



Dear Parents & Carers,

I will begin with a 'well done' to year 11 pupils at the end of the first full week of hall-based GCSE exams. Pupils have been exemplary in their conduct and approach to the exams and our team of invigilators have commented on how well pupils have coped.

On Wednesday, this week, the school was filled with pupils in mufti, many of whom wearing clothing of red, blue or purple to match the colour of the charities chosen by the Trust Student Parliament. As a reminder, the charities are Papyrus UK and Birmingham Children's Hospital. Pupils raised an impressive £505 which we will add to the kind donations that parents and carers have made through the 'Just Giving' page set up to collect funds for these very worthwhile charities. Thank you!

Along with the taught subject curriculum, pupils in school follow a planned and sequenced careers education programme in every year group. Earlier in the week, each year group participated in an 'Aim Higher' workshop, coordinated by Ms Chapman, Careers Coordinator. Aim Higher is a partnership of universities working to support learners who face a number of challenges, broadening their horizons so that they can make informed decisions about their future educational and career choices. Thank you to Ms Chapman for making the arrangements for this.

Enjoy the sunshine and best wishes for a good weekend

John Parr
Headteacher

Year 11 Exams

Exam Timetable can be found [here](#)

Next week will be
Week A

Year 11 Information

Please can we remind parents that year 11 students are expected to be in school as normal until Monday 10th June. If a student has an appointment the usual procedure should be followed with prior notice and a copy of the appointment card/letter, otherwise the absence will be unauthorised.

Thank you.

PTA NEWS

The PTA are pleased to let you know that we had volunteers come forward to cover all roles for a new committee. A vote was taken at our Annual General meeting last week and The Chairperson and the Treasurer both stood down from their current roles. We then voted for a new Chairperson, Treasurer and a Shared secretary role.

This is a fantastic opportunity for a new committee to start fundraising for the school PTA. We wish them lots of luck with it all.

Lunch Money/Parent Pay

Please can we ask parents to check the balance of their child's ParentPay account for school lunches; we are having a high number of students coming to the Office asking for a phone call home to parents to top up their lunch money. There is also a coin/cash machine where children can top up their accounts in the hall.

Thank you.

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.

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

Dear Students and Parents,

We have a busy Summer term in maths lessons focusing on some key concepts, which, as outlined below are revisited and extended on a regularly basis throughout our KS3 programme of study. Here's a breakdown of what each year group will study this term.

Year 7 Maths – Summer Term



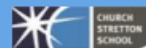
Why are we studying this?

Year 7 students will develop their confidence recalling and applying line and angle properties to calculate missing angles and develop their reasoning skills using these facts.

Building upon their work on expressions and functions in the autumn term, students will recognise patterns in sequences and linear graphs and create rules that connect these skills.

Later in the term they will recognise symmetries in 2D shapes and perform transformations on a coordinate grid.

Year 8 Maths – Summer Term



Why are we studying this?

All year 8 students will develop arithmetic skills with fractions and mixed numbers during the summer term.

Students will move on to exploring the gradient and y-intercept of linear graphs, developing their understanding of rules for sequences and graphs from year 7. They will secure deep understanding to help them students to make connections between equations and graphs with proportion.

The fractions, decimals and percentages unit deepens connections made between these during year 7 and 8. It introduces recurring decimals and using multipliers as efficient ways to calculate with percentages.

Year 9 Maths – Summer Term



Why are we studying this?

Students studying the Foundation course will solve geometric problems by recalling and applying line and angle facts. Students will develop their geometric reasoning and apply rules for interior and exterior angles in polygons.

Later in the term they will move on to calculate averages for data and recognise the advantages and disadvantages of using each average using reasoning skill. Students will understand the need for sampling in a data set and how we aim to avoid bias.

Higher tier students will also solve geometric problems, but these will include applying Pythagoras' theorem and trigonometric ratios.

Higher students will then build on work from year 8 exploring linear graphs to draw quadratic, cubic, reciprocal and circle graphs and interpret a wide variety of graphs in real life contexts.

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.

