

# SHIRELAND COLLEGIATE ACADEMY



SPRING TERM 1

# NEWSLETTER

## Let the Debating Begin!

Shireland's defence of their Debating League title has started. On 29th January, 2018, Shireland Collegiate Academy played host to the most hotly contested debating tournament around. 7 schools and 103 students from across the West Midlands came together to debate the big issues of today.

Last year's title-winning team (Asiba Safi – Y10, Rushda Khan – Y10, Finn Chapman – Y9, Diana Denca – Y8 and new recruit Jasleen Kaur – Y 10) started the defence of their league title in style. In both their matches they were victorious and at this early stage in the debating season they are at the top of the league!

Our other 3 teams gained valuable experience, both in victory and defeat, and were buoyed by the partisan crowd offering support.

The areas discussed were: 'This house would ban targeted advertising to under 16's'

AND

'This house would allow the police to have unrestricted access to all our personal online information'

Bring on the next round – 05/03/2018 at Shireland Collegiate Academy!



## Our Brilliant Club students all graduate from University of Warwick!

**The award-winning education charity The Brilliant Club worked with thirty-seven of our Year 9 and Year 10 students to raise aspirations and give them a taste of what life could be like at a top university.**

Alongside their normal school commitments, our students had seven 1-hour tutorials where they studied content as diverse as Cancer Statistics, Addiction and A Woman's Role in Medieval England.

The first tutorial took place at University of Nottingham and included opportunities to meet current undergraduates, have a campus tour and gain information, advice and guidance on higher education from the host university's widening participation team.

Each student then had a further six tutorials that took place at the Academy with one of the three PhD tutors who were assigned to us. Students were expected to complete a piece of homework each week before completing a final assignment of a minimum 2000 words. The final assignment was marked according to university grading, with a focus on critical thinking, skills, argument construction and independent research.

Huge congratulations need to go out to our Brilliant Club students as only those who completed their final assignment were invited to the graduation at University of Warwick; as every one of our students completed their assignment we had a great turn out at the graduation with many families joining us for this special occasion!

A special well done is also extended to Michael Mayor, Chikumbutso Phuka and Asiba Gul Safi who were all awarded a top grade of a First Class award.



## Pupil Ambassador Group

As a reward for their continued dedication to Shireland Theatre School, students were selected to represent Shireland Collegiate Academy and take part in a backstage tour and workshop at Birmingham Hippodrome. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to participate in a very stimulating and worthwhile experience.

As part of our membership to the Hippodrome Education Network (HEN), the Academy will provide more opportunities for our students to perform at Birmingham Hippodrome. We will also seek opportunities for students to increase their knowledge and skills in drama, dance and musical theatre studies.

## Together West Midlands Conference at BCU

On Friday February 2nd a team of Year 9 students took part in the Together West Midlands conference to raise awareness of hate crime and its prevention. The Shireland students selected were:

Vlada Sokolova  
Finn Chapman  
Liyah Moughel  
Sana Shaheen  
Chikumbusto Phuka

The students were set a brief to design and present a poster to raise awareness of hate crime and they were all praised for their work in particular Liyah who was announced as the winner of the poster challenge, beating off competition from over 40 other students!

A fantastic day was had by all and Shireland students were inspired by the work that other competitors had on show. It was also a fantastic opportunity for them to gain confidence in public speaking and presenting.



## **Year 12 problem solving classes at the University of Wolverhampton**

Our dedicated AS students have been attending Problem Solving classes on Saturday at the University of Wolverhampton to develop their problem solving skills which is important for their A Level course.

## **Year 9 students and the UKMT challenge**

Our Year 9 G&T students have all participated in the UKMT Maths Challenge. This challenge aims to stimulate both mathematical problem solving and mathematical curiosity. Students will find out next term if they have been awarded Bronze, Silver, Gold, Junior Kangaroo or Junior Mathematical Olympiad awards.

## **Year 10 Mechanics Enrichment Course**

Our Year 10 boys have attended a mechanics Enrichment Course at the University of Wolverhampton which included a number of hands on workshops for the students to get involved with, all based around different area of Mechanics.

## **Year 10 Senior Maths Challenge**

Our Year 10 students have attended the Year 10 Maths Feast which is an enjoyable and challenging team competition testing mathematical, team-working and communication skills. We came third!

If you want to be involved in any of our maths enrichment trips or challenges next term - please see the maths department.



## F1 in Schools Success

F1 in Schools Ltd is a social enterprise working with committed industry partners to provide an exciting yet challenging educational experience through the magnetic appeal of Formula One. F1 in Schools is the only truly global educational programme that raises awareness of STEM and Formula One among students and school children in every region, in every country, on every continent.

Shireland's team of 6 Year 7 students also known as "Accelaron" recently competed at the Central England Regional Final. The team were required to present all of their work to a panel of expert judges from the engineering industry including manufacturing a model F1 car, engineering and enterprise portfolios, verbal presentation and marketing display. The team dominated the competition by winning all major awards and were crowned the overall champions of Central England. The team will now be representing Shireland at the UK National Final on the 19th March at the Silverstone F1 Circuit.

Nikola Mrozowksa (Team Manager) said "It felt amazing knowing that we managed to win the regional finals and progress to the national finals where we will compete against the best teams in the country. We can't wait to start competing again!





**The Year 11 Religious Studies Students visited the Birmingham Museum to explore the 'Faiths in Birmingham' exhibition. Students learnt about the diverse community and explored how different faiths have influenced and shaped the city.**



**Term Dates:** Monday 26th February- Friday 29th March  
**Year 11 Parents' Evening:** Thursday 1st March  
**Post 16 Parents' Evening:** Thursday 8th March

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