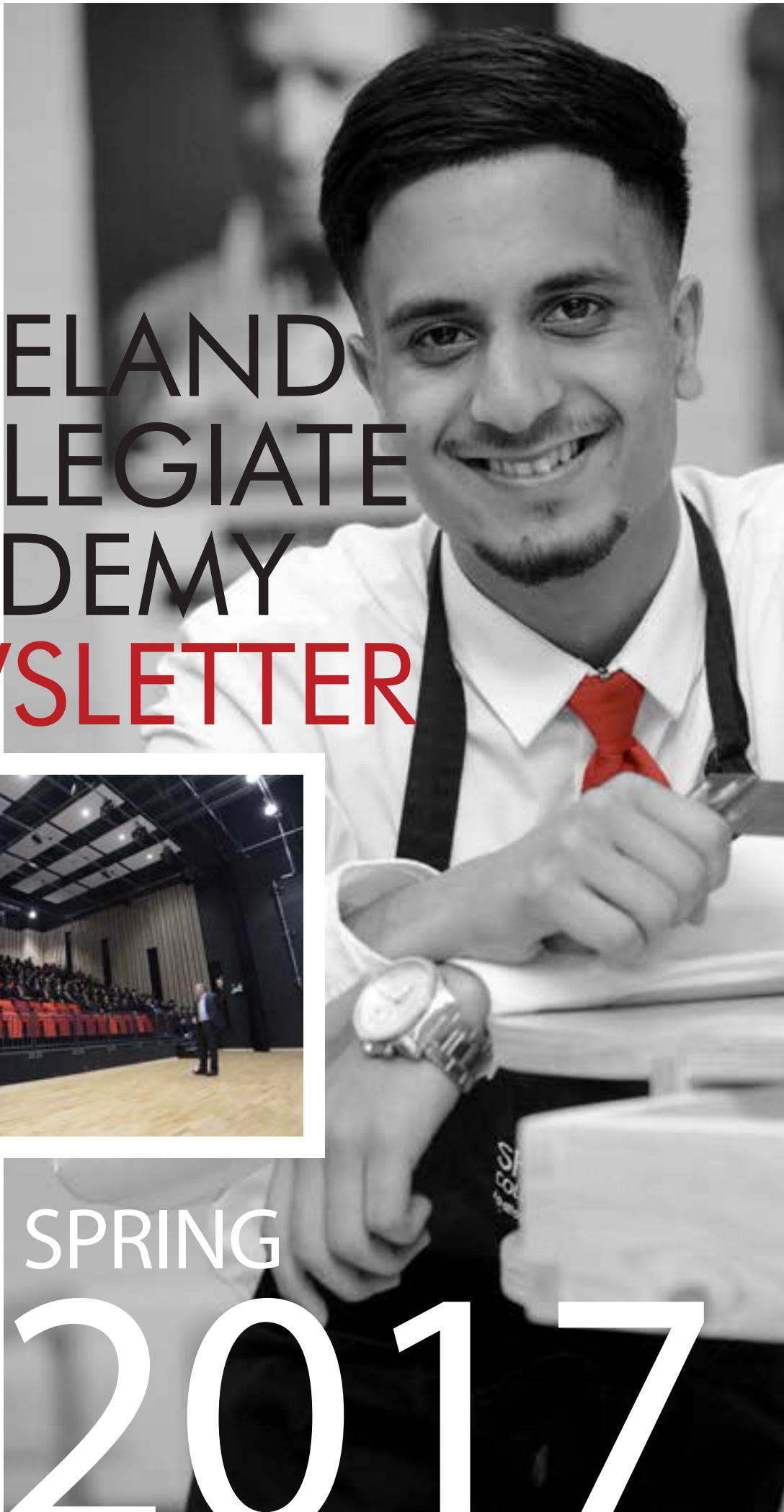




SHIRELAND COLLEGIATE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Families,

Welcome to our latest edition of the newsletter that has been compiled by students and staff. I hope that as we approach the end of half-term you will gain an insight into how busy and exciting this half-term has been. Particular highlights for me have been the successes that students have had in the F1 in Schools competition and the Jaguar Land Rover 4x4 competition both of which were held at Shireland. Our Year 9 Basketball Team also reached borough finals and acquitted themselves very well. The future looks positive for the team.

I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight the work of our Family and Community Forum. Parents and community representatives meet on a half termly basis to discuss the role of the academy within the community and address any issues or areas where family and community could support the academy. This is a valuable opportunity for the academy to hear the views of families and community representatives. If you would like any further information or to be considered for a position on this forum please contact Claire Humpage.