Links: [Curriculum Page - Maths](#)

MEM Challenge 2024

All students were invited to participate in the MEM Challenge hosted by the Liverpool Mathematical Society (LivMS). MEM has been running the Challenge (Years 7 - 8) and Senior Challenge (Years 9 - 10) and the Open Challenge (Years 12 - 13) around February half term since the late 1970s. Together, these competitions attract about 2,000 entries annually and we were delighted that so many of our students spent time developing their problem-solving skills and entering the competition.

Katie Northwood Y7 had great success in the Challenge competition winning 'Best in School' and has been invited to a prize giving evening on Tuesday 14th May at the University of Liverpool where will take part in a Fun Maths Roadshow, a number trail and computer quiz before attending the prize giving session.

Zac Crumpton Y9 successfully took on the Open Challenge and will also receive a certificate at a virtual prize giving evening on Thursday 9th May where he will be able to try various mathematical puzzles and mazes and see solutions from the 'Constellations' themed challenge.

Well done Katie and Zac – a fantastic achievement for you both.





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

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We have a busy summer term in maths lessons focusing on some key concepts, which, as outlined below are revisited and extended on a regularly basis throughout our KS4 programme of study. Here's a breakdown of what each year group will study this term.

Year 10 Maths – Summer Term

Why are we studying this?

In year 10 our students following the Higher tier course have looked at calculating probability from different diagrams such as venn and tree and exploring the impact of conditional probability on events.

Their current unit of works relies on students to use multipliers for solve repeated percentage change problems and recall formulae and apply knowledge to compound measures (speed, density, pressure, acceleration) problems.

The next Higher tier unit relies on the recall of line and angle facts to state conditions of congruency in shapes and calculate missing angles and sides in similar shapes by considering the scale factor of their enlargement.

Our Foundation students have been describing and drawing our key transformations – reflection, rotation, translation and enlargement.

They have moved on to solve problems involving ratio and proportion by applying their understanding of equivalent ratio and how to share in a ratio. They have then linked their understanding of proportion to explore what this looks like mapped onto a graph.

Foundation students will then study right-angled triangles in depth and apply Pythagoras' theorem and trigonometric ratios accurately.

Year 11 Maths – Summer Term

Why are we studying this?

Year 11 are busy revising for their upcoming GCSE exams. We wish our year 11 the best of luck in their exams and for the future.

Exam Dates:

Paper 1 (Non-calculator): Thursday 16th May (am)

Paper 2 (Calculator): Monday 3rd June (am)

Paper 3 (Calculator): Monday 10th June (am)

Students need to ensure that they have:

Pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, compass, protractor, calculator

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](#)

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](#)

PiXL App (All students have logins for this): [Maths App \(pixl.org.uk\)](#)

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

Sporting News

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



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.

Year 7 Football—U12 Football League

Led by their captain, Reigan, whose determination and leadership were key to the team's success, they kicked off the tournament at Ludlow FC with high spirits and a hunger for victory. Evie, with her lightning speed and impressive dribbling skills, provided an invaluable edge on the field, while Reagan's precise passes and strategic vision ensured that the team-maintained control of the game.

Lucy, Amelia and Maria formed a formidable defensive partnership. Meanwhile, goals scored by Reigan, resulting in winning their first game.

As the girls progressed through the games, the team showed off their skills and determination, winning both games leading to the final, Meanwhile, Lily's goal from the half way line meant the team proceeded to the next round. Winning the game against Lacon Childe 1-0. However, despite their valiant efforts, the final match ended in heartbreak as they narrowly missed out on the win by penalties in the final game. Making them runners up in the District U12 football league.





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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



Music News



What's on In Music – 13/05/24

Monday Lunch time – Guitar Club

Monday after school – Monday Night Noise

Tuesday Lunch time – Band rehearsals

Wednesday Lunch time – Stretton School Singers

Wednesday after school – Piano Accordion Band

Thursday Lunch time – Stretton Big String Project

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

All ensembles are now preparing for Summer performances so please attend promptly!





Student of the Week



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

This week's winners

KS3 Winner

Muhammad Imran nominated by Mr Seager for having an excellent attitude to learning. He is working really well in class and showing a good understanding of the text we have been studying in class. Well done Muhammad!

