



Dear parents & carers,

Last week a group of Year 10 students undertook their Duke of Edinburgh expedition in a 'slimmed down' version due to the Covid-19 restrictions. However, although they were unable to camp out overnight, they still enjoyed their experience with the added bonus of the lovely weather. Both Mr Cox and Mrs Davis were extremely impressed by their enthusiasm and engagement. Well done to students involved and I am sure they will join me in thanking Mr Cox and Mrs Davis for supporting them.

Some staffing news now. I am very pleased to let you know that Mrs Dixon has been successfully appointed as Head of Key Stage 4 from September 2021, an appointment we know will significantly add to the Pastoral team.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support with Lateral Flow Testing using the home test kits. It is important that where possible, testing continues at home to ensure we maintain a safe school for everyone. On Wednesday this week, students were offered two boxes, each containing 7 test kits to take home. This will cover students for 7 weeks of testing.

With best wishes for the Bank Holiday weekend

Mr. J. Parr

Headteacher

LATERAL FLOW TEST REPORTING

If you should report an incorrect lateral flow test result, it is possible to void the result by rescanning the barcode. You will then need to take another test. If you no longer have the barcode then it is possible to report the error by calling 119.

Year 11 Summer Assessments

Dear Parents,

As you know all the exam boards have released materials to help your child revise for the summer assessments that start in school on May 10th.

They can access the GCSE materials from exam board websites below:

[Edexcel](#) - Sciences, Maths, History

[OCR](#) - Drama, Computer Science, (Art)

[AQA](#) - All other GCSE subjects in school

Please do encourage them to revise with these materials, there is still time for them to have a big impact on their grades. They can always ask for help if they get stuck.

Kind regards,

Dr Wood

Congratulations to last week's winners

Student: Katie Howard

Staff: Mrs Walker



Accelerated Reader



Once again well done to

the following students for reaching their targets.

Year 7

Oliwia Brdej

Emma Burke

Alex Costa-Veiga

Reuben Cowley

Poppy Flanagan

Isaac Hall

Cerys Hope

Indiya Howells

Scarlett Hurrell

Elsa Lovelock

Year 8

Beth Perry

Isla Skelly

Freddie Westall

Rosie Williams



CHURCH STRETTON SCHOOL

Well done to the students who completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition last weekend. Students were required to navigate a planned route, walking for at least 6 hours each day around the Long Mynd. A glorious weekend made for ideal walking conditions and the views were even more stunning than usual. With the expedition now complete students are within touching distance of completing the Award. Keep up the good work.

We asked students to comment on their experience:

Over the past year, I have been working towards my Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. As part of the award, participants are expected to complete a physical section, a skill-related section, a volunteering section and a 2-day expedition. I chose to do Rugby and fitness for my physical section. I aimed to improve on the piano playing for my skills section. Plus, over the Easter holidays, I coached and helped out at a children's sports camp, as part of my volunteering section. I enjoyed every single section of DofE because it allowed me to work on my weaknesses, allowed me to be more productive over lockdown and made me more grateful for the opportunity to complete my Bronze DofE award. However, the expedition was by far my favourite section, even if we got lost multiple times, fell into knee-deep mud and had blisters halfway through each day. I still loved it! Because it allowed me to experience something different, allowed me to work as a team alongside amazing people to reach each checkpoint and of course having fun with them on the journey. From doing my Bronze DofE award, I learned many valuable lessons and gained new skills that will stick with me in the future.

Natalee Evans

For our Duke of Edinburgh expedition, we completed 2 days of navigation and perseverance through the Shropshire countryside, walking around 18km each day. On the first day, my group (group 1) and group 2 walked back from Ratlinghope to the school, and groups 3 and 4 walked from the school to Ratlinghope. On the second day, we did the opposite route. During the weekend, we were met with incredible landscapes, filled with wildlife everywhere you looked! We couldn't have been any luckier with the weather, as it was the perfect temperature for walking. We also had to cook a meal on the Saturday evening as part of the challenge. Even though it didn't look good, we still ate it! We had heavy rucksacks to carry and aches and pains, but we persevered and completed the two-day challenge while having a lot of fun!

