

## THE LINK

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we near the end of the academic year, I would like to inform you of some teaching staff changes taking place.

At the end of term, we say goodbye to Mr Norman who, after 20 years of teaching Design Technology & Btec Construction to countless students is leaving to start a new post in a specialist school setting next academic year. He will be very much missed by students and staff alike. Within the same department, we say farewell to Mr Hart, DT Technician who is commencing a new post also at a specialist school after almost 6 years of service to our school. Mr Hart has helped so many pupils through his work in ensuring materials and equipment are ready but also through direct help to learn computer aided design and practical skills.

After only a short but highly impactful 2 years of service as Head of Maths, we say farewell to Mr Williams. Mr Williams leaves us for a post in Oldbury Wells School which is one of our Trust schools, so although no longer with us here in Church Stretton, we are pleased that Mr Williams will still be part of the Trust team. Thank you and good luck Mr Williams.

Also leaving the teaching staff following 2 years of service to the school is Mr Barham who is moving into work outside the classroom in another school setting further afield. Mr Barham has helped many pupils develop their sporting practice in lessons and through numerous extra-curricular activities. We wish him well in his new role.

Mr Fox has made a huge impact in the short time he has been with us. He kindly agreed to stay for the full year having only been expecting to be with us for the autumn term and in that time, pupils have flourished as a result of his infectious passion for music. Thank you Mr Fox, we wish you well in your well earned retirement and hope to see you again in the future.

After 3 and half years of working within the Modern Foreign Languages department, we wish Mrs Hough the very best as she leaves us for a post teaching languages in a school closer to her home. Mrs Hough has always approached her work with positivity and a smile, ensuring pupils get the help they need whether in the classroom or pastorally. Thank you and farewell Mrs Hough.

We wish Miss Halliday, Mr Rochester and Miss Thomas, Teaching Assistants for 2 years the very best for the future. We would like to thank them for all of their hard work supporting pupils with their learning and day to day school life.

We will miss all of these colleagues very much!

Joining us in September, we look forward to welcoming: Mrs Butler as Head of Design Technology; Miss Evans as Head of Maths; Mr Kirkby, as Teacher of PE; Ms Chapman as Teacher of Music; Mr Patrick as Teacher of RE; Mr Vera as Teacher of MFL and to meet the need of a higher number of pupils joining us in September than normal, Mrs Brazendale as Teacher of Science. We look forward to these colleagues joining us in September!

After 19 years of teaching RE and Pastoral Leadership as Head of Year, Head of House and most recently Head of Key Stage 3, Mr Wright has taken the decision to retire as a teacher. I am sure that you will agree that Mr Wright has touched the lives of countless pupils, helping them learn and opening doors to future studies. In addition, his pastoral leadership has supported so many pupils over the years either directly or indirectly. Thank you, Mr Wright for all of your hard work and dedication to the roles you are leaving. However, not all sad news as Mr Wright will be staying with us in a new role as Pastoral Support Assistant, helping and supporting the pastoral team and still working with pupils on a daily basis. Great news I am sure you will agree!

Also changing part of their role, Mrs Pugh is retiring from teaching English after 30 years of service to Church Stretton School. We are very pleased that she will remain with us in her capacity as Higher Level Teaching Assistant, therefore it is not goodbye at all and most importantly, she will still be working closely with the pupils - again great news!

Next week we look forward to welcoming parents & carers of year 6 pupils to the Transition Evening on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, followed by intake day for the year 6 pupils the following day. This is closely followed by the Art Show taking place between 6-8pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend

John Parr Headteacher

## Next Week will be

## Week A

#### **Upcoming Events**

30th June - Year 11 Prom
5th July - Year 9 Ludlow College Day
6th July - Year 10 Shrewsbury College
13th July - Sports Day
17th - 21st July - Enrichment Week
17th - 21st July - Year 10 Work Experience

21st July - End of Term

#### **Tutor Time Take-away**

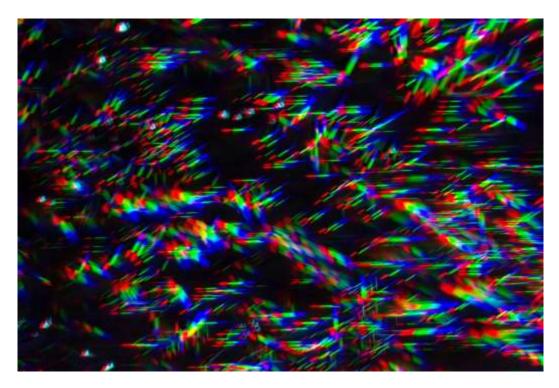
This weeks' focus was on Protected Characteristics. Please do ask you child about the topic and get them to explain to you what was discussed.



Hello again, It's Edward Bowen. Thank you for all those who could make it to our very successful end of year arts show. At Shrewsbury Colleges group, they encourage students to think outside of the box and be let free with creativity. This year's Final major project, I chose to combine multiple ideas into one creative style which turned out better than I expected. Photography is a great course that lets us think creatively to make each outcome for each unit unique and shows how talented each and every student is and I would highly recommend this course as well because the lecturers are very supportive and help encourage you to become an independent and creative individual.

The collective piece name for this is called: Chromatic aberration

Here is a little bit about the piece: Chromatic aberration occurs when different wavelengths of light are refracted differently by a lens or filter, causing the colours to separate and create a rainbow effect.



Edward Bowen,

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## **Sporting News**

This terms PE timetable can be found

<u>here</u>

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 <u>a note</u> and <u>their PE kit</u> to take part in other roles.

### **Sporting Achievements**

Ellie Bill year 10 has been competing in tetrathlon. This involves 1500m (grass) run, swim (3 minutes as far as possible), air-pistol shooting (one-handed, 7m turning targets) and 90cm cross country. Ellie came 3rd overall which has qualified her for Nationals! Ellie got best shoot in class with 960 which is a pb, she also and qualified for the JCB Pony Club Championships with her XC time. Brilliant Ellie, Good luck for nationals!!





Oliver Regan (year 7) has had an amazing result over the past weekend, he swam in the Shropshire Summer Counties and managed to come home with a trio of medals:

Gold – 100m Back stroke Time: 1:25:08 Personal best Silver – 200m IM – Time: 3:23:61 Personal best Silver – 100m Freestyle – Time: 1:18:40 Personal best

AMAZING stuff Oliver, Well done!!



## **Fixture Results**

On Monday we sent this lovely team to Oakengates Track to compete in the Individual Shropshire Schools year 7&8 athletics competition. How great to have Church Stretton School there putting us on the map yet again. We had some great results, such as Megan Buckingham winning gold in 1500m, Elin White placing silver in high jump and our year 7 girls relay team winning Gold!! We have been doing some athletics throwing events in PE lessons which have inspired them to compete in shot, javelin and discus, not only this but beat other schools at club level – how brilliant.



Well done all – keep up the great work!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Yr 7/8 STEM Club (YG) B4  SCHOOL CHOIR – ALL YEARS  KS3 Netball (HAH)  Year 10 Show Rehearsal	DT catch up Y5/Y6  Table Tennis (HAH)  Fitness Club (RB)  Year 7 and 8 Show Rehearsal	French Club (NP) G6 KS3 Coding Club (DC) B8 Film Club (PW) W5 Year 10 Show Rehearsal Kwik Cricket (RB) Rounders (HH) Rock band (TR) Music room	Sports Leadership club (AB) Badminton KS3 (PW)  Year 7 and 8 Show Rehearsal  Art Workshop B10	
start	Monday night noise (Rock band) Years 7+8 Basketball (RB) Girls Tennis- (HH)	Homework Club (JG) W1  Boys and Girls Cricket (RB)  Running Club All Years (YG)	Chess Club (EH) W2  Years 7+8 Boys Football (MN)  Netball training- All years	Homework Club (JG) W1  Dungeons & Dragons Club Y1 KS4 Drama Workshop  Years 9-11 Basketball (RB)  Boys Tennis (HH)	KS4 Art Portfolio Workshop TBC Year 10 Show Rehears

## Shrewsbury AC Athletics Festival 19.6.2023

Shrewsbury AC aiming to get kids active with new, innovative 'Athletics Festival' Shrewsbury Athletics Club is pleased to announce that it will be holding its first ever Athletics Festival on Saturday 29th July. This is an innovative idea that will combine live music, food, and carnival games on the infield with races and jumps on the track in an effort to make the event fun for all and connect with the local community.

Athletes aged 8-14 will be able to take part in the on-track events with the 60m sprint, 800m, long jump, and standing high jump on offer. It will be free to take part in the athletics, although registration is mandatory via Shrewsbury AC. This event is open to all - whether you're a member of an athletics club or not.

This Athletics Festival is endorsed by England Athletics, the governing body for athletics in England. Competition Partnerships and Innovation Manager, Nichola Skedgel, says "Athletics is the foundation of all sports which is why we are thrilled to be working in partnership with Shrewsbury AC on their festival of athletics. It is everything a family day out should be; age-appropriate competition played out alongside fun activities and entertainment for all the family to enjoy. We hope everyone has a great day and this will be the start of athletics festivals up and down the country for all the enjoy, regardless of age or aspiration."

Shrewsbury AC is excited to hold this Athletics Festival, with live music by Music Heroes, a band made up of music tutors from the Shropshire-based music school, and a variety of carnival game stalls providing entertainment for everyone. In addition to stalls run by athletes and parents, partners like Energize STW, The Crossbar Foundation, Sport&Brands, Lanyon Bowdler, and Warwick University Athletics and Cross Country have already confirmed that they will be supporting this innovate format and host carnival game stalls.

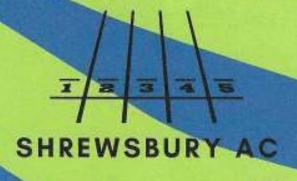
Santino Dummett, event organiser, says "It's a great honour that Shropshire has been picked for this England Athletics national pilot. The Shrewsbury AC Athletics Festival will be a great afternoon of active fun for 8-14 year olds in Shropshire".

The Athletics Festival will be held at Shrewsbury AC at the London Road Sports Centre and Athletics Track, London Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6PR.

The event will last three hours, from 1-4PM on Saturday 29th July.

For more information, please contact festival.shrewsburyac@gmail.com or use this QR code





## Athletics Festival

MUSIC.FOOD.ATHLETICS.

SATURDAY 29TH JULY, 1PM-4PM SHREWSBURY AC TRACK

& FUN FOR ALL: FOOD&FUN STALLS

FOR ATHLETES AGED 8-14



REGISTER INTEREST NOW





Thanks to our official partners:







## Summer Holiday Fun in Shropshire with HAF (Holiday Activities & Food) – Bookings Open!

Bookings are now open for the Summer Shropshire HAF (Holiday Activities & Food) programme.

Shropshire Council is working with local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to run an exciting holiday programme this summer, Shropshire HAF (Holiday Activities and Food).

There are free places available on the programme for children and young people aged 4 (reception class age) to 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. There are also a limited number of free places available for children and young people living in areas of high deprivation and/or from low-income households, who are not in receipt of benefits related free school meals. These children and young people can be referred onto the programme by a professional. Places are also available for Ukrainian families, currently staying in Shropshire with host families.

From 25th July to 1st September 2023, eligible children and young people are invited to take part in a range of fun activities, happening at 57 holiday clubs from across the county.

There is something on offer for everyone including sports, arts, cooking, forest schools and other exciting opportunities. Free nutritious meals will be provided at each session, as well as information to benefit the whole family.

#### The Summer What's On Guide and details of how to book are available online

Some of the holiday programmes also include paid spaces for children and young people who are not in receipt of free school meals. Kirstie Hurst-Knight, Portfolio Holder for Children and Education, said: "Over the Easter holidays, 1,238 individual eligible children and young people, took part in a wide range of exciting and engaging activities at 58 holiday clubs from across the county. Again, providers are offering fantastic holiday clubs this summer. I'd like to encourage all eligible families to book onto HAF and have fun this summer. There is a huge range of activities happening, with free meals provided at each session."

For more information on HAF in Shropshire, for a copy of the What's On Guide and to sign up to the HAF e-news, <u>click here</u>.

Please contact the HAF Programme Co-Ordinators – email: haf.programme@shropshire.gov.uk



**PERFORMING** 

ARTS SUMMER **SCHOOL** 2023

24th JULY - 28th July

Dorrington Village Hall 10am - 4pm Ages 6 - 18

## BOOK NOW -

Contact Cathy Griffiths:

EMAIL: cathymgriffiths@gmail.com

PHONE: 07570 966006

## SUMMER SCHOOL **VIDEO HERE**











# CHURCH STRETTON YOUTH DROP-IN

Every Tuesday (during term time) 6pm - 7:30pm

@Russells Meadow Pavilion, Lutwyche Rd, Church Stretton SY6 6AT

FOR SCHOOL
YEARS 8,9,10 & ,11
£1 PER WEEK

A mixture of activies each week
Baking Crafts Art
Cooking Board games
Table tennis

### Programme:

18th Apr - Sun catchers, Mug cakes and Archery.
25th Apr - Planting, Flapjacks and Badminton.
2nd May - Cap designing, Cinanamon Swirls and Beer

Goggles/Balance Games.

9th May - Silk Art, Cookies and Target Archery.

16th May - Mosaics, Natchos and Football.

23rd May - Lucky dip activities, Chip Butties and Dodgeball. 30th May - HALF TERM

6th June - Cress Heads, Brownies, Hungry hippos and Giant Bubbles.

13th June - Sketching, Pizza and Sumo Suits.

20th June - Painting, Cookies and Rounders.

27th June - Tote bags, Smoothies and Football.

4th July - Clay work, Toasties and Nerf Guns.

11th July - Tie Dye T'shirts, Wraps and Parachute.

18th July - Lucky dip activities, Mini pizza's and Bowling

25th July - Summer Party!

TRAINED & Activities subject to change or rescheduling
DBS CHECKED
YOUTH WORKERS

try new activities in a safe environment!







For more info contact Adie: 07710 095794

Email: Adie@sya.org.uk

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS



#### **INCREDIBLE!**

You have missed very little learning and stand the best possible change of success. 97-100%

How much school will you have missed in a year?

> 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

This is the same as missing a day of school a week. If you have 80% from years 7-12, you will have missed ONE YEAR of school.

80%

38 days missed