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# THE LINK

Edition 18 26th January 2024



Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to another edition of The Link.

Last week saw parents & carers of year 11 pupils attend their child's final Progress Evening, which I know marks a significant point in their time at Church Stretton School. It was lovely to see so many in attendance and we hope that the conversation with subject teachers provided useful information for you to support your child in the final few months of their time at Church Stretton School. In real terms, year 11 pupils now have 12 school weeks remaining before their hall-based exams begin! Thank you also to Mr Austin, Careers Adviser who was present to answer any questions regarding Post-16 choices.

For pupils in year 7, we look forward to welcoming parents and carers to the year 7 Progress Evenings taking place over the next 2 weeks. Please do look out for the letter from Mr Bird, Assistant Headteacher, a copy of which can be found [here](#).

Finally, well done to all of our year 9 pupils who have just finished their week of foundation subject exams. Their approach to the exams was excellent. Well done year 9! Next on the horizon will be the year 9 pathways process, starting with the Pathways Evening shortly after half term break.

Have a good weekend

John Parr  
Headteacher

## 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 will be  
**Week A**

## Tutor Time Take-away

This weeks' focus was on Student Council feedback and Routine reminders. Please do ask your child about the topic and get them to explain to you what was discussed.



Tutor time take-away



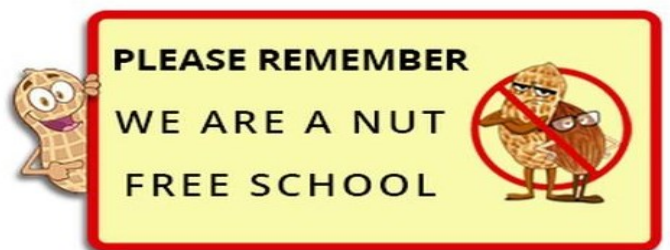
Today's take-away is....  
**Student Council feedback**  
**Routines reminders**

## Dates for your Diary

**1st Feb** - Year 7 (Jebb, Darwin & Hazlitt) Progress Evening  
**8th Feb** - Year 7 (Owen & Wylie) Progress Evening

## 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.



## Whole School Attendance

From 15th - 19th January 2024

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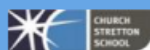
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What are we learning, why are we learning it and how you can support.

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## Year 7 Maths – Spring Term



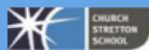
### Why are we studying this?

Year 7 students will develop their confidence expressing and calculating with fractions and percentages, justifying when it is possible to have greater than 100%.

This will support their work on the next topic, probability, as they record data from an experiment. This data will be used to consider the relative frequency of an event and making conclusions from their results.

Later in the term they will start to solve problems with ratios and measures. Their fractions work will support them to describe and use the relationship between fractions, ratio and proportion.

## Year 8 Maths – Spring Term



### Why are we studying this?

All Year 8 students will draw and describe real-life graphs, building upon conversion graphs and linear graphs units from last year. Working hard to secure deep understanding will help students to make connections between equations and graphs with proportion in the future.

The decimals and ratio unit deepens connections made between fractions, decimals and percentages during Year 7, and will help pupils to succeed with probability during Year 9.

After half term, students will move on to lines and angles, using angle properties knowledge developed last year. This will support future connections to transformations and trigonometry and more complex angles calculations.

### Equipment

Students should have a calculator with them for all maths lessons.

We recommend the **Casio FX-83GT Plus**

These can be purchased from the school library for £8.80. It is always worth checking if you have a family member or friend that could pass theirs on before purchasing a new one.

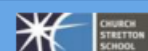
### Links

[Curriculum Page - Maths](#)

## How can you support?

- Check Go4S to find out what tasks have been set for homework.
- Support with homework and revision and encourage the students to come and ask for help from their teacher when they need it.
- Encourage students to talk about their maths lessons. What have they been learning today? Can they show you some work they are proud of in their book?
- Below you will find link to our curriculum page which has useful resources that can be used to increase students' knowledge and help them practise their skills further to embed their knowledge.
- Don't forget to look at our curriculum page which also includes the full Programme of Study.

## Year 9 Maths – Spring Term



### Why are we studying this?

Year 9 students have been working with equations and sequences, finding rules to get from one term to another, as well as finding position to term rules. Students will look at both in terms of pure numerical but also pictorial patterns, reasoning how their diagrams connect their algebraic rules.

Later students will be looking at probability. Understanding how to use different language to describe probability, how it is calculated in different situations and how to use experimental probability if there is not a set theory to determine the chance of something happening.

After Easter students will start to reason with shapes, parallel lines and angles as we look towards starting the GCSE syllabus.

### Enrichment

Probability – "21" is a movie currently on Netflix based on a true story of how to 'fairly' win money from a casino (rated 12A).



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## Year 10 Maths – Spring Term

Why are we studying this?

In year 10 our students following the higher scheme of work are looking at equations and inequalities. This includes solving quadratic equations in multiple ways: solving them simultaneously as another equation & also looking at inequalities that describe specific regions of a graph.

Our foundation students are looking at straight line graphs including ones relevant to real life; for example distance–time graphs. They will be exploring how to find the general formula for any straight line graph and be applying it to different contexts.

## Year 11 Maths – Spring Term

Why are we studying this?

In year 11, our higher tier students are looking at further algebra skills: rearranging formulae, working with algebraic fractions, working with functions & using surds (the square root of non-square numbers) to solve progressively complex problems.

Meanwhile our foundation students are looking at perimeter, area and volume of shapes. Starting with circles they will develop to shapes made up of parts of circles and then onto cones and spheres.

They are receiving revision tasks as homework currently and are being encouraged to chunk this into small ten minute slots every day. After February half term they will start using past papers in one lesson a week to develop important exam techniques and continue to highlight gaps in their understanding for us to support them with.

All our year 11 students are completing their last units ahead of the Easter break. When they come back lesson time will be focused on GCSE revision.

### Revision Sites

GCSE revision organised by skills (A-Z):

[Corbett Maths](#)

GCSE revision organised by grade:

[Maths Genie](#)

Edexcel Maths Past Papers:

[Edexcel GCSE Mathematics](#)

BBC Bitesize:

[GCSE Maths BBC Bitesize](#)

**Please encourage students to seek support from their class teacher with their revision too. We have been encouraging them to pop in at lunchtimes for this support.**

### Our GCSE curriculum overview:

[Curriculum Page - Maths](#)

**Year 10 Foundation Knowledge Organisers:**

[Year 10 Foundation Maths KO](#)

**Year 10 Higher Knowledge Organisers:**

[Year 10 Higher Maths KO](#)

**Year 11 Foundation Knowledge Organisers:**

[Year 11 Foundation Maths KO](#)

**Year 11 Higher Knowledge Organisers:**

[Year 11 Higher Maths KO](#)



# 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.

## Dodgeball Tournament

The week the schools trust dodgeball tournament was held at Meole Brace school. This involved Meole Brace, Mary Webb, Oldbury Wells, Belvedere and the mighty Stretton.

There are a variety of year 7 tournaments throughout the year, the results of each add up to a final score of the top school within the trust.

Both teams played brilliantly in the high intensity games. The girls placing a disappointing 5th (did not reflect their games!) and the boys placed 1st place.

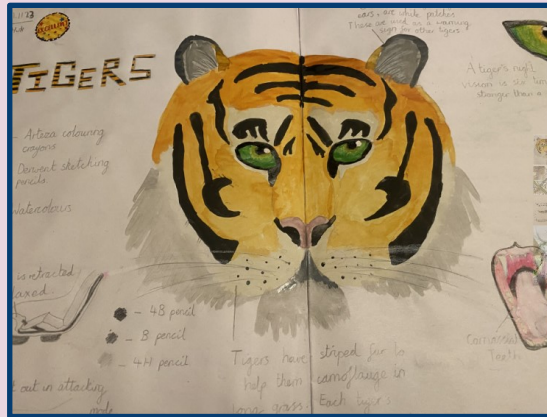
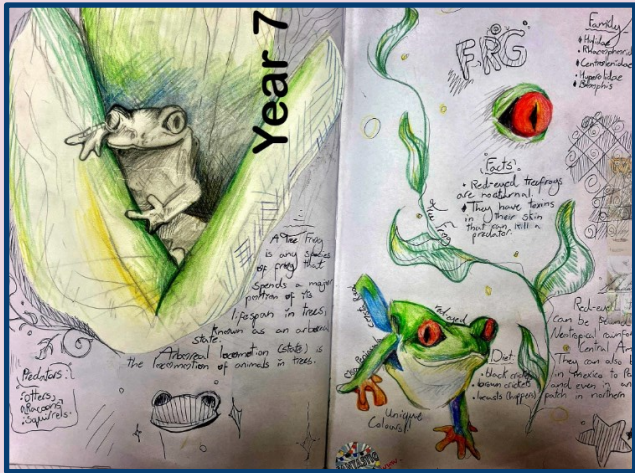
Having already played the trust basketball and netball fixtures, as a school we are placed at the top at 1st place for the boys and 4th place with the girls. We look forward to the next round!!



PE timetable can be found [HERE](#)



# This week in photos







## Student of the Week



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

### This week's winners

#### KS3 Winner

**Sema Karagandere** nominated by Mrs Williams for being focused and hard working in lessons. She participates in discussions well to share her fantastic ideas with the class.

#### KS4 Winner

**Crystal Watson** nominated by Mr Balmer for being absolutely fantastic member of the class and has worked incredibly hard this year. I'm so pleased with her attitude and dedication to her studies. Well done Crystal!



This week's nominations:

#### **KS3 Nominations**

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Reason for Nomination</b>
Lily Beel	Mrs Quye	Outstanding work in sketchbook
Jacob Foster	Mrs Quye	Excellent development work in sketchbook and multi media explorations
Elizabeth Vernon	Mrs Quye	Outstanding work in sketchbook
Amelia Nadin-King	Mrs Quye	Beautiful presentation of work in English
Luke Berry	Mrs Quye	Infographics in English
Frankie Wright	Mrs Quye	Progress in English
Hecky Guilbert	Mrs Quye	Writing analytical paragraphs and progress in English
Kayla Thomas	Mrs Fletcher-Tyrie	An amazing 'Delaunay' composition, well done Kayla!
Ella Griffiths	Mr Seager	Ella is displaying a fantastic attitude to learning in English and is showing a very good understanding of our set text. Well done Ella!
Codie Fox	Mr Seager	Codie has made a very positive start in English this term and is showing a really good understanding of our set text. Well done Codie!
Toby Westall	Mr Seager	Toby is displaying a fantastic attitude to learning in English and is showing a very good understanding of our set text through thoughtful contributions during class discussions. Well done Toby!
Lola Vesayaporn	Mr Seager	Lola is displaying a positive attitude to learning in English and showing a good knowledge of our set text during group discussions. Well done Lola!
Matthew Cooper	Miss Evans	For focus, hard work and maturity in lessons. Matthew never causes any disruption and will always quietly try his best in lessons. Keep it up Matthew!
Sasha Davis	Miss Evans	For being incredibly articulate and conscientious in English and playing the part of Prospero in 'The Tempest' which included some really tricky vocabulary. Well done Sasha!
Esther Johnson	Mr Balmer	Esther is an impeccable student in English and I'd imagine in all her subjects. Recently, Esther produced a tense, engaging

		spy story that perfectly followed the conventions of the genre and showed that she'd picked up and applied the skills we'd worked on in class. Very impressive, Esther!
Abdul-Haq Bashir	Mr Mottram	Excellent effort, contributions and engagement.