Ruari Frankel

Donning my heavy rucksack in the morning,
Umbrellas not needed as the sunshine was bright.
Kit list scrutinised to ensure everything is packed,
Excitement levels high as we set off in the minibus.

Off the bus at Ratlinghope, maps studied.
First through a field of cows heading towards Church Pulverbatch.

Energy levels dipping, the Trangia fired up for a nice brew.
Down the side of Yearlet + Ashlet, steep and stony.
Into school to cook a 'substantial meal' (pasta!)
Not allowed to camp due to Covid, good nights sleep at home.
Backpack on – sore shoulders, weary feet,
Up the hill to Minton; conversation flowing.
Round the glider-station and descending to Adstone Hill.
Gather back at Ratlinghope, waiting for the minibus sat in the graveyard.
Home- tired, aching but with a sense of achievement and slightly sunburnt noses.

Thanks to Mr Cox and Mrs Davis, the instructors and to The Duke of Edinburgh for giving us all this opportunity.

Eric Turner



The Tony Roach Memorial Award for Non-Fiction Writing

This year's winner of the Tony Roach Memorial Award for Non-Fiction Writing – A Person I Admire written by Bea Betton

Someone I Admire

Admiration is a word that I've never really used many times before, in fact, this work has made me think, more than I think I have ever thought before! So, when I was asked to produce this piece of writing, I found it very difficult to explain what this word actually meant. I put a substantial amount of thought into it and finally it came to me!

I recognised that admiration belongs to someone that is strong. Someone who has not only faced several challenges, but someone who fights back, carries on and comes back better than ever before.

This person is my mother. Sally.

My mum was born in Minton, Church Stretton on 31st March 1976. She was brought up on a small farm in the exquisite hills of south Shropshire. Life was hard back then, not as simple as today. My Mum lived with her Dad, Mum and her brother who **was seven years her senior. Living on a farm was not my Mum's favourite part of growing up, she quite frankly had no interest in it.** My Papa often says that my Mum had no interest and would much rather be doing something else. Mum avoided most, is not all, aspects of the farm, instead she worked hard at school.

Life got tougher for my Mum after she left school and college. At the age of 29, completely out of the blue, she was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. This is when the level of glucose in the blood becomes too high. She had to have 4 daily injections of insulin to keep her glucose levels under control. It can get hard sometimes, especially when she has a hypo, she can lose control of her body because her levels are too low. My Mum manages her diabetes like clockwork and has since moved onto pump therapy. She inserts a cannula every three days and a pump delivers insulin directly when she inputs the **necessary information, her pump mirrors what our pancreas' do on a daily basis!**

After having me when she was 31 years old, my parents decided to look into foster care and when I was four years old they became foster carers. Not long after I started primary school, they became Foster Carers to a group of 4 siblings, which really was amazing. I became a sister to four girls overnight and they made our family complete. Having 5 daughters to look after **gave my Mum even more to do, but she got through it no matter what! As if fostering wasn't enough; a year after they arrived my Mum and Dad decided to become the girls' forever family.**

Eight weeks after the girls arrived with us, when my Mum was 34, something quite horrific happened, she was involved in a serious car accident that nearly took her life. She was airlifted by air ambulance to The University Hospital in Stoke, because her injuries were so life threatening. My Mother went through 11.5 hours of surgery to repair her broken bones and then spent 3 days in intensive care. After day three we knew she was out of the woods, although she had to endure many months of intensive physiotherapy to be able to learn to walk again. A few days after her accident, I can remember being at home with my 4 sisters and my dad, and thinking about what had actually happened to her. I got picked up from school one lunchtime by my Dad to go and see my Mum in hospital. Tears came from my eyes just thinking about seeing her, knowing **that she was ok and safe was probably the best news I have ever heard in my life. When we walked in to my Mum's room in the hospital, I can remember her crying, she wasn't sad, she was just so happy to see me. We had never been apart since I had been born and so those 5 days seemed like an eternity.** My Mum had been told that she would remain in hospital for months, but yet again she amazed us all by coming home 11 days later. She was not able to walk for 3 months but she could **hear us read and practice our phonics, she was home, that's all that mattered! My Mum vowed to be able to walk by my 5th birthday on 18th July, and this she did, at my party!** I was so proud of her.

