



Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome to another addition of the link.

Autumn term is now well under way with pupils back in the routine of lessons and learning. The feeling in school is very positive with pupils responding well to our reminders about how they can be '**ready, respectful and safe**'.

Expectations have been further raised this year and pupils are doing well in response. This includes punctuality to lessons, entrance to and exit from assembly, walking on the left along corridors and maintaining high standards of uniform and appearance. Where there is a shortfall or need for reminder, our further strengthened pastoral team are doing a great job to nip things in the bud to avoid slippage or problems continuing. Thank you to parents and carers for your support in reinforcing expectations of uniform/appearance and by sending your child/ren to school equipped and ready to learn.

On Thursday afternoon, we practiced a fire drill which saw the whole school evacuate the school buildings and marshal on the tennis courts. This was a great example of everyone knowing how to be safe and was undertaken in an exceptionally prompt and orderly manner. Well done to all pupils (and staff!).

Open evening is a key event in the school calendar, so thank you for loaning your child/ren to us if they are helping out with subject presentations, as tour guides, performing or as speakers during the presentation. Please note, as detailed in the recent letter sent home, the school day will finish early on Thursday, with pupils leaving site by 1:30pm (buses will be on site for 1:20pm). Please do make arrangements for your child to arrive home earlier than usual therefore. Thank you.

Once Open Evening passes, we look forward to the annual Sponsored Walk. This is always a lovely event that sees the whole school community contribute to fundraising whilst enjoying a lovely walk through the local hills, dressed in House colours and fancy dress.

Enjoy the weekend

*John Parr*  
Headteacher

## Tutor Time Take-away

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



## Dates for your Diary

**Thurs 28th Sept** - Open Evening 17:00-19:30

**Fri 29th Sept** - Open Morning 09:30-11:00

**Mon 2nd Oct** - Year 11 Geography CMV

**Thurs 5th Oct** Year 11 Geography CMV

**Fri 6th Oct** - Sponsored Walk

## Safeguarding News

Please can we inform you that our **Safeguarding Leads** at Church Stretton School are **Mr Longhurst and Mrs Quye**. If you are concerned about a child please ring reception as normal and you will be directed to the appropriate person. If you have an urgent concern and a child's wellbeing is at urgent risk please contact the police.

Thank you

Next week will be **Week B**

# Church Stretton School



Discover where your future lies.....

## Open Evening

28th September 2023 17:00 - 19:30

*Headteacher's welcome talk at 17:00 & 18:00*

## Open Morning

29th September 2023 9:30 - 11:00

Church Stretton School, Church Stretton,  
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### Nut Free School

We aim to be a nut free school. If your child brings packed lunches or snacks in from home please ensure (even if your child is not allergic) that they do not contain nuts or nut-products, in order to protect those in school with severe allergies. Our kitchen doesn't knowingly use nuts, however nut traces can be found in many products especially when manufactured in a factory alongside nut products.

Many thanks.

### BE EQUIPPED AND READY

#### TO LEARN

Please can you ensure you have the right equipment for lessons.

- |                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| ✓ Coloured pencils      | ✓ Pen -black/blue  |
| ✓ Ruler                 | ✓ Exercise books   |
| ✓ Glue stick            | ✓ Reading Book     |
| ✓ Protractor            | ✓ Pencil           |
| ✓ Compass               | ✓ Rubber           |
| ✓ Scientific calculator | ✓ Pencil sharpener |
| ✓ Water bottle          | ✓ Scissors         |



## Safeguarding News



Dear Parent/Carer,

Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Signed

*M Longhurst*

Assistant Headteacher



# Sporting News

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.

## Sports Leadership

First primary / leadership event of the year starts with the year 1 / 2 Cardingmill X country , with 7 primary schools attending and over 150 year 1 / 2 pupils racing in the beautiful hills. A wonderful afternoon with incredible leaders – Marcus leading the way with a mass warm up then Dora and Rachel on finishing positions and Dan, Will, Ruby, Marcus and Ed on supporting and marshalling. Well done to all that took part.



### A message about kit:

A reminder that as shin pads, gum shield and boots are part of the required PE kit. Students are required to bring shin pads and gum shield for hockey and boots and gumshield for rugby.

Thank you

### PE

#### Timetable

can be found

[HERE](#)

### Lost Property

If your child/ren have lost any items of clothing, please ask them to check lost property in W1.

