



Dear Parents and Carers,

I must begin with a huge thank you to all of our Year 11 students for their approach to the GCSE exams. We could not have asked for the students to have approached each exam session any better! Monday saw the last of the GCSE Summer exam series, with the final exam in DT taking place in the morning. It was lovely therefore to witness Year 11 enjoying their Prom at Shrewsbury Town Football Club on Thursday evening, with clear time and attention to detail around dress and appearance having been made by students. We wouldn't have expected any less!

The next time we will see Year 11 will be on GCSE results day, Thursday 24th August 2017, from 10:00am. If students would like someone else to collect results for them, they must bring a signed letter requesting this, or letters can be left in the school post box before the end of the summer term. If students wish to have results posted home (2 sheets of foldable paper, not the certificates) please leave a stamped, self-addressed, standard size envelope in the school post box. Unfortunately we are unable to provide results by phone or email.

We now look forward to Enrichment Week, with a multitude of activities for students to enjoy. At the same time, Year 10 students will be enjoying their Work Experience week. Phew!

Finally this week, may I draw your attention to some other staff changes taking place this year? At the end of this academic year, we say goodbye to Ms Hanson, English teacher. After 10 years of teaching at Church Stretton School, Ms Hanson has decided to leave teaching for the time being, at least, to pursue other avenues of interest. I am sure that you will join me in wishing her the very best for the future! Also leaving us are Mr Barrett, Cover Supervisor and Mrs Cooper-Abbs, School Reception and Attendance Officer. Mr Barrett is leaving to begin a new chapter in his career at Staffordshire University, as Head of Rugby, Performance and Development and Mrs Cooper-Abbs is departing for a School Reception role in a Primary School. Again, we wish both colleagues the very best wishes for their future - we will miss them!

With best wishes for a good weekend.

Mr. J. Parr

Head of School

CATERING AT SCHOOL

We are delighted to announce that Church Stretton School will be taking over the catering for school lunches as of September 2017. Your children will continue to be provided with the wonderful meals from the Catering Team.

In September, there will be a slight change of price to £2.35.

EVENTS - JULY

3rd	Principal's Afternoon Tea	18th	Sports Presentation Evening
4th	Year 4/5 Open Morning	19th	Reserve Sports Day
6th	Wimbledon Trip	19th	Summer Concert
7th	Sports Day	21st	Last Day of Term
10th	Enrichment Week		

**NEXT WEEK IS
WEEK A**



SOUTH SHROPSHIRE ACADEMY TRUST

Art & Design SHOW

Please join us for a celebration
of

GCSE Art & Design work at
Church Stretton School

on Tuesday 4th July 2017 from
6pm—8pm

Your School Uniform

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| ✓ Skirts/trousers, plain black | ✗ Skinny jeans/trousers with patch pockets |
| ✓ Skirts, on the knee, black, pencil or back vent (Trutex) | ✗ T-shirts worn under polos |
| ✓ Polo shirts, navy/sky blue with School logo | ✗ Skater skirts |
| ✓ Sweatshirts, navy with school logo | ✗ Skirts made of stretch fabric |
| ✓ V neck jumper, navy, with school logo | ✗ Canvas shoes |
| ✓ Tights, black/flesh coloured, non-patterned | ✗ Trainers/Boots |
| ✓ Socks, plain black/grey/white | ✗ Belts - large |
| ✓ Shoes, black sensible, low heeled | ✗ Cardigans |
| ✓ Wrist watch | ✗ Round-neck jumpers |
| ✓ 1 pair of stud earrings | ✗ Facial/Body piercings |
| ✓ Hair colour - natural colours | ✗ No other jewellery |
| ✓ Trousers worn around the waist | ✗ Extreme hairstyles |
| | ✗ Nail varnish |
| | ✗ Excessive make-up |
| | ✗ Coats/jackets/scarves/hoodies, Indoors |

ACCELERATED READING UPDATE

LOOK HOW WELL OUR PUPILS ARE DOING!

Number of books read since September:

5,650

Number of words read:

281,902,881

Congratulations to our latest members of the millionaire word club!

A special mention to Thomas Willis (1,052,181), Robbie Wooldridge (1,049,352), Maks Dzierzawski (1,039,704), Harriet Lloyd (1,023,996), Bronte Scott (1,021,698), Imogen Ingle (1,020,822) and Kaitlyn Orme (1,010,278) for becoming the newest members of our millionaire's club!