I often think 'why did this have to happen to my mum' but I eventually realised that everything she had to go through, made her ten times stronger. The doctors told her that she was never going to be able to walk unaided again and she would certainly never be able to wear her high heels again. My Mum walks every day and has done since three months after her **accident and she wears high heels too! I'm very certain she appreciates greatly the fact she can stand on her own two feet** again and thanks all those people who made this happen every day since.

This is why I admire my mother. She is a true fighter, she never gives up, never stops but most importantly never takes anything for granted. My Mum has taught me to be strong and to remain positive in everything I do and I thank her for this.



Extra-curricular Activities Summer 1

All clubs are mixed girls and boys. The girls will change in the leisure centre changing rooms and the boys will change in the old changing rooms in school. Please note there are no clubs on a Friday.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Monday 3:15 - 4:15			Walk and talk	Rounders	
Tuesday 3:15-4:15	Rounders	Rounders basketball			
Wednesday 3:15 - 4:15	Football	Cheerleading			
Thursday 3:15 - 4:15			Rounders		Btec catch up
Friday	No Clubs				



Key Stage 4 Student of the Week



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

Dylan Tipton Nominated by Mrs Mackechnie for outstanding effort and focus this week

Andrew Halliday Nominated by Mr Jones for outstanding work with his BTEC Sport coursework

Jake Duppa Nominated by Mrs Mackechnie for excellent effort and focus in new Maths group and Miss Whitcombe
Excellent fielding skills in rounders and good tactical awareness

Lucy Poole Nominated Mrs Davis for fantastic subject knowledge in preparation for the Summer assessments in DT

Back to Key Stage 3 again next week



Mr Jones	Andrew Halliday	Outstanding work with his BTEC Sport coursework
Mrs Mackechnie	Shane Clark	Outstanding effort and focus this week
Mrs Mackechnie	Dylan Tipton	Outstanding effort and focus this week
Mrs Mackechnie	Finn Fraser	Outstanding effort and focus this week
Mrs Mackechnie	Nancy Beavis	Outstanding effort with revision
Mrs Mackechnie	Grace Sansom	Outstanding effort with revision
Mrs Mackechnie	Phoebe Watkins	Outstanding effort with revision
Mrs Mackechnie	Jake Duppa	Excellent effort and focus in new Maths group
Miss Whitcombe	Jake Duppa	Excellent fielding skills in rounders and good tactical awareness
Mrs Outram	Emma Smith	For memorising the general quadratic formula
Mrs Davis	Ed Nockolds	Fantastic subject knowledge in preparation for the Summer assessments in DT
Mrs Davis	Lucy Poole	Fantastic subject knowledge in preparation for the Summer assessments in DT
Mr Clarkson	Will McGregor	Outstanding independent coding work in computer science
Mr Mottram	Kieven Liu	Consistent effort in class and with course work

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Wednesday 28 April, 6pm
Creative Industries
Digital, Art, Fashion, Music, Theatre & Marketing
Employer talk with TVideo and Culture Consortium Shropshire



Tuesday 4 May, 6pm
Land, Food & Agriculture
Farming, Livestock and Cultivation
Live talk with Harper Adams University



Wednesday 12 May, 6pm
Care & Education
Teaching and Childcare
Employer talk with Marches Care and Lawley Village Academy



Monday 17 May, 6pm
Science & Research
Science, Medicine, Analysis, Research
Employer Talk with UKRI Low Cost Nuclear Challenge

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