the safety of pupils and staff, both on site and with regard to safe travel to and from school. We are very grateful to our transport providers who worked closely with us so early in the morning to establish whether routes would be safe to travel or not. Thank you to teachers for providing online learning through Microsoft Teams to continue the sequence of lessons. We know it isn't easy working in such a way, but Covid lockdown has prepared us for such eventualities at least.

Unfortunately, the snow closure meant the planned Year 9 pathways evening was cancelled. Please look out for communication from Mr Bird, Assistant Headteacher, explaining how we will be sharing the information that parents/carers and pupils would have received during the pathways evening.

For year 8, the foundation subject exams have now finished. The year group have approached the exams with maturity and a positive attitude - well done to all!

Year 11 pupils are part way through their second round of mock exams which will give them a clear idea of what they know and what they still need to work on or to target further revision. There are now just 28 school days remaining until the summer exam series begins!

With 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.

Next week is

WEEK A

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

Upcoming Events

20th - 31st - Year 11 Spring Mocks

Tues 21st - Year 9 Army Elite Skills Team Building Day

Thurs 23rd - Year 9 Progress Evening

Thurs 23rd - Year 10 Navy Food and Nutrition Session

Fri 31st - 3rd April - Year 10 French Trip

3rd April - 14th April - Easter Holidays

Whole School Attendance

from 6th - 10th March

Caradoc 93% Hazler 94.4%
Ragleth 94.5% Lawley 93.6%

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.

Upcoming Fixtures

March

Mon 20th - U16 boys and girls hockey @ William Brookes

Tuesday 21st - U14 boys and girls hockey @ William Brookes

Mon 27th - 7,8,9, 10 Netball @ Home

Weds 29th - U16 Football + 7 8 9 netball vs Bedstone

Mrs Hodnett had the pleasure of taking 2 teams to county tournaments this week, although slightly wet and windy on both occasions, this did not affect the outstanding efforts from both the U16 boys hockey team and the U12 girls netball team.

Our U16 boy's hockey squad were playing for the trophy which they had qualified for on their last outing. The boys played William Brookes, Ellesmere and Adam's Grammar. The boys played some excellent hockey and placed 4th in this round- not a feat to go unrecognised, as our Church Stretton are officially 4th place school in Shropshire, with no astroturf to train on, that's pretty impressive! (Team photo below)

Our U12 netball team took the trip to Wrekin to play against another Shropshire school. The girls played against a brilliant standard of netball and held their own with a draw against Abraham Darby and two close losses against Thomas Telford and Priestfield which knocked us out of the finals. It was a timely finish as it started to pour down with sleet- a great time had by all- Bring on the next challenge.



School Leadership News

On Tuesday 7th March CSS hosted the first week of the primary Basketball School Games competition, we had 7 schools (St Lawrence, Longnor, Wistanstow, Burford, Ludlow, Rushbury, St Georges) attending with 2 -3 teams competing each. Throughout the afternoon the 4 amazing leaders Joe E, Joe B, Joe M and Freddie W refereed 32 games in total! The staff of the schools were very impressed with the level of maturity the leaders demonstrated.

A huge well done to the leaders and the pupils from each primary school and we look forward to the final next week with Longnor, St Lawrence, Wistanstow and Rushbury who will compete to see which team will represent the South in the school games finals.



This Tuesday CSS was once again the host school for a School Games Final in Basketball, 6 teams who were the top places teams from the previous week's competition competed against each other in a very determined manner, the teams worked so hard and showed real passion and resilience. A huge well done to Longnor, St Lawrence, Wistanstow and Rushbury for making it to the finals; however, Longnor were victorious and will be representing South Shropshire in the county finals in May. Our sports leader Joe E, Joe , Joe M and Will D were brilliant and gave a special demonstration to the pupils at the end which the pupils loved!!