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

Year 7

Fenn Bartlett-Garrard
Lily Carney-Bradshaw
Emma Davies
Maks Dzierzawski
Ben Harris
Will Heywood
Callum Jones
Carys Jones
Harriet Lloyd
Edmund Nockolds
Beth Rawlinson
Grace Sansom
Kwaku Sasu
Jayden Slatter
Aiman Soussi-Dahdouh
Thomas Willis

Year 8

Lara Crippin
Isabelle Davies
Jessica Eades
Poppy Evans
Dylan Hadwen
Ellie Hasted
Woody Norman
Tilly Pinches
Felicity Somerville

Year 9

Sasha Davies
Revan Marland
Katy Mason
Natasha Trachonitis
Alice Wilson

Year 10

Angharad Davies
Thomas Halbert
Reece Hills
Will Ireland
Katie Love
Will Marston
Victoria Meyer
Luke Page

LIBRARY, LEISURE CENTRE & SWIMMING POOL

Our Library, Leisure Centre & Swimming Pool are really important to us as a school and the community.

We are working hard towards retaining these facilities for the school and the community.

Shropshire Council tell us that budgets have been significantly reduced due to cuts in central government funding. This has impacted on the sustainability of Church Stretton Library, Leisure Centre & Swimming Pool. This also impacts on other services considered "at risk" by Church Stretton Town Council

The cuts represent a particular challenge for our Town Council. The Town Council has therefore created a new budget cost centre for the funding of 'At Risk Services' and this includes £25k revenue in 2017/18, and an additional pot of £41k for one off or capital investment in these services created from operating reserves.

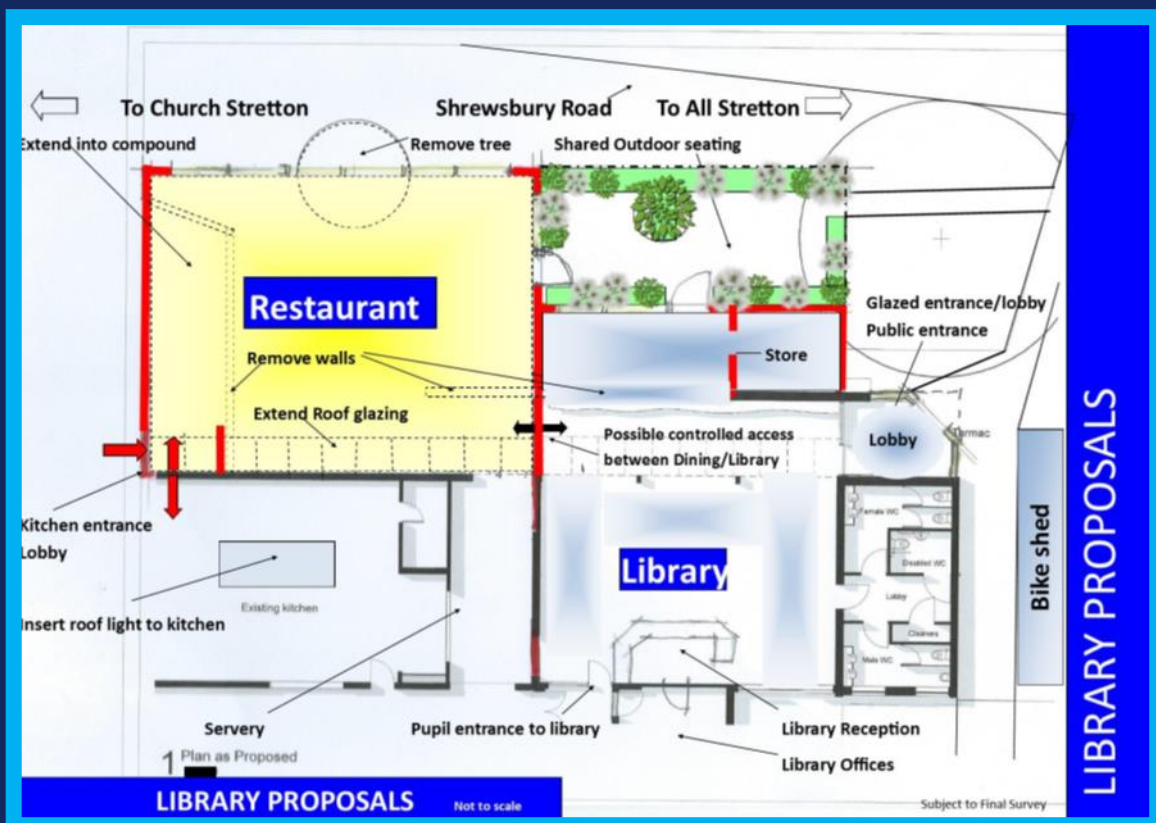
Residents in Church Stretton and the surrounding area are currently being asked their views to help shape what the library service will look like in future in the town.

