



SHIRELAND
COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

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SUMMER

NEWSLETTER



Dear Families,

As we approach the end of what has been another incredibly busy, exciting and successful year I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to all the students, families and staff for the support that they have given the Academy this year. Looking through the pages of the Newsletter I am proud and amazed at how much staff and students managed to squeeze into this term!

We have had a very successful GCSE and A level examination period. I am very hopeful that everyone who took an examination will achieve their full potential and that they receive the results that they and the staff deserve for all their hard work.

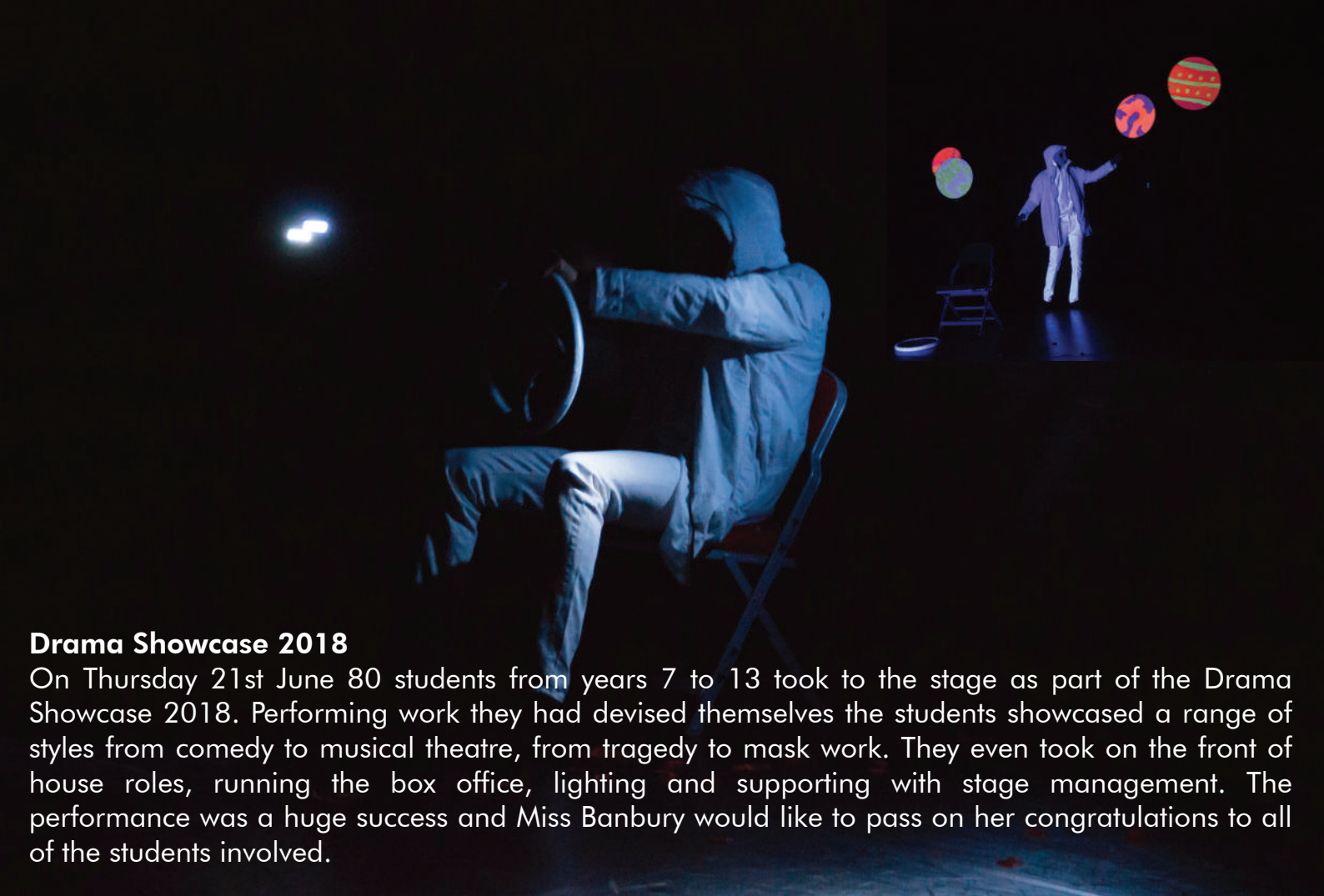
This time of year is always exciting for students and staff as we approach the six week holidays. However, it is also tinged sadness as some staff move on from the Academy to new positions in new schools. I would like to wish them good luck for the future on behalf of all the parents and students for all the commitment that they have given to the students and families over the years.

