

'Head' Line

What an incredible introduction to Shireland Collegiate Academy! My first half term has been filled with the joy of seeing happy young people in their element. From our dancers to our basketball players and our writers to our scientists I have seen accomplishment beyond compare. The curriculum at Shireland is enriched by a wealth of wider experience. Our potential medics in Year 13 met with consultant oncologist Saira Kalique and our year 11,12 & 13 met worked with Wilfred Webster of Traitors fame on aspirations and dance workshops. The commitment and dedication of staff is outstanding, and I would like to thank them for this. In recognition of the rich diversity of Shireland we are beginning the application to become a School of Sanctuary to recognise our welcoming and inclusive ethos.

It is my honour to lead Shireland Collegiate Academy. I look forward to meeting more of you in 2024. Wishing you a happy and peaceful holiday

Miss Moira Green



Autumn 2023



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Art

Year 13 Art and Photography Focus Day

Year 13 Art and Photography students had a very inspiring day with the experienced and practising artist Professor John Devane. Devane is currently known as Professor of Painting at the (RBSA) Royal Birmingham Society of Artists and a Coventry University Professor. He was also a finalist in the BP Portrait Award in 2013. The students had an insightful talk from Devane, in which he went through his collection of work and experience in the industry. He also gave one to one tutorials with each student.



Art of Excellence Intervention

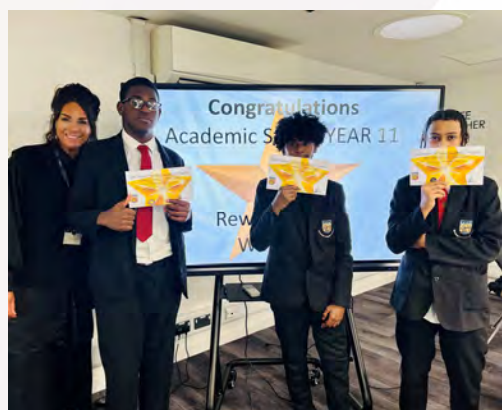
Two year 8 students, Famous and Prince, are currently participating in a weekly Art of excellence intervention. The end goal would be for these students to have their work displayed alongside our GCSE and A-Level students at the end of year showcase. These students are doing amazingly well so far and are learning a lot of high-level skills. We look forward to the progress they will be making.



Year 11 News

Year 11 November Mock Exams- Nov 2023

Congratulations to our Year 11 cohort in completing their first round of mock exams in November. We know mock exams can be stressful, but we would like to congratulate Year 11 on their excellent attendance, punctuality and professionalism. Our high attaining pupils were also invited to a day out during mock week, to the Village Hotel in Dudley where they carried out English and Maths intervention. This day was a huge success, and we look forward to holding more in the future.



Rewards Lunch – Most Academic

Progress from Year 10 – Year 11. Dec 2023

Congratulations to our Year 11 students who received their Silver Star and certificate for most progress between Year 10 and Year 11. There will be additional opportunities to win this award in January and again in March.

Also, a huge congratulations to our weekly stars of the week who have been excelling in all areas of Academy life. Keep it up!

Looking ahead to January 2024– Reports and applications for Sixth Form

All of year 11 should now be applying for sixth form and college. It was lovely to see so many families at our Sixth Form Open Evening in November. If any students require support for with their application, please speak with Mrs Prince – Head of Year 11. Year 11 end of year reports will be sent via Edulink in February ahead of the second parents evening, these are vital documents to support with college applications.

Year 11 Parents Evening Wednesday 21st February 2024

Focus days and attendance – Jan- March 2024

Attendance for focus days so far this year has shown a significant increase. Wonderful work has been created within these days and students have greatly benefited from this! After the Christmas break Year 11 have Option 1 on **11th January**, Maths or English on **23rd January** and to end Spring Term 1 they also have English or Maths on **7th February**. Attendance to these is vital to support with the next round of mocks in March. **Mock Exam week is week commencing Monday 11th March 2024**



Year 11 Prom, Leaver's book and Hoody payments can now be made on Parent Pay.

Humanities



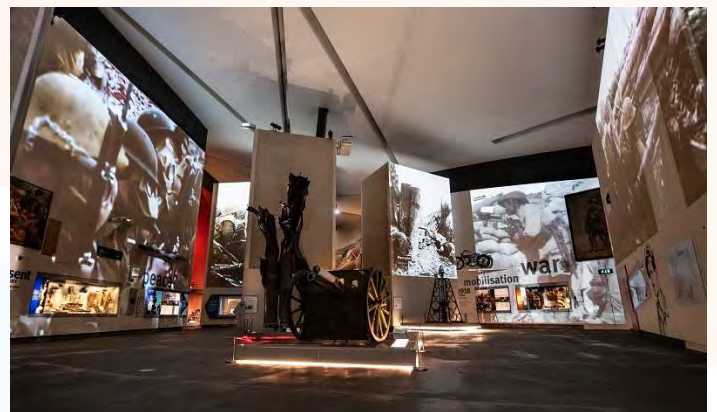
It's been another busy term in the History department as our GCSE and A Level students have not only impressed us in the classroom but also enthusiastically engaged with our wider curriculum provision.

Both Y12 and Y13 visited Hampton Court on their Focus Days to tour a royal palace that has been home to some of Britain's most prominent monarchs. Students were able to view art and architecture of an international significance whilst touring rooms where seismic historical decisions were taken – from reform of the English church through to declarations of treason.

In Year 10 students visited a range of historic sites including Kenilworth Castle and the Tudor House in Stratford upