



Dear parents and carers

It has certainly been a very busy week, which has seen a real sense of normality, excitement and community in Church Stretton school.

On Wednesday, the year 11 year group and senior student photographs were taken. These will provide memories for years to come, when they are able to look back at their friends amongst the whole year group. Meanwhile, the vast majority of year 7 pupils departed for their two day residential visit to Kingswood Activity Centre. We look forward to hearing all about it when they return on Friday afternoon.

Also on Wednesday it was lovely to see (and hear) over 90 of our pupils competing in after school netball, rugby and football fixtures with a local school. Thank you to Mrs Hodnett, Head of PE, Mr Barham and other helpers as it has been a joy to be able to make such opportunities available to children again. Whilst this was taking place, Ms Gajny, teacher of science was joined by a group of pupils for the first of what we hope will be many after school running club sessions. Thank you Ms Gajny!

On the note of clubs, we are especially keen to increase our offer of extracurricular activities for pupils to engage in. The list of lunchtime and after school clubs is growing and we will publish this soon so that you can see what your child can get involved with beyond the taught curriculum.

As I type this, one of our netball teams has travelled to William Brookes School for a fixture and on Wednesday next week, a group of year 11 pupils are visiting Theatre Severn to see An Inspector Calls.

And we are only in week 2 of term!

Best wishes for a good weekend

John Parr
Headteacher

Next week is

WEEK A

Year 10 Textbooks

Macbeth CGP Text

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Year 10 students can now purchase the above text books to support their GCSE studies. These can be purchased for £3.15 using Parent Pay.

Reminder - Early Closure

Please be aware we will be closing the School early on Thursday 29th September in preparation for our Open Evening. Students will be finishing at 13.10pm, with buses leaving at 13.25pm.

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.

Monday 19th September

We will be closed on Monday 19th September in respect of Her Majesty the Queens funeral.

Upcoming Events - September

- 29th - Open Evening 17:00-19:30
- 30th - Open Morning 9:15-11.00
- 30th - Year 9 revised Safari Park Trip

Medications

If your child/ren have any medical needs please can you make us aware of these and of any medication they may need to take whilst in school.



Student of the Week



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

KS4 Winner -

Luke Evans	Mr Wright	A great start to year 11 with excellent recall answers in class.
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KS3 Winner -

Eddy Beedles	Mrs Quye	Great start to a new school year.
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This week's nominations:

KS3 & KS4 Nominations

Lucas Alsdorf	Mr Hughes	A very kind, respectful and intelligent young man.
Phoebe Jammaz	Mr Williams	Excellent attitude and work rate this week -well done!
Eve Brisbane	Mrs Quye	Wonderful and thoughtful contributions in English and Art.
Rudy-Ray Elson	Mrs Quye	Confident and enthusiastic contribution.
Elsie Morgan	Mrs Quye	Lovely contributions.
Poppy Jervis	Mrs Quye	For enthusiasm and kindness – a great combination.
Huey Whitfield-Turner	Mrs Quye	For consistently putting in a great effort.
Matthew Williams	Mrs Quye	Positive contributions and a great start at a new school.
Zaryan Baig	Mr Balmer	An excellent attitude and start to Year 11.
Jordy Simpson	Mr Wright	Outstanding start to GCSE RE with excellent verbal answers.



Chess Club

In W2
On Wednesday's
at 3.10pm



HOMEWORK

CLUB

In W1

3.10pm to 4.10pm

Every Tuesday

SEND Links

[https://
autismwestmid-
lands.org.uk/
events/](https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/)

PE

Extra Curricular Timetable

	PE	Meeting Point - Make sure you are at the designated meet point by 12.20(lunch) or 3.40pm (afterschool)
Mon Lunch	KS3 Netball (HAH)	PE Office
	Girls Football ALL YEARS (HAH)	Changing Rooms by drama
Mon After School	Years 7 &8 Boys Football (RB)	Changing Rooms by drama
	Table Tennis (HAH)	PE Office
Tues Lunch	Fitness Club (RB)	PE Office
Tues After School	Years 9, 10 & 11 Boys Football (RB)	Changing Rooms by drama
Weds Lunch	KS4 Netball (HAH)	PE Office
Weds After school	X COUNTRY All Years (HAH)	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		

Homework at Church Stretton School

Homework, I love you. I think that you're great.
It's wonderful fun when you keep me up late.
I think you're the best when I'm totally stressed,
preparing and cramming all night for a test.
Homework, I love you. What more can I say?
I love to do hundreds of problems each day.
You boggle my mind, and you make me go blind,
but still I'm ecstatic that you were assigned.
Homework, I love you. I tell you, it's true.
There's nothing more fun or exciting to do.
You're never a chore, for it's you I adore.
I wish that our teacher would hand you out more.
Homework, I love you. You thrill me inside.
I'm filled with emotions. I'm fit to be tied.
I cannot complain when you frazzle my brain.
Of course, that's because I'm completely insane.

Homework is often a divisive subject in schools, some Parents and Students will feel that there is not enough being set, while others will feel there is too much. What is beyond doubt is that homework is a very important part of your child's education. Not only does it provide them with an opportunity to practise and embed the new learning they complete in school, but it also teaches them to be independent, take initiative and responsibility for completing a task and develop self-discipline. Homework will teach students to find and employ resources such as libraries, the internet and other learning materials. Actively searching for source materials to find information will help you develop important study skills. There is extensive research showing the link between the completion of homework tasks and improved academic achievement and it helps to improve students' memories and critical thinking.

Whilst the benefits of homework are undeniable, we never want students to feel like the protagonist of Ken Nesbitt's poem. So, to help ensure your child is not overwhelmed with too many homework tasks at once we have developed a balanced homework timetable. Staff will be setting homework tasks using this timetable from next week and instructions and links to resources can be found on Go4Schools. The tasks staff set will be focussed on the topics being covered in class, will have a suggested length of time that the task should take and an appropriate deadline. We do not expect students to complete tasks overnight or to spend an excessive amount of time completing them, as this can lead to homework tasks having a negative impact on learning.

Go4Schools is the online system we use to allow parents and students to access information about their homework tasks and linked resources. User guides for the Go4Schools website and mobile app

can be found [here](#) to support its use. Teaching staff will use a number of different online platforms to ensure homework is stimulating and accessible for all students. I have included details of the most

frequently used online platforms and the logon details students should use to access these sites.

Church Stretton School Homework Timetable 2022-23

	Mon A	Tues A	Wed A	Thurs A	Fri A	Mon B	Tues B	Wed B	Thurs B	Fri B	
7X1	Art	Maths Drama	Chemistry DT	French	History	Geography Music	English	Comp sci RE	Physics	Biology	7X1
7X2	Comp sci Music	Maths RE	DT	Chemistry	Geography	Art History	Biology English	Drama	French	Physics	7X2
7Y1	Art French	Maths	DT RE	Biology	Comp sci	Drama History	English	Music	Physics	Chemistry	7Y1
7Y2	French	Maths RE	DT History	Chemistry	Art	Drama Geography	English	Music	Biology	Comp sci Physics	7Y2
8X1	Art Biology	Drama French	Physics	Maths	Music	English	RE Geography	Comp sci	DT	History Chemistry	8X1
8X2	Geography History	Comp sci RE	Music Physics	Maths		Chemistry English	Drama	Biology	DT French	Art	8X2
8Y1	Art Maths	Biology Drama	Chemistry	Music	English	DT	Comp sci	History RE	French Geography	Physics	8Y1
8Y2	Maths	Chemistry RE	Art	Geography	English	DT Physics	Comp sci	Drama	French History	Biology Music	8Y2
9X1	English Music	Drama	French	RE	Biology History	Physics	Maths	Chemistry	DT Geography	Art Comp sci	9X1
9X2	English History	Comp sci	French	Music	Physics Drama	Chemistry	Maths RE	Biology	DT	Art Geography	9X2
9Y1	English RE	Biology Geography	French	Music	History	Art Maths	Drama Physics	Comp sci	Chemistry	DT	9Y1
9Y2	Drama English	Chemistry French	Music	Comp sci	Art	Geography Maths	Biology	History RE	Physics	DT	9Y2
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11	Science T1 Biology T2 Biology C1 Chem C2 Physics C3 Physics	English 11E1 11E2 11E3 Maths 11M4 11M5	Option A Art Construction Food History T1 Physics		Option C DT French History BTEC Sport RE	Science T1 Chem T2 Chem C1 Biology C2 Biology C3 Chem	Option D Geography History BTEC Sport T2 Physics	English 11E4 11E5 Maths 11M1 11M2 11M3 Option D Spanish	Option B Art Construction Food Drama Geography	Science C1 Physics C2 Chem C3 Biology	11

Online learning platform reference guide



Office 365 – every student at Church Stretton School has an Office365 account, which gives them an Outlook email account that will allow them to communicate with Staff and their peers. It also gives them access to the latest Office apps, like Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Teams, plus 1 TB of cloud storage for their schoolwork. Students can install Office on their home devices free of charge, allowing them to access the Office apps even when they are offline.

