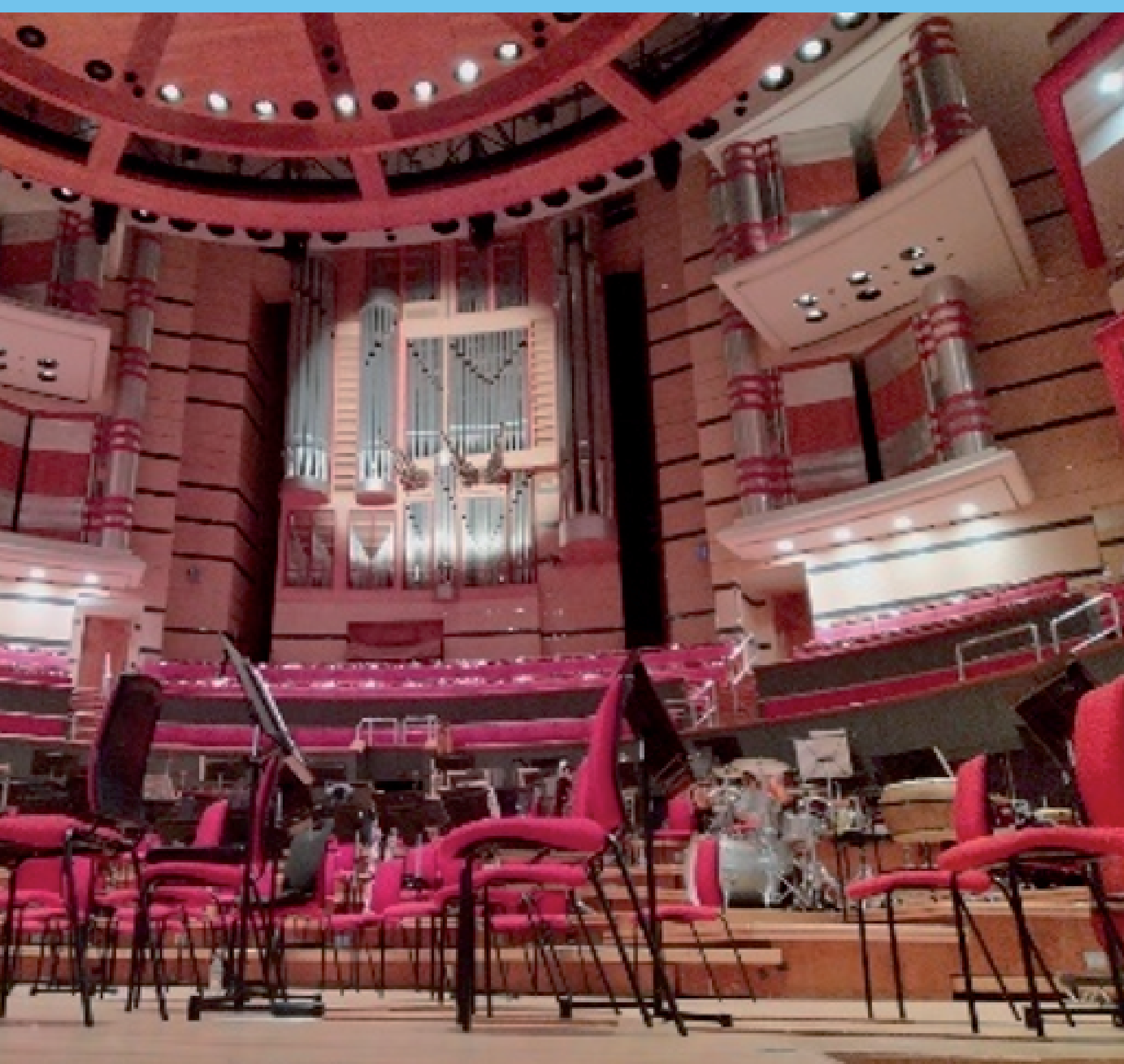




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NEWSLETTER



2023

SPRING

‘HEAD’ LINE

Welcome to our Spring Term newsletter!

I hope you are all well and enjoying the stretch in the mornings and evenings and are looking forward to warmer, drier days.

As ever, life at Shireland has been extremely busy with our staff and students demonstrating an enthusiasm for teaching and learning. We have enjoyed several sporting successes, have been winners in maths competitions across Sandwell and Dudley, and are Debate Mate Champions for the 3rd year in a row. Our students have had the opportunities to access trips to various locations as part of our focus day offer, and once again we have run a very successful Ski trip to Italy. I want to congratulate staff who have been involved with the organising of all trips, as I know this takes a considerable amount of time!