KS4 Winner

Lily Atkin nominated by Mrs Williams for a Fantastic and sustained effort with her GCSE maths revision.



This week's nominations:

KS3 Nominations

Student Name	Nominated by	Reason for Nomination
William Evans	Mr Vera	Excellent improvement in the EoY exam. Well done.
Caitlin Dakota	Mr Vera	Great improvement in lessons.
Jack Hill	Mr Seager	Jack's attitude to learning this week has been really good. His contributions during class discussions have been excellent and show he has a good understanding of the text we have been studying in class. Well done Jack!
Marcus Cordingley	Mr Seager	Marcus has an excellent attitude to learning. The work in his exercise book is well organised and reveals a very good understanding of the topic we have been studying in class. Well done Marcus!
Assisi Malvone	Mr Seager	Assisi's attitude to learning is excellent. Assisi's work in her exercise book is detailed and thorough and reveals a fantastic understanding of the topic we have been studying in class. Well done Assisi!
Toby Nicholson	Miss Chapman	Toby is so polite and hard working and ALWAYS cheers me up with his smile!
Toby Cleaton	Miss Chapman	For picking up the bass guitar so well and playing in everyone's performances!
Zac Crumpton	Miss Chapman	Zac has really stepped up this week, helping out in the Music Department. Thank you Zac - I really appreciate your support!
Oliver Edwards	Miss Evans	For showing some excellent insights into Animal Farm and using impressive vocabulary when sharing ideas. Well done Oliver!
Tristan Marcelino	Miss Evans	For making a super start since joining and working incredibly hard on his speech in English. Tristan is always so polite and always tries his best. Keep up the excellent work Tristan!
Faith Brown	Miss Evans	For making the year 11's in our form 'revision rex's' to keep their spirits up!

KS4 Nominations

Student Name	Nominated by	Reason for Nomination
Charlotte Hale	Ms Gajny	Fantastic recall and knowledge in biology.
Harry Cummins	Mr Seager	Harry's work in English has been impressive this term. His ideas have been thoughtful and perceptive. Well done Harry!
Chloe Wilson-Holmes	Mr Seager	Chloe's attitude to learning is excellent. The work in her exercise book is fantastic and shows she has a fabulous understanding of our set texts. Well done Chloe!!
Ben Lawrence	Mrs Carr	His great levels of concentration and for achieving above target in his latest Biology assessment. Well done!
Phoebe Robberds	Mrs Carr	For consistently achieving her target in her Biology assessments. Well done!
Evie Medicott	Mrs Carr	For achieving her target grade in her latest biology assessment. Well done!
Abbi Williams	Miss Chapman	Thank you for performing with other students so that they can complete their coursework.
Jenson Hadwen	Miss Chapman	For helping to get the practice rooms ready for exams.
Evelyn Price	Miss Chapman	For helping to get the practice rooms ready for exams.
Wrenaya Griffiths-Sergeant	Miss Chapman	For helping to get the practice rooms ready for exams.
Dean Harvey	Miss Chapman	For helping to get the practice rooms ready for exams.
Ethan Knight	Miss Chapman	For helping to get the practice rooms ready for exams.
James Verrin	Mrs Carr	Achieving above his target in his most recent biology assessment. Well done!
Evie Vaughan	Mrs Carr	Achieving above her target in her most recent biology assessment. Well done!
George Prosser	Ms Gajny	Hand up in lessons - answering lot of questions demonstrating good recall.
Finley Foxall	Miss Evans	Finley has been an absolute joy this week- he has worked hard and maintained focus. Finley has also committed to reading the many stage direction in An Inspector Calls in class with accuracy. Well done Fin!
Eve Simpson	Miss Evans	Eve has ensured that she has been on time to lessons, completed all classwork and has committed herself to ensure that she completes her homework on time. Eve has also volunteered to read the part of Sheila in An Inspector Calls and has shared some impressively shrews insights into the play so far. Well done Eve!
11E2 and 11E4	Miss Evans	I am so very proud of each and every one of you. The commitment you have shown to English has been lovely to see and I truly hope that this pays off in your exams!
Sophie Mackechnie	Dr Wood	Continued excellence in modelling school routines



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THURSDAY 30 MAY, 1.30PM

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