



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this Edition of The Link finds you well.

Firstly, a huge congratulations to Year 11 pupils who have now completed their GCSE exams. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication and we are looking forward to celebrating their time at Church Stretton School at the upcoming Prom.

Celebrating Our Pupils' Achievements

We are delighted to share some remarkable accomplishments of our pupils:

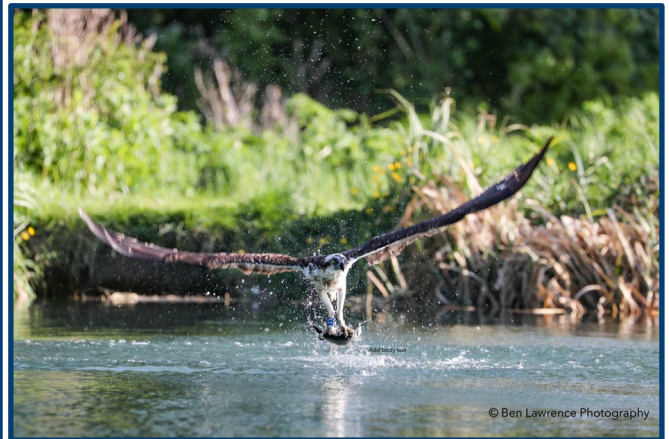
- **Jason Edwards, Year 10:** Jason has achieved an amazing track record of success in a sport called pickleball. For those unfamiliar with pickleball, it is a paddleball sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. Jason competes internationally and at the adult level. A most recent sample of his many impressive achievements include:
 - ◇ Age 19+ 5.0 Men's Singles Quarter-finalist Rota Open, Spain 2024
 - ◇ Age 19+ 4.5 Mixed Doubles Silver Rota Open, Spain 2024
 - ◇ Age 19+ Men's Doubles Telford Tournament, Gold April 2024
 - ◇ Age 19+ 4.0 Men's Doubles Haywoods Heath, Sussex, Gold 2024
 - ◇ Chosen to play for the Franklin Premier Pickleball League, the first of its kind in the UK last season
 - ◇ Recently chosen to play for the Challengers Pickleball League, featuring 36 of the best young players in the UK for the 2024/5 season

An amazing achievement I am sure you will agree!

- **Oliver Regan, Year 8:** Oliver's amazing swimming success continued on Sunday at the county swimming gala where he scooped 6 Gold medals and achieved 5 Personal Bests!



- **Ben Lawrence, Year 10:** Ben has excelled in photography, securing second place in the Young Nature Photographer of the Year 2024 competition. He took first prize in this competition last year with a stunning photograph of a humpback whale in Greenland and this year he placed second with a captivating image of an osprey catching a fish.



The competition organiser informed Ben that there were over 400 entries in his age category alone, making his achievement truly exceptional!

We are always pleased to receive and share such positive news stories. If your child has any successes or achievements you'd like us to celebrate, please let us know!

Best wishes for a lovely weekend

John Parr
Headteacher

Tutor Time Take-away

This weeks' focus was a School Council and student update and Hajj. 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....

School Council and student updates
Hajj

Ready, Respectful and Safe

Trust Awards

This week we were delighted to congratulate students for being nominated for their fantastic achievements. The Trust award nominations were chosen by teachers in school using the categories below.

Categories and students nominated:

- **Perseverance, resilience, strength of character**

Lucas Collins Year 7

Huey Whitfield Turner Year 8

Toby Nicholson Year 9

- **Academic achievement, academic excellence, consistency of effort/progress/standards in academic work**

Tom Wilson Year 9

Jimmy Nicholson Year 10

Rose Lovelock Year 8

Charlotte Hale Year 10

Ben Lawrence Year 10

- **Sporting endeavours, sporting achievement/excellence, sports leadership/ Contribution to local community, charity work, volunteering**

Jason Edwards Year 10

Miley Longhurst Year 7

Wrenaya Griffiths Sergeant Year 10

Myley Griffiths Sergeant Year 10

Isabelle Taylor Year 9

Holly Hodgekiss Year 9

Poppy Jervis Year 9

Morgan Thomas Year 9





Student of the Week



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

This week's winners

KS3 Winner

Tom Taylor nominated by Mr Seager for his excellent attitude to learning. The work in his exercise book is detailed and thorough and reveals a super understanding of the poems we have been reading in class. Well done Tom!

KS4 Winner

Ella Roberts nominated by Mr Seager for her excellent attitude to learning. The work in her exercise book is well organised and reveals a very good understanding of the texts we have been studying in class. Well done Ella!