Finally, I must say 'break a leg' to all the performers who are involved in our summer production of Matilda. Mrs Prince and the team have set a punishing schedule of performances in order to allow as many families and students as possible to see the show. I am confident that it will be spectacular!

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer break and I am already looking forward to welcoming refreshed and motivated students back to the Academy in September.



Mr Irish
Principal



Drama Showcase 2018

On Thursday 21st June 80 students from years 7 to 13 took to the stage as part of the Drama Showcase 2018. Performing work they had devised themselves the students showcased a range of styles from comedy to musical theatre, from tragedy to mask work. They even took on the front of house roles, running the box office, lighting and supporting with stage management. The performance was a huge success and Miss Banbury would like to pass on her congratulations to all of the students involved.

Escape Live – Rewards Trip

Our Year 13 Drama students were rewarded for their incredible hard work over the past few years with a visit to Escape Live in Birmingham. Showcasing some incredible problem solving skills they managed to escape with just under 4 minutes left on the clock. Well done to all of the students and we wish you every success in the future.



Kenilworth Castle Visit

On Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th May our Year 7 students visited Kenilworth Castle as part of our In Days of Old theme. Students immersed themselves in history learning all about how castles developed over several hundred years from its original Motte and Bailey construction to its role as a stately home in Elizabethan times. They were able to wander through the ruins looking at many of the original castle features and even completed a murder mystery surrounding the death of the Earl of Dudley's wife. A fantastic afternoon was had by all in the sunshine.



Year 7 Student Talent Show

Year 7 students ably demonstrated the breadth and depth of their talent at this term's Talent Show. Following months of hard work, practice and rehearsals our Year 7 stars shone brightly in front of an appreciative audience. A whole range of talent was on show: comedians, actors, beatboxers, singers and dancers all gave their best to ensure the show was a rip-roaring success. The show opened with our special guest stars, the Sixth Form musicians, who performed a medley of hits to warm us up. After that it was Year 7 talent all the way - which our Year 7 comperes, Tariq Mohammed and Armando Marin, introduced very professionally. A special thank you goes to Miss Lester for all her time and effort in helping to organise the event.

Sweet Dreams Visit

We went to Sweet Dreams on Bearwood Road as part of our Business Studies assignment, 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 the business. 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!



STA Travel Focus Day Yr9 Travel and Tourism

On Thursday 28th June, Year 9 Travel and Tourism students had the opportunity to interview two store managers for STA Travel. They answered questions on the role of a Travel Agent and shared the key skills and responsibilities involved. The visitors then gave the students a challenge. They were provided with three customer scenarios and needed to plan a trip for one of the customers using brochures and the STA website. The plan was completed using an itinerary form and needed to be both professional and detailed. The best four submissions were sent to STA store managers for them to select the winning itinerary. I am pleased to announce that Shivansh Bhatia was chosen as the winning entry and will be completing a day's work experience in one of STA Travels stores for his outstanding work. Well done!



Krunch Charity Visit

On Friday 6th July a group of year 10 Business Studies students visited a local charity, Krunch. This was a great opportunity for students to find out all about Krunch, how they operate, what their mission is and generally how they operate as a charity. All students were given a tour of the building and given some history of the charity, they even got some free goodie bags!