Please can we also ask parents and children to check at home whether they have the correct labelled PE kits as a few have gone missing in recent weeks.

Thank you



## Year 7 Conover Hall Residential Trip

A fabulous start to the year for most of our Year 7 students at Conover, JCA centre on a residential trip led by Mrs Dixon, Head of Year. Thank you to the students for being wonderful ambassadors for the school and thank you to all the staff who supported the trip (some of whom were brave enough, or gently encouraged by students, to have a go at the activities too!). More photos can be found [here](#).



Well done  
everyone.  
Fantastic  
resilience and  
team work.  
**Ready Respectful  
Safe**





## Student of the Week



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

### This week's winners

#### KS3 Winner

Poppy Jardine nominated by Mr Evans for excellent commitment to her work and some really well developed answers in class discussion.

#### KS4 Winner

Jenson Hadwen nominated by Miss Chapman for excellent attitude to learning in music.



This week's nominations:

### **KS3 Nominations**

| <b>Student Name</b>   | <b>Nominated by</b> | <b>Reason for Nomination</b>   |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--|
| Archibold Wood        | Mr Vera             | Outstanding work and behaviour in Spanish  |
| Alfie Gladders        | Mr Balmer           | A really pleasing start to the academic year!  |
| Joseph Reece          | Mr Dixon            | Really positive "can do" attitude at Conover   |
| Jack Hill             | Mr Patrick          | Jack has settled really well. He is a pleasure to teach and consistently thanks me for the lesson. I greatly appreciate his manners and kind-heartedness.  |
| Abdul-Haq Bashir      | Mr Patrick          | Excellent contributions in RPE - a knowledge well above his age!   |
| Amelia Pearson        | Mrs Proffitt        | Fantastic effort and enthusiasm in Spanish   |
| Oliver Edwards        | Mrs Proffitt        | Fantastic effort and enthusiasm in Spanish   |
| Huey Whitfield Turner | Miss Evans          | Enthusiasm and hard work in English. Huey also completed a phenomenal piece of homework around Sherlock Holmes- he handed this in the day after it was set! Well done Huey- keep up the hard work!               |
| Vea Ongsit            | Miss Evans          | Continued hard work and effort in English. Vea has shown a real commitment to improving her analytical responses and I was so proud of the recent one that she did on Jane Eyre. Keep up the fantastic work Vea! |
| Raife Mytton          | Miss Chapman        | Outstanding attitude to learning in Music  |
| India Butler          | Miss Chapman        | Outstanding attitude to learning in Music  |
| Tom Ockenden          | Miss Chapman        | Going 'the extra mile' in Music by accompanying the choir.   |
| Kristian Wright       | Mrs Walker          | Some very knowledgeable answers in Design Technology lessons   |
| Tate Stevens          | Mrs Quye            | Fabulous reading with expression and intonation.   |
| Mackenzie Sandercock  | Mrs Quye            | Wonderful reading aloud in class   |
| Amelia Nadin-King     | Mrs Quye            | Kindness and generosity and a wonderfully positive outlook.  |
| Eden Pope             | Mrs Quye            | Confident contributions to discussions   |
| Benjamin Bradley      | Mrs Quye            | Confident contributions to discussions   |
| George Dunn           | Mrs Quye            | Sharing understanding and contextual knowledge from prior learning   |
| Henry Bell            | Mrs Quye            | Sharing understanding and contextual knowledge from prior learning   |
| Frankie Wright        | Mrs Quye            | Athletic and confident leap of faith at JCA; amazing!  |



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|------------------|-----------|--|
| Indiya Gardner   | Mrs Quye  | Athletic and confident leap of faith at JCA; amazing!  |
| Tia Rigby        | Mrs Quye  | Resilient and enthusiastic on JCA residential.   |
| Jacob Cleaton    | Mrs Quye  | Polite, active and amazing ambassadors for the school on the residential.  |
| Toby Cleaton     | Mrs Quye  | Polite, active and amazing ambassadors for the school on the residential.  |
| Abdul-Haq Bashir | Mr Seager | Abdul has made an excellent start in Year 7. His work in class has been fantastic! Well done Abdul!                |
| Eve Davies       | Mr Seager | Eve has made an excellent start in Year 7. The work in her exercise book looks fantastic! Well done Eve!           |
| Molly Bell       | Mr Seager | Molly has made an excellent start in Year 9. Her work in class has been fantastic! Well done Molly!                |
| Morgan Thomas    | Mr Seager | Morgan has made an excellent start in Year 9. The responses in her exercise book look fantastic! Well done Morgan! |
| Tommy Williams   | Mr Kirkby | Excellent performance in Rugby in PE, amazing listening skills and attitude to learning.                           |