This week's nominations:

KS3 Nominations

Student Name	Nominated by	Reason for Nomination
Amber Formstone	Mrs Quye	Positive attitude and organisation in art and around school
Katy Preece	Mrs Quye	For her consistent politeness and positivity; a ray of sunshine!
Amelia Nadin-King	Mrs Quye	Excellent revision notes for English
Rosie Cashmore	Mrs Quye	Comprehensive PEZL paragraphs and analysis of a poem
Alma-Rose Clarke	Mrs Quye	Lunch time leadership role and helping out - much appreciated.
Chloe Price	Mrs Quye	Lunch time leadership role and helping out - much appreciated.
William Rowley	Mr Seager	William's attitude to learning is excellent. The work in his exercise book is really good and shows he has a fabulous understanding of the poems we have been reading in class. Well done William!
Ruby Jones	Mr Wise	For her hard work in creative arts lessons
Jack Jones	Mr Seager	Jack's attitude to learning is excellent. Jack's contributions during class discussions have been fantastic and show he has a wonderful understanding of the poem we have been studying this week. Well done Jack!
Lola Vesayaporn	Mr Seager	Lola's attitude to learning is excellent. Lola's contributions during class discussions have been excellent and show she has a fantastic understanding of the poem we have been studying this week. Well done Lola!
Delphi Hall-Hayes	Mrs Carr	For her performance in her End of Year Science exam. Well done Delphi!
Bo-Flo Quirini	Mrs Carr	For always putting in lots of effort and making great contributions to the lesson.
Molly Bell	Mrs Carr	For her great contributions to the lesson

KS4 Nominations

Student Name	Nominated by	Reason for Nomination
Ashley Holdsworth	Mrs Quye	Being a great friend to his friend this week - kindness and respectful
Lauren Clark	Mrs Quye	For amazing resilience and determination to succeed
Alfie Rowley	Mr Charles and Mrs Scott	Excellent role model to others by working hard, asking when unsure and showing evidence of progress in assessments.



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 and 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

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 areas of strengths and weakness.

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

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](#)



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

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:

- [Sport Studies | Church Stretton School](#)
- [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!!

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.

Shropshire Track and Field Event – Saturday 8 June

Our school participated in the Shropshire Track and Field event on Saturday 8 June with seven enthusiastic athletes representing us. The students who attended were Megan Buckingham (Year 8), Sasha Davies (Year 8), Elin White (Year 8), Ivy Pike (Year 8), Katy Preece (Year 8), Rachel Beever (Year 9), and Elsa Lovelock (Year 10). Each student gave their best performance, showing their hard work and determination.

Megan Buckingham in Year 8 won 4th place in the 300m. Megan displayed impressive speed and stamina, securing a commendable 4th place in a highly competitive race. Also winning 1st place in the Junior Girls 800m. Megan's remarkable endurance and strategic pacing earned her a well-deserved 1st place in the Junior Girls 800m. Her performance was a highlight of the day.

Sasha Davies in Year 8 placed 6th place in the 300m. Sasha put forth a strong effort in the 300m, achieving a solid 6th place finish and demonstrating great potential for future races.

Elin White in Year 8 placed 5th place in the Junior Girls 80m Hurdles Elin's agility and technique in the hurdles event were impressive, securing her a 5th place finish. Also 2nd place in the Junior Girls High Jump**: Elin also excelled in the high jump, earning a fantastic 2nd place with her excellent form and determination.

Elsa Lovelock in Year 10 placed 1st place in the Inter-Girls 3000m. Elsa dominated the long-distance event, winning 1st place in the Inter-Girls 3000m. Her stamina and consistent pace were key to her outstanding victory.

Our students' performances at the Shropshire Track and Field event were truly inspiring. Each athlete demonstrated incredible skill, sportsmanship, and determination. We are proud of their achievements and look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in future competitions.

Based on performances on the day three of our pupils were selected to represent Shropshire against nine other county teams at the prestigious Mason Trophy in Stoke-on-Trent last weekend. Despite some terrible weather, our athletes, and the Shropshire team, put in a great performance holding their own, having fun and making new friends from other schools across the region - well done to all.

Congratulations to all our athletes for their hard work and fantastic results!



