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Dear Parents & Carers,

It was lovely to welcome pupils back to school after what we hope was an enjoyable Easter break. Whilst this is the start of the summer term, it doesn't yet feel like that, with the rainfall restricting use of the sports fields at break and lunch time still. Hopefully this will change in the near future if we get some sustained better weather!

For all pupils, this term brings significant events in the remaining 13 school weeks of the academic year.

For year 11 pupils there are now 18 school days until the start of the summer exam series. Every moment in school counts, supported by a thorough revision schedule at home, so pupils must be taking every opportunity to talk with their teachers if they are unsure about aspects of the work they have covered.

For year 9 pupils, today is the deadline to submit their subject preferences for their year 10/11 option subjects. Mr Bird, Assistant Headteacher will then collate these to see if we can grant as many first-choice preferences as possible. However, you will appreciate that it is not possible to accommodate everyone's first choice preferences, so follow up conversations will take place where pupils may need to consider different subjects.

Earlier this week, year 9 pupils were engaged in activities provided by the Army Outreach Team who visited school on Wednesday. Alongside informing pupils about opportunities within The Army, pupils enjoyed activities aimed to develop personal skills and qualities such as teamwork, communications and self-confidence. I would like to thank Ms Chapman, Careers Coordinator for making arrangements for the day and ensuring it ran smoothly.

Finally, please look out for a separate letter with a link to the parent/carer survey that we hope you will complete.

Best wishes for a good weekend

John Parr

Headteacher

Next week will be Week A

Tutor Time Take-away

This weeks' focus was on Trust Parliament & Attendance. 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....

**Trust Parliament & Attendance
update**

Ready, Respectful and Safe

Student Trust Parliament

Following our Student Parliament day, student representative's from schools within our trust chose 2 charity's to support. The chosen National Charity would be 'Papyrus' the Charity working to prevent young suicide and the local charity 'Birmingham Children's Hospital'. All schools will be helping to raise money through bake sales and casual clothes days. Further to this students also decided to create a Go Fund Me page with the intention of reaching as many students and families as possible. Please find the link below if you would like to donate.

If you would like to read our Trust newsletter to find out more, please click [here](#).

Go Fund Me

[Crowdfunding to Support the charities, Birmingham Children's Hospital & Papyrus-Prevention of Young Suicide' on JustGiving](#)

Thank you



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

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome back to our final term of study in English! We're excited to welcome you back to another term full of exciting learning opportunities in English at Church Stretton School! Here's a breakdown of what each year group will be getting up to this half-term alongside some useful links that will help you support their study.



Year 7 'Poetry Unit'



Why are we studying this?

In the Spring Term, Year 7 will be completing a poetry unit of work that will provide them with strategies for analysing the key literary technique: metaphor. Students will break down the components of metaphors whilst studying a range of famous poets including William Blake and Alfred Lord Tennyson.

Importantly, this unit will provide students with strategies for responding to an unseen poem which is the focus of our Year 7 End of Year Exam.

Their learning is a foundational step, giving students the skills to analyse the language of all future literature texts that they study.

How can you support?

- Below each unit description you will find links to useful resources that can be used to increase students' knowledge and help them read around the subject. We are really keen that students engage with this and would really welcome your encouragement.
- Also, as it is 400 years since the publication of Shakespeare's First Folio, there is a wealth of great programmes on BBC iPlayer that would greatly support our students' study.
- Of course, don't forget to look at our curriculum page which includes the Programme of Study and all our useful links and resources.

Links

[Year 7 Poetry Knowledge Organiser](#)

[Year 7 Poetry Reading list](#)

Year 9 'Poetry'



Why are we studying this?

On the 24th April, Year 9 students will complete their End of Year Exam which will be on "Small Island." Revision resources have been set on Go4Schools with clear instructions about how to revise.

Then, students begin an exciting exploration of a diverse range of poets including Grace Nichols, W.H. Auden, Wallace Willis, Robert Frost and Simon Armitage. The focus will be on supporting students in writing comparative essays, a crucial stepping stone towards their GCSE poetry study.

Links

[Year 9 Poetry Reading List](#)

Year 8 'Animal Farm'



Why are we studying this?

In Year 8, students embark on the exploration of George Orwell's classic novel, "Animal Farm." In this unit, students will gain an understanding of extended metaphor building on their study of this technique in Year 7. By studying an allegory, students examine how the events of a story can represent historical events and how characters can represent particular people or sections of society. Whilst learning more about the history of the Russian Revolution and totalitarianism, students will explore the themes of power and corruption. This text will be the focus on the Year 8 End of Year Exam.

Links

[Year 8 'Animal Farm' Knowledge Organiser](#)

['Animal Farm' Reading List](#)



English: KS4 Spring Term



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GCSE English Language and Literature,

Welcome back! We are very proud of our GCSE students for their excellent attitude and work-rate! We are ready to support them with a brilliant curriculum and targeted revision to guide them through their GCSEs. For our Year 11s, this term will see them sitting their actual GCSEs, and we're quietly confident that they will do really well! Good luck!