### KS4 Nominations

| Student Name       | Nominated by | Reason for Nomination   |
|--------------------|--------------|---|
| George Prosser     | Mr Balmer    | An excellent start to the academic year with some brilliant contributions to the lessons.   |
| Adam Wise          | Mr Balmer    | Excellent attitude to his studies and insightful responses in class.  |
| Jordy Simpson      | Mr Balmer    | Jordy has been hard working and fully engaged in lessons!   |
| Ben Watkiss        | Mr Evans     | Superb participation in lesson all week. Reading aloud and contributing excellent answers to the lessons.   |
| Charlie Gregg      | Miss Evans   | A hard working and conscientious student who does not allow himself to get distracted and works his socks off every lesson! Well done Charlie!  |
| Isabelle Hill      | Miss Evans   | A lovely student who works so hard and has a really positive influence on her peers. Isabelle has shown a real enthusiasm since beginning her GCSE's and will always have a go at offering her insights during our study of Macbeth. Keep up the fabulous work and attitude Isabelle! |
| Lily Atkin         | Miss Evans   | Improved analytical responses and confidence in English! Lovely to see Lily's writing improving and she has been using some amazing vocabulary in her responses! Keep up the hard work and resilience Lily- I am proud of you!  |
| Jordy Simpson      | Mr Patrick   | Jordy has worked very hard in RPE - he is very passionate and always does his work to a high quality - well done Jordy.   |
| Finley Middleton   | Miss Evans   | Continued hard work and enthusiasm for English. Finley's insights can be so thoughtful and perceptive. Keep up the hard work Finley and let's smash that target grade!  |
| Lucy Ockenden      | Miss Chapman | Going 'the extra mile' in Music by accompanying the choir.  |
| Freddie Westall    | Miss Chapman | Going 'the extra mile' in Music by accompanying the choir.  |
| Charlotte Hale     | Mr Seager    | Charlotte has made an excellent start in Year 10. Charlotte's contributions during class discussions have been wonderful! Well done Charlotte!  |
| Amber Sakari Brown | Mr Seager    | Amber has made an excellent start in Year 11. The quality of her work has been wonderful! Well done Amber!  |
| Abbi Williams      | Mr Charles   | Inspirational graphs work on computers  |
| Phoebe Robberds    | Mr Charles   | Inspirational graphs work on computers  |



### Extra-curricular activities Autumn term 2023-24

|   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| Lunchtime   | <b>KS4 Drama Workshop</b><br>KS3 Netball- HH<br>KS3 Boys Rugby- GK            | <b>Year 8 and 9 Drama Club</b><br>Art Club KS3<br>Table Tennis - JS<br>Volleyball- GK<br>Fitness- HH<br>Leadership Club- LD<br><b>Orchestra – B9 - AJC</b> | <b>Choir – B9 – AJC</b><br>KS4 Netball- HH<br>KS4 Basketball – GK<br>Dance Club- AB<br>Year 7 STEM club in B3-DF & KC | <b>Year 7 Drama Club</b><br>Badminton KS3- PW<br>KS3+4 Football – JS + GK  | KS3 film club W6 LS<br>Badminton KS4- PW<br>Sport Studies Catch up- G4- HH |
| After school 3.30 start   | Girls Rugby –GK<br>Hockey – MW<br><br><b>Monday Night Noise – B9 – AJC/TR</b> | 9,10 &11 Football – GK<br>Girls Football – HH + JS<br>X Country - YG   | Netball all Years – HH + AB<br>Gym Club – TW/AR<br><br><i>Dungeons &amp; Dragons Club</i>                             | <b>School Show Rehearsal (KS4)</b><br><br>Boys Basketball – GK<br>Girls Basketball- HH<br><br>Portfolio Workshop (KS4) | <b>School Show Rehearsal (KS4)</b>   |
| PE Activities      Drama Activities (Studio)      Art Activities (B10)      Music Activities (B9)      Other Activities |   |  |   |  |  |

