



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the penultimate edition of The Link.

It was lovely to be able to join Year 11 leavers for their Prom on Friday last week at The Wroxeter Hotel. I'm sure they would like to join me in thanking Mr. Elkins for organising it. The significant preparation made by all was evident, with impressive transport arrangements and stylish appearances. They all looked very grown up! The next time we will see these pupils together will be on results day in August.

Tuesday and Thursday saw another two year groups involved in off-site visits. On Tuesday, Year 9 pupils enjoyed a visit to Ludlow College, where they learned about the Post-16 opportunities offered there. On Thursday, Year 10 pupils had a great day at Shrewsbury College Group, experiencing similarly wide-ranging courses that they may not have been aware of otherwise. Thank you to Ms Chapman, our Careers Coordinator, who arranged the trips, and to the staff who supported the visits.

For parents/carers and ex-Year 11 pupils who attended the Creative Arts celebration evening, the Summer Music Concert and Art Show on Wednesday was undoubtedly an impressive display of our pupils' exceptional work. Thank you to Mr. Wise, Ms. Chapman, Mrs. Fletcher-Tyrie, Mrs. Tapscott, and other staff for organising and hosting the evening.

Thursday saw an equally impressive celebration event as pupil's sporting achievements were recognised in the Sports Awards Evening. Thank you to Mrs Hodnett, Ms Dillon and Mr Kirkby for the arrangements and sharing the success stories of pupils.

We wish Year 10 pupils an enjoyable and interesting week of Work Experience next week and look forward to hearing about it when they return in September as Year 11s! For the remaining pupils, we hope that next week's enrichment activities will be fun-filled and rewarding.

Finally, and with a heavy heart we are saying farewell to the following colleagues at the end of the academic year: Mr Vera, Mrs Davis, Mr Sims, Mr Hughes, Mrs Hughes, Miss Wood and Mr Matthews. We would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs A Fisher and Mrs M Fisher for their temporary work as humanities and computing teachers. We are hugely grateful to all for their contributions to our school and wish them well in the future. If you would like to send messages to departing staff, please email them in school or drop any notes into the School Reception.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend

John Parr
Headteacher

Tutor Time Take-away

This weeks' focus was on house competitions and behaviour updates. 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 **Uniform & Appearance for September**

Ready, Respectful and Safe

BE EQUIPPED AND READY

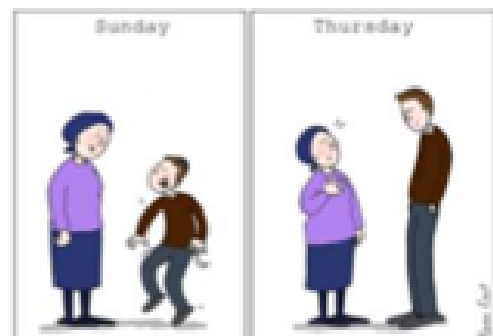
TO LEARN

Please can you ensure you have the right equipment for lessons.

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| ✓ Coloured pencils | ✓ Pen -black/blue |
| ✓ Ruler | ✓ Exercise books |
| ✓ Glue stick | ✓ Reading Book |
| ✓ Protractor | ✓ Pencil |
| ✓ Compass | ✓ Rubber |
| ✓ Scientific calculator | ✓ Pencil sharpener |
| ✓ Water bottle | ✓ Scissors |

School Uniform

If you have any school uniform, or PE kit, that is still in good condition but your child has outgrown, or no longer needs, please send it into school. We are very grateful for your support. Thank you.



School Uniform

Our School Uniform

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| ✓ Trousers, black, non stretch | ✗ Skin tight jeans or trousers, no patch pockets |
| ✓ Skirts, black, on the knee, straight, non-stretch | ✗ Skater style or pleated skirts, or made of stretch fabric |
| ✓ Polo shirts, navy/sky blue with school logo | ✗ T-shirts worn under polo shirt |
| ✓ Jumper, navy with school logo | ✗ Trainers/Boots |
| ✓ Tights, black/plain | ✗ Canvas shoes |
| ✓ Socks, plain black/grey | ✗ Nail varnish |
| ✓ Shoes, black sensible, low heeled | ✗ Excessive make-up |
| ✓ Wrist watch | ✗ No other jewellery |
| ✓ 1 pair of stud earrings | ✗ Facial/body piercings |
| ✓ Hair colour-natural | ✗ Extreme hairstyles |
| ✓ Senior student white shirt & tie | ✗ Coats/jackets/scarves/hoodies, indoors |

School Uniform

Please see below pictures of skirts which we expect students to wear in school. Photos 1 and 2 are skirts appropriate for the school day. Photos 3 and 4 are not appropriate.