Women in Engineering

A group of 6 Year 8 and Year 9 girls took part in the annual Women in Engineering competition held at Amey PLC on Friday, 25th May 2018. This was one of the regional heats of the competition where four schools were taking part and each team was accompanied by employees of Amey for guidance and keeping on track throughout the day.

The students were tasked to design and construct a model bridge to replace a real life collapsed bridge. They were briefed about the types of bridges, their pros and cons and the external factors to consider before they started. After deciding on which bridge to construct as a team, the girls assigned roles and tasks amongst themselves based on everyone's strengths. Aliza was unanimously voted in as the Project Manager. They had to design the bridge, work out how much building equipment of each type they will need, the cost attached, the time scale they had to complete each task within a Gantt chart, risk assessment, the environmental constraints and finally build the model and present it in front of the judges and audience. They completed the various components for submission deadlines throughout the day.

The team worked cohesively, making up for each other's slip-ups, playing on their strengths and delivering an impressive end product. At the end of the day, the team presented their project to the judges. The girls were confident and professional and although they didn't win, they were quite rightfully told that their presentation was the best of the day. The group represented the school very well as a whole.



Isle of Wight 2018 Travel and Tourism

On 13th of June, Year 10 Travel and Tourism students went on the Isle of Wight residential trip as part of our coursework which is all based around customer service. The Isle of Wight is a small island located just off England's south coast. It is commonly known for its dinosaur fossil remains and the beaches.

We took a coach from Birmingham to Southampton which roughly took two and a half hours, we then travelled on a Red Funnel Ferry. While on the ferry, one of the managers of the Red Funnel company gave us detailed information on the company and we asked some pre-prepared questions to use in our coursework. When we got there, we went to Robin Hill Country Park which is a park filled with beautiful scenery, and huge adventure play areas. The manager came down and had a talk about his company and what they do to give a better customer service. At the end of the day we had some free time to go on the beach and the pier as the weather was nice and sunny.

On the second day, we visited the Needles, which is the famous landmark of Isle of Wight. In the afternoon, we went to the Steam Railway where we asked the employers some questions about the company's customer service. As a treat, in the afternoon we got to have a go at Go Karting which was extremely fun.

On the last day, we went to the Donkey Sanctuary where we got a tour of the attraction and got a chance to ask our questions which will later be used in our coursework. We then returned to Birmingham via ferry and coach.

My favourite part of the whole trip was when we got the chance to go on a steam train which only a few people get to go on. The scenery was beautiful. We also got to see and sit where Queen Elizabeth once sat in one of the carriages.

Author - Jasleen Kaur.



Weston-Super-Mare 2018

On Thursday 28th June, approximately 190 Year 8 students enjoyed a brilliant day of sun, sea and surveys at Weston-Super-Mare!

The trip took place for students to undertake Geography fieldwork at a seaside town as part of our 'Coast' theme. Students were to gather information about what creates tourism in Weston-Super-Mare by filling our data collection sheets. The trip was also in part a rewards trip for the hard work done this year and so there was plenty of opportunity to explore the wonders of the beach and Grand Pier.

The weather was a perfect 26 degrees with blue skies and panoramic views all around! There was no better way to celebrate the end of an academic year!



Snowdonia Residential Trip

Forty seven students from Y7 to Y9 took part in a residential weekend at the Plas Gwynant Outdoor Education centre. The weather was beautiful in the picturesque valleys of Snowdonia and students had a fantastic time. They took part in a number of outdoor activities ranging from climbing, kayaking, gorge walking and canoeing. Its safe to that students are already looking forward to going back next year!



Languages Fair – Year 6

Musical instruments, singing, board games, food and drink, – is this really a Languages Day??