### PE EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

|                  | <u>LUNCH –12.20-1PM</u>   | <u>AFTER SCHOOL 3.10-4.30</u>  |
|------------------|---|--|
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | KS3 Netball (HH)<br>KS3 Boys Rugby (GK)   | Girls Rugby ALL YEARS (GK)<br>Hockey ALL YEARS (MW)  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | Table Tennis (JS)<br>Volleyball (GK)<br>Fitness Club/Gym (HH)<br>Leadership Club (LD) | Years 9, 10 & 11 Boys Football (GK)<br>Girls Football (HH + JS)<br>X Country Running Club (YG) |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | KS4 Netball (HH)<br>KS4 Basketball (GK)<br>Dance Club (AB)                            | Netball training – ALL YEARS (HH) (AB)<br>Gym Club – Fitness Suite (TW)                        |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | Badminton KS3 (PW)<br>KS4 Football (GK)<br>KS3 Football (JS)                          | Boys Basketball all years (GK)<br>Girls Basketball all years (HH)                              |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | Badminton KS4 (PW)  |  |

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



## What's on – Music

Monday 3.30 – 5.00 - Monday Night Noise

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Tuesday 12.45 – 1.15 - Orchestra

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Wednesday 12.45 – 1.15 – Choir

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Composer of the Week is George Gershwin

Research this composer and present your findings in an interesting way – poster, fact file, 'Facebook' profile, bunting, magazine article or however you want ... be creative!

House Points available for your amazing work.

Email your work to Miss Chapman or bring it to B9.



\*Coming soon\*

Stretton Live Lounge

# Clara's Classic Convoy

*In aid of Hope House Hospice*



## VINTAGE AND CLASSIC VEHICLE RUN

*24th September 2023*

£15 for vehicle inc driver  
+£5 per passenger

Ticket price includes-  
Hot drink and sausage bap at Netley Hall



**Check in from 8.30am**

(Leaving at 10am)



**Contact 07803242455 or 07398654232**

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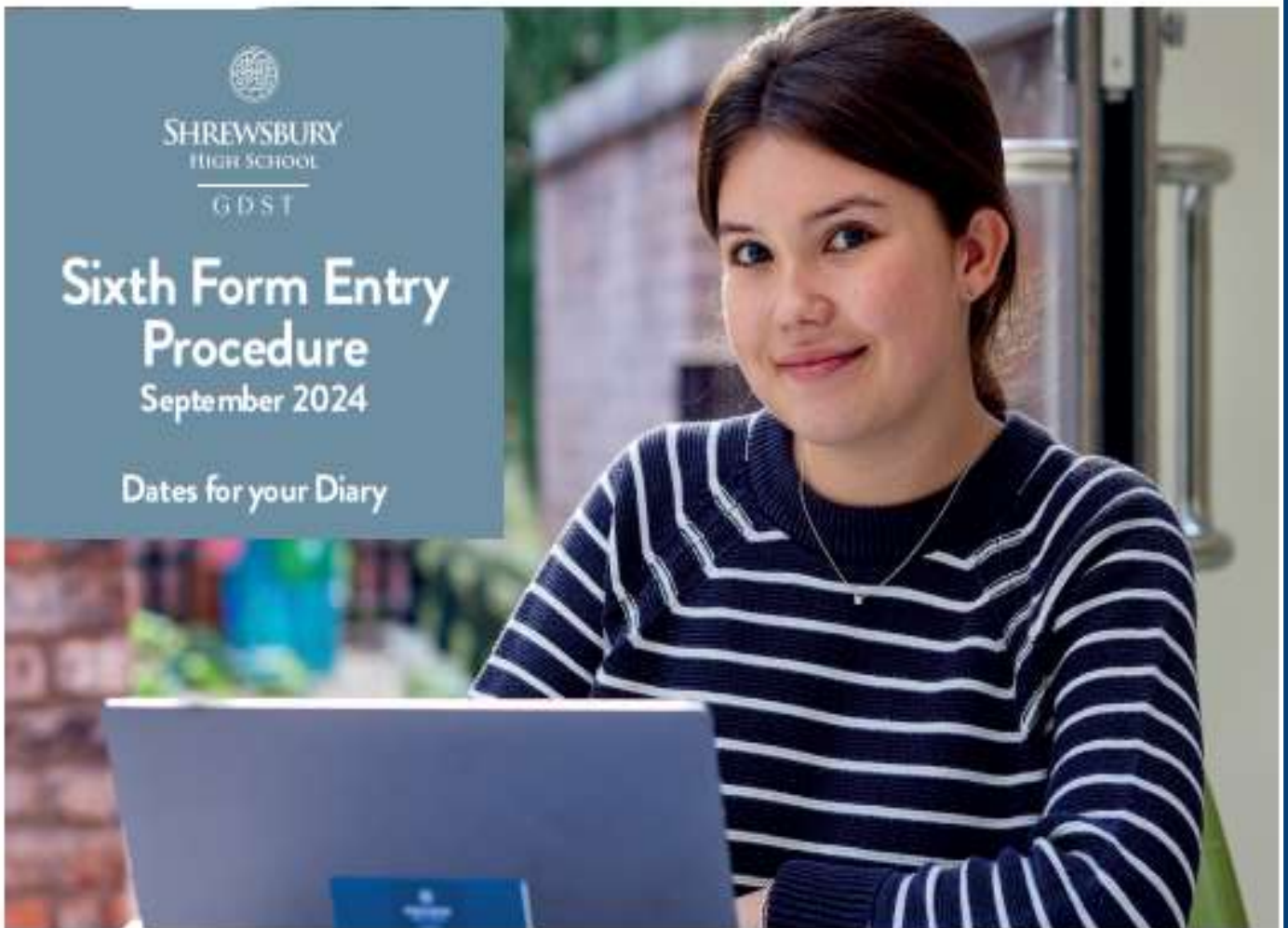