Subjects: All subjects will make use of Office365

Year groups: 7 to 11

Username: This is your child's school email address firstname.surname@csschool.co.uk

Password: The first time they logon students should use [Stretton2022](#) and we encourage them to then set their own secure and memorable password.



Seneca Learning – is an online platform that can be thought of as an effective & engaging interactive revision guide. Summaries, notes, videos, and lots of different types of practice questions will all be found on the Seneca platform. The system is also completely adaptive so your child's learning experience will be tailored to suit their needs. We have signed all students up to Seneca premium, the Seneca Premium package contains additional courses and features to help your child boost their exam grades.

Subjects: All subjects are covered by Seneca

Year groups: 7 to 11

Username: This is your child's school email address firstname.surname@csschool.co.uk

Password: The first time they logon students should use [seneca2020](#) and we encourage them to then set their own secure and memorable password.



[ActiveLearn](#) - is a digital learning space for teachers and students, with teaching and the revision resources for students across a wide range of subjects. It creates a personalised teaching and independent learning experience both in and outside the classroom.

Subjects: Maths, French, Science and Spanish

Year groups: 7 to 11 for French and Spanish, 9 to 11 for Maths and Science

Username: This is your child's school email address [firstname.surname@cssschool.co.uk](#)

Password: The first time they logon students should use [Stretton2022](#) and we encourage them to then set their own secure and memorable password.



[Kerboodle](#) - is a school subscription service with varied subjects and courses available based on the latest curricula.

Kerboodle gives student's access to:

- **Resources** – a bank of learning resources including videos, animations, podcasts, worksheets and much more
- **Digital book** – Online and interactive version of the student books for display and annotation
- **Assessments** – Teachers can set homework through Kerboodle for students

Subjects: Science and Geography

Year groups: 7 to 9 for science, 7 to 11 for Geography

Username: This is your child's school network logon [firstname.surname](#)

Password: The first time they logon students should use [their username](#), they will be prompted to set their own secure and memorable password.

We aim to develop the IT skills students will need in the next steps of their education and into the world of work but understand that this can be a steep learning curve. Therefore, we provide user guides and how to videos for the most common issues students experience, which can be found on the school website [here](#). If you experience IT issues that are not covered on the support [page](#) then please contact admin@cssschool.co.uk and either Mr Morgan, the school IT manager, or [myself](#) will contact you to provide support.

Moreton Hall 

The Jenner Society presents

"SO YOU WANT TO BE A DOCTOR?"

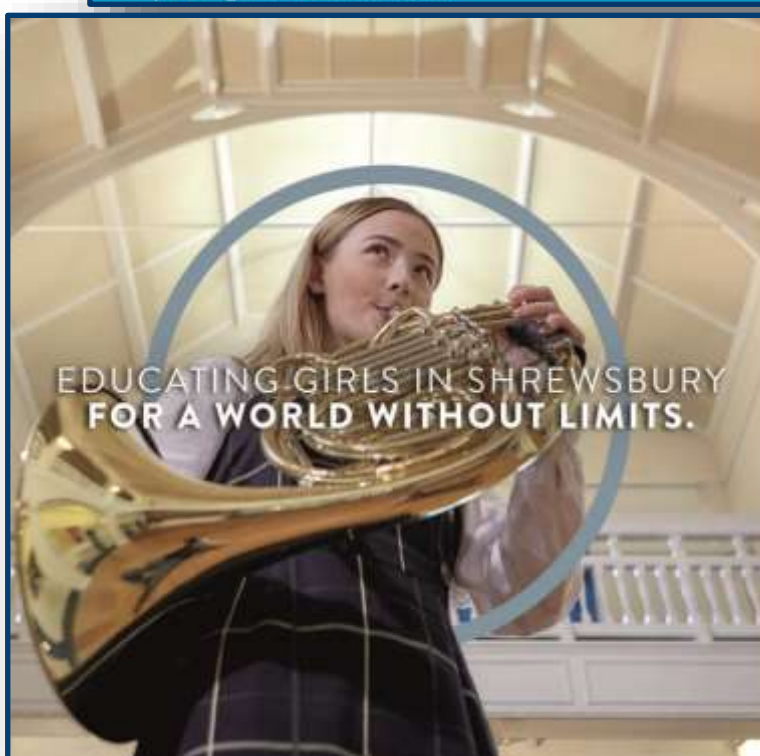
Find out more about the application process and
how to **prepare for medical school interview**

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER | 9.00AM - 12.30PM
THE HOLROYD COMMUNITY THEATRE

Aimed at students in Year 10 - 13, the programme includes informative talks from: Medical student and OM Molly Creaser-Ogden; Dean of Clinical Medicine at Chester Medical School Prof Terry Wardle; Keele Medical School lecturer Dr Gordon Dent; Chief Medical Officer at the RJAH Hospital Dr Ruth Longfellow; Dr Kevin Eardly from the SaTH William Farr Academy.

