

# 'Head' Line

Welcome to the final newsletter of the year, and what a year it has been! Shireland and the staff and students who occupy it continue to amaze me with their enthusiasm, application and thirst for success. Students have been involved in trips from the Isle of Wight, to skiing, and competitions. They are too numerous to mention. We have had one of the most successful seasons ever in competitive sport across boys' and girls' sports, culminating in a wonderful Sports Day.



Our Culture Day was a huge success and one of the highlights of the year! This was organised by the students, for the students, and I very proud of the way the day unfolded. The shared learnings about each other's cultures was a joy to see.

We have achieved recognition for the work we do through a series of awards: The Leading Parent Partnership Award, The Mental Health Awareness Award, The Excellence in Personal Development Award. These are a well-deserved recognition of the joint work between students, staff and families.

This issue of the newsletter will outline the wealth of experiences that students have undertaken alongside their academic programme. I hope that you have all have a wonderful summer break and I look forward to welcoming the students back to the academy on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of September.

Mr David Irish

Summer 2023

# Business Studies

**West Midlands Safari Park** is a fun place to learn about different animals and explore the various species living around the world.

The aim was to learn about the different marketing strategies and promotional techniques they have set in place. We learnt about their competitors through the talks/lectures they provided to us, we gained an insight into the advertisements they had set up around the park and we discovered how well they were doing against competing businesses.



## What I enjoyed most

I appreciated and surely benefitted from the knowledge we gained during the trip and would have loved to learn more. The part I enjoyed the most was the rides, as that was the source of entertainment and a treat for us all.

**Overall, it was a great day out and we all enjoyed the visit – it was much better than a usual day in school!**

By Younus Afzaal



## Business Ventures

Year 11 Business students, this year, were given the opportunity to run their business ideas in school. We had some successful businesses that many students enjoyed purchasing products and services from such as tickets to watch Black Adam or purchase some yummy sweet cones or cookies and brownies.

Well done to all students that worked hard to run their business ideas!



# Design & Technology

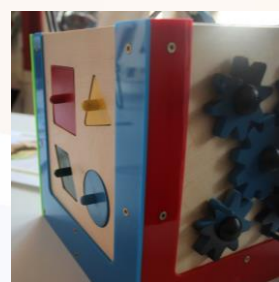
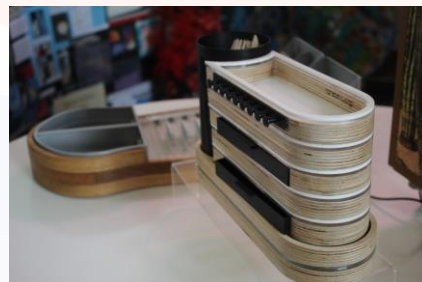
DT students across the summer term have been busy once again creating a whole host of products. In KS3, Year 7 have been creating textile monsters and delving into the world of Graphic Design; Year 8 have been creating their very own board games, counters and characters; and, Year 9 have explored the world of electronics and are in the middle of manufacturing their own LED mechanical lamps. It has been great seeing the variety of ideas and quality outcomes taking place.



In KS4 and KS5, Year 10 have been exploring possible products to design and manufacture for their coursework, as have Year 12, with some innovative and wonderful ideas beginning to make an appearance. We can't wait to see these outcomes in the Autumn term.

Birmingham City University visited the Year 12's this term with a masterclass in Product Design in Higher Education. It was a great opportunity to ask lots of questions and see what current BA Design students are doing at University.

We would like to also congratulate all the Year 11's and the Year 13 Product Designers who have now finished their exams and coursework. We were proud to showcase some of the fantastic work being produced this year across all key stages in the Art and Design Exhibition held in June.



# English

The Shireland Reading Challenge 2022-23 was launched in December, inviting students to read as many books as they could until the end of June.

The goal was to get our students reading in their spare time and to encourage the use of both the library and MyOn – our online library.

Over our seven year groups, we had seventy entrants who, between them, read a whopping 188 books!



There was a whole range of different books that featured on our students' reading pile.

Our fiction lovers read stories of inseparable friendships, unrequited love, magic libraries, coming out stories, mystery stories and many more.

The non-fiction reads featured some books about famous people. One of our Year 10 students read the heartbreaking story of Anne Frank through her diaries and a year 8 student read a biography of skateboarding legend, Tony Hawk.

Drumroll please! Our winners are...

Year 7	Beatrice Gregorini	7D
Year 8	Lucan Ikimotu	8D
Year 9	Grace Mardenborough	9B
Year 10	Maria Stanton-O'Rourke	10A
Year 11	Alisha Hussain	11F
Sixth Form	Ayaana Shaban	12AGL

And our overall winner who read a massive 36 books is Lucan Ikimotu!

Well done all. You will receive a book of your choice. More great things to read!



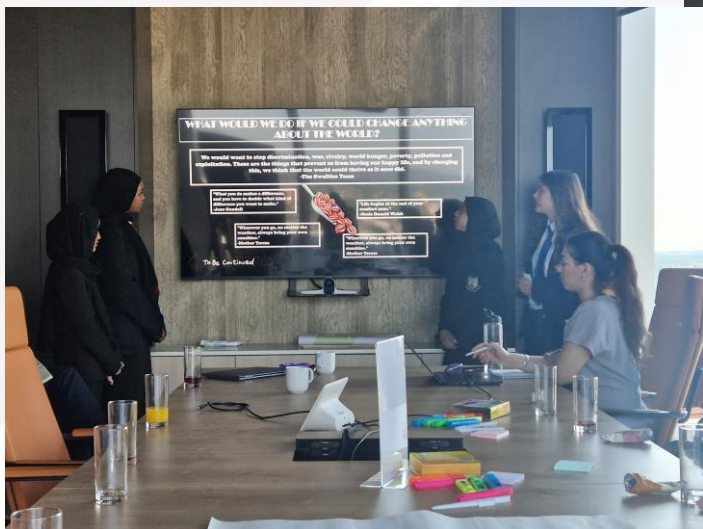
# Literacy for Life

I am so incredibly proud of our year 8 Apps for Good finalists, Seher, Haajar and Rokhaya on winning the People's Choice Award. The students demonstrated, resilience, creativity and empathy for others. Their hard work and compassion were demonstrated throughout the theme and I am elated that peers, parents, staff and family members acknowledged the importance of the app and subject matter.

Mrs Bates



This term, Years 7s have been taking part in an enterprise competition. Three winning teams were given the opportunity to set up and run a business for two weeks. Altogether, the three teams made an impressive £522.44 in profit, which will be given to the enterprise charity, Lend with Care. Two of the winning teams then had the chance to go to the Grant Thornton Office in Birmingham.

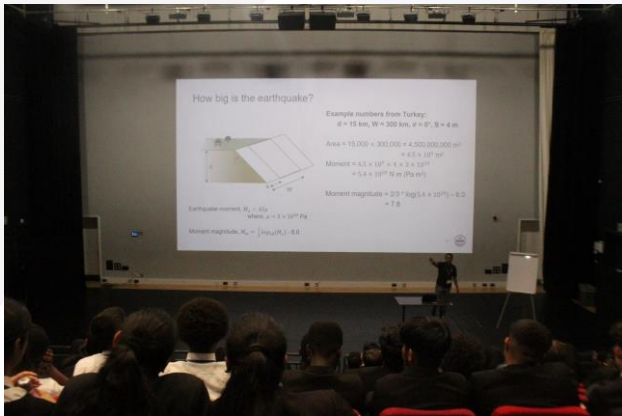


Here is what they said: "It was an amazing experience for us Year 7s to go to such a wonderful place. It was a great learning space and we were educated about the business and finance world. We had informative discussions, played fun ice breakers and had a tour around the beautiful Grant Thornton Offices." Well done to the Year 7 teams who took part in the enterprise challenge!



# Mathematics

Year 9 students were involved in a variety of activities during the summer term focus day. A group of our students learnt how maths is used within the racing industry whilst on a visit to Stratford Upon Avon racecourse. They had a tour of the racecourse and were able to apply their maths skills in the weighing room, on the parade ground and were able to see how the handicap system worked whilst having their own race - A fun day was had by all!



Dr Ekbal Hussain, from the British Geological Survey, delivered lectures to Year 9 and Year 12 Further Maths students. The students saw the mathematical side of earthquakes, climate change and using satellites! The presentations gave a great insight into some practical applications of mathematics and what careers are available for students who study mathematics at University.

# Performing Arts

## Mix Up – Drama and Music Showcase

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, our drama and music students took to the stage to showcase some of the fantastic work they have created this year. The performance involved over sixty students, from Year 7 to Year 13. The diverse range of performances included devised drama pieces, bands, solo singers, films, instrumentalists, and a choir. The evening was a great success. Well done to all the students involved.



## Community Drama

Our Year 12 Drama students worked together with the Year 8 Arts Aptitude students to generate ideas for a community drama. The sixth formers ran a workshop that explored stereotypes, the local area and the way people feel about their hometown. The Year 12 then worked with the characters and ideas that the students had generated, turning them into a sketch show style performance.