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# Sixth Form Entry Procedure

September 2024

Dates for your Diary



Whole School Open Day - *Saturday 30th September 2023*

Sixth Form Open Evening - Tours of Sixth Form House available  
*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023*

Becoming a Sixth Former Day (life in the Sixth Form, incl. houses/forms)  
*Tuesday 24th October 2023*

Becoming a Sixth Former Day (academic focus)  
*Thursday 9th November 2023*

Application, incl. Scholarships & Bursaries Closing Date (not subject choices)  
*Monday 13th November 2023*

Sixth Form Academic Scholarship Examinations & Specialist Scholarships  
*Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> & Friday 17th November 2023*

Offer letters will be sent out in December

## The Sixth Form at Shrewsbury High

The Sixth Form at Shrewsbury High offers the very best of independent learning, supercharged by our powerful GDST network of schools and alumnae. Girls benefit from the flexibility of a tailored timetable, a wide choice of subjects, personalised teaching and one-to-one mentoring to help every student decide on their next steps, whether that be university, a degree apprenticeship or a year of travel.

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# Taster Days & Events

## Taster Days:

Taster Days will need to be booked via your current place of education.



**1st December 2023**

## Introduction Day:



**6th June 2024**

## Open Days:



**30th August 2023  
4:30pm - 7:00pm**



**18th October 2024  
4:30pm - 7:00pm**



**3rd February 2024  
10:00am - 12:00pm**



**12th June 2024  
4:30pm - 7:00pm**



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## Taster Days:

Taster Days will need to be booked via your current place of education.



1st December 2023

## Introduction Day:



6th June 2024

## Open Days:



14th October 2023  
10:00am - 12:30pm



3rd February 2024  
10:00am - 12:30pm



15th June 2024  
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Relationships can be difficult, complicated, fun, satisfying, exciting, annoying bring out the best in us and bring out the worst in us. We are often in one, but we don't often spend much time on them. So here is your chance to make the time and come to one of our workshops.

- Do you feel your relationship needs some attention?
- Do you feel you are drifting a bit lately or things have been difficult?
- Would you like to meet with others and share ideas and thoughts?
- Are you looking for a way forward?

## ***WORKING ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP***

Why not join us for our 4-week workshop with 2 hours session each week  
There are 2 different workshops on offer this Autumn:

**Starts on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
from 10.00am to 12.00pm**

**at Helena Lane Community Centre, 20 Hamlet Rd, Ludlow SY8 2NP  
or**

**Starts on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
from 10.00am to 12.00pm  
at The Centre, Oak Street, Oswestry, SY11 1LW**

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](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)

Or call us on 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