We look forward to another busy term and especially wish our year 11 and year 13 the best of luck with their upcoming examinations. I know that their hard work will be rewarded in the summer.

Thank you for all of your continued support, and hope that you all have a restful break.

Senior Vice Principal

Ms Bell



ACHIEVEMENTS

Year 7

On 2nd March we celebrated World Book day. Teachers dressed up and students took part in a show and tell about their favourite book, designed their own book marks and got creative with short stories or poems.



During their L4L focus day on 24th March, year 7 took part in a series of logic activities. We completed a virtual escape room, lego challenges, played board games and worked in house teams to solve problems.



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Year 8

As part of the Da Vinci Theme year 8 have been studying the renaissance. To deepen their knowledge students spent time at the Barber Institute to analyse art work which they thoroughly enjoyed. While at Birmingham university students also had a chance to visit the Great Hall and Lapworth Museum where they were fascinated by the collection of fossils and crystals.



As part of Year 8s SRE Focus Day, Loudmouth came into deliver a Safe and Sound performance and workshops. Year 8 had a fantastic day with Loudmouth discussing healthy relationships, help and support.

Year 8 were visited by the Army to discuss all things careers. The assembly focused on careers in the Army, qualifications, aspirations and further education opportunities.



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Year 9

All year 9 students took part in an enjoyable day of focusing on mental health and wellbeing that entailed activities such as; mindful colouring, emotion journals, origami, meditation and more. As well as having session with the Army; looking at physical wellbeing and team building. Students on the day were able to take a break away from academic studies and focus on the importance of positive mental health as well as engage in new forms of coping and regulation, that many had not experienced previously.



**Mental Health
Awareness & Support**

Year 10

Many different Year 10 students have been nominated as 'Stars' this term. They have been recognised for their contribution in and around the academy. Well done to everyone who has received one this term.

Year 10 students have been gearing up work experience in the summer. Students have been working hard to secure placements in a variety of different settings and they are looking forward to getting some valuable experience in potential future careers.

Mr Brogan would like to wish all the Year 10's a wonderful Easter break!

ACHIEVEMENTS

Year 11

Year 11 students were visited by Time2Resources, to help them revise. The speakers were Helen and Carlo who diligently provided pupils the resources to revise and prepare them for their exams, on the 31st of January. The purpose of the grade booster was to not only ensure they were able to access the exam but also do better than predicted. Topics that were covered included, cashflow, financial documents and ways to structure your answers in the exam. This helped students understand how to set out their answers in the correct format, which will ultimately help them gain more marks.

Benedicta Attikey



Year 11 have now completed their final round of mock exams and embark on the last leg of their journey. It's been a busy year revising for GCSE'S, applying for sixth form and colleges and completing mock exams. But we must also remember the additional things which were achieved this year: Numerous fundraising events, trips, culture day, weekly star students, rewards breakfasts, a leavers committee and much more.

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We wish to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 11 student council who have done a wonderful job over the past two years. We wish the next council the very best of luck in all they endeavour and may they continue to use their student voice to promote and strengthen cohesion.

A message to our year 11 students from Mrs Prince Head of Year 11.

'These remaining weeks are essential for applying the correct revision techniques, attending study support, responding to feedback, and building confidence through practice to achieve the grades you truly deserve. You can do this, work hard now and let your future reap the rewards.'



ACHIEVEMENTS

And final important messages for our year 11 students:

All year 11 students will be able to access their GCSE exam timetables in May. GCSE results day will be Thursday 24th August 2023. Students will be welcomed in to receive their results from 9.00am.

Preparations for the end of year celebrations for the class of 2023 have been set!

Tickets are now available to purchase on Parent Pay or via a Bar Code available from Mrs Prince for the Year 11 Prom.

Deadline for payments is 1st June 2023

Date: Friday 14th July 5.30pm-10.30pm

Venue: Shireland Collegiate Academy Sports Hall

Cost: £5.00

Dress code: Smart evening wear / No ticket no entry

MENTORING HUB

Shireland is proud to announce the opening of our new Mentoring Hub 'Head Space' after Easter.