Spring Term Mock Exams 2023 - 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 20 th March				History – 11D 55 mins Spanish Listening 45 mins (56 mins)			History – 11C 55 mins
Tuesday 21 st March						Spanish Reading 45 mins (56 mins)	DT 45 mins (56 mins)
Wednesday 22 nd March						History – 11A 55 mins	
Thursday 23 rd March						Geography – 11D 45 mins (56 mins) Spanish Writing 45 mins (56 mins)	
Friday 24 th March	Geography – 11D 45 mins (56 mins)			Food – 11A 45 mins (56 mins)		French Listening 45 mins (56 mins)	

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Week B

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 27 th March				Food – 11B 45 mins (56 mins)			
Tuesday 28 th March	RE – 11C 45 mins (56 mins) French Reading 45 mins (56 mins)						
Wednesday 29 th March							
Thursday 30 th March							
Friday 31 st March						French Writing 45 mins (56 mins)	



Student of the Week



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

KS3 Winner

Jack Wooldridge – nominated by Mrs Dixon for call received from parent thanking and praising Jack for the return of her daughter's phone found on the field.

KS4 Winner

Amelie Northwood – nominated by Mr Balmer for a brilliant English Language Paper 2 Mock result - well done!



This week's nominations:

KS3 Nominations

Student Name	Nominated by	Reason for Nomination
Megan Buckingham	Mr Barham	Great presentation in PSHE
Sasha Davis	Mr Barham	Great presentation in PSHE
Brendan Pledger	Mr Hughes	for being confident, correct and a diligent worker throughout his maths lessons.

KS4 Nominations

Student Name	Nominated by	Reason for Nomination
Misha Kononov	Miss Sollars	Outstanding effort and attitude to learning
Chloe Walder	Dr Wood	Fantastic communication skills in chemistry
Annabelle Kirkwood	Miss Evans	Remarkable dedication to her English studies and a will to constantly improve. This has been proven by Annabelle's recent mock examination in English Language where she has improved by two grades! Well done Annabelle- you are an absolute star!
Kayla Hunt	Mr Lowe	Consistent high effort in Maths, even when the topic is difficult. Ongoing improvement in assessments this year. Fantastic skills at taking notes and maintaining highest quality presentation within her book.
Bea Hadwen	Mr Norman	Both Excellent commitment to work in BTEC construction practical electrics
Shannon Sutton	Mr Norman	Both Excellent commitment to work in BTEC construction practical electrics
Oliver Friswell	Mrs Pugh	Continued 100% effort in class



GCSE Food & Nutrition

The students had to plan prepare and present 3 dishes in 3 hours. They all worked really hard and produced some fabulous dishes. The state of the kitchen was a sight to see but don't let any of them try and tell you that they can't wash up - they can!

Jospeh Jones,

Ed Muttit-Jones,

Macauley Williams,

Nicole Seaborne,

Zoe Henson,

Bea Betton,

Alfie Lawton

Dylan Jones,

Summar Jones,

Tillie Jones,

Finn Morgan-Jones,

Amelie Northwood,

Joseph Norval,

James Orme,

Jacob Popovic

Extra-curricular activities Spring term 2022-23

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	<p><u>Yr</u> 7/8 STEM Club (YG) B4</p> <p>SCHOOL CHOIR – ALL YEARS</p> <p>KS3 Netball (HAH)</p> <p><u>Yr</u> 11 Further maths Club (LSC) R7</p> <p>Debate Club</p>	<p>DT catch up Y5/Y6</p> <p>Table Tennis (HAH)</p> <p>Fitness Club (RB)</p> <p>Year 8 and 9 Drama Club</p>	<p>French Club (NP) G6</p> <p>KS3 Coding Club (DC) B8</p> <p>Film Club (PW) W5</p> <p>KS4 Netball (HAH)</p> <p>Squad Basketball (RB)</p> <p>Rock band (TR) Music room</p>	<p>Sports Leadership club (AB)</p> <p>Badminton KS3 (PW)</p> <p>Year 7 Drama Club</p> <p>Art Workshop B10</p>	<p>Y11 GCSE Spanish Listening Practice</p> <p>Badminton KS4 (PW)</p> <p>Sign Language Club L5 W6</p>
After school 3.20 start	<p>Monday night noise (Rock band)</p> <p>Rugby Club (RB) All years</p> <p>Girls Rugby (HAH)</p>	<p>Homework Club (JG) W1</p> <p>Years 9, 10 & 11 Boys Football (RB)</p> <p>Running Club All Years (YG)</p>	<p>Chess Club (EH) W2</p> <p>Years 7 + 8 Boys Football (MN)</p>	<p>Homework Club (JG) W1</p> <p>Dungeons & Dragons Club Y1</p> <p>KS4 Drama Workshop</p> <p>Basketball all years (RB)</p>	<p>KS4 Art Portfolio Workshop TBC</p> <p>KS4 Drama Rehearsal</p>