### KS4 Nominations

Student Name	Nominated by	Reason for Nomination
Jack Garner	Mr Seager	Jack has made a fantastic start this term in English and is showing a really good knowledge and understanding of the poems we are currently studying in class. Well done Jack!
Serena Vickery	Mr Seager	Serena has made a fantastic start this term. She is focused and committed to her work and showing a good knowledge and understanding of the texts we are currently studying in class. Well done Serena!
Kayla Hunt	Stacey Evans	Kayla's journey in English has been phenomenal- I've watched her grow from a student who struggled and constantly doubted herself to someone who is more confident and is persistently showing that she can excel. Kayla's hard work and grit is admirable and her contributions continue to amaze me!
Sam Harris	Stacey Evans	Sam's maturity and focus in English is fantastic. He is committed to improving and has really shown that he has the ability to do well. Sam is always polite and works hard in lessons.
Myley Griffiths-Sergeant	Stacey Evans	One of the most hard working and diligent students I have ever had the pleasure to teach. Myley never causes a fuss and just quietly beavers away. Keep up the amazing work and mature attitude Myley!
Roman Borowik	Stacey Evans	A fantastic week in English. Roman's contributions to the study of the poem 'Kamikaze' has been outstanding. He has used words such as dishonoured and surrendering when sharing his ideas about the pilot's actions. Well done Roman-keep it up!
George Payton	Mrs Williams	A fantastic attitude to learning in lessons. He has produced some great work on algebraic fractions this week.
Ella Roberts	Mrs Williams	She is diligent and polite in maths lessons. She has produced some excellent work using different techniques to solve quadratic equations.
Crystal Watson	Mr Balmer	Crystal has been absolutely fantastic member of the class and has worked incredibly hard this year. I'm so pleased with her attitude and dedication to her studies. Well done Crystal!
George Payton	Mr Balmer	I'm so pleased with George because he is showing himself to be a model student. His hard work and dedication is paying off with some wonderful, longer analytical exam responses. Great work, George! Keep it up!
Sam Wheeler	Stacey Evans	For always quietly doing as expected and consistently working hard. A pleasure you have you as a member of my form Sam!
Oliver Griffiths	Mrs Scott	Fantastic focus on learning Trigonometry



## Instrumental Lessons

Do you want to learn an instrument?  
Teachers from Shropshire Music Service visit  
our school once a week and provide  
instrumental lessons.

To find out more, or to sign up, please visit:

[www.shropshiremusicservice.org.uk/services/instrumental-lessons](http://www.shropshiremusicservice.org.uk/services/instrumental-lessons)



Stretton School Big String  
Project

Starts on Thursday 25th  
January

12.45 - 1.15

FREE tuition & instrument loan

Book your place with Miss Chapman



 Valentines Roses 

Send a Valentines Rose to your mate, date or crush to show how much you  
care!

Just £1 delivered anonymously on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Collect a heart from the Music Room at break, lunch or after school, write  
your special message and leave the rest to us!





## What's on In Music – 29/01/24

Monday Lunch time – Guitar & Uke Club for beginners and more advanced players

Monday after school – Monday Night Noise – new bands welcome!

Tuesday Lunch time – Band rehearsals – all bands welcome

Tuesday after school – High School Musical rehearsal (B9)

Wednesday Lunch time – Stretton School Singers – new member's welcome

Wednesday after school – Piano Accordion Band

Thursday Lunch time – Stretton School Big String Project

Thursday after school – High School Musical rehearsal (B9)

Friday lunch time – High School Musical rehearsal (Drama Studio)

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Advanced notice – A love themed Stretton Live Lounge – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

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Valentines Roses for your mate, date or crush just £1 delivered anonymously on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Available from Music Room at breaks, lunches or after school.



### Stretton School Singers

Wednesday  
12.45 - 1.15

Music Room

New members welcome!