Head Space has been designed to 'Improve mindset for future success'. Mentoring can play an important role in student development by supporting appropriate goals setting. It also improves emotional and social intelligence which is key to achieving things in the present and the future. We look forward to working with many students over the forthcoming months.



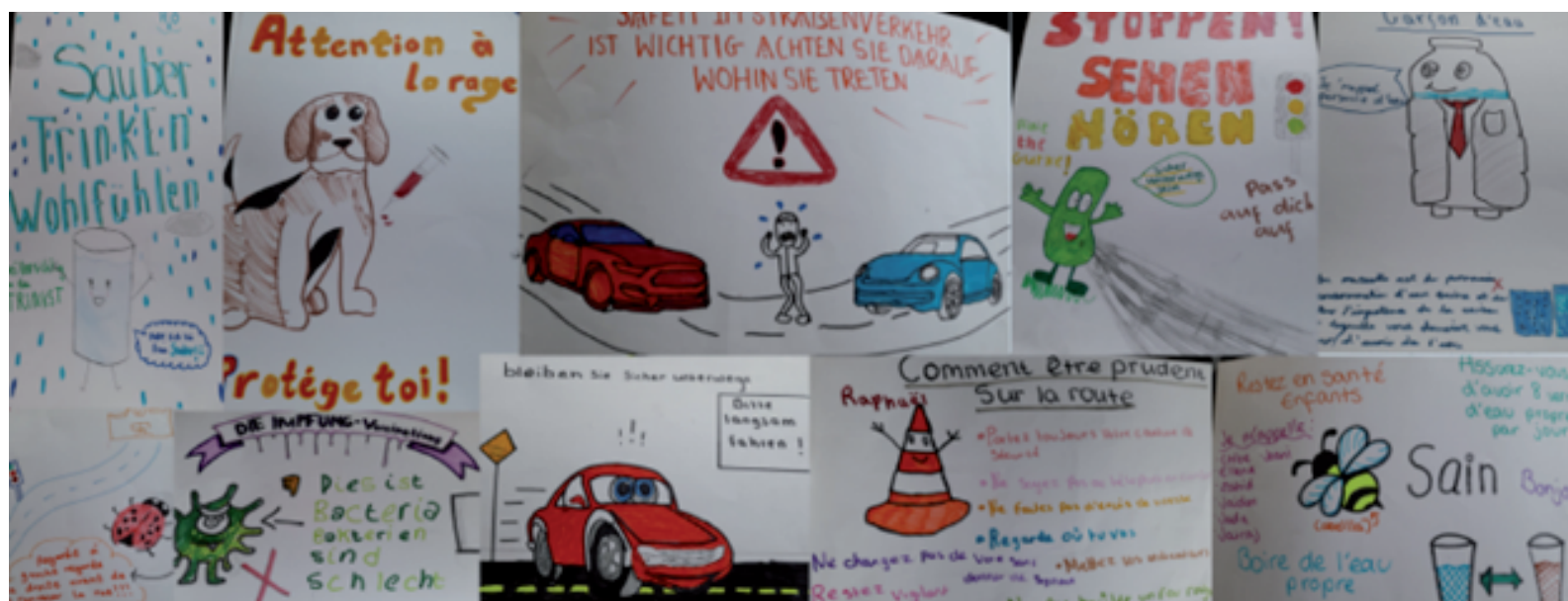
Languages

The Spring Term might have been a shorter term than usual, but Languages has certainly packed in the events!

In January we welcomed our first cohort of Language Ambassadors. We had our first meeting in February and the students have come up with lots of ideas for the year to promote Languages around the Academy including a translation/spelling bee and a cultural showcase. Watch this space!



In February we welcomed the Business Language Champions to Shireland and all Year 9 students worked alongside our visitors on the theme of 'Languages and the World Health Organisation'.



The students produced some fantastic posters – in French and German!

Also in February, our A-Level German students enjoyed an A-Level Day at St Pauls School to work on various A-Level themes and topics and learn more about the study of German at University Level.

Finally, our second set of 'pen-friend' letters are due to be posted out to Germany, telling our friends all about where we live. Year 7 are already very excited to get their replies! Joyeuses Pâques! Frohe Ostern!



ICT

From the 12th to the 15th of February, students in Year 13 studying IT, Business Studies, Travel and Tourism, Health and Social Care and Computer Science travelled to Disneyland Paris to learn about how one of the world's largest corporations utilises these subjects to run a multi-billion dollar company. After a 13-hour coach and ferry journey, the students arrived at Explorers Hotel ready to settle in for an early start the next day.

