



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to parents and carers for attending the Year 9 Progress Evening last night. We hope that the conversations with class teachers helped to identify the next steps for further progress and, of course, celebrate success to date. In addition, we hope that discussion with teachers provided some useful information to aid the final stage of the Pathways process, which is to submit course preferences from within the Pathways blocks. Parents and carers have been sent an email containing a link to the online form for students to indicate their preferred subjects, so please look out for this in your inbox.

You may have now noticed or even have signed up to receive notifications from our new Twitter feed, visible on our website. Of course we will continue to ensure that key information is shared through The Link, but it is great to be able to let you know of other aspects of school life as and when they happen. It was, I am sure you will agree, fabulous to read the Tweet about Year 11 student Ewein Howes who has won the High Sheriff's Outstanding Young Citizen Award prize for Shropshire, which was presented by High Sheriff, Charles Lillis on Tuesday night. What a fantastic achievement and very well deserved. Well done Ewein!

Have a great weekend

Mr. J. Parr
Headteacher

FIXTURES NEXT WEEK

WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH

- U13 county netball tournament at Stretton, start at 1.30pm, finish at 4pm.
- Year 7 rugby at Idsall, leave at 2.30pm, return at 5pm.

THURSDAY 29TH MARCH

- A young leaders cricket event at Stretton, start at 9am, finish at 12.

COUNTDOWN TO GCSE EXAMS
23 SCHOOL DAYS
TO GO

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE SCHOOL TARGET = 96%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SINCE SEPTEMBER 95.4%
12th March - 16th March 2018

Ragleth 95.3% Lawley 94.7%

Hazler 96.1% Caradoc 95.4%

REMINDER The school buildings are not open to students until 8.15am every morning.

EVENTS - March

19th-23rd March - Yr 11 Mock Exams

22nd March - Yr 9 Progress Evening

22nd March - Julius Caesar

27th March - Principal's Afternoon Tea

NEXT WEEK IS
WEEK B

Winner of the High Sheriff's Outstanding Citizen Award-Shropshire, 2018 Ewein Howes

Ewein has been selected as one of 27 Scouts to represent Shropshire at the 24th World Scout Jamboree in the Appalachian Mountains of West Virginia, USA, in July 2019. It is the biggest World Scout Jamboree ever, with around 45,000 participants attending from over 155 countries and territories.

He is an NHS Shropshire Young Health Champion. Through this role he has helped fundraise for, and develop a new Teenage Ward at the Princess Royal Hospital Telford. He has been proactive in raising awareness of teenage mental health issues, diabetes and antibiotic resistance through presentations in school and has even presented to Doctors and Nurses at a Midlands medical conference. His greatest achievement as a Health Champion was being invited to sit on interview panels for NHS CAMHS practitioners in 2016.

Ewein was part of the NHS, Cedar Project 2017. He was invited to join a team, working in his school holidays to develop and produce a Bereavement Education Pack to be used in schools nationally.

Ewein also took a leading role in Scars of the Unfought Battle 2017 working alongside professionals on a summer filming project with the Hive to produce documentaries on the little-known, air crash sites of Shropshire.

On his work experience placement he was supporting adults and teenagers at a Care Farm. He helped them with cooking, tending the fruit and vegetable garden, built stock fences, fed livestock and supported some individuals to be able to interact with the farm's visiting public.

He is employed on a casual basis for the school; waiting on restaurant customers for evening pre-theatre meals, delivers drumming workshops to students and occasionally acts as an assistant cycle leader and support in leading woodland birthday parties at the Care Farm.

He has completed his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award where, as part of his service, he volunteered as a scout group leader and attended regular meetings and numerous summer/winter camps and expeditions.

His musical accomplishments include: Grade 5 drumming, piano playing and he participates in many orchestras including Shropshire Youth Wind Orchestra, school Brass, Soul and Jazz bands and for three years he has been involved with Shrewsbury Folk Festival's Youth Big Band.

He has also competed in canoe slaloms, reaching national division 3 status. He plays water polo for Church Stretton and also enjoys table tennis and badminton socially. He loves cycling and has toured in France and often takes part in sportive cycle rides and also has many years of rock climbing and skiing experience.

