



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this edition of The Link finds you well.

I am delighted to share some fantastic news about our school and also remind you of upcoming events.

Church Stretton School Ranked 8th in Shropshire!

We are incredibly proud to announce that Church Stretton School has been ranked 8th out of 30 secondary schools in Shropshire based on the latest academic attainment exam results from 2023. This incredible achievement recognises our school as one of the best-performing secondary schools in the county.

You can read more about this in the Shropshire Star: [Ranked: Top 30 secondary schools in Shropshire by latest academic attainment exam results.](#)

Congratulations to Year 11 Pupils

A big well done to our Year 11 pupils for their continued hard work and commitment to their GCSE exams. We are nearly at the end! The last whole cohort exam was today, and next week sees the exams draw to a close. After that, Year 11 students can look forward to the Prom and celebrating the end of their exams!

School Behaviour Policy Review

Last week, Mr Longhurst, Assistant Headteacher, informed you about our forthcoming review of the school behaviour policy. This week, all pupils have worked in their form groups to provide their views on what works and suggestions for changes. These views will be taken to the School Council for further discussion so that they can make recommendations that will inform the revised policy.

Upcoming Events

With only five school weeks remaining in the academic year, we have lots to fit in! We look forward to key events, including:

Transition Evening and Day: For incoming pupils in September 2024.

Sports Day

Year 10 Work Experience

Enrichment Week for year 7 to 9

With best wishes for a good weekend

John Parr
Headteacher

Tutor Time Take-away

This weeks' focus was a behaviour policy 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....

Behaviour policy - update

Ready, Respectful and Safe

Mufti Day

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Mufti day last term. We raised £505 for our Trust Parliament Charities. More information can be found [here](#) regarding the charities we are supporting.

Thank You!

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.

Thank you.

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 31st July.

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



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

Dear Students and Parents,

Here's a breakdown of what each year group has been doing this term alongside some useful links that will help you support their study.

Year 7

In year 7 we recap what students have experienced in KS2 PE. We develop their skills and incorporate rules and tactics. We look at learning the technique and teaching points for each skill.

What the girls have covered:

Health related exercise (HRE) - • Fitness Testing • Circuit Training (sport specific) • Aerobic endurance • Fitness Retest

Cricket - Ball familiarisation/catching
• Fielding • Batting • Game situations/basic strategies

What the boys have covered:

Badminton - rules of the game • Grip and ready position • service + court lines • Outwitting Opponents in a competitive game situation

Athletics - 100m sprint • 800m pacing • Shotput • Discus • Long Jump • High Jump

Year 8

In year 8 we look at developing the skills from year 7 and incorporating a more competitive and tactical elements. We start to look at more complex skills and techniques within sports.

What the girls have covered:

Cricket - • Fielding fundamentals • Batting - defensive shots • Batting - cut • Bowling - spin/pace

Health related exercise (HRE) - • Fitness test - bleep test • Circuits • Sustained running – cooper test • Methods of training – Interval training

What the boys have covered:

Tennis - Forehand • Back hand • volley • serve • drop shot • doubles • match play assessment.

Athletics - 100m sprint • 800m pacing • Shotput • Discus • Long Jump • High Jump

How can you support?

- Please help your son/daughter plan ahead of each PE lesson by ensuring they have the correct kit. You can see what sport they should have by using this Link which is also on the [website](#).
- If, for whatever reason, your son/daughter cannot participate in PE, they must bring and wear PE kit anyway so they can help with a leadership role.

Year 9

Year 9 physical education focuses on more advanced techniques and strategies in sports and other physical activities. We have a greater emphasis on health and fitness concepts. We look at incorporating elements for the KS4 Sport Studies such as leadership, identifying a range of strengths and weakness.

What the girls have covered:

Cricket - • Fielding fundamentals • Batting - defensive shots • Batting - cut • Bowling - spin/pace • Wicket keeping • Competitive game situations

Athletics - 100m sprint • 800m pacing • Shotput • Discus • Long Jump • High Jump

What the boys have covered:

Tennis – Forehand & Backhand ground strokes • Volley • Serve • Smash • Lob • Match Tournament/assessment

Athletics - 100m sprint • 800m pacing • Shotput • Discus • Long Jump • High Jump

Useful Links:

[Sports | Church Stretton School](#)
[PE | Church Stretton School](#)
[Sport Studies | Church Stretton School](#)



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Sport Studies- Cambridge National

In year 10, we focus on the Coursework element, which is worth 60% of the qualification.
In year 11, we focus on the exam content which is worth 40%.

Useful Links:

1. [Sport Studies | Church Stretton School](#)
2. [BTEC Sport KS4 Knowledge Organiser | Church Stretton School](#)

Year 10

Why are we studying this?

