

Shireland Collegiate Academy



NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2

2018



Year 13 Cruise Trip

On the 7th of February, Yr13 Travel and Tourism, Business, IT, Accounts and Computer Science students travelled with P&O on a cruise to Belgium and Amsterdam. It was a four night cruise and was a great, once in a lifetime experience for us all.



We spent a full day out in Belgium and learnt about the history in Belgium, walking past some of its oldest buildings, many of us also tried traditional Belgian waffles and chocolates. We also spent a full day in Amsterdam where we walked through the city to experience the culture, which is definitely different to Birmingham! We also took a trip to Anne Frank's house which was very emotional and moving.

The tour around the house was intriguing and allowed us to see exactly how Anne lived throughout the war. Back on the cruise ship, students and staff celebrated the end of the night with a 5 course meal with a black tie dress code. This was definitely a success, with all of our students looking very dapper in the evening.

On the last day we had the opportunity to interview a number of crew members where we were able to ask questions about career opportunities and gain an insight in working onboard a ship. Our last night together was filled with fun and we all made great memories!



Full Potential Running Club

Recently, Mr Cusworth-Yafai began sharing his marathon training experiences with our students. His goal was to emphasise the importance of health and fitness and the parallels that can be drawn between setting physical goals and academic goals. In order to further support our students, he has started the Full Potential Running Club.

The aim of club is to encourage students to engage in regular physical activity and to enable them to monitor their efforts and progress towards personal goals. The club focuses on motivation, self-esteem, nutrition and performance and is open to students of all ages and ability at Shireland.

The program will run for the rest of the year with training sessions taking place every Friday from 15:20 – 16:20. On a monthly basis, they will attend the Park Run at Sandwell Valley (09:30 Saturday - parents are welcome to take part) or complete a timed distance on our track.



Cadbury World Trip

The Cadbury World trip was an amazing opportunity to learn how a big business runs as this supports our unit 2 theory. When we entered, we were given FREE chocolate and then went around the factory. As we went around, we saw how the business was started. We were able to write our name in chocolate and see the process of how chocolate is designed.

After lunch, Mrs Uppal and Miss Kaur took us to the 4D cinema, where we were given an incredible experience. We were then taken to the George Cadbury room, where we were given an entertaining and educational presentation about the business, that has helped me to learn about how a big business runs. We learnt all about business mergers and takeovers, all the different products that Mondelez have in their portfolio, flow production and Cadbury's introduction of Cocoa Life. Overall, I loved the whole trip!



West Midland Safari Park Trip

On Monday the 26th of March a group of year 10 GCSE and BTEC Business students went on a trip to the West Midlands Safari Park. On this trip we were intending to see customer service and the elements of a successful business, in action.



The trip allowed us to gain an insight into the many other jobs within a business. I really enjoyed the day and I gained a lot of information about good and bad customer service. We even had a chance to go on the rides and see all the animals.

We are intending to further investigate the factors that make the Safari Park a successful business, such as its location.

Written by Asiba

Year 11 Rock Climbing Assessment

The year 11 BTEC sport students have taken part in a rock climbing assessment session at Redpoint Climbing Centre in Birmingham City centre. They needed to demonstrate the ability to put on all the safety equipment, tie themselves safely onto the rope and climb whilst demonstrating specific techniques of style and in control.

The students also needed to show that they could safely control the safety rope (belaying) whilst the other person climbed the wall. All students worked extremely well and were able to show the necessary skills and techniques for their assessment.



Year 7 Netball

The year 7 Netball team have been competing in the Sandwell Netball league. They have done extremely well, having only narrowly lost one of their games. The whole team have shown brilliant team work throughout their games with excellent displays of passing, shooting and defending. Well done to the whole team! Netball training is on on a Wednesday after school throughout the year.



Birmingham University Trip

The science Department took the A-Level Chemistry students on a trip to Birmingham University on the 20th March. The hands- on lecture focused on calculations within Year 13 Chemistry. Mr Mehmood and Mr Mattu were impressed with the group who were able to complete all the calculations, in particular the Year 12 students who had not even covered the topics. The students enjoyed the evening and are looking forward to the follow-up session in April.

4x4 in Schools

4 x 4 in Schools is a unique engineering based competition which involves students designing and manufacturing a remote controlled car using a variety of materials and electronics, which in this Year of Engineering, is a particularly exciting opportunity.

Initially, students competed in the Regional Finals which we hosted at Shireland, and having won 3rd place were successful in securing a spot at the National Finals held at the British Motor Museum in Gaydon.

This has been a fantastic opportunity to engineer a specialist vehicle and compete against schools all around the country in areas such as racing the vehicle on a track through two top of the range Land Rover Discoverys, presenting to judges about their project, creating a pit display and putting their leadership skills to the test. We had a fantastic two days at the Motor Museum, with our students all achieving a Silver Cadet Award, and ready to tackle their next STEM challenge.



Music Showcase

On Monday the 26th of March, students and staff enjoyed the annual Shireland Music Showcase in our theatre. The evening displayed the vocal and instrumental talent of students from year 7 to 6th Form. Acts like the choir and many of our incredible soloists gave amazing performances which wowed the audience.

The evening was put together by Nathan Kargbo, Arnold Tshbangu and Rikardo Szczerba as part as their Year 13 Music course. They successfully ran the showcase and created a very memorable evening for the students involved and the audience. Well done!



Term Dates: Monday 16th April- Friday 25th May
Bank Holiday (School Closed): Monday 7th May

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