



Dear Parents & Carers,

It was lovely to welcome pupils back to school after half term break. We hope that everyone enjoyed a well-deserved rest and some time with friends and family.

This week has been a very busy one with year 11 returning to more GCSE exams. Meanwhile, year 8 pupils enjoyed some geography fieldwork experience through a trip to the Lapworth museum of geology at Birmingham University. Pupils enjoyed workshops on coasts, geology and tectonics which reinforced the work done in class this year and also served as an introduction to topics that will be covered in Y9. Thank you to Mr Elkins, humanities teacher and staff that accompanied the visit.

Earlier in the week, Ms Gajny, Head of Year 8 & 10 gathered the year 10 pupils for an assembly to remind them about arrangements that they should be making for their work experience week at the end of term. Pupils were also told about how to apply to be a prefect next academic year and we are really pleased to have so many expressions of interest already.

Finally, with only 6 weeks of summer term remaining, our thoughts of course turn to events still to come. However we are also keen to get a head start with arrangements for the new academic year. One very important job that we are undertaking is a review of the school behaviour policy, as explained by Mr Longhurst, Assistant Headteacher, in this week's edition of The Link. When the policy is finalised, it will be shared with parents and carers so that you are fully aware of the contents and how rewards and sanctions are applied.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend

*John Parr*  
Headteacher

## Caterlink Survey

As your catering provider we value feedback to help us improve the service we provide to pupils. This term we are completing a **Parent/Guardian survey** on the meal provision we provide.

If you would like to give feedback please use the link below or scan the QR code.

The survey will close on 31<sup>st</sup> July.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CN9XYWJ>

## Tutor Time Take-away

This weeks' focus was an attendance update. 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....

**Attendance update - Summer 1 & routines re-cap**

**Ready, Respectful and Safe**

## Behaviour Policy

As we approach the end of the school year we take time to reflect on what has worked well and also look where we can make changes to make things even better. We review our policies and where necessary make changes that will come in to effect from September.

One of the policies that we will review is our behaviour policy as this is an integral part of any school. Before the end of term, we will be working with staff, students and our Governors to look at current provision for rewards and sanctions. Activities will be set during tutor time for students to have their say on what works well and what could be done differently. The tutor group representatives will then bring the feedback to the school council meeting on the 21st June. Alongside this will be a staff and governor working party who will be completing a similar exercise. We will use this valuable feedback to review our behaviour policy. We will of course keep you updated with the progress in later editions of The Link.

Mr M Longhurst  
Assistant Headteacher  
Personal development,  
Behaviour & Attitudes

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

The summer term is underway and we are making final arrangements for the end of a busy academic year. We have an upcoming performance and gallery event taking place and activities to plan for enrichment week.

Below are the details of what students have been doing in lessons

## Year 7

**Drama** – last half-term students have been developing their storytelling theatre techniques using the story of a dragon. This term, students are being introduced to using masks in performance and devising

**Music** – last half-term students have been developing their guitar playing skills. This half-term students are developing their ensemble music skills to perform pieces as part of a group.

**Art** – this term students have been developing oil pastel blending techniques and working towards a final piece taking inspiration from the impressionist movement.

## How can you support?

- Talk about the learning and activities your child has been taking part in. Ask them about musicians, artists and theatre practitioners they are learning and encourage them to independently explore artists and practitioners.
- Encourage them to attend lunchtime activities in the arts. There is something to do every lunchtime in drama, music and art.
- Don't forget to look at our curriculum page which includes the Programme of Study and all our useful links and resources.

## Year 8

**Drama** – last half-term students have been creating work inspired by Victorian Melodrama. This half-term students are working on extracts of Shakespeare plays using ensemble approaches inspired by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

**Music** – last half-term students have been looking at the work of classical composers such as Mozart, through performing and composing. This half-term, students will be looking at 20<sup>th</sup> Century 'Weird and Wonderful' Music.

**Art** – this term students have been developing their observational drawing skills and working towards their Cubist collage focussing on the artists, Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque.

## Year 9

**Drama** – last half-term students have been presenting extracts from the play, Blood Brothers by Willy Russell and learning about how to action dialogue appropriately. This half-term, students are developing their devising skills by creating original drama pieces taking inspiration from different stimulus.

**Music** – last half-term students have been working on small group performances of popular songs. This half-term, students are looking specifically at creating a cover version and investigating how to make pieces of music different from the original.

**Art** – last half-term students have been finishing their glazed stoneware tiles. This half-term students are focussing on developing their skills in two-point perspective drawing.

