

9th June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

As we move into the final weeks of this academic year, we are very busy. I therefore thought it would be helpful to provide an update on the various activities and events taking place. Inevitably, this will not cover everything, as we also have a number of bespoke activities running, but I hope it gives a useful overview.

Examinations

- Year 11 will move into their final week, with the majority finishing on Monday 15th June with their final Physics exam. Spanish students will have two further exams on 16th and 17th June. All Year 11 students will be on study leave from 12th June following their Chemistry morning exam.
- Year 10 will begin their formal mock examination series in the week beginning 15th June, running through to 26th June. This marks the start of the process for determining entry tiers and is therefore important for their potential outcomes.
- Year 9 will undertake formal mock examinations in their core subjects from 24th to 26th June, alongside informal assessments in their option subjects.

Careers

As we look ahead to 2026–27, there is an ongoing review of our careers provision, particularly in light of the government's proposed changes to careers advice and guidance. For now, the following activities are planned for this term (my thanks to Mr Richards and Mrs Griffiths-Jones for organising these):

- 3rd June: National Trust (Attingham Park) – Heritage and Visitor Experience (7 students).
- 17th June: Shrewsbury Town FC – Careers in Sport, involving the Year 10 BTEC group (25 students). Thank you to the club for their support.
- 25th June: Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Gobowen. This does unfortunately clash with some exams; arrangements will be made for students to catch up. This will involve 15 Year 9/10 students interested in a career in the NHS.
- 29th June – 3rd July: NMITE programme involving 50 Year 10 students. The remaining Year 10 timetable will collapse for the week – a significant opportunity for us.
- 6th and 8th July: Ludlow Fire Station visits. All of Year 10 will attend, one class at a time, walking into town. Each group will spend approximately one hour at the station. Thank you to the Fire Service for their involvement.
- 8th July: Shrewsbury Town FC – Careers in Sport (Year 10 BTEC group).
- 14th July: VINCI Construction – Hospital Build Project (15 students), initially offered to Year 10 students with an interest in construction or STEM.
- 6th – 10th July: NHS Work Experience placement at the Princess Royal Hospital for one student.
- Year 10 Post-16 Taster Day at Ludlow College will take place on Wednesday 1st July.

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For many of the above opportunities, students have already been approached or selected to enable the necessary arrangements, including insurance, to be put in place. I appreciate there is always a wish for wider participation, but we are grateful to the employers supporting these activities.

Trips and Experiences

- London English trip – 9th–10th June, providing an opportunity to experience the capital’s cultural heritage, including Shakespeare’s Globe.
- Ski trip – dry slope preparation has begun.
- Arthog Residential – 13th–16th July (fingers crossed for good weather).
- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition – 18th–19th June (again, weather dependent).
- Alton Towers Awards Trip – 15th July, for students meeting attendance and behaviour criteria and wish to go.
- Ongoing county and local athletics events – thank you to all students representing the school.

I am also aware that the Creative Arts Department has begun planning its next production. I look forward to hearing more in due course, as I am sure it will be as impressive as ever.

Last Day Arrangements – 17th July

As we approach the end of term, I would like to provide an early update on arrangements for the final day. We will be running a series of form-based activities, and the school will close early at 12:30pm to allow us to say goodbye to departing colleagues. Buses have been arranged to arrive earlier to enable students to travel home. Should there be any changes, we will inform you as soon as possible.

Overall, the next five weeks at Ludlow Church of England School are extremely busy. When you ask your child what they have done at school and receive the usual “nothing” in response, I can assure you this is far from the case. As we move towards the end of the academic year, we remain committed to providing both the care and challenge that you expect from school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M Stoppard', written over a horizontal line.

Mr M Stoppard
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