Elsa Lovelock who won 3000m

Rounders

Our school recently competed in the district rounders tournament against Ludlow and Bishops Castle. The tournament was a thrilling display of talent, teamwork, and determination, culminating in our team placing second overall. In our first match, we faced off against Ludlow. Despite our best efforts and some standout performances from our players, we narrowly lost to Ludlow. The match was intense and closely contested, with our team showing great skill and resilience. Our players demonstrated excellent teamwork and strategy, keeping the game competitive until the very end. Where Ludlow took the win.

In our second match, we played against Bishops Castle. Our team bounced back from the earlier loss with renewed energy and determination. We delivered an outstanding performance, doubling Bishops Castle's score. The players executed their plays flawlessly, showcasing their skills and the progress they have made over the season. Our batting was relentless, and our fielding was faultless, leading to a decisive victory.



County Cup Athletics - Saturday 8 June

Our school participated in the County Cup Athletics competition, where the top eight schools in Shropshire competed as teams at the Oakengates Athletics track. This event brought together the best young athletes from across the county, and our students delivered outstanding performances, contributing significantly to the overall results.

Standout Performers:

Junior Girls:

- Megan Buckingham (Year 8): 1st place in the 800m

Megan demonstrated her exceptional endurance and speed, securing 1st place in the 800m race. Her performance was a highlight of the event, earning valuable points for our team.

- Elin White (Year 8): 1st place in the High Jump

Elin showcased her remarkable jumping ability and technique, taking 1st place in the High Jump. Her victory added crucial points to our team's total score.

Junior Boys:

- William Reece (Year 8): 1st place in the High Jump

William excelled in the High Jump, achieving 1st place with his impressive skills and determination. His contribution was key to our team's overall performance

Overall Results:

Junior Girls:

1. Adcote
2. Thomas Telford School
3. Shrewsbury High School
4. Wrekin
5. The Marches
6. Church Stretton School
7. Abraham Darby
8. Burton Borough

Junior Boys:

1. Adams Grammar
2. Abraham Darby
3. Thomas Adams
4. Idsall
5. Thomas Telford
6. Church Stretton School
7. Wrekin College
8. Telford Priory

The County Cup Athletics competition was an exciting and challenging event, bringing together the top athletes from schools across Shropshire. Our students competed with determination and sportsmanship, achieving remarkable individual successes.

Megan Buckingham and Elin White stood out in the Junior Girls category, both securing 1st place in their respective events. Their performances were pivotal in earning points for our team. In the Junior Boys category, William Reece's 1st place in the High Jump was a significant achievement, contributing to our overall standing.

While we faced tough competition from other schools, our athletes' hard work and dedication were evident throughout the event. The experience gained from competing at this level will undoubtedly benefit them in future competitions.

Congratulations to all our athletes for their exceptional performances and for representing our school with pride and excellence at the County Cup Athletics.



Y10 Geology trip to Ercall Quarry near Wrekin.

When we arrived, we started to hike up to the main area of the quarry, as we stood below the cliff face, we started to draw a field sketch of the exposed rock. While we did this, we all discussed what different rocks we thought made up the cliff face and how they were formed. After we had all finished our sketches, we started to head up to get a closer look at the rocks that made up the quarry. We found that the far-left side of the rock was made up of rhyolite – a Fine-grained igneous rock that was formed 566 million years ago! Afterwards we made our way back down the path to the middle of the exposed rock, and investigated the rock there, where we found it was made of granophyre a medium grain, intrusive rock (due to its crystal size) meaning that it was formed before the rhyolite and then forced its way to the surface. We then drew a sketch of the hand specimens we had found, and then went even further down the rock exposure and found an unconformity of clay, which was formed by the weathering of the feldspar in the granophyre. Next to the unconformity of clay we noticed that the much more defined layers of rock contained fragments of the granophyre and had been uplifted by compression and then eroded.

Next, we headed to the other side of the rocks and found that there were exposed ripple marks made of Wrekin Quartzite making up the side of the dipping rock layers, this told us it must have been formed in a shallow marine environment and as the grain size of each rock type was different from the other we can tell that the rock was formed in various depths of water. We then measured the wavelength and the amplitude of the ripples to see how the current of the water flowed when the rock was formed. And finally, we headed to another rock formation to measure the dip and strike of the rock by using a clinometer to see how far the rocks had been folded and uplifted by tectonic activity that once occurred in that area, this told us that by the law of superposition and original horizontality they were once flat beds of rock one on top of the other.

Written by Megan Williams and Myley Griffiths-Sergeant—Year 10





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Miniature Garden

Craven Arms, we want you to flex those
green fingers to design and create the
most magnificent garden.

Winners will be announced at 5pm



Organised by Craven Arms Community Events