Our Year 6 visitors from Cape Hill Primary visited us once again this half-term to see exactly what we do in languages at Shireland. The afternoon started with some singing and playing of musical instruments to help them learn and remember German greetings and then the pupils all split into different groups to get a taste of what they will be doing when they join us in September. They saw how we use ICT within the department and played some vocabulary games, we taught them a little bit about German speaking countries through our fun board game and – most popular of all – the food tasting. We had a range of German specialities to taste and comment on, the Rye Bread was not such a hit but luckily Frau Kuziel had brought a lovely Apfelstrudel to make up for this!! The students left with a smile on their faces, ready to begin their language learning journey in September!

Year 9 Careers Day

Twelve Y9 students attended an access to careers day at Aston University earlier in the half term. During the day they were able to attend different workshops and lectures specifically selected around their preferred career options from Languages, Health and Social Care, Business Studies, Engineering and Degree Apprenticeships. Students found the day interesting and helpful, they were impeccably behaved and a credit to the Academy.



Year 9 Rewards Trip to Alton Towers

52 Y9 students attended the rewards trip to Alton Tower a few weeks ago. They were rewarded with this trip for having consistently good behavior, attendance and punctuality throughout year 9. It was a very hot and busy day in Alton Towers but all students managed to get on some rides and have an enjoyable day. Well done to all of those who attended.

Y9 Integrate UK and Brook Sessions

Over the last half term the Year 9 students have had multiple workshops from external agencies to increase the awareness and understanding of relevant topics including; sexting, honor-based violence and forced marriage. All students were mature and responsible when learning about these topics.



Visiting Dippy The Dinosaur By Harpreet Mangat

On Thursday 14th June, members of Year 7 Journal Group and Year 8 Advanced English Group embarked on a journey back in time; precisely 65 million years ago, to the age of the dinosaurs, the largest animals to roam the earth. As a reward for a year of hard work, we had the opportunity to visit Birmingham Museum, which currently houses the skeleton of a very popular diplodocus, fittingly named Dippy the Dinosaur. Over 12 tons in weight and 27 metres in length, Dippy was truly the biggest attraction there. Originally held in the central entrance hall of the Natural History Museum in London, the museum curators felt it was time for a new attraction to greet visitors and sent Dippy on a national tour before having him relocated to the gardens that surround the museum. Ten different venues will be hosting Dippy for several months.

We arrived at Birmingham Museum at around 10am in the school minibus. Our slot to see Dippy was at 11am, so we had time to look around some of the exhibits the museum had to offer. The first room we encountered had large, detailed, grand paintings strewn across its rosy red walls. There were several rooms around the museum decorated like this. We continued to walk around the museum, inspecting several statues dotted around the hallways, enjoying the activities the attractions provided and spending too much money on the overpriced items at the gift shop! Finally, it became time to see the Goliath for the first, and probably last, time in our lives.

Walking into the hall where Dippy was kept reduced us to a state of awe. Dippy was massive. He towered above us like we were tiny ants, ready to be crushed by the monstrosity of an animal that was standing above us. It was a magnificent sight to get a sense of what life looked like millions of years ago. The exhibit did not only contain a cast of the skeleton of Dippy but also many other animals on display. One of the popular displays was of a velociraptor skeleton; interestingly it was no bigger than a large dog. A member of the public stated, "It's amazing! I had never seen anything like it." There were many stuffed animals and objects to see, mostly birds and eggs. The trip all too soon came to a close. We left, taking with us an experience we shall never forget.

Sports Day Stardom

On Tuesday 10th July, Shireland Collegiate Academy Sports Day 2018 took place at the Hadley Stadium track and field. The event involved the 4 houses Brindley, Chance, Kenrick & Telford from Year 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The available events to compete were 100m, 200m, 300m (Girl's Only), 400m, 800m, 4x100m Relay, High Jump, Long Jump, Javelin, Shotput and for the first time ever... TUG OF WAR! I competed for Brindley as a Year 7 (even though I'm technically a Year 8 now) in the relay event.