Year 10 have now completed their two coursework topics, most recently on Outdoor and Adventurous Activities. Their work has now been sent off for moderation and is worth 60% of their final GCSE grade.

This includes 4 topics most recently completed are:

Topic 1 – Provision of Adventurous Activities ✓

This is where students will be graded out of 6 for their research in to local, regional and national provision for mountain biking, high ropes and a sport of their choice.

Topic 2 – Equipment and Technology in Adventurous Activities ✓

This involves students researching modern equipment, clothing and tech for mountain biking, high ropes and their chosen sport. Students are graded out 12.

Topic 3- Planning & Participating in Adventurous Activity ✓

This involves planning and risk assessing for an orienteering activity. Students are graded out 12 for how well they have planned, risk assessed and whether they complete the activity.

Topic 4 – Review of Activity ✓

Students will review the walk/orienteering they took part in looking at strengths and areas for improvement. Students will be graded out of 10 for this review.

Year 11

Why are we studying this?

The year 11s have now completed the course whereby the coursework (worth 60%) has been sent off for moderation and they recently sat their exam (70 marks worth 40%).

The topics they have covered include:

Topic 1- Issues which affect participation in Sport

Topic 2- The role of sport in promoting values

Topic 3- The implications of hosting a major sporting event for a city of country

Topic 4- The role of National Governing Bodies play in the development of their sport

Topic 5- Technology in Sport

Please find knowledge organisers in the "useful links" tab above.

Good luck on your results year 11!!



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Silver Practice Expedition

Friday 7th - Sunday 9th June

We are delighted to share that our recent Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition in the Brecon Beacons was a resounding success. Over the course of the weekend, the students demonstrated remarkable resilience, teamwork, and navigational skills as they traversed the challenging terrain. The expedition provided an excellent opportunity for them to apply their map reading and campcraft abilities in a real-world setting. Despite the occasional rain showers, spirits remained high, and the group effectively managed to set up camp, cook meals, and complete their planned routes. Their positive attitudes and cooperative efforts were commendable, contributing to a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

The picturesque landscapes of the Brecon Beacons offered a perfect backdrop for their practice expedition. The students did themselves proud and the experience has thoroughly prepared them for the qualifying expedition. We look forward to their continued growth and success in the Duke of Edinburgh Award program.



Last weekend we travelled to the Brecon Beacons in Wales to complete our Silver DofE practice expedition. Over the three days we experienced wind, rain and sun. Overall we walked 35 miles up hills and down valleys. It was a challenging weekend but a great experience!

Molly Jeffries, Emily Kirkwood, Ruth Shaw

From Friday 7th June to Sunday 9th June, me and seven others completed our Silver practice DofE expedition. This consisted of walking an average of 8 hours a day, and camping for two days in different locations. We were lucky to be able to carry out our expedition in such good weather conditions and to have the most amazing views along the way. We are looking forward to our qualifying DofE expedition which will take place next month.

Poppy Carr

Early on a sunny Friday morning 8 of us headed off in for our practice Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition in the Black Mountains. Having reached our starting point, we met our assessors and divided into two groups, heading off for our first day of walking. After trekking all day, for 13 miles up and down spectacular mountains and breathtaking valleys including one mountain peculiarly named Lord Hereford's Knob, in all kinds of weather - rain, wind, cloud and sun - we arrived at the campsite.

At the crack of dawn, we pulled ourselves out our sleeping bags and decamped. For our second day of walking (11 miles) the drizzle, cloud and murky greyness could not dampen the beauty of the scenery around; gliders and mountains surrounded us. Our Saturday night camp was an opportunity for relaxation and games.

Having consumed the majority of our provisions, our lighter load and a gentle breeze motivated us towards an early Sunday set off. On the final day we walked 9 miles (including a tumble) and eventually made it to the final checkpoint. It was an amazing experience!

Seth Richards



Up Next... Qualifying Expedition 12th - 14th July

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.

County Cup Athletics

On Wednesday we went to Oakengates athletics track to compete in the county cup athletics- a prestigious event with some incredible performance and talent shown. Our students were a credit to the school, holding their own and turning up to every event for the points of the team. We are over the moon to receive the information that both our junior girls and boys teams have qualified for the finals on Monday as the top 8 schools in the county.

Some top performances included:

Megan Buckingham 1st in JG 800m

Elin White 1st in JG hurdles and 2nd JG high jump

Christoph Wilderer 2nd in JB Javelin and 1st in triple jump

William Reece 1st in JB high jump A string

Oliver Sandwith 1st in JB high jump B string

We look forward to letting you know how we get on in the finals!!



LOST PROPERTY

There are an increasing number of coats and PE kits in lost property (W1) If your child/ren are missing any items please could you ask them to check. Any lost property left at the end of term will be donated.

Thank you.



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



Student of the Week



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

This week's winners

KS3 Winner

William Parr nominated by Mr Seager for his excellent attitude to learning. His contributions during class discussions have been thoughtful and insightful and show he has a very good understanding of the poem we have been studying in class. Well done William!

KS4 Winner

Phoebe Robberds nominated by Miss Sollars for her exceptional work in class.



This week's nominations:

KS3 Nominations

| Student Name | Nominated by | Reason for Nomination |
|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| Joshua Pheonix | Miss Chapman | Well done Josh for composing an amazing piece of music in the style of Mozart using balanced phrases, cadences and an Alberti Bassline. Amazing work! |
| Alexander Atkinson | Mr Seager | Alexander's attitude to learning is excellent. The work in his exercise book is well organised and reveals a very good understanding of the texts we have been studying in class. Well done Alexander! |
| Elin White | Mr Evans | Superb achievement in the recent Year 8 English Exam |
| Toby Cleaton | Mr Seager | Toby's attitude to learning is excellent. His contributions during class discussions have been super and show he has a fantastic understanding of the poems we have been studying in class. Well done Toby! |
| Beau Salisbury | Mr Seager | Beau's attitude to learning has been excellent this week. His contributions during class discussions have been very good and show he has a really good understanding of the poem we have been studying in class. Well done Beau! |
| Rose Lovelock | Miss Evans | Blowing me away with her spectacular examination response on 'Animal Farm'! |
| Jack Boreham-Barber | Miss Evans | Jack has really tried of late and has been eager to contribute to discussions. He has adopted a mature approach to his studies and has been a joy to have in class. |
| Gabriel Adams | Miss Evans | For being a wonderful new addition to our form. Gabriel is kind, funny and has a real thirst for knowledge. He will very often have his nose in a book which is just lovely to see. |

KS4 Nominations

| Student Name | Nominated by | Reason for Nomination |
|----------------------------|--------------|--|
| Isabelle Hill | Mrs Scott | Wonderful work on simplifying and expanding brackets in maths |
| Denis Barker | Mrs Scott | Fantastic independent work on simplifying and expanding brackets in maths |
| Lily Jervis | Mrs Scott | Brilliant work on simplifying expressions in maths |
| Freddie Westall | Miss Chapman | For giving up his time on his day off to play for Stretton Singers. Thank you |
| Harrison Parry | Mrs Scott | Outstanding work on solving equations |
| Elsa Lovelock | Mr Seager | Elsa's attitude to learning is outstanding. The quality of her work in the lead up to the exams has been excellent. Well done Elsa! |
| Wrenaya Griffiths-Sergeant | Miss Chapman | For keeping my plant alive!! Thank you! |
| Tia Winter | Mr Balmer | Tia is a consistently brilliant, hard-working student! |
| Esther Johnson | Mr Balmer | Esther has performed wonderfully in her end of year English assessment. Her writing is sophisticated and worthy of a GCSE grade already! Well done! |
| Denis Barker | Mr Balmer | Denis always give 100% in every lesson and is a pleasure to teach! |
| Eve Simpson | Miss Evans | For getting her head down and completing an impressive language analysis response worthy of a grade 5/6 in English. Well done Eve! |
| Emily Child | Miss Evans | Despite a tough week, Emily has been committed to her studies and has been working incredibly hard in lessons. She is an example of maturity and resilience and a role model to others. Well done Emily! |
| Alfie Rowley | Miss Sollars | For exceptional work in class |
| Abbi Williams | Miss Sollars | For exceptional work in class |
| Lily Jervis | Miss Sollars | For exceptional work in class |
| Ethen Leigh | Miss Sollars | For exceptional work in class |
| Poppy Flanagan | Miss Sollars | For exceptional work in class |
| Dean Harvey | Miss Sollars | For exceptional work in class |
| Ashley Holdsworth | Miss Sollars | For exceptional work in class |
| Molly Jeffries | Miss Sollars | For exceptional work in class |
| Charlie Gregg | Miss Sollars | For exceptional work in class |
| Ben Watkiss | Miss Sollars | For exceptional work in class |
| Evie Millichip | Miss Sollars | For exceptional work in class |
| Lowri Morris | Miss Sollars | For exceptional work in class |
| Toby Williams | Miss Sollars | For exceptional work in class |
| Sam Wheeler | Miss Sollars | For exceptional work in class |
| Seth Richards | Miss Sollars | For exceptional work in class |
| Melisa Karakulah | Miss Sollars | For exceptional work in class |
| Poppy Carr | Miss Sollars | For exceptional work in class |
| Ruth Shaw | Miss Sollars | For exceptional work in class |





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





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

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Years 8, 9,
10 + 11

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WITH FRIENDS, TAKE PART IN NEW
ACTIVITIES, GAMES AND TRIPS. HAVE YOUR
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