Mr Irish

Associate Principal



Debate Mate

Monday 30th January 2017 heralded the launch of Debate Mates Urban Debate League. Schools from across the region descended on our Academy, which was playing host to this prestigious contest of linguistic jousting. The four Shireland Collegiate Academy teams pitted their wits and passion in 2 rounds of debating and overall we prevailed as the victors in five out of the eight debates! The Year 7 team, consisting of Telvin, Charlie, Ibrahim, Harpriet and Aiden, deserve a special mention, as they won both of their ties in their first attempt at competitive debating. All teams debated exceptionally well and the smooth running of the event was ably assisted by a number of Year 7 and 8 Debate Mate helpers.

Bring on the second contest – March 2017!



Basketball Review for 2016

Both the Under 14 and Under 16 boys' basketball teams reached the District Finals this season, following dominant displays against local schools.

The Under 14 team had recorded large wins against Sandwell Academy, Perryfields High School and Ace Academy in earlier rounds. The small squad of players worked tirelessly with forward and captain Jediah Lee-Givens (Year 9) consistently proving too much to handle for opposing players. The Championship game proved one too many for them, with the team eventually going down 35-28 in a hard fought contest which, until the final minutes, could have gone either way. This group will move up to further strengthen the Under 16 age group next year. The team, made up of Shaquille Wilson Hall, Michael Mayor, Jaydon Grey, Francisco Davies and Abdillahi Warsume, have improved immensely throughout the season due to the hard work and dedication put in by all.

The Under 16 team who were last years Under 14 District Champions were predominantly made up of year 10 players, playing up a year group. With a much larger squad than the younger age group, all players have trained tirelessly all season.

They recorded a series of wins throughout the season against older opposition with a number of stand-out performers. Forward and co-captain Rayan Malik has led from the front all season alongside guard/point guard and co-captain Ayuub Dualeh in promoting a hard work team ethic. The District Championship semi final was perhaps the stand-out performance of the year when they showed a dominance beyond their years against a much bigger and older Sandwell Academy side. The excellent point guard work from Tyreek Newton helped set a high tempo game that Sandwell simply couldn't cope with. Further impact plays from centre, Jehoni Ndofula, guard/forward Ja-Vaughn Moesson and guard Edgar Motjetje kept the game out of reach for the visitors. Jean Torres (guard), Nicholas Mayor (guard), Kamal Ahmed (guard) and Jediah Lee-Givens (forward/centre) make up a team that all opposition schools have agreed are firm favourites in the Under 16 competition next year.



Game Designer Master Class

A number of Year 12 students attended the Game Designer Master Class on Wednesday 30th December 2016. The master class was held at Birmingham City University and involved computer science and ICT students being able to take part in a university lecture style lesson. Students were able to work with M.A. students and took part in many activities.



Curiouser and Curiouser

As part of the Year 11 Performing Art (Dance) examination, the students have to create a 20 minute showcase performance.

The title of the piece is 'Curiouser and Curiouser,' so the students have to observe a live performance related to this theme in order to create their own. The students have therefore had the opportunity to see 'Wonderland' by the National Theatre at the New Alexandra Theatre on Thursday 9th Feb.

This enabled them to draw ideas and themes from the professional work to support them with their own representation for the exam in May.

Humanities

On the 16th of February the Humanities Department are taking Year 9 and 10 historians on a visit to see Shakespeare's Globe Theatre and Sir Francis Drake's famous galleon, The Golden Hinde. Students will take part in activities and workshops which will aim to give them an impression of life in Elizabethan England.

Maths

Year 12 went to the University of Wolverhampton to take part in a problem-solving conference, during which they had a master class on proof and developed their problem-solving skills with the Fun Maths Roadshow. This further prepared them for their studies of A-Level maths.

Seven girls on the Year 10 "gifted and talented" programme went to the University of Wolverhampton to take part in the 'Celebrating Women in Maths' day. They had the opportunity to listen to inspirational talks from a number of women who studied maths past GCSE. This included members of the RAF whose careers would not have been possible without maths! The girls also developed their mathematics knowledge by taking part in three workshops about mechanics, the binary number system, and the processes within decision mathematics.

Important dates for next half-term

Term Dates

Monday 27th Feb- Friday 7th April

Year 10 Internal Examinations

Monday 27th March- Friday 31st March

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