## West-end Theatre Workshop with Jonathan Dudley

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June, our Year 8 Arts Aptitude group enjoyed a West-End theatre workshop with professional performer Jonathan Dudley. Jonathan, who has appeared in *The Book of Mormon*, *Wicked* and *Cinderella* in the West-End, was highly complimentary of the students' enthusiasm and skill in bringing the performances to life in such a short space of time.



# Performing Arts

## **Theatre School – Little Shop of Horrors**

Since February 2023, students at Theatre School have been working incredibly hard on their upcoming production of Little Shop of Horrors. Students will be performing five shows across the final week of term, with three evening performances taking place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets are £6 each and can be purchased via ParentPay. We wish all students performing the best of luck!



## **Dance – UDO Encore Competition**

UDO Encore Competition 2023 is back and SCA Dance students cannot wait to strut their stuff at this year's competition taking place from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. All successful students will be representing the Academy at a national level, with schools competing from all over the UK. Huge congratulations to all students that successfully made it through! Keep working hard!



## **Dance Showcase- A Night at the Movies**

In May, our students took a trip Around the World in 80 minutes, performing a variety of routines from across the globe as part of their annual showcase. Students from all year groups were excited to showcase their hard work and talents, including some new skills and styles that they had been working on including Irish Tap Dance, Bhangra and Chinese acrobatics. Students performed to over 300 spectators across two nights and received some fantastic positive feedback.





# Performing Arts

## **Sponsored Dance-a-thon**

Students took on the challenge of a sponsored Dance-a-thon, taking across an entire week at the end of May. Two hours of non-stop dance were completed every day, the first hour starting before school at 8am and the second hour completed at 3.30pm - a long and tiring week for all involved. The commitment and dedication of all the students who took part was phenomenal, with students raising a staggering amount of money to support future Dance trips and Theatre School shows.



## **Hippodrome Workshops - 'Over the Top.'**

The Year 8 Arts Aptitude students have been working with Tom O'Connell, the learning and participation artist from Birmingham Hippodrome, on a performance based on life in the trenches during WW1. This tied in with the L4L theme 'Over the Top' and gave students the opportunity to use drama to practically experience the life of a soldier, from enlisting to living on the front line.

# Physical Education

This year our Year 7 basketball team took part in the Jr NBA Competition. As part of their journey, they managed to win the East Central group with a record of ten wins and zero losses. This resulted them being the top ranked team in the Eastern conference.



At the Jr NBA West Midlands finals. The team lost the first game 33-27 to the eventual champions in an excellent display of basketball. This resulted in the team playing in the 3rd and 4th place play off later in the day and winning the game 18-9. This is a fantastic achievement, and the school is very proud of our team's achievements:

- Jr NBA East Central Winners
- Jr NBA Eastern conference Winners
- Jr NBA Eastern conference Play-off Runners up
- Jr NBA West Midlands Bronze Medallists

On Thursday 21st June we held our annual Sports Day. It was a fantastic day, with the pupils performing brilliantly. They displayed determination, perseverance and a great amount of effort. Students took part in a variety of track and field events, being awarded points for participating and for winning. Overall winners were Chance who put in some great performances across all events. A video of the day can be found here:

[Click here to see sports day video](#)

# Physical Education

## Snowdonia Residential Trip

40 of our year 7 and 8 students took part in the Snowdonia residential trip on the weekend of 1st and 2nd July. Students had the opportunity to take part in outdoor adventurous activities such as climbing, gorge walking and abseiling. All students had a fantastic time in the great outdoors and already looking forward to going next year again!



## Sports Awards

On Thursday 6th July the PE department had the opportunity to recognise the sporting achievements throughout the academic year of our students here at Shireland Collegiate Academy. The evening was hosted by our PE department and many trophies and certificates were given out on the night for students who excelled in PE/Sport. A thoroughly enjoyable night for all and a fantastic opportunity to reward our students on their sporting achievements. Well done!

# Science

Miss Lloyd's enthusiastic year 7s have been learning about Specialist cells as part of their KS3 curriculum. Here are some of the fantastic models that they have made using household and recycled materials:



Winner: Aisha Sajid with her model animal cell showing all of the cell organelles

Second place: Abhay Garesh with his model sperm cell.

Runners up: Eisa Ayub, Joudi Hammami, Quoyum Lasisi, Chloe Levy, Ayesha Umar, Tyra Warner, Abdullah Yousuf and Isa Nadeem.