He has a distinction in both LAMDA grade 5 Verse and Prose and Solo Acting and is awaiting the results of his grade 6 Duologue. He also enjoys acting on stage for school performances - last year he played a lead role in the annual production, 'We Will Rock You The Musical'.

Ewein also gives his time willingly to Church Stretton community events – regularly providing the public address and musical accompaniment at the town's annual firework display, litter picking and supporting youngsters in the Dance School annual shows.



Parental/Carer Survey Responses

Thank you to those parents who completed the parental questionnaire!

You said.....we did.....

A way to improve communication between parents and subject staff was requested in the recent Parent Survey. We have now included email addresses for Heads of Department, Heads of Faculty and second in departments on the school website (About-Our Staff) so you are able to direct subject specific questions to the relevant staff.

Just a reminder

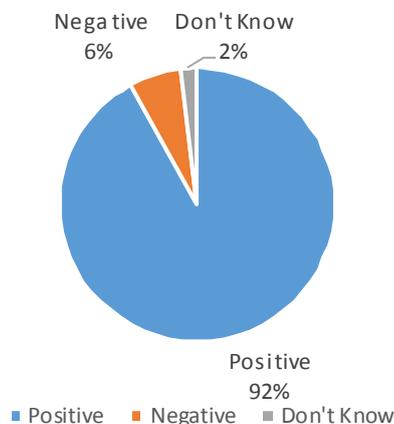
Following our recent letter home regarding uniform, just a reminder that uniform without a school logo, e.g trousers or skirts can be bought from any high street retailer as long as it conforms with our uniform policy.

Also Peppers ,in Church Stretton, still have some half priced items of school uniform suitable for current pupils (this does not include PE kit).

Parental/Carer Survey Responses

Question 17. Recently introduced systems have made contact/communication with school easier

CSS Parent/Carer Survey Results 2017/2018
(201 responses)



SHROPSHIRE APPRENTICESHIPS LIVE



TUESDAY 27 MARCH,
2PM TILL 7PM,
MONTGOMERY WATERS
MEADOW

Are you interested in Apprenticeships?

- FIND OUT WHAT APPRENTICESHIPS ARE AVAILABLE LOCALLY
- RECEIVE ADVICE ON APPLYING FOR APPRENTICESHIPS
- HEAR FROM REAL APPRENTICES
- EXPLORE THE RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS AND LEVELS AVAILABLE THROUGH APPRENTICESHIPS

In addition to showcasing apprenticeships at levels 2 and 3, this year the event will showcase Higher and Degree Apprenticeships through our local universities. Over 25 universities, colleges, training providers and employers will be attending the event. The full list is available on our website.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As spring approaches you may be having a sort out of winter clothing so may we remind you that we are having a Bag2school collection at 9am on Tuesday 24th April.

- Collection bags are available from school Reception and filled bags may be brought in before that date.
- We can accept good clean clothing, shoes, hats, gloves, handbags and soft toys. We **can't** accept school or work uniform, curtains, bedding, towels or bric-a-brac.

May we thank those who have supported our previous collections as these help to provide additional funds for school projects.

Mrs Enid Bishop

ACCELERATED READER

LOOK HOW WELL OUR PUPILS ARE DOING!



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



Congratulations to Jack Holdsworth (1,039,610) for becoming a member of the millionaires club

Year 7

Laura Brian
Morgan Emeny
Jaime Hall
Elena Morton
Eirian Muttitt-Jones
Emma Smith
Grace Trueman
Aston Yapp

Year 8

Jack Andrews
Rhiannon Castle
Ursula Foster
Benjamin Harris
Zara Khan
Maddy Plant
Freya Townsend
Ruby Walsh

Year 9

Ollie Barrett
Natashya Brander
Jessica Eades
Carys Faulkner
Liam Fletcher
George Hill
Megan James
Beth Mackechnie
Rhiannon Mapp
Kaitlyn Orme
Amber Reeve
Daisy Taylor-Lee
Jessica Walton

Last Friday our top attaining Year 10 pupils were invited to take part in workshops for high ability pupils at Wrekin College. They were joined by pupils from the Corbet School and Ercall Wood, and together were mixed into four classes. A rota of sessions covering four aspects of learning followed: philosophy, language, science and logic. Here they are in the Business School. Some are contemplating their personal cosmography, others are checking what is on Channel 5 later.

