



Dear Parents and Carers,

For Year 11 students there are now only 68 school days before their first GCSE Examinations! Last Friday, students received their Mock GCSE results, followed by discussion about next steps to fully prepare and address any areas needing improvement. Time is going quickly, therefore preparation should be under way and guidance from class teachers should be sought if students are unsure of anything. May I remind parents and carers of Year 11, that Progress Evening is on Thursday 18th January? We look forward to seeing you there.

For Year 9 students, a time of decisions is imminent, regarding the subjects that they might choose to study during Years 10 and 11. This process began on Wednesday evening this week, with the 'Introduction to Pathways' event. It was great to see so many parents and carers attend the session, which we hope provided an outline of how the Pathways process will unfold.

**Young Voices**

Congratulations, now, to the students who accompanied Mr Mould to the Young Voices event in Birmingham, on Tuesday this week.



Students had prepared well, practising with Mr Mould, to get ready to take part in this massive concert. Students performed so well and did themselves proud, representing our school in an outstanding manner. Mr Mould informed us that "The pupils were amazing and the evening concert was a sell out. There were 6000 in the choir and about 10,000 in the audience!" Thank you to Mr Mould for leading this trip, and for supporting students in their preparation.

Enjoy the weekend

**Mr. J. Parr**

**Headteacher**

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE SCHOOL TARGET = 96%**  
**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**  
**SINCE SEPTEMBER 96.3%**  
**3rd January - 5th January 2018**

**Ragleth 96.3% Lawley 96.5%**

**Hazler 96.8% Caradoc 96.8%**

## EVENTS - January

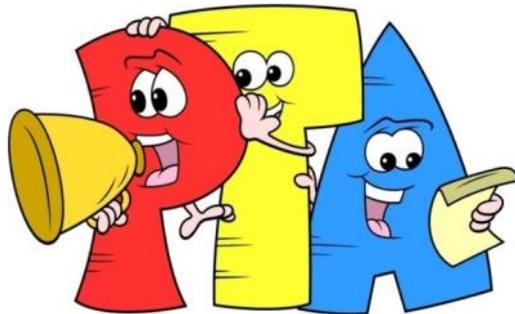
Friday 12th January - Yr 8/9 HPV Vaccine

Tuesday 16th January - National Theatre - Rigoletto

Thursday 18th January - Yr 11 Progress Evening

Wednesday 31st January - Principal's Afternoon Tea

**NEXT WEEK IS  
WEEK A**



The next P.T.A meeting will be held at the school on Weds 24<sup>th</sup> January at 5.30pm.

At this meeting we will be planning activities to support the school in the year ahead. This includes one of the P.T.A's main fundraising events, The Mynd Drover Challenge Walk, to be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

We are a friendly group, who welcome new faces and need lots of help in the forthcoming year, so why not make it your new year's resolution to get involved with the P.T.A and come along to the next meeting?



#### UPDATE

- Year 9 written reports and Year 7 interim grade updates were issued during the final week of the Autumn term
- Year 11s have now been issued with their mock exam results, and full functionality in Go4Schools has now been restored. An interim grade update, reflecting the mock result and progress towards GCSEs will be issued in advance of the Year 11 Progress Evening which will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Your continued support in encouraging your son/daughter to study hard towards their final exams is appreciated. We wish them all good luck in the forthcoming few weeks and are confident they will do themselves proud
- A Year 10 interim grade update is now being prepared, and will be issued shortly
- Go4Schools reads contact information from the school's Management Information System, so it is important that if you change your email address or contact details you inform school as soon as possible in order for your access to Go 4 Schools to continue

#### Maths Revision Guides

*A large number of Maths revision guides, workbooks and practice paper books have been paid for but still not collected - please collect as soon as possible from G1.*

*Thank you*

#### FIXTURES NEXT WEEK

##### MONDAY 15TH JANUARY

- U15 girls indoor cricket @ Stretton, start at 1.30pm, finish at 4.30pm.

##### TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY

- Yr 11 football @ Stretton v William Brookes, finish at 4.30pm
- Yr 10/11 volleyball at Lacon Child. Leave at 3.20, return at 6pm.

##### THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY

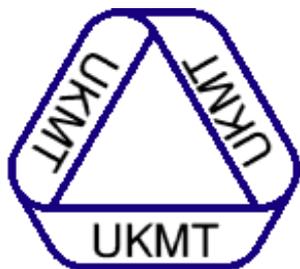
- Yr 9 indoor athletics at Stretton, start at 3.30pm, finish at 5pm.



U13 south Shropshire indoor cricket winners, through to the next round of the competition.

Good luck to the following students who will be participating in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge on Thursday 1st February. Previous example of questions with answers can be found here: <http://www.ukmt-resources.org.uk/index-tr.html> (Choose the intermediate option).

This link will also be on Go 4 schools - get practising, see if you can get an award!



## UKMT Teacher resource page

[www.ukmt-resources.org.uk](http://www.ukmt-resources.org.uk)

This is an index page for electronic versions of challenge questions and solutions. Clicking on a link will open an html file for whichever page has been chosen.

### Year 9:

Ethan Beaver

Pippa Bennett

Alex Brian

Beth Mackechnie

Harvey Nicholson

Emily Payne

Joe Trueman

Bluebell Wood

### Year 10:

Caitlin Bennett

Jessica Terrill

Kate Wright

Adam Matthews

Andrew McAra

Ava Durnall

Jack Khan

James Davies

Freya Morgan-Jones

Reuben Hellier

### Yr 11

Theo Croom - Johnson

Helena Crump

Ewein Howes

Harry Jennings

Reuben Kershaw

Eirlys Morgan

George Stephens

James Heywood

Will Ireland

Molly Portman

Daisy Moyers

The Maths Department

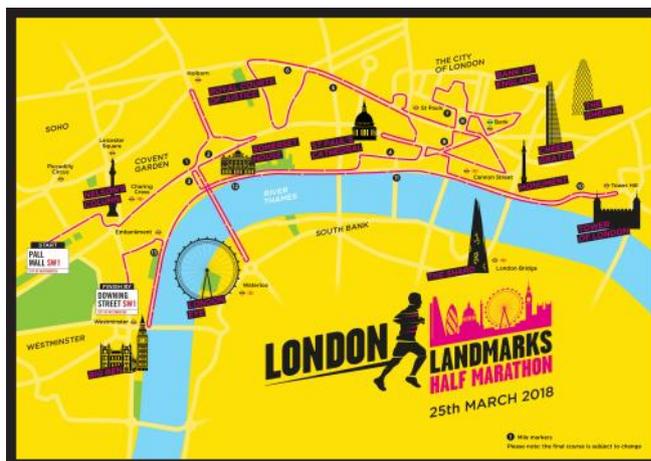
On Sunday 25th March myself and a small group of friends will be running the London Landmarks half marathon. All of us have children in different year groups at Church Stretton and will be raising money for various charities, including Alzheimer's and Cancer research.

As a member of staff I understand more than most the impact that budget cuts are having in schools. I would therefore like to raise money for the Design Technology Department. The introduction of a new course brings with it new experiences for the students, new technologies and materials, new tools and machinery for them to use. It would be great if we could raise money to enhance their experience of Design Technology within Church Stretton School.

There will be the opportunity to sponsor me through Parent Pay in the near future and I will let you know how the training is going as we embark on the next 73 days before the race.

On Friday 12th January at 8pm there is a Quiz night at The Plough in Wistanstow where the money raised will be going to two of the charities we are supporting. If you are able to attend we would love to see you there.

Mrs J Davis (Design Technology Department)





## **Maths Department Rewards**

**A huge well done from the Maths Department to the following students who have made a great start in 2018 in Maths.**

**Keep it up folks!**

### Year 8

**Maddy Plant (Mrs Mackechnie)**

**Bryn Wright (Mrs Mackechnie)**

**Annabel Hartshorne (Mrs Mackechnie)**

### Year 9

**Jessica Stevens (Mrs Mackechnie)**

**Francesca Williams (Mrs Mackechnie)**

### Year 10

**Saffy Jones**

**Ben Hartshorne**

**Lucas Gouldbourn**

**Jodi Swinbourne**

**Gia Malvone**

**Maisy Griffiths**

**Hazy Morgan (all from Mrs Bowler)**

**Emily Atkin (Mrs Mackechnie)**

### Year 11

**Fin Greenhouse (Mr Charles)**

**Toby Morgan (Mr Charles)**



### **YEAR 11 VOLUNTEERS/MENTORS REQUIRED**

I am looking for Year 11 students with an interest in volunteering to work with the community on Friday afternoons, Week A, during Leisure Time.