However, I'm sure you wouldn't be reading this to hear about just my experience, but to open out to a broader audience. I managed to scoop up some opinions from various Year 7 students.

Arguably one of the fastest in Year 7, our first quote is from Shaquille Birch who was representing Brindley and won the 100m. 'I never thought that I would beat Elvis in Kenrick, but I took a deep breath and ran the fastest I could, which made me win.' is what he has to say. We also managed to get a statement from Danielle Reka representing Chance in the 800m and Relay. He says, 'I was very happy to come first in the relay and joint first in the 800m, I just kept my head down, kept a steady pace and tried my best in both my events and in both I won.'

Finally, we have Sukhraj Singh who represented had a truly wonderful miracle story. 'The 800m was my first event and I had sadly pulled a muscle. I had to come out the event and wait it out until the relay. Thankfully, I could still compete, and I think if it weren't for me, we wouldn't have won both events as well. I didn't even shock myself when running after injuring myself.'

Although the sun was beating down, and people were desperate for the quench of water, it was a fun experience that I will be glad to hopefully take part in for the next 3 years. Unfortunately, Chance were the overall winners after breaking Kenrick's 3-year winning streak. Brindley, my house, came third and Telford sadly came 4th; well if there's going to be a 1st 2nd and 3rd place, somebody has got to be 4th. Notwithstanding the heartbreak and triumph, Sports Day at Shireland was simply amazing.

By Zain Din 8B1



Sports Day Moments by Year 8:

The following students have been selected for publication after writing some short, descriptive recounts of their best moments from the day. Here are some extracts.

Rogi Bajwa

The long jump

As I walked towards the sand, my heart was beating, loud as a drum. The people in the crowd looked like ants. All around me, I could hear the screams of students, roaring like lions. I took my place... I dashed across the land and fell to the ground. The taste of sour sweat crusted my mouth...

Amanda Mirga

Sports Day

When Sports Day finally arrived, everyone was ecstatic. It was boiling outside and beautiful weather. Everyone was well-prepared. It was decisive and impressive to see the Year 10 boys running rapidly towards the finish line. The competitors were outstanding.

Adam Khan

Runners

The stadium was packed with people. Everyone was nervous about the races. When the gun shot was triggered, everyone was gasping. Chance managed to overtake Telford and clutched the victory...

Sharyfa Hussain

Announcing the winners

The atmosphere felt like no-one was there. All you could see was the mixed bright colours: yellow, blue, purple, red. It was silent. Swiftly, wind went past my ears as I waited for the results, my heart beating. As the speakers echoed across the stadium, I heard the word, "Chance!" I felt an air of balloons rising to the sky with the joyful cheers... eak and triumph, Sports Day at Shireland was simply amazing.



Race

My heart started to beat perpetually, my mind went blank, my stomach filled with flying butterflies as I cautiously carried my feet down the stairs, a sickening feeling travelled its way up my dry throat. My breath rapidly increased as I dragged my feet across the warm, green grass. My friend right beside me. Silence. The air slapped me right across the face as I made my way to the starting point. My eyes were fixed on the gun that was being held up high. 1 second past...2 second past...3 seconds past and off we went like the roar of thunder in a monsoon night. The loud ringing of the bullet being fired travelled through my ears. The stampede had begun.

My feet rapidly paced towards the finishing line, everyone was overtaking me but at this moment, I was only bothered about finishing this fast-paced race. As everyone was running past me, I peered behind my shoulder at my exhausted friend- Zarin. I caught a glimpse of her fatigued face. Exhausted, flustered, sweaty, I ran for my life as my head swirled to the left, acknowledging the crowd. Holding a piece of A3 paper, bold letters were engraved onto it- "Go Telford". People were screaming my name 'Go Selina', reminiscent of Usain Bolt in the 2008 Olympics. I sprinted and sprinted and sprinted as I glared at the runner in front of me. My feet picked up its pace, my eyes focused on the finish line; so close but so far. My heart pounding against my chest, my cheeks filled with a rosy, pink colour. My head was throbbing. I ran and ran and soon my feet touched the white line imprinted onto the warm, rubber floor.