Left to Right : J Terrill, K Wright, B Hotchkiss, E Davis, E Neath, M Ward, J Khan, A Matthews, R Hellier, A Durnall, J Davies, O Smith-Davis, E Duppa and C Bennett.



UPDATE

- Year 10 written reports are in progress, and will be issued mid-March
- Year 11 students who are attending college interviews can print a copy of their latest grade update from Go4Schools by clicking on "Progress & Reports" from the list at the top of the home page, then "View Report", followed by "View Report as a PDF". Parents also have this facility
- 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



Apprenticeship Show 2018

On Thursday 8th March 50 Year 10 students attended Apprenticeship Show 2018, at the Telford International Centre. They were able to talk to many employers such as JCB and Babcock about carers and apprenticeship opportunities. The local colleges and training providers were there as well to talk about other routes into jobs and careers. Students got to test their reflexes with the Army, have their eyebrows threaded by student beauticians and drive the tractor simulator. Church Stretton students were brilliant, asking questions and taking part in everything on offer. The amount of free pens obtained beat last years record as well.

Another opportunity to discuss apprenticeship for Yr10 and Yr11 will occur at Shropshire Apprenticeship Live on 27th March from 2 pm until 7 pm at Shrewsbury Town Football Club. Over 25 universities (for higher level apprenticeships), colleges, training providers and employers will be attending the event. See below for further details.

Mr Overton

P.T.A NEWS

The P.T.A held its AGM on Wednesday evening.

Post holders continue as follows:

Chairpersons: Helen Howes and Ruth Lawrence

Treasurer: Sam Scott

Secretary: Caroline Terrill.

We are grateful to them for committing to coordinating P.T.A events for another year, but they need your support. Your contribution, however small will be appreciated. Please consider coming along to the next meeting on **Wednesday 18th April at 7 pm** at the Stretton Ale House.

If you would like to volunteer but are unable to make the meeting please contact:

Caroline on caroline.terrill@gmail.com



SPORT RELIEF WEEK 19TH- 23RD MARCH

**Sport themed mufti-day
on 29th March in aid of
Sport Relief.**

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE NOTE:

Hoodies must be ordered and paid for through your Parent Pay account. Please do not send money into school

- **Before Checkout you will be asked to enter notes in the Mandatory Notes Field. Please use this to specify Size, Colour, and name/nickname (if required). YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO CHECKOUT UNTIL THIS BOX IS FILLED IN**

If you require a Bar-Coded letter to enable you to pay at a PayPoint location, please ask at Reception – students will need to supply their size, colour and name details separately to Kim Mortiboy in the school office

Orders must be received by Friday 27th April to allow time for processing and delivery

Please be very clear about size, colour and name as returns cannot be made once orders have been delivered

- **COST: £19 (NO NAME/NICKNAME)**
- **£23 (WITH NAME OR NICKNAME)**

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Size Guide X-Small (36) Small (38) Medium (40) Large (42-44) X-Large (46) 2X-Large (48) 3X-Large (50-52) 4X-Large (54)

Note: Sizes are 10" chest size, NOT physical dimensions



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CHRISTOPHER WHEELDON

WORLD PREMIERE



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Broadcast live from the Royal Opera House
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Tuesday 27th March @ 7.15pm**

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A fantastic meal prepared by our award-winning chef.

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Bernstein Centenary from the Royal Ballet.

There will be 3 fantastic ballets. We are delighted to be sharing the Royal Ballet celebrations of the centenary of Leonard Bernstein's birth with an all-Bernstein programme from Wayne McGregor, Liam Scarlett and Christopher Wheeldon.

The Royal Ballet has united all three of its associate choreographers to celebrate the dynamic range and danceability of Bernstein's music.

For this showing you can make it a real theatre experience and be treated to a fantastic pre-theatre meal in The Place restaurant.

Pre theatre meals are becoming increasingly popular. Some show meals quickly become fully booked. So don't miss out on this special occasion to sample the delights from our award winning chef. We expect a good take up for this show and meal so book early to avoid disappointment. Telephone 01694 722209.