Over the next few weeks clients from Mayfair will be coming in to cook in the food room. These clients are adults with learning difficulties who will need general support with the activities on offer.

You do not need to be able to cook but you do need patience, respect and understanding along with a desire to be helpful and work in the community.

**If you are interested, and would like to find out more, then please come to a short meeting on WEDS 17<sup>th</sup> JAN AT 12.25pm in G3 (Food Technology Room).**

Many thanks,  
Mrs Jones (Primary and Community Liaison)

P.S. Obviously, If you are part of the GCSE PE Intervention group, you will not be able to take part!

### **Gold Duke of Edinburgh**

On Thursday 14th December three former students from Church Stretton School, Francesca Johnson, Holly Underhill and Greg Wright attended a Gold Duke of Edinburgh award ceremony at St James's Palace, London.

524 young people collected their Gold Award Certificates in the presence of HRH The Earl of Wessex (Prince Edward). The BBC journalist Dan Walker gave an inspirational talk about the lives and achievements of sporting legends Shun Fujimoto and Eric Liddell before presenting the certificates. He said, 'I am honoured to be here today to present Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards to so many inspirational young people. What you have achieved already puts you in a great position going forward. Congratulations.'

Francesca, Holly and Greg enjoyed working through their D of E awards and would like to thank the D of E staff for providing them with such a great and enriching experience.



# Year 11 the Journey to Success...

Dear parents/carers

As we progress towards the GCSE examinations I thought I would take the opportunity to remind you of the journey towards success that the Year 11 students have embarked on this academic year and the things that have happened so far:

- In September we had guest speakers from Elevate Education who gave advice on revision
- Revision assemblies on Friday mornings
- PSHE has covered revision techniques and how to make a revision planner
- Mock exams have tested these revision skills and 'exam craft'

Whatever the outcome from the mock exams, the next steps are vital, whether this be 'more of the same please' or a 'change of approach is needed' it is important to reflect on what happened and why in the build up to the Mock Grades issued at the start of term.

This term we have already seen Elevate Education return to deliver a seminar entitled 'Ace your Exams'. Below is the outline of revision opportunities available in school during this term. This can also be found on the school website under Students/Revision along with further information about revising and coping with exam stress.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the progress evening next week when you will be able to find out what the next steps are for individual subject areas.

Dr Wood

Day	Lunchtime drop-in 12:25-1:10		After School 3:20 – 4:20
Monday	Science DT Music Drama	General Revision with Mr Overton in B8	DT
Tuesday		Coping with Exam Stress (in B8) week B	English
Wednesday		History	History
Thursday		English	French, Spanish
Friday		Geography	PE during 'Leisure Time' week A
Lunchtime sessions in maths available by arrangement with your teacher			
R3 is available every lunchtime as a quiet space to work and revise			

**ACCELERATED READER**  
**LOOK HOW WELL OUR PUPILS**  
**ARE DOING!**

Congratulations to the newest members of our millionaires club

Philippa Bennett (1,110,556) and Rebecca Norval (1,005,549)



Congratulations to all the students listed below for meeting or beating their target:

**Year 7**

**Jake Duppa**

**Year 8**

**Sebastian Rees**

**Year 9**

**Rosie Morton**

**Jessica Stevens**



**Church Stretton School Theatre**  
**Tuesday 16th January @ 7.15pm**

£12 and £6 (under 18) pay on the door or pre-book to be sure of your seat

Enquiries and pre-bookings 01694 722209

Online sales at [www.artsalive.co.uk](http://www.artsalive.co.uk) .See also  
[www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk](http://www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk)



**Church Stretton School Theatre**  
**Wednesday 14th February @ 7.00pm**

Book your pre-theatre meals in **THE PLACE** Restaurant  
and reserve seats in the theatre.

A fantastic meal prepared by our award-winning chef.

Two-courses with wine or soft drink - £13.50

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