PE Activities

Drama Activities (Studio)

Art Activities (B10)

Music Activities (B9)

Other Activities

YOUNG AMBASSADORS

**12TH APRIL OR
13TH APRIL**

9:30AM UNTIL 4PM

For young people aged
14 to 17 years

The one day course will
cover the following:

- First Aid
- Young Officials -
Umpiring & Scoring
- Activator - Coaching
on All Stars &
Dynamos Programmes



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FOREST CAMP

Easter 2023, Shrewsbury



Go wild this Easter, learning bushcraft skills & connecting with nature

- * Camp fire cooking
- * Woodland arts & crafts
- * Den Building
- * Bushcraft skills

Age 8+

Dates:

4th-6th April

11th -13th April

£140 for 3-day camp or £50 per day

9am - 3.30pm

Condover Woods

All abilities welcome

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or call 07368883534 for more information



- *Would you like to know more about why sleep is important for our health and emotional well-being?*
 - *Does your child struggle with their sleep?*
- *Would you like to access support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines?*
 - *Would you like to meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences?*

SLEEP TIGHT WORKSHOPS

The workshops are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shropshire

Our workshops run for 5 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

**Starting on Wednesday 26th April 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
at Sunflower House Hub, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury**

**Starting on Friday 28th April 2023 from 9.30am to 11.30am
Virtually via MS Teams**

**Starting on Wednesday 14th June 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
at Sunflower House Hub, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury**

**Starting on Friday 16th June 2023 from 9.30am to 11.30am
Virtually via MS Teams**

To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by:

Emailing Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

Or call us on 01743 250950



- *Would you like to know more about your child's development?*
- *Do you need support to understand your child's behaviour?*
- *Would you like a chance to meet & chat with other parents and carers?*



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS

The groups are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shropshire

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

SEND Groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed for our SEND Groups

**Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Thursday 27th April 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
at Sunflower House Hub, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury**

**Understanding Your Child starts on Thursday 27th April 2023 from 09.30am to 11.30am
at St Mary's Bluecoat Primary School, Bridgnorth**

**Understanding Your Child starts on Friday 28th April 2023 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm
Virtually via MS Teams**

**Understanding Your Child starts Monday 15th May 2023 from 09.30 to 11.30am
At Crowmoor Hub, Crowmere Road, Shrewsbury**

**Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Monday 15th May 2023 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm
Virtually via MS Teams**

To book a place on one of our groups or for further information on the groups we run please contact the Parenting Team by:
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Telephone: 01743 250950



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS



How much school will you have missed in a year?

INCREDIBLE!

You have missed very little learning and stand the best possible change of success.

97-100%

Fewer than 5 days

GOOD!

You have met our school target – well done.

96%

6 days missed

NEARLY THERE

This is almost 2 weeks of school missed. That's 50 lessons!

95%

9 days missed

IMPROVEMENT NEEDED

55 lessons missed across the year.

94%

11 days missed

CONCERN

This is known as persistent absence and will involve school action. It is the same as missing half a day of school every week.

90%

20 days missed

SIGNIFICANT CONCERN

This is the same as missing a day of school a week. If you have 80% from years 7-11, you will have missed **ONE YEAR** of school.

80%

38 days missed