Year 10 'An Inspector Calls'



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Why are we studying this?

In this unit, Year 10 students delve into J.B. Priestley's play 'An Inspector Calls,' building on skills from 'Small Island' by Andrea Levy. They explore themes of social responsibility, class divide, and the consequences of individual actions. Through close analysis of characters and their interactions, students develop critical thinking and analytical skills. Discussions and written tasks deepen their understanding of societal issues, empathy, and moral awareness. By examining the play's context and relevance to contemporary society, students engage with timeless themes, preparing them for thoughtful literary analysis and broader social reflection.



Year 11 Exam Focus



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Why are we studying this?

We are really proud of our Year 11 students. They have worked incredibly hard in preparation for their exams. Already this week, students have completed their English Language, Paper 2 Mock Exam, and next week they will sit the English Literature, Paper 2, Section B+C Mock exam (the poetry sections).

Afterwards, a carefully constructed timetable of revision will guide students towards the final examinations. Below is a link for students to access the revision resources.

We're here to support and always available to talk and provide advice when you need it.

Good Luck!

Links

['An Inspector Calls' Knowledge Organiser](#)

Reading and Enrichment

Welcome back to another year of reading. Students will continue to have dedicated 'Reading for Pleasure' lessons and form time reading.

Looking for inspiration? Check out our PiXL Reading Secondary Newsletter for some ideas using the link below:

[KS3 and 4 Reading Newsletter - April 2024](#)

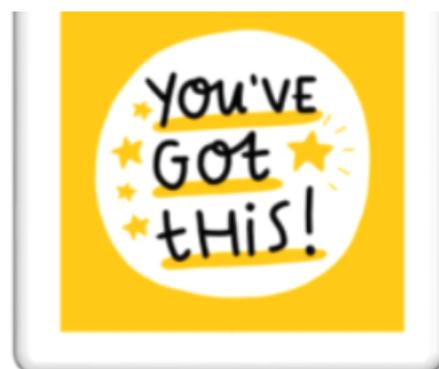
Creative Writing Club

Yr 7 Book Club

Links

[Y11 REVISION FOLDER- LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE](#)

(student link)



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.

Water Bottles



Students are asking reception quite frequently for cups to get a drink. Please can we remind students to bring in a water bottle from home which can be topped up before school, at break and lunch times from 'Bob' our freshly filtered water machine.

Thank you



TAG RUGBY and CONTACT RUGBY

Youth contact rugby under 11's/15's
Sundays from 10.30 to midday

Touch Rugby weds evenings 7pm to 8pm
All ages welcome from school year 7 and above

First three sessions free contact - Ludlow.rfc.youth@gmail.com

Summer Term 1 PE Timetable can be found [HERE](#)

Shrewsbury Town Foundation 2024/25 trials South Shropshire (Ludlow)

Boys

ADC/PDC

Ages 8-12 development centre aimed to develop and enhance the offer players get in addition to their grassroots football. Offering fixtures against other EFL football clubs development groups within half terms.

YDP

Ages 13-16 Youth Development squads playing competitive fixtures in the Midland Junior Premier League every Saturday, developing players through competition with highly qualified coaching.

Girls

GADC/ETC

Ages 8-16 development centre aimed to develop and enhance the offer players get in addition to their grassroots football. Offering fixtures against other EFL football clubs development groups within half terms.

Sign up now!





Student of the Week



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

This week's winners

KS3 Winner

Oliver Stubbs nominated by Mr Hughes for kindly helping and supporting others in maths.

KS4 Winner

Jack Garner nominated by Mr Seager for making a fantastic start to the Summer term. His work in class has been wonderful and reveals his excellent understanding of the texts we have been studying in lessons. Well done Jack!



This week's nominations:

KS3 Nominations

Student Name	Nominated by	Reason for Nomination
Connor Doley	Miss Chapman	For earning the 'Hang Tough' crown during the Year 9 Army day
Sonny Martin	Mr Evans	Incredible effort and attainment when writing PEEZAL paragraphs this week
George Wallis	Miss Chapman	Outstanding work and effort in Music!
Ethan Sheffield	Miss Chapman	Excellent work and effort during Music.
Joshua Pheonix	Miss Chapman	Outstanding work and effort in Music.
Sam Hayward	Miss Chapman	Outstanding work and effort in Music.
Ella Griffiths	Mr Seager	Ella has made a fantastic start to the Summer term. Her knowledge and understanding of our set text 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' is fantastic. Well done Ella!
All Year 9 Students	Miss Chapman	For the positive attitudes, teamwork, respect and leadership skills shown during the Year 9 Army day! You were a credit to yourselves and the school. Well done!
Eve Davies	Mr Seager	Eve has made a fantastic start to the Summer term. Her knowledge and understanding of our set text 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' is fantastic. Well done Eve!
William Parr	Mr Seager	William has made a fantastic start to the Summer term. His attitude to learning is excellent and his contributions during class discussions this week have revealed his wonderful understanding of our set text 'Small Island'. Well done William!
Aris Perantinos	Mr Seager	Aris has made a wonderful start to the Summer term. His contributions during class discussions this week have shown his excellent understanding of our set text 'Small Island'. Well done Aris!
Athanasia Perantinou	Dr Wood	Excellent manners and caring attitude
Will Gregg	Mrs Scott	Consistent high effort and focus in maths