To register your attendance for this event please email Mrs Peel by
Friday 19th September.

peelh@moretonhall.com



EDUCATING GIRLS IN SHREWSBURY
FOR A WORLD WITHOUT LIMITS.


SHREWSBURY
HIGH SCHOOL
GDST

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 12th October
6.30pm

shrewsburyhigh.gdst.net

Calling all students considering a career in the

Health Professions

An opportunity has arisen for you to secure a place on the Allied Health work experience programme (if you are interested, try to do it as soon as possible as it is expected that the deadline will be Saturday 1st October). This will allow you to complete several sessions of work experience which will not only be exciting and insightful, but will also help support any future college, apprenticeship and higher education applications. Please note that this is not a replacement for the work experience placement that you will undertake in school if you are in Year 10.

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

Once registered, you will be emailed links to the virtual work experience portals.

Students are awarded a Work Experience Certificate for every session they complete. Those who complete the full 5-month programme will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor. These are fantastic additions to their CVs and UCAS applications!

This programme is suitable for students in years 10 - 13 who are interested in the following careers:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. They will gain a unique insight into how patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals and what it's like to work in an NHS multidisciplinary team.

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout each day. This will empower students to make an informed career decision and demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications.

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 5-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.

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- *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

**Come and join us for a 5-week workshop
Starting on**

Friday 23rd September 2022 Virtually via Ms Teams
from 9.30am to 11.30am

Or

Thursday 22nd September 2022 at Market Drayton Junior School
from 9.30am to 11.30am

or

Thursday 10th November 2022 Virtually via Ms Teams
from 9.30am to 11.30am

Or

Friday 11th November 2022 at Oswestry Castle View
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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



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available on
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.00am to 12.30pm
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Do you have any questions around child development and parenting?

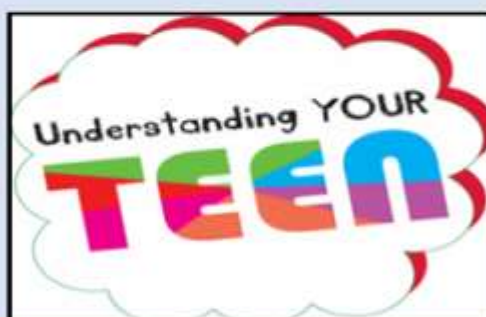
Why not call our Parenting Helpline where one of our trained

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

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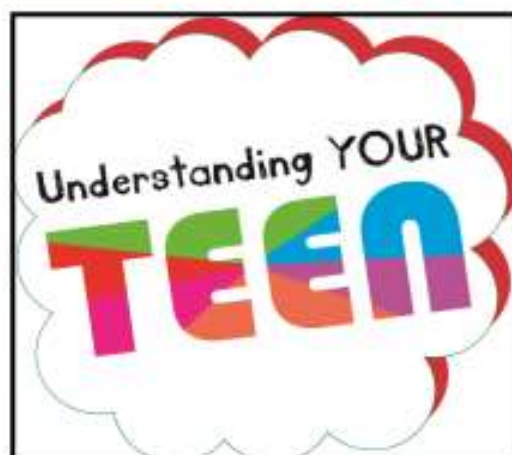
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- *Do you need support to understand your child's behaviour?*
- *Would you like a chance to meet with other parents with children of a similar age?*



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS

Delivered Face to Face or Virtually

All you need is an email address and an electronic device for the virtual groups, and we'll talk you through the rest

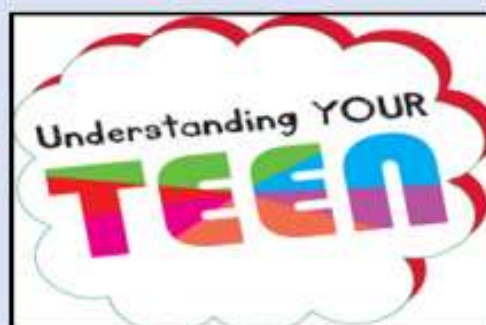
All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

Understanding Your Child SEND on Tuesday 27th September 2022 Virtually via MS Teams
from 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Understanding Your Child SEND on Wednesday 28th September 2022 Face to Face at
Sunflower House Hub, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury, SY1 4ES
from 9.30am to 11.30am

Understanding Your Child on Wednesday 28th September 2022 Virtually via MS Teams
from 12.30pm to 2.30pm

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