More information about uniform can be found on our website [here](#)

Enrichment Week

15th July - 19th July

Enrichment Week July 2024

Year Group	Monday 15 th July	Tuesday 16 th July	Wednesday 17 th July	Thursday 18 th July	Friday 19 th July
Year 7	Blue Planet Meet Hall Packed lunch	Year 7 Art & Design Meet Hall	Year 7 Blists Hill Meet Restaurant Packed lunch	Year 7 PE Meet Sports Hall PE Kit	House activity and option to go on a walk in the local area. (Consent must be provided via ParentPay) Meet Tutor rooms
	Non-trip - First aid				
Year 8	Drama & Music Meet Drama room	Year 8 West Midland Safari Park Meet Restaurant Packed lunch Return for 5pm	Year 8 PE Meet Sports Hall PE Kit	Year 8 English Meet Restaurant	House activity and option to go on a walk in the local area. (Consent must be provided via ParentPay) Meet Tutor rooms
		Non-trip - First Aid			
Year 9	Maths Meet Old gym	Year 9 PE Meet Sports Hall PE Kit	Year 9 Drayton Manor Meet Hall Packed Lunch Return 6pm	Year 9 Science Meet Hall	House activity and option to go on a walk in the local area. (Consent must be provided via ParentPay) Meet Tutor rooms
			Non-trip - First Aid		

- Students will be allowed to wear their own clothes during Enrichment Week, these must be appropriate for the activities.
- School PE kit is to be worn for the PE day.
- Students will only require a packed lunch for the day trips they are going on. Children in receipt of free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch.
- Please can you ensure that you have completed the consent form on ParentPay for the walk on Friday if your child would like to take part.

KIT LIST for Adventure Wales from Mr Wright

This is a water sports holiday and so we are going to get wet, so I recommend that one or two black bin liner type bags are packed so that wet clothes are separated from dry ones.

- Sun cream, Sun hat and sunglasses because I am an optimist.
- A water bottle.
- Showering equipment and toothbrush and toothpaste, because I'm an optimist, wrapped in a waterproof bag, so we have no leakages in transit. A towel for washing should also be brought.
- Whilst technical equipment related to the activities will be provided, such as wetsuits and life jackets, the nature of the activities will mean clothing during the day will get wet.
- Swimming shorts or costumes are advisable but clothes to wear over them which are likely to get wet on day 2 and 3 will also be needed.
- For the gorge walking and the beach students will need a pair of trainers that will get wet.
- Students will need a towel to use at the gorge scrambling and the beach.
- The beach especially can be windy, so a fleece or similar warmer clothing is advisable.
- A waterproof coat.
- The clothes that students travel in on the Monday should be ones they do not mind getting wet and muddy as there will be no opportunity to change before they start the first day's activities that include a muddy assault course.
- Pyjamas or sleepy suit.
- A day bag so they can have dry clothes, can store a water bottle, carry their packed lunch. Again, I would suggest that anything in it is in a plastic bag so that if it rains what is inside does not get wet.
- Clothes that you can change into in the evenings once you are dry and clean.
- Ensure you have dry and comfy clothes still available for your journey back.
- For all events please be aware of the weather forecast to pack appropriate clothing.
- Games such as playing cards, a football, tennis ball, a reading book, crosswords or sudokus could be brought to use in free time or to calm them down at bedtime.
- A torch.
- Snacks can be brought but try and avoid things with a high sugar content as this can contribute to them being unsettled when we are getting them to sleep.
- Mobile phones will be allowed as they may wish to contact you about when we will arrive back and use it on the coach journey. However, they will be the child's responsibility while they are there. If your child misuses their mobile in any way it will be taken off them and returned to you when you pick them up. Students should not take pictures of other students as these may then be passed around and used against that person's wishes. If they choose to bring it, we will be taking it off them before bedtime on the Monday evening and they will have some limited time in the evenings when they can use them should they want to. I shall suggest that students return to their dorms at 9:30 pm to get ready for bed with lights out at 10:00 pm so you might wish to discuss this and the mobile phone restrictions before we travel. I hope that your child is excited about this visit I am, I'm sure it will be a great experience. If you have any further questions, please get in touch.

Sporting News

This Thursday we held the prestigious Sports Awards. What a fabulous evening it was, with nearly 200 guests in the hall witnessing the top sports performers in schools. We look forward to sharing the photos with you in due course.

This Friday we wish our year 8 boys the best of luck as they make the early morning start to Nottingham where they will be competing at the National Finals of Dodgeball in their age group. They will be competing against the top qualifying schools from all over the country. We also look forward to sharing the news of how they have done with you!

Next week we will be hosting the Sports Enrichment extravaganza! This will include swim Fun Splash, Lacrosse, Ultimate Frisbee, Boccia and Gaelic Football.

Tuesday - year 9 Sports Enrichment

Wednesday - Year 8 Sports Enrichment

Thursday - Year 7 Sports Enrichment

On these days, students should come in to school in PE kit, and years 9 and 7 must also bring their swimming kit.

