

TrustEd Schools Talk

Church Stretton School: Top for Pupil Progress!

We are thrilled to share with you that Church Stretton School has been recognised as the top-performing secondary school in Shropshire for pupil progress, based on the GCSE results from the last academic year. This great achievement highlights the dedication and hard work of the pupils, as well as the unwavering support their dedicated teachers and staff.

The school's Progress 8 score for 2024 of +0.44, places it at the top of the league table for secondary schools across Shropshire. Progress 8 is a Department for Education measure that reflects the academic progress that pupils have made, from Primary School to the end of their time in Secondary.

Head of School, Andy Wood said to us, "Our pupils' achievements are a testament to their determination and the relentless support from our teachers and staff. We are incredibly proud of everyone involved."

This success story is not only a celebration of academic excellence but also an affirmation of the school as a whole. It is a reminder of the power of collaboration between pupils, teachers, parents and carers. We are very proud of their achievements.

Congratulations to all the pupils and staff at Church Stretton School for their remarkable performance.

John Parr
Headteacher



School name	Type of school	Number of pupils at end of key stage 4	Progress 8		Entering EBacc	Staying in education or entering employment (2022 leavers)	Grade 5 or above in English & maths GCSEs	Attainment 8	EBacc average point score
			Number of pupils included in this measure	Score & description					
Church Stretton School	Academy	112	108	ABOVE AVERAGE 0.44	17.0%	93% (98 of 105 pupils)	54.5%	51.2	4.31

The DFE tables for 2024.

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Belvidere Grand Opening

It was a day of celebration on 26th September when community representatives, School and Trust governors and staff, and the whole school community came together to officially open the new school.

The school was opened by Mrs Julia Buckley, MP for Shrewsbury, who ceremonially cut the ribbon and unveiled the plaque. The new building was funded by the DFE and has state of art facilities including a new dance and drama studio, a theatre space, ICT suites and food technology facilities.

The grand opening event offered a wide range of activities and performances. These included students making and planting seed bombs, with the help of staff from the Wildlife Tryst, and the planting of bulbs in planters. This was all keeping with the new building's great eco design.

The school has also welcomed Mr Robin Rashid as their new Headteacher this year. Mr Rashid shared that he has been given a warm welcome by the school and community and is optimistic for the school and how great it can be.

It was a great start to the new academic year for students and staff at Belvidere.



Mr Rashid (Headteacher) and Mrs Julia Buckley (Shrewsbury MP) unveiling the plaque at the opening.



Pupils with Mark Anderson (Chair of Trust Board), Pete Johnstone (Retired Headteacher), Robin Rashid (Headteacher) and Mrs Julia Buckley MP (Shrewsbury) cutting the ribbon.



Some of the talented students at Belvidere with Mrs Godden (CEO) and Mr Rashid (Headteacher) following their fantastic performance for visitors who attended the opening.

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TrustEd Parliament



Student Parliament Representatives with Mrs Bell

On 5th November, our elected students from our Trust schools met up to decide how they were going to make an impact as representatives of their schools, sitting on the TrustEd Student Parliament in 2024-2025.

Church Stretton School kindly hosted the event again. The students started the day with a Team building exercise organised by Mr Jew, where our primary students worked with the secondary students to compete against each other. All were energised and ready to start the Student Parliament activities.

We started by getting to understand the concept of “Courageous Advocacy” and its relevance to successful Social Action. Primaries paired up with secondaries to research four different themes where social action could have a real impact on both the school and local communities. The themes were: Community, Conservation, Environment and Health. Each group researched problems linked to their designated theme in their school/community, existing action groups and charities, then considered what actions might be a starting point for the TrustEd Parliament to work on.

Each group presented their findings, and we ended the day with a vote on which cause the Student Parliament would focus their action during 2024-25. The theme was ‘Waste Disposal & Recycling’. All felt that this would be a cause that schools will be able to have the biggest impact.

All Representatives now have the job of informing their fellow students on what ‘Social Action’ is now planned to make the biggest difference in our schools and community. They will need everyone's support for TrustEd Schools to ‘Clean-Up’ Shropshire and keep it beautiful. We look forward to finding out about the impact of their work over the year ahead.

Mrs Bell
Oldbury Wells School



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TrustEd Champions



This year we have seen the launch of the TrustEd Champions Programme, whereby across the year there will be a series of calendared opportunities for all students in our Trust of schools to take part in competitions. This will be at both intra and inter school level in a variety of areas. The winners from each school will be crowned as ‘Trusted Champions’. These competitions are organised and hosted by individual schools within the Trust, with invites being extended across all nine schools.

The first competition – Design a Trust Christmas Card was organised by Mrs Lane from Meole Brace school. We had over 500 entries in total, but the winning designs are displayed above. They came from (L-R);

- KS1 – Poppy from Castlefields
- KS2 – Caleb from Alveley
- KS3 – Katie from Church Stretton
- KS4 – Matthew from Mary Webb

Other planned competitions for the year are ‘Poetry by heart’, art gallery, cupcake competition, MasterChef, animation competition and a spelling bee!

More TrustEd Champions news to come over the next few months! Congratulations to our first TrustEd Champions!

Mr Farish
Meole Brace School



Meole Brace School



Alveley Primary School