

SHIRELAND COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER



Children in Need

This year for Children In Need students raised money by creating a variety of activities during morning registration. Throughout the week students purchased official merchandise as well as participating in games and quizzes. Students were extremely generous and thoroughly enjoyed eating homemade cakes whilst completing the quiz, "Match the Teacher to the Baby Picture". Many prizes for games were donated or created by Year 7, which was further supported by donations from staff and all year groups.

Well done to everyone who supported such a fantastic cause.



WaterAid

Our charity-minded Year 7s proved once again how generous they can be. Inspired by a talk from WaterAid representative Zubie Chaston, each Year 7 form created a 'virtual' pipeline, passing water from one student to another. The aim was to pass as much water as possible along the pipeline in fifteen minutes without spilling any. This highlighted to us all how precious water is and how not even a single drop should be wasted. Well done to 7T2 who ended up with the most water passed along the pipeline. Year 7s donated money to take part in the challenge and raised a total of £254.42.

This money has been sent to WaterAid and is enough to build a new water pump in a school in Zambia that currently has only one pump for 1800 students. This should enable students there to spend more time learning and less time collecting water from a water hole many kilometres away.

South Wales Trip

On Saturday 29th April, Mrs Hughes & Mr Thaper set out, along with 14 year 11 Geography students to visit the coastline at Rhose, South Wales. This was in order to aid our revision for the upcoming Unit 1 GCSE Geography examination. Whilst there, we were able to visit the beach at Rhose and experience first hand the erosional processes that had taken place along this fascinating coastline.

We were also able to see various coastal landforms, including: caves, arches, stacks and what would soon become a stump due to the hydraulic action and abrasion of the sea. The day was enjoyable and definitely helped us put theory into a real life scenario. Thus helping us understand the British coastline in much further detail. It helped us interpret OS maps in order to get into the caves, of which some quite confusingly were arches!

Good Luck Year 11!



The Curiosity Club Convention

Ever wondered how to clone a dinosaur?

This is simply one of many questions raised during the Curiosity Club! Taking on various roles as young scientists and researchers, members of the Curiosity Club have pondered hard to seek an answer to this question. Working tirelessly, the team of year 7, 8 and 9 students designed the various ingredients required, namely, model cells, a unique dinosaur egg (complete with 'goo') and of course, a model dinosaur, which they lovingly called 'Specimen T4635278.968!' They excitedly presented their methods at the recent Curiosity Club Convention held at Stockwood Discovery Centre, Luton on Friday 19th May.

Here, students celebrated their success alongside local and national schools, submitting personal and group portfolios for the consideration of Mark Skipworth, former editor of the Telegraph. Following a nail biting pause, whilst the judges reached their verdict, Shireland students were congratulated for achieving the Winner of The School Submission Senior Challenge: Curiosity Category for their fabulous movie entitled 'Two Sides To Every Argument'. In addition they received a trophy for their creative contributions. Throughout the course of the day, students enjoyed their experience, working collaboratively, under the guidance of Mark Skipworth, to produce and edit their own Newspaper Design and articles with great success.

Shireland Music Showcase

On Tuesday 28th March, Shireland's theatre was brought to life by the Shireland Music Showcase. The showcase was a fantastic evening of musical entertainment, showcasing the talents and hard work of the academy's music students. Students from every year group performed including the Brass Band, Key Stage 3 Choir, Dhol Empire, all five examination groups and student-created acts.

It was a spectacular evening which had the students and audience grooving to Stevie Wonder's 'Superstition' in the grand finale. Well done to all staff and students involved!

Student Work Showcase: English

Year 9 have been exploring Gothic literature from the 19th Century, which played on Victorian concerns around immigration and other forms of social change. 9EN1 thought about modern social concerns as a starting point for writing the first chapter to a modern novel. Faiza Tahid has combined fears about increasing acceptance of different kinds of relationships with fears about totalitarianism and also the misuse of science. This was voted the best story in the class at the end of the focus day.

I peered out of the basement door. It was clear. No one was in sight. If I've got the timing right, Prime Minister, John Corley, should be at the Lumanisfest Conference Hall, and at this second he would be droning on and on about how this simulation, how this discovery, is better for mankind. How this error, this glitch, cast upon some of us can be corrected; but I'd be damned if I ever let that happen. My sexuality is not a glitch; I was born not a mistake; I was not a science experiment that needed to be corrected just because one of my double helix, deep down in my DNA was slightly wavered to a fraction that makes me who I am. If that even is true, or maybe it's just another seed of ploy, another false reason of why I am who I am, being scattered around, and in fusing itself into the shrinking minds of ignorance which then grows a poison tree of hate towards those like me. Like me and Phaedra. Those who commit the grave sin of falling for one the same as them. A man with a man. A woman with a woman.

