



Dear Parents and Carers,

With Enrichment Week for Years 7—9 and Work Experience for Year 10 students, this week in school has been very different from the usual!

The overwhelming feedback from students has been one of enjoyment and sharing of new experiences, as students have been treated to House based and year group activities. This has included STEM activities, multi-activities, Safari Park trip, Chester Zoo, Magical maths and summiting the 'House peak' to name but a few. In addition, various trips and visits off site including Sports Tour to Gibraltar, Year 7 French Trip, Year 8 Preseli Outdoor Adventure, Year 9 Battlefields trip, KS3 English residential, combined with other in school sessions offered by Curriculum areas have really offered students a wealth of fantastic opportunities.

This list does not adequately reflect all of the sessions which staff have offered during the week. Full details are located on our website '[Letters](#)' page if you are interested in seeing what each year group has enjoyed. I am sure that you would like to join me in thanking all staff and external providers who have made the week so special for our students. A real team effort!

PTA Fundraising

Last week I mentioned the highly successful Mynd Drover organised by our fantastic PTA members, which raised over £4000! I cannot emphasise enough the importance of such fundraising to help us provide high quality experiences for our students, and I am indebted to the huge amount of work undertaken by the PTA in the 'behind the scenes organisation' and on the day coordination of this successful day. I would like to thank Mrs Helen Howes in particular for her leadership of the event and I know that with next year in mind, she would very much appreciate the continued support of all who assisted this year and any others who may like to get involved next year. For more information, please email info@mynddrover.co.uk.



As I have said, such fundraising is hugely appreciated, and of such significance for us, as through PTA funding, we have been able to purchase a superb new minibus which you may have seen out and about, in our car park or on press release articles! This is such a help to us, enabling costs spent on hiring vehicles to be reduced and increasing capacity to take students on trips, visits and sporting fixtures. One message therefore to end with on behalf of the school....Thank you PTA!

Next week remains busy, being our final week of term, with the return of Year 10 students from their Work Experience placements and the School Summer Concert on Wednesday. On Friday, may I remind you that we have an early finish to the school day as we have had in previous years. Please therefore, make arrangements for your child to be arriving home earlier than usual.

Enjoy the weekend

Mr. J. Parr

Head of School

EVENTS - JULY

18th Sports Presentation Evening

19th Summer Concert

21st Last Day of Term, 2pm
finish

**NEXT WEEK IS
WEEK B**



PTA Mynd Drover 2017 Fundraising



CHURCH STRETTON SCHOOL - PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Dear Parents, Carers and all School Staff

As we approach the end of another school year, Church Stretton School Parent Teacher Association have had a tremendously successful fundraising year, just two major fundraising events have enabled us as a PTA to provide the following items for the school:

Outdoor Table tennis tables

Dictionaries for classrooms

And last but by no means least..... initial funding of the new School Minibus!

We are fortunate to be able to provide these items to school especially at this time when school funding is so very tight. However the support for the school can only continue if families and staff generously donate their time to supporting our fundraisers.

We only run two fundraisers per year: **The Annual Craft Fayre** which this year will be on Saturday 18th November, and the new hugely successful **Mynd Drover Challenge Walk** which was held in June. Both events play a large role in the wider community as well as raising funds to benefit each and every one of our children at the school.

Many Secondary schools no longer benefit from PTA fundraising and it is an indication of the community spirit that is retained in Church Stretton and the surrounding villages that we are able to continue.

So, we would like to say a massive **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who has helped the PTA to raise over £6,500 this year. Whether you come regularly to PTA meetings or help to set-up and run each event, whether you have bought and sold raffle tickets, walked miles through the Stretton Hills, staffed checkpoints, shopped at our Craft Fayre, served refreshments the list goes on..... thank you all.

However, each year we lose some of our most experienced volunteers as their children leave the school, so we are always keen to recruit new volunteers. **CAN YOU HELP? We are a friendly bunch, we meet either at the School or a local pub and we try to vary meeting times to enable both families and school staff to attend.**

Sadly many families who were stalwart volunteers at primary school often don't join PTA at secondary school. We would love some of your experience and enthusiasm. It is our target to get every single family and staff member involved with, or supporting at least one event per year.

Please come along to meet the team at our next meeting on:

Wednesday September 20th, 5.30pm in the school dining room. Refreshments provided!