The students had the opportunity to explore both the Disneyland Park, Walt Disney Studios and the Disney Village during their stay as well as attending seminars and workshops which would help them with their KS5 subjects. The Health and Social Care students attended a workshop in which they had to design a space within the park for autistic children and the ICT and Computer Science students designed a new ride for the company. I attended the Business Studies seminar and workshop which detailed how Disney as a company market their company across the world and manage their multiple theme parks in Paris, Florida and even Shanghai. For the workshop element, the group were split into two teams and were given a mystery piece of Disney merchandise and we had to work together to demonstrate how we would market it and where within the park it would be sold.

It wasn't all work though, as the students had plenty of time to ride the rides with personal favourites being 'Star Wars Hyperspace Mountain', 'Avengers Flight Force' and 'Crush's Coaster' to name a few as well as exploring the shops.



Overall it was an enjoyable trip among all 32 year 13 students and a perfect way for them to witness a lot of their revision concepts in the wider world.

Thank you to Mr Forbes, Miss Price and Mrs Madahar for attending and having just as much fun as the students!

Niamh Pressick

Art

On the 15th February, Year twelve artists embarked on a trip to Lightwood's Primary School to teach mono printing to year three and four. Images to print were chosen with the year groups themes in mind; year three were working on 'it's not fair' (a topic based on fair-trade and ethical farming) and year four were concluding a project on the Roman Empire.








Year twelve artists set up stations for the children to work from with images of various trolleys for year three and Roman buildings for year four. We supported the young students throughout the task and ensured that everyone was on the right track and enjoying themselves. Overall, the day was a huge success, and the young students were taught a new technique that they found engaging and exciting.

Zarin Tahid

Physical Education

The Year 7 team have managed to secure a 100%-win rate in the Jr NBA league this year. Not only this, but they have also managed to secure the top ranking spot in the whole of the Eastern conference out of 16 teams.

Team		PLD	W	L	W%	+/-	PTS	
1		Milwaukee Bucks - Shireland Collegiate Academy	8	8	0	100	90	16
2		Detroit Pistons - St George's School Edgbaston	8	5	3	63	19	13
3		Chicago Bulls - Bishop Challoner Catholic College	7	3	4	43	43	10
4		Cleveland Cavaliers - Perryfields Academy	7	3	4	43	6	10
5		Indiana Pacers - Selly Park Girls School	8	0	8	0	-158	8

This is a fantastic achievement, and the boys will be starting the play offs very soon.

Good luck to the boys for the rest of the season!

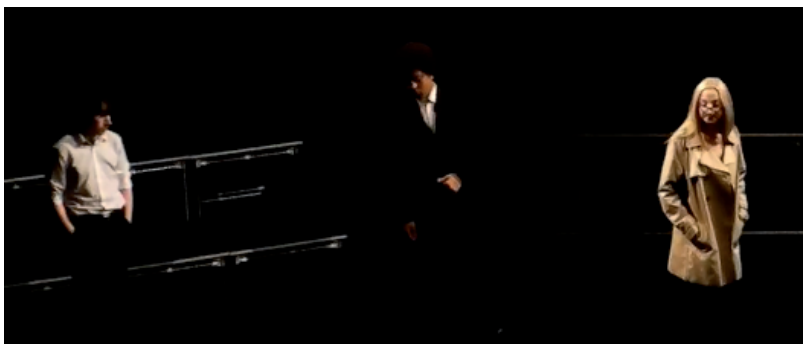
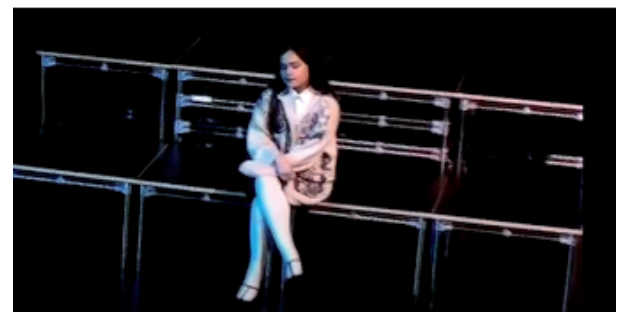
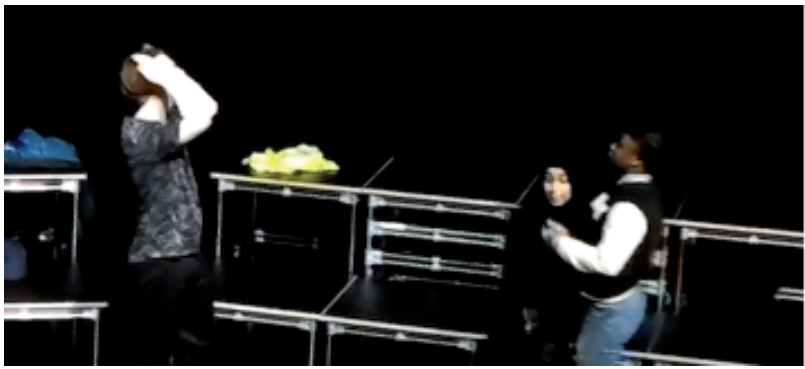
The Year 11 basketball team enjoyed a rewards lunch with Mr Irish and received rewards hoodies to mark their time at Shireland. The team has enjoyed excellent success while they have been at Shireland starting with winning the Jr NBA West conference in Year 8 to playing in the National basketball competition this year. We are immensely proud of what they have achieved and how they have developed as students.