I may just be the biggest devil of them all. But two glorious things I know for sure: I am not a mistake, and neither is my love for Phaedra. I let out a small laugh; my dad, John Corley, didn't even know, did he? That I was one of them. The abomination amongst the others which he plans to 'fix'. Poor dad, if only he knew, but it doesn't matter because through my raging, pitiful, childhood I come to learn that there are only four things that he cares about; his authority, his reputation, his authority and his reputation. No way would his 'diseased' daughter get in the way of that! I looked back at her; she was sound asleep. Sweat began to trickle down my back, my Glock 24 began to feel stuffy inside my boots, and my gun clips hidden inside my bra began to poke into my skin. So which was it going to be, me or my dad, my dad or me. Or perhaps it was more Phaedra or dad, dad or Phaedra. One look at her made up my mind for me. I loved her more than myself, more than the stars in the sky and quite frankly more than my family. Wait, no! Especially more than my family. If me being a catastrophic lesbian wasn't enough to make him hate me; if me holding the now corrupted and damaged simulation that my father is planning to use against those like me, wasn't enough to make him hate me, this sure as hell was. And not one bit of me felt guilty. Not even one.

Weston Super-Mare

As part of the Coast theme our Year 8's will have the opportunity to attend Weston-Super-Mare, the South West's carnival town!

The purpose of the visit is to give the Year 8 students deeper insight into the skills necessary to undertake a piece of Geography field work. Whilst there, we will be conducting interviews, surveys and of course eating some ice cream! The trip will provide an opportunity to experience the demands of continuing Geography on to GCSE and will also allow students to explore a seaside town and have some fun.



Hospitality Trip

Year 12 Level BTEC Hospitality took part in a coffee morning. They produced their own cakes to serve to families who attend a language class on a Thursday morning. Students were very successful and had many requests to run these morning more frequently.

On 10th May 2017, the group went to Anatolia's Café on Bearwood High Street to talk to the owner and manager of the business about the hygiene rating they hold and how they have to work in order to attain this rating. Students were also treated to a meal, which they enjoyed. It was so successful that they have requested it happens every week.



West Midland Safari Park Trip

On Friday 28Th March, students from two business studies groups were fortunate enough to be invited on a trip to the West Midland Safari Park. This was conducted primarily to congratulate the students on their successful first year studying the course but also to provide an insight in how a company manages staff and how many people they must employ.

We started off the day by going around the Safari Drive-Through where we got to see various animals such as elephants, camels, cheetahs, buffalos and the king of the jungle, lions. It was very exciting to witness such animals especially because we felt like we were experiencing their habitat. After that, we had an educational session with one of the park's staff.



She taught us all about the employment in the park along with factors that affect a business. At the end of the session, we were put into groups and were asked to generate ideas on how the Safari park could advertise a baby giraffe based on the 4 P's (Product, Place, Price, Promotion).

Then the much-awaited part came, we were free to go on any rides offered by the park. They had rollercoasters, water rides, dodgems, a pirate ship, jungle swings, tower drops and more. Overall, the day was very fun and we would like to thank Mrs Uppal and Mr Miller for making this trip happen.

By Nicholas

Sweet Dreams Dessert Parlour Visit

We went to Sweet Dreams on Bearwood Road as part of our business studies controlled assessment, which was to interview a local business owner.

The owner opened the shop just for us. We as a class interviewed the owner and asked questions about e-commerce. The owner, Abdul, was very friendly and he answered our questions and gave us information that will help us in our assessment.

We then all ordered some desserts and the desserts were amazing and tasty. Everyone got a dessert except for Mrs Uppal who thought they were too big. We walked it back to the academy as Mrs Uppal thought we needed to burn off the desserts.

Overall, we had an amazing and delicious experience.



Important Dates

Term Dates: Monday 5th June-Friday 21st July

Teacher Training Day (School Closed): Monday 26th June

Year 9 Mock Exams: 21st and 22nd June

Year 7 and 8 Parents' Evening: Thursday 15th June

New Timetable Begins: Monday 3rd July

Year 9 Parents Evening: Tuesday 4th July

Guys and Dolls Performances in Shireland Theatre: Monday 10th-Friday 14th July