Only with your support can we embark on a year of fundraising to finance the second year of our new minibus.

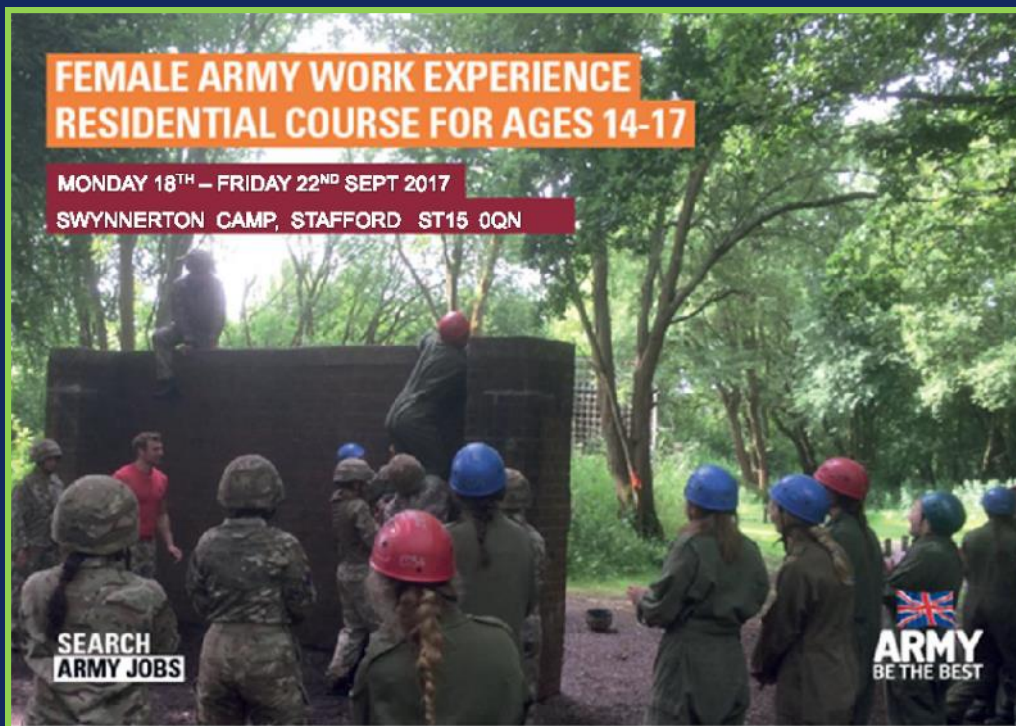
The PTA team.



Wednesday 19th July 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Refreshments Provided

£5 £4(conc) via ParentPay or School Reception



INVITATION - ARMY 5 DAY RESIDENTIAL WORK EXPERIENCE COURSES

The Army offers a wide range of employment opportunities across a range of different disciplines, but given the sheer variety of jobs on offer it can be difficult for your pupils to know which ones are of interest to them.

These residential courses provide students the opportunity to experience a taste of Army life and allow us to showcase the jobs available within the Army so that your students discover what opportunities exist for them. Many branches of the Army will be represented and pupils will be able to talk to serving soldiers and to see, at first-hand, how they can take advantage of the opportunities on offer.

The course duration is 5 days, in-line with work experience requirements and contains elements designed to demonstrate the training and education opportunities available in a career in the Army through interactive and stimulating activities. The course is open to all those aged between 14 and 17 years old.

Themes – Insight into life in the Army, exciting learning environment, competitive spirit, Army values, team building, physical fitness, self-management, discipline and overnight expedition.

Skills – Communication, working with others, problem solving, personal development, improving own learning and performance, employability, survival.

Bookings for this event are made by school staff by contacting the Army National Recruiting Centre - 01980 835 520 or Email - ARTD-RG-NRCRecruitingAd23@mod.uk. Further information can be found by visiting www.army.mod.uk/jobs

Limited places so book early to avoid disappointment.

Army Work Experience Dates – 2017

4th to 8th September

18th to 22nd September (Female Only)

2nd to 6th October

16th to 20th October

6th to 10th November

13th to 17th November

4th to 8th December

Army Work Experience Dates – 2018

8th to 12th January

5th to 9th February

12th to 16th February

19th to 23rd February

5th to 9th March

19th to 23 March