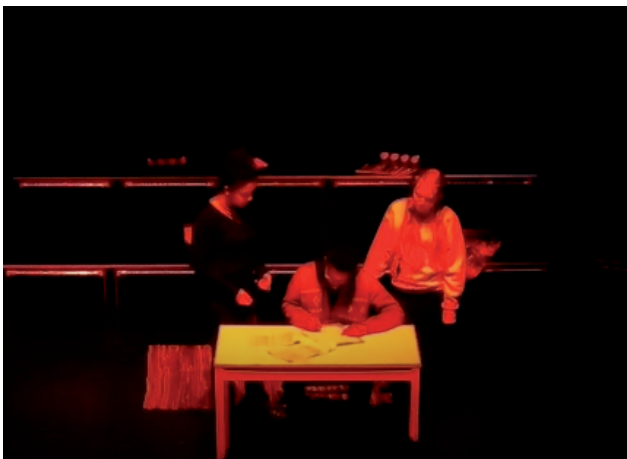
Mr Brogan would like to thank the team for their dedication to training and being a joy to work with over the last 5 years!

Drama

On Wednesday 22nd March, a group of 60 people, made up of friends and family, arrived to watch the Year 11 students perform their drama examination pieces. There were five performances in total, ranging from an online chat room to a haunted hotel, all of which were performed brilliantly.



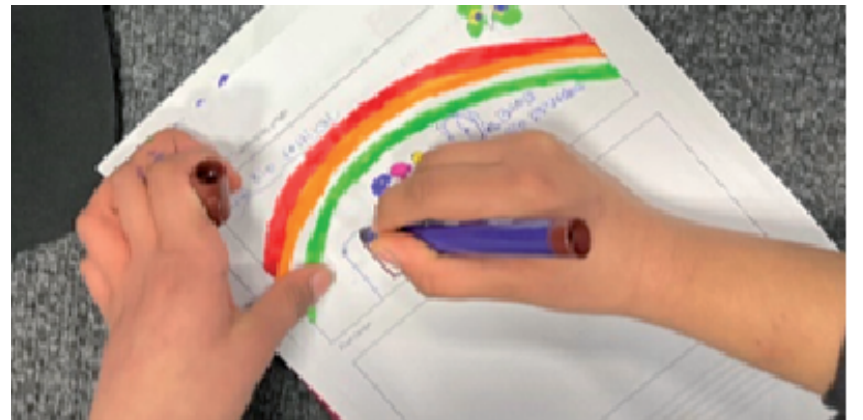
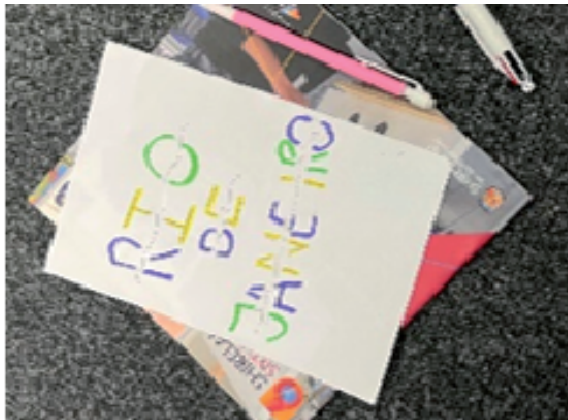
The students put on a show that would rival a professional production and the Drama department would like to congratulate all those involved!