# Travel and Tourism

## Duke of Edinburgh Practice expedition

This June saw 2 groups of year 10 and 1 group of year 12 students embark on their practice expedition for the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. Fostering a spirit of teamwork, resilience and perseverance, they setup their own camp where they slept in tents and looked after themselves in



Cannock Chase, an area of outstanding natural beauty. The skills they have practiced will allow them to participate in their qualifying expedition to the Long Mynd in Shropshire where they will take part in a 3 day expedition. They will need to navigate their team around a pre-planned route that will see them walking for the full 3 days whilst carrying everything they will need to survive! Well done on the practice, good luck for the real expedition!



# World Languages

We have had another busy term in Languages. Our pen-friend exchange is going from strength to strength, with the students now on their third letter exchange. We look forward to receiving more letters after the summer break!



## Careers in Languages Poster Competition Winners 2023 !



As part of the on-going careers programme at Shireland, we launched a 'Careers in Languages' poster competition for KS3. We had a record number of entries and picking three winners was very difficult. Congratulations to all those who entered and a very well done to our 3 winners.

# Year 11

On Monday 19th June we said farewell to our class of 2023. Year 11 received a celebration assembly, leavers books, hoodies and signed each other's shirts. We welcome them back for their final celebration on Friday 14th July for their 'Casino' themed Prom. We wish Year 11 all the best for their results in the summer. The academy will be open from 9.00am on Thursday 24th August where students can receive their GCSE results.



# Mentoring



Earlier in the year we launched our new mentoring hub **HeadSpace** we have had several students successfully complete their mentoring course. Our mentoring programme offers students the opportunity to reach a desired goal whilst improving growth mindset. Mrs Prince encourages anyone who is requiring support to achieve personal or academic targets, support building confidence, improve emotional resilience or social engagement to embark on our unique mentoring programme.

Referrals can be made through your child's Head of Year or BMS pastoral manager. New places will be available from September 2023.





# Shireland Library Relaunch

Firstly, may I introduce myself as Mrs Buck the new Librarian.

I have recently joined the school and have been made to feel so welcome by students and staff – thank you.

The role is new for me, with the exception of an additional responsibility I had in my previous school for a short period of time. I have lots to learn, along with many new ideas I have in mind! Pupils will be part of that evolving journey as I am keen for them to contribute to how and what the library will look like.



During the summer and leading into the new term we will have an electronic booking system installed, new furniture and a selection of new books arrive. There will be a book exchange for staff and pupils, where they can bring in any unwanted books and exchange them for another book to keep. Pupils will have access to ICT facilities, board games, mindfulness mandalas and crosswords.

I wish you all a lovely holiday and look forward to seeing you in September. Please have a look at the student portal whereby I have highlighted a variety of books that you may like to read.

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# The War of the Roses

Tanisha Vagabou (7G)

In days of old, a tale untold,  
Of battles fierce and stories bold.  
The war of roses, its petals red,  
A conflict waged; blood widely shed.

Two noble houses, locked in strife,  
York and Lancaster, the fight for life.  
The white rose bloomed on Yorkist's crest,  
While red adorned the Lancaster's best.

King Henry VI, a weakling king,  
His reign a puppet on a string.  
The Yorkist's rose, their claim to stake,  
Richard of York, their leader awake.

But Queen Margaret fierce and proud,  
Defended Lancaster clear and loud.  
Her armies clashed on fields of green,  
The violence, like a deadly scene.

First St. Albans saw the bloodstained earth,  
As armies clashed with violent mirth.  
The Yorkist's won, but at great cost,  
The battle's toll, a kingdom lost.

Then came the tower, where the brothers fought,  
Edward and Clarence, siblings fraught.  
King Henry's capture, a Yorkist's reign,  
But Margaret's rage would not be in vain.

Barnet's field, a foggy morn,  
Two armies clashed: the battle's sworn.  
The Lancastrian hope, dashed away,  
Their cause defeated; skies turned grey.

At Tewkesbury's plain, a final clash,  
Lancaster's fate sealed in a flash.  
Edward, triumphant, claimed the throne,  
Margaret's spirit forever dethroned.

The War of Roses, a tale of sorrow,  
A kingdom divided, no brighter tomorrow.  
Families torn, and bloodline erased,  
A legacy lost, forever encased.

But from the ashes, a new dawn broke,  
Henry VII, a Tudor spoke.  
Uniting roses red and white,  
A new dynasty, a shining light.  
And so, the war of roses ends,  
A chapter closed, no more amends,  
But in history's pages, forever remains,  
The story of love, loss and royal pains.