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Year 11 - students are carrying out their final non-exam assessments and written examinations this term. We would like to thank them all for their hard work and wish them well with their future ventures.

Year 10 – students are beginning their non-exam assessments which will form part of their final GCSE grades as well as working hard to support enrichment activities in school.

## Year 10

Drama – last half-term students have been presenting their final performances for visiting examination as part of their GCSE drama. This half-term, students have sat their final written exam and completed their non exam assessments.

Music – last half-term students have been creating music for film. This half-term students are working on their solo and ensemble performances.

Art - last half-term students have been creating pieces based on the theme of personal identity. This half-term students are continuing to develop their portfolio by creating portraits and developing their oil skills, glazing and working towards printmaking.

## Year 11

Drama – last half-term students have been presenting their final performances for visiting examination as part of their GCSE drama. This half-term, students have sat their final written exam and completed their non exam assessments.

Music – last half-term students have been preparing for the Listening and Appraising exam.

Art – this term year 11 have completed their final examination pieces alongside their final portfolio. We look forward to displaying their work as part of the summer showcase.

## Links

- [Knowledge Organisers](#)
- [Road Maps](#)

## Water Bottles

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



# Sporting News

Summer Term 2  
PE Timetable can  
be found [Here](#)

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.



## SUMMER SOCCER SCHOOLS

### Shrewsbury Soccer School

**Venue:** Shrewsbury School, Porthill Gate,  
Porthill Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 8SA

**Dates:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 (3 Days)  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (3 Days)  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (4 Days)

**Times:** 9:00am - 3:00pm

**Ages:** School Years 1 to 7

**Cost:** From £50

To book, visit [coaching.wolves.co.uk](http://coaching.wolves.co.uk) or email  
[footballdevelopment@wolves.co.uk](mailto:footballdevelopment@wolves.co.uk) for more information





# Music News



## What's on In Music – 10/06/24

Monday Lunch time – Guitar Club

Monday after school – Monday Night Noise

Tuesday lunch time – 'Little Shop of Horrors' launch meeting – Drama Studio

Wednesday Lunch time – Stretton School Singers

Wednesday after school – Piano Accordion Band

Thursday Lunch time – Stretton Big String Project

Friday Lunch time – Friday Funday!

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

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Next Live Lounge – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Church Stretton Family Funday – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July – All ensembles performing

Summer Concert – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – 7pm

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

### 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&amp;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 &amp; 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>The Debate Society, W5</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 &amp; 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>

**LITTLE SHOP  
OF  
HORRORS!**

**Interested in our next  
school musical?**

**Come to a production meeting  
on Tuesday 11th June in the  
Drama Studio**



CHURCH STRETTON SCHOOL

# CREATIVE ARTS SUMMER SHOWCASE

ART EXHIBITION  
5.00 – 8.00                      ART ROOM

SUMMER CONCERT  
7.00 – 8.00                      SCHOOL HALL

**WEDNESDAY JULY 10TH 2024**

FREE ADMISSION

REFRESHMENTS  
AVAILABLE



# Protect our children!

**Professionals and people who work with children:**  
You have a responsibility to keep children safe. You need to know what to look out for. Learn more about why kids are vulnerable and how they are manipulated into harmful situations and exploited.

Join our free one and a half hour professionals awareness session.

Scan the QR code to find out more about our awareness training and to sign up to one of our free sessions or go to [www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops](http://www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops)







# Protect our children!

**Parents and guardians:** Our kids are now most commonly abused online, via their mobile phones and games consoles. Do you know how to keep your kids safe?

Learn more about the dangers of kids being online and how you can keep them safe. Join our free one hour online parent awareness session to give yourself a head start in an ever changing digital world.

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# CHURCH STRETTON SENIOR YOUTH CLUB TUESDAYS 6.00PM – 7.30PM @RUSSELLS MEADOW PAVILLION

School  
Years 8, 9,  
10 + 11

GAMES, SPORTS, CRAFTS, COOKING,  
& MUCH MORE

A WARM SPACE TO CHAT AND HANG OUT  
WITH FRIENDS, TAKE PART IN NEW  
ACTIVITIES, GAMES AND TRIPS. HAVE YOUR  
SAY ON SHAPING ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG  
PEOPLE IN THE AREA...

**EVERY TUESDAY  
6.00PM – 7.30PM**

**@RUSSELLS MEADOW PAVILLION, CHURCH  
STRETTON**

ENTRY FEE £1.00  
PER WEEK



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