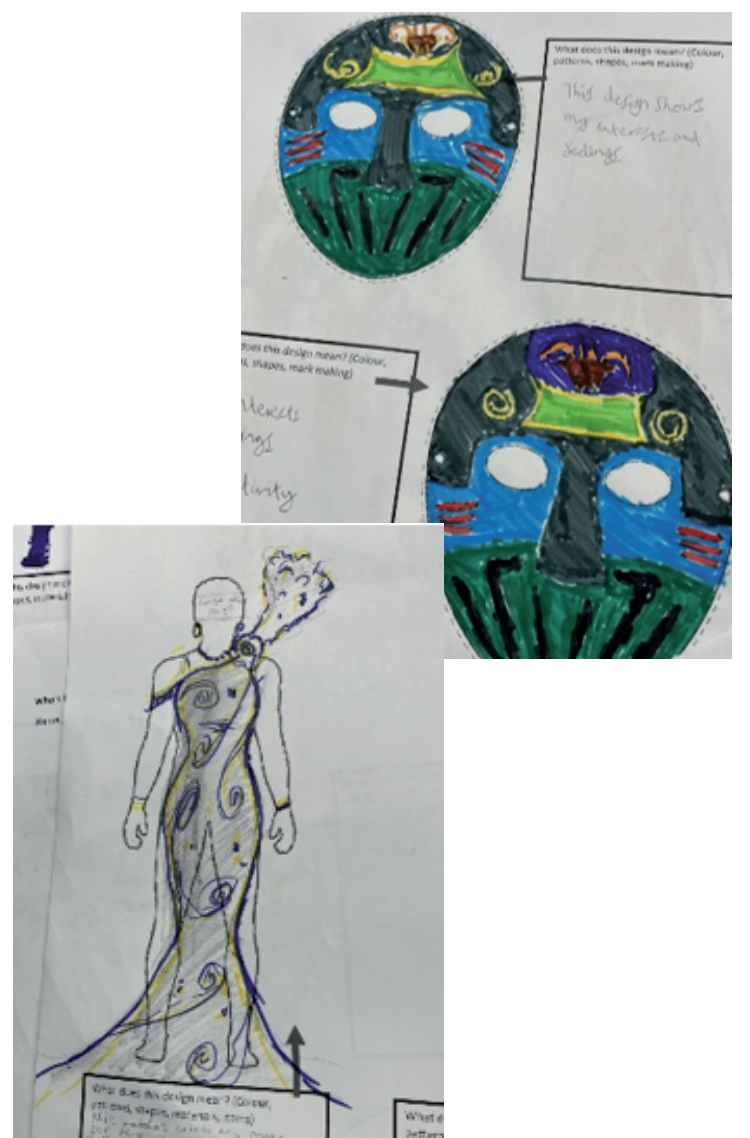
Dance



Year 7 dancers continued to raise their cultural capital by exploring the famous Rio De Janeiro Carnival and Brazilian traditions. The students had the opportunity to create a poster about the event whilst exploring interesting facts about Brazil. The groups created their own dance parade which featured many popular Samba dance steps. All groups were enthusiastic about the day and had a lot of fun at the same time. The themes explored through this focus day are a great steppingstone for the Year 8 scheme 'Dance around the world'.



During their focus day, Year 8 dance students explored the concept of masks and how they are used in performance. We looked at the very famous character Cruella De Vil and how her character is portrayed in the new Disney film. Students created their own masks based on their own personality and a costume to go with it. The groups then explored the characteristics of Cruella's personality creating some interesting routines based on power, identity, fashion, and drama. This prepares them well for the Year 9 project 'The Mad Hatters Tea Party' where they explore the impact of character through costume and personality which brings performance to life.



Maths

During the Spring Term Year 8 were involved in a competition run by the mathematics department to see who could complete the most “Century nuggets” on their learning pathway. Lots of students took part and over 10.000 questions were answered by students involved in the competition—quite an achievement!

Mikita Bains 8-Ma6, Tomisin Akinwale 8-Ma4 and Dylan Digpal 8-Ma6 were the top three performers in the year. A big well done from everybody in the mathematics department.

Pictured are Mikita and Tomisin receiving their achievement certificates.



We hope to see these students, as well as others, thrive in maths and reach their full potential!