At Church Stretton School we have exciting plans for an improved school library which we are also offering as a community library. This will lessen the burden on the Town Council funds.

We have submitted an expression of interest to run the community library from the school.

This will require some extension and alteration which will also provide us with a better library facility for our current and future pupils.

Our plans are shown below.



Our proposals will **Protect** the existing service; **Preserve** the quality of service for all; and **Enhance** the service for this and future generations.

We intend to:

- Increase opening times to 45 hours over 6 days (including school holidays).
- Provide a 'state of the art' 21st century learning environment for lifelong learners
- Strengthen partnerships with other agencies, voluntary and community groups
- Increase participation in learning activities
- Promote community development
- Ensure safeguarding of pupils
- Encourage a "lively and vibrant" learning environment for children and adults of all ages - opportunities for young and old to learn from each other, increasing the number of active library users.
- Promote a Library Advisory Group from interested community participants
- Ensure the funding is in place so as to maintain the service at no cost to local council tax payers

We also continue to work with Shropshire Council; Church Stretton Town Council; Teme Leisure and the SPA group to secure the future of our Leisure Centre and Swimming Pool.

With limited funding it may come down to a choice between allocating funds to either the library or the leisure centre/swimming pool, or even more limited funds to other services "at risk".

The Town Council will need to decide whether they use council tax to pay - as the Library Support Group suggest - for library staff salaries and whether they support ongoing salaries and revenue. The alternative consideration is whether they support shorter capital loan servicing such as our library proposals.

This would then be a 'one off' support for our proposals and not a recurring financial burden on our local council tax. We consider this would be a suitable source of funding for any capital requirements related to any services at risk.

Our submission is that we can (after initial capital investment) accommodate the community library at the school at no further expense to the Town Council funds - leaving more money to support other at risk services.

We would welcome your support of our proposals. We ask you therefore to let Shropshire Council and Church Stretton Town Council know your thoughts.

You can do this by completing a survey online at <http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/library-services-in-church-stretton> or visit the 'Get Involved' pages on the Shropshire Council website www.shropshire.gov.uk. Paper copies are available at the following locations: library, Leisure Centre, Mayfair Health and Well Being Centre and the Town Council office.

The closing date for the survey is 5pm on Monday 10th July.

To find out more about Church Stretton Library and what is offers visit <https://new.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-library/church-stretton-library/>.



The Second Mynd Drover Challenge Walk - a roaring success!

Weary but still smiling are words that sum up an incredible day and an incredible group of people. The positive attitudes, friendliness, enthusiasm and commitment of happy walkers, athletic runners and chipper Church Stretton School PTA volunteers made our second Mynd Drover Challenge Walk an outstanding success. Raising in excess of £4000 towards the cost of our new school minibus, the PTA would like to thank all who supported and can only suggest that if you missed out on the fun this year, fear not, you can join us next!

See our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/mynddrover for more of the action.

Please email info@mynddrover.co.uk now, if you would like to help next year.

Join us to celebrate our success on 5th July, 7.30pm at the Bucks Head

Many, many thanks to all involved,
Helen Howes - PTA Mynd Drover Coordinator.

Here are just a few of the many thank you messages we have received so far:

Thank you for a fabulous day yesterday! Amazingly organised right down to perfect weather!

Congratulations to you on organising an excellent Mynd Drover on Saturday. I completed the 26 mile route and it was great to have the excellent support from all of your volunteers at the checkpoints. I've never seen it so busy on the Longmynd. Looking forward to doing it again next year.

Thanks for organising a fabulous event.

Had a great day and thank you for organising and to all the welcoming volunteers at the check points. ... see you next year!

Many thanks to the organisers, the volunteers, the friendly walkers, and the weather. No problem with route finding - as long as the people in front knew where they were going!

Thanks for a great event again this year.

Thanks for a fantastic day yesterday – we thoroughly enjoyed it and can't wait for next year! I took lots of photos but I love this one the best!! Two wavy hands from the mini bus which the Drover walkers have helped to buy.

Fabulous day out again this year, that hill doesn't get any easier though! Pie and tea was the perfect finish to the day, big thanks to all the smiling helpers. 😊

Thanks to our sponsors: Wenlock Spring Water, Hough & Sons Butchers, Tuffins Supermarket, Rowlands Fruit & Veg, Emery's Builders Merchants, Mr. Bun the Baker, Ace Kind Construction.