I was led to a seat and as I sat down, the laughter and the noise of the crowd quickly faded away as the blazing heat from the sun directed towards me. Hitting me in the face, the air was pushed right out of my lungs as I carefully twisted open the lid of my bottle- chugging down the water. The cold liquid burned my throat, my chest raising up and down. I mentally screamed and a huge, goofy smile was plastered onto my sweaty, rosy face. I had accomplished it. Success was mine.

Record Breakers!

Year records

Y10 Girls High jump - Jasleen Kaur 1.1m (previous 1.02 in 2014)
Y10 Boys Shot - Jediah Lee Givens 12.65m (previous 12.10m in 2013)
Y10 Girls Long Jump - Jaliakah King 4.2m (previous 3.93m in 2014)
Y10 Girls 100m - Jaliakah King 13.94sec (previous 14.23sec in 2011)
Y9 Girls 100m - Keyah Logan 12.9sec (previous 14.31 in 2010)
Y9 Girls Long jump - Keyah Logan 4.21m (previous 3.88m in 2008)
Y9 Boys 400m - Farham Mohammad 1.03.80sec (Previous 1.3 in 2011)
Y8 Girls long jump - Antonia Olaniyi 3.7m (previous 3.68 in 2014)
Y8 Girls 200m Antonia Olaniyi 30.78sec (previous 31.48sec in 2010)
Y7 Boys 200m - Adam Khan 31.22sec (previous 31.51 in 2012)
Y9 Girls relay- Kenrick 1.02.25 (previous 1.03 in 2008)
Y7 Boys relay Chance 59.18sec (previous 1min 01sec in 2008)
Y7 Girls relay Kenrick 1.06.22 (previous 1.06 in 2013)

Academy records

Girls 100m - Keyah Logan 12.9sec (previous 14.31 in 2010)
Girls Long jump - Keyah Logan 4.21m (previous 3.88m in 2008)
Boys Shot - Jediah Lee Givens 12.65m (previous 12.10m in 2013)



Matilda

Shireland Theatre School were lucky enough to attend an evening performance of Matilda on Monday 9th July at the Birmingham Hippodrome.

The show was a brilliant piece of work full of emotion and edge-of-your-seat-acting. Seeing the live show has inspired our students who will be performing the RSC amateur version of Matilda the Musical at our Academy between 16th-18th July.



Work Experience

My work experience at STA Travel on 16.7.18 was great! I have learnt lots of things such as how to deal with customers, planning holidays, dealing with insurance, booking flights, customer reviews etc. I did few tasks during the day with the manager like planning a holiday, travel insurance, booking a flight and helping the staff. My favourite part of the day was booking holiday for an elderly couple who wanted to go New Zealand and had contacted the store through email. As a result, on today I might want to work in the travel industry in the future as a pilot or an airport, this experience has helped me. The most difficult part of the day was when I was booking a holiday for a customer because they gave very brief information which made me work harder to make sure it was suitable. They also helped me make a CV section from my work experience which would help me a lot in future.

Author – Shivansh Bhatia



British Airways Training London Heathrow 2018

Year 12 Travel and Tourism students had a fantastic opportunity to visit British Airways training centre at London Heathrow in April 2018. They worked with two members of British Airways staff and access to the training facilities that trainee staff members would use. Once through security students participated in a number of activities including;

- Planned and emergency landings
- Pilot incapacitation
- Slide descent and raft
- Safety demos
- Over fire
- Survival

As part of the day students were able to ask staff questions about customer services techniques and had an insight in the British Airways way of dealing with customers. This was used in coursework as part of Unit 4 Travel and Tourism.



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Tuesday 4th September-Friday 26th October

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