### Guitar Club

For students who want to  
learn AND who already  
play

Coming soon on Monday  
lunchtimes

12.45 - 1.15

Music Room - B9



### Piano Accordion Band

Starting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January

3.30 - 4.30



Tuition and loan of a piano accordion to take home  
Just £4 per session

Please see Miss Chapman for a consent letter

# Careers News

Tuesday 6 February

4.45-6.00pm

## Rugby Skills Taster Session

SCG London Road Campus, SY2 6PR

### Got a passion for Rugby?

A practical rugby session for any year 10 and 11's looking to join a Player Performance Pathway onto our [Level 3 Rugby Education](#) course, or our wider academic offer for any potential rugby players.

These fun after-school sessions will be delivered our Rugby Coach Dale Smallman and other RFU Level 3 course staff and will include specific tactical content to improve development.

For more details email [dales@shrewsbury.ac.uk](mailto:dales@shrewsbury.ac.uk)

Book your place at

<https://shrews.co/RugbyTaster>



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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**



### For More Information:

E: [info@nsc.ac.uk](mailto:info@nsc.ac.uk)  
T: 0800 440 2281  
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**OPEN MORNING**  
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**Saturday 9th March 2024**

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admissions@adcoteschool.co.uk  
www.adcoteschool.org.uk

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Little Ness, Baschurch  
Shropshire SY4 2JY



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- GAIN FAW COACHING QUALIFICATIONS
- HOMESTAY PROGRAMME AVAILABLE
- TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST PLEASE EMAIL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO [SCHOLARSHIP@NEWTOWNAFC.CO.UK](mailto:scholarship@newtownafc.co.uk)

NAME | CURRENT AGE | DOB | PLAYING POSITION  
CURRENT CLUB | CURRENT SCHOOL | PREDICTED GCSE RESULTS  
BRIEF PLAYING HISTORY | CONTACT NUMBER



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TECHNIQUES**



**EvaBuild**  
Built Around You

**CellPath**  
INNOVATION IN CELLULAR PATHOLOGY

**hilltop**  
HONEY



# VISIT OUR TASTER DAYS



WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE  
ABOUT APPRENTICESHIPS AND WHETHER  
IT'S THE RIGHT ROUTE FOR YOU?

Visit our Apprenticeship Taster Days to allow you to fully explore the apprenticeship route.

By the end of the Taster Day you will have gained key skills, knowledge and understanding to enable you to make a more informed choice. The day will support and develop your skills and knowledge across the range of sectors within Engineering and Manufacturing.

## RESERVE YOUR PLACE AT OUR UPCOMING TASTER DAYS

**ALDRIDGE**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb  
9.00am – 2.30pm

**TELFORD**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb  
9.00am – 2.30pm

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE](#)



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**RESERVE YOUR PLACE AT  
OUR UPCOMING OPEN DAYS**

**ALDRIDGE**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb  
10.00am – 2.00pm

**TELFORD**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb  
10.00am – 2.00pm

- Take a tour of the training academy
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- Discuss our fantastic vacancies
- Apply via our easy step application form
- Talk to tutors and apprentices
- Talk to companies about their current vacancies

**CLICK [HERE](#) TO BOOK YOUR PLACE**



# CHURCH STRETTON SENIOR YOUTH CLUB

**TUESDAYS 6.00PM - 7.30PM**  
**@ RUSSELLS MEADOW PAVILLION**

## PROGRAMME

### SPRING TERM 2024

School  
Years 8, 9,  
10 & 11

9th January - Skittle Game/Shoe Game, Encaustic Art, Card Games, Posh Hot Chocolate & Muffin Making, Word Search & Colouring

16th January - Let's Talk Game, Zentangle Art, Omelette Making, Kahoot Quiz, Word Search & Colouring

23rd January - Uno Tournament, String Crafts, Toastie Making, Logo Quiz, Word Search & Colouring

30th January - Drugs Workshop, Mug Art Design, YouTube Quiz, Cake & A Cuppa, Word Search & Colouring

6th February - Chinese New Year Crafts, Chopstix Challenges, Chinese Stir Fry Cooking, Word Search & Colouring

ENTRY £1.00  
PER WEEK



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