KS4 Nominations

Student Name	Nominated by	Reason for Nomination
Isabel Strelitz	Mr Seager	Isabel has made a fantastic start to the Summer term. Her attitude to learning is wonderful and she is showing a fantastic understanding of the texts covered in class. Well done Isabel!
Thomas Wright-smith	Mrs Scott	A consistent high level of effort and work in maths and individual study at home
Rosie Williams	Mr Wise	For her support of others in the rehearsals during the run up to the drama exam
Charlotte Hale	Mr Wise	For running drama club
Myley Griffiths-Sergeant	Mr Wise	For running drama club



Extra-curricular activities Summer term 2023-24

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	<p>KS4 Drama Workshops / Revision</p> <p>KS3 Netball- HH</p> <p>KS3 Boys Rugby- GK</p> <p>KS3 DT Lego club G3</p> <p>Y7&8 Oasis Y4</p> <p>Guitar Group - B9</p>	<p>Year 10 and 11 Drop-in / Rehearsal</p> <p>Art Club KS3</p> <p>Table Tennis - JS</p> <p>Volleyball- GK</p> <p>Fitness- HH</p> <p>Leadership Club- LD</p> <p>Year 7 Book Club R5 DSE</p> <p>Band Rehearsals - B9</p>	<p>Stretton Singers – B9 – AJC</p> <p>Basketball – GK</p> <p>Year 7 STEM club in B3-DF & KC</p> <p>Horrible Histories W5</p>	<p>Year 7 Drama Club</p> <p>KS3 Football – JS</p> <p>KS3 Badminton- HH</p> <p>Sport Studies Catch Up- G4- GK</p> <p>Creative writing R3</p> <p>Handwriting G5</p> <p>Big String Project - B9</p>	<p>KS3 film club W6 LS</p> <p>KS4 Badminton - GK</p> <p>Sport Studies Catch up- G4- HH</p> <p>Year 11 Coursework - B9</p>
After school 3.30 start	<p>Hockey – MW</p> <p>Rugby Club KS3 - GK</p> <p>Sport Studies Catch Up- G4- HH</p> <p>Monday Night Noise – B9</p>	<p>Cricket – all years – GK</p>	<p>Netball all Years – HH</p> <p>Gym Club – TW</p> <p>Dungeons & Dragons Club</p> <p>Accordion Group - B9</p>	<p>Boys Basketball – GK</p> <p>Girls Basketball - HH</p> <p>Chess Club</p> <p>Portfolio Workshop (KS4)</p>	<p>Year 11 Drama</p>

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

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Music News



Music Exam Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Darcey Blackwell for passing her Grade 2 Violin with a Distinction. The comment from the examiner was:

“ This has proved an excellent examination Darcey and you are to be warmly congratulated on this excellent distinction award which is sure to inspire your continued confidence, progress and pleasure as a violinist”



What's on In Music – 15/04/24

Monday Lunch time – Guitar Club

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

Tuesday Lunch time – Band rehearsals – all bands welcome

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

Wednesday after school – Piano Accordion Band – places available

Thursday Lunch time – Stretton Big String Project – places available

Friday Lunch time – Year 11 Interventions

Don't forget to collect lunchtime passes for clubs at breaktime. You will not be allowed in without one



SHREWSBURY

COLOUR

RUN  Lingen Davies

4th MAY 2024

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REGISTRATION COSTS

ADULTS £23
CHILDREN £8.50
(12 and under)

Family tickets available,
see website for details

Help us make a positive difference lives affected by cancer in our community.



4TH MAY 2024



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JOIN US FOR OUR 2024 COLOUR RUN

Described as the happiest 5K in Shropshire.



COLOUR RUN PACKS

Packs include:
T-shirt
Sunglasses

THE IMPORTANT BITS!

- It would be great if adults could raise £50 and children £25 but we realise this may not be possible for everyone, so however much you are able to raise is appreciated. You can raise funds from asking people to sponsor you, holding a bake sale or dress down day, or any fundraising idea you can think of!
- Anyone can participate.
- To sign up fill out a registration form which you will find at lingendavies.co.uk/event/colourrun2024



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Lingen Davies Cancer Fund CIO Registered Charity Number 1160922.

