



**CHURCH
STRETTON
SCHOOL**

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE ACADEMY TRUST

THE LINK

Edition 3, 22nd September 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed another productive week in school, with positive experiences both in and out of the classroom for students. Last week, Year 11 students were involved in an afternoon of workshops run by Elevate Education, discussing on preparation for examinations and study skills, coordinated by Mrs Davis, Design Technology teacher. The feedback from the session was really encouraging from Year 11 students who said that they found the session very useful as they plan their preparation for the forthcoming GCSE mock exams which commence in week beginning 20th November.

Although these are 'mock' exams, the results will provide a close indication of what students are likely to achieve in their actual exams in the summer. They should therefore be treated seriously, with full revision for each subject and use of past papers made to ensure students are fully prepared. Further details of the mock examinations will follow from Dr Wood, but students should be making time to revise at home now.

This week, Year 8 students benefited from a visit from the Army Cadets, coordinated by Ms Moore, making students aware of the less obvious, but highly rewarding opportunities within the organisation.

It was lovely to welcome back our 'Year 11 Leavers of 2016/17' yesterday to celebrate their achievement, through the awarding of certificates and prizes. We wish them the

very best for their future and as always, we enjoy hearing about their successes and destinations.

As you receive this edition of The Link, all of our students and staff are participating in our annual sponsored walk through the hills of the Long Mynd, led by Mr Longhurst. This is always a fantastic event, with students walking in their house colours, often in fancy dress, raising a significant amount of money for school improvements and charitable causes. I am sure that members of the public who have decided to take a walk in the hills today will be amazed as they meet nearly 600 of our students and accompanying staff!

Have a great weekend

Mr. J. Parr

Headteacher

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE SCHOOL TARGET = 96%

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TO DATE = 97.6%

11th-15th September 2017 = 97.5

Ragleth 98% Lawley 97.7%

Hazler 96.2% Caradoc 96.9%

EVENTS - September

8th Yr 9 HPV vaccine

21st Presentation Evening (Yr 11 Leavers)

22nd Sponsored Walk

28th Open Evening 5.00-7.00pm
(1.30pm early finish)

29th Open Morning 9.15-11.10am

**NEXT WEEK IS
WEEK B**

Open Evening Early Finish Reminder

Next Thursday 28th September is our Open Evening, therefore school will be finishing at 13:30 with students expected to leave site by 13:40. Please make necessary arrangements for your child to be collected or arrive home earlier than usual. Thank you.

SPORTING FIXTURES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

- Year 10- netball match at Concord college, leave school at 3.30pm return to school for 5.30pm.
- X-country @ Millichope park, Craven Arms, all years. Leave school at 3.30 return to school for 5.30pm.

TUESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

- Year 8 football @ Whitchurch, leave at 3.30pm return to school for 6pm.

WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

- U15 Rugby @ Walton, leave school at 2.30pm, return 6pm.
- Year 7/8 girls football at Sports village, 5.30-6.30 (arrangments to be discussed with students this week)



A huge well done from the maths department to these students who have moved up a NINJA belt this week:

Timmy Brown

Sasha Davies

Robson Fraser

Joanna Selley

Oliver Ryan

Dominic Miles

Bayley Mei Sears

Ben Hartshorne

Will Morgan

Saffron Jones

Ryan Bailey

Natalia Kobiela

Joe Curbishley

Jude Kelly



On Saturday 16th September Finlay Scott, year 11 Caradoc, was selected to compete for Shropshire in the Junior Inter-Counties Challenge Cup 2017. In his second outing for the County, Finlay was in a team of six archers from Shropshire competing in a World Archery round held at Droitwich. Shropshire beat teams from Worcestershire, Warwickshire and Staffordshire to win the trophy and a West Midlands Archery Society gold medal.

Finlay pictured shooting at his longest distance on the day of 60 metres.



ACCELERATED READING UPDATE



LOOK HOW WELL OUR PUPILS ARE DOING!



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

Year 7

Oliver Downes

Jack Holdsworth

Ruby-Leigh Kelly
Capel

Samuel Kim

Milly Liebrecht

Aaron Thomsett

Toby Wise

Year 8

Harry Dryden

Daniel Terrill

Year 9

Jacob Helm

Year 10

Eleanor Farrow

Eva Jones

Eleanor Neath

Mia Ward

Kate Wright

Fergus Wynne

“So Proud” Children from Church Stretton

Swim for Their Pool

A group of over 30 children attended a sponsored swim at the Leisure Centre on Saturday 16th September 2017 to raise money for a new pool cover.

Sam Rawlinson, Oliver Smith Davis, Adam and Luke Matthews, Eva, Dylan and Cerys Jones, Emma Davies, Grace Trueman, Chloe Child, Tamara Parke all swam in the event.

Overseen by Sandra Burgess and a dedicated team of helpers, the children had an ambitious target of 2 miles in 2 hours – or 164 lengths. In an astonishing feat of endurance and determination, the children swam a total of 2222 lengths – or 27 miles, raising over £500 for the project, which will help to improve energy efficiency by keeping heat in the pool when not in use and also help to keep the environment on poolside more ambient, decreasing excessive heat and humidity.

If you have already sponsored the event, please hand your sponsor money into the reception staff at the Leisure Centre, or if you would like to contribute, there is a box on the desk for donations.

Well done to all the children and thanks to all the adults who attended to help, and to all those who have donated to the fund.-



Congratulations to our Year 9s who won the south Shropshire netball tournament.

School Photographs

Wrates Photographers will be coming into school on Friday 20th October 2017 to take our annual photographs.

All students will have individual portraits taken. If you wish for a family group photo to be taken can you please complete a consent form and return it to the post box in reception by **Monday 9th October**. Students will then be given a specific time, via the tutor of the eldest student, to have the family photo taken. We will not be able to take family group photos unless the slip has been returned **in advance** of the photograph day.



CRAFT FAIRE

10am
to
4pm

Sat 18 November

Freshly cooked food available
ALL DAY!

*Christmas present ideas,
fairtrade and ethnic gifts*



**Shrewsbury Rd
Church Stretton
SY6 6EX**

Careers Advice Event

Yr11 Progression Events, organised by the Shrewsbury Colleges Group, will be held at Shrewsbury Town Football Club on Wednesday 20th September and Monday 2nd October from 4:00pm until 7:30pm. This is an opportunity for students and their families to talk to many different colleges and training providers in one place.

This is a reminder to those parents and students who have booked onto the Wednesday 20th September event. This date is now fully booked.

There are however spaces available on Monday 2nd October. This can be booked through the Shrewsbury College website:

https://www.shrewsbury.ac.uk/events/17/09shrewsburyyear11/progression_event_1

Any enquiries please contact Mr Overton