Sports Leadership

They PASSED! – The brilliant group of year 9 leaders that opted to take part on the Sports Leaders Level 1 course, a Nationally recognised qualification have now completed the course with many outstanding leaders emerging from the experience, the year 9 leaders have spent 1 hour of core PE each week developing their sports leadership skills from communication, time management, problem solving, coaching specific sports and umpiring /refereeing. The leaders have assisted in supporting over 40 events across the year for our feeder primary schools and the wider county primary events including XC at Cardingmill, KS1 multi skills, Basketball, Cricket, County Netball, tri golf and orienteering to name just a few. I have been amazed and so proud of these pupils and how they have grown in maturity and confidence with many of them sharing that they feel more able to solve problems, communicate , work as a team and be independent in all areas of their life as well as in leadership of sport. I wish them all well and hope that they continue to support my role in primary sporting events and use their skills to mentor our next

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Sports Day 2024



Last Friday we held Sports Day, and what a fabulous day it was! Here are just a few photos including the house colour flags being flown, some fundraising stalls and an example of some of the great sports on offer such as archery. A special mention to Lucas Bennett who raised £127 with his ingenious idea of sponge throwing stall. The total amount raised for charity was £318.26.

We had an incredible display of competition with the scores between the houses being extremely close. Hazler managed to take the win on the final events with H3 being the winning tutor.

A great day had by all!

Youth Rugby Under 15s Invitation 2024



Ludlow RFC invites you to attend the Wednesday evening summer Touch rugby sessions from 7pm to 8pm at Ludlow rugby club, SY81EE. Starting 3rd JULY. 3 FREE TASTER SESSIONS.

Parent of child call or message if you are interested in attending.

Email Ludlow.rfc.youth@gmail.com or Text or Call James 07814 569 579



Flames Netball Club are recruiting!

If you are school years 4 to 11 and want to play netball, Flames would love to hear from you!

Flames train on Friday evenings (term time only) at Church Stretton Leisure Centre, all abilities welcome

For more information, please visit flamesnetball.co.uk and fill out a contact form to register your interest



hello@flamesnetball.co.uk



COACHES REQUIRED

Are you a Level 1 or Level 2 Netball Coach? Or an enthusiastic parent or spectator interested in coaching at a vibrant and inclusive junior club?

Flames would love to hear from you!

Interested? Please email hello@flamesnetball.co.uk with the subject "Volunteer Coaches"

For more information about the club please visit <https://flamesnetball.co.uk>

This week in photos

Year 11 Prom





Summer
Showcase
2024



Creative Arts

It has been a busy week for the Creative Arts Department. On Saturday 6th July, members of our instrumental ensembles and the Stretton Singers performed at the Stretton Fun Day. Despite the morning showers, the audience enjoyed a wide range of music from our musicians.

On Wednesday, visitors to the Summer Showcase were able to view the outstanding Year 11 Artwork and listen to the variety of musical performances given by Guitar Group, Big String Project, Accordion Ensemble, Stretton Singers and soloists ... as well as a sneak preview of our next school show - 'Little Shop of Horrors'.

The Stretton Singers will also be providing musical entertainment at the sports award and achievement assemblies.

Well done to everyone who has taken part in the Creative Arts enrichment programme this year.



College Visits & Work Experience

This week, Year 9 have visited Ludlow College and Year 10 have visited Shrewsbury College for taster sessions.

Students were able to try out different subjects such as Politics, Economics, Childcare, Engineering, Hair and Beauty and E Sports. Both colleges commended Church Stretton Students for their outstanding behaviour and impeccable manners. Everyone had a great experience, and this has allowed students to start thinking about their next steps.

Next week, Year 10 students are out on Work Experience. We hope you have a wonderful week!



Music Exam Success

*Well done to the following students for their success in
Music Exams:*

Toby Westall – Grade 5 Piano – Merit

Hadassa Scurtu – Grade 3 Piano – Merit

Zac Crumpton – Grade 3 Piano – Merit

Jensen Hadwen – Grade 3 Clarinet – Pass





Summer Holiday Fun and Food in Shropshire **Book Now!**

Over the Summer holidays, HAF eligible children and young people aged 4 (reception class) to 16, are invited to attend free clubs.

All eligible will be given a unique code and booking information direct from school.

"Safe, enjoyable, fun and great to have somewhere for children to be." Parent.

Many holiday clubs have paid spaces available for those not eligible for HAF.

Web: www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf

Email: HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk



PAID PLACES AVAILABLE

Summer holiday fun and food in Shropshire

WHAT'S ON

22 Jul - 30 Aug 2024



Useful Resources

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www.shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/parentscarers/information-and-resources/ Shropshire Family Information Service (FIS). Information on local, regional and national services and organisations for children, young people and families.

Contact us:

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Years 8, 9,
10 + 11

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ACTIVITIES, GAMES AND TRIPS. HAVE YOUR
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PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER SCHOOL

2024

29th July - 2nd August

Dorrington Village Hall
10am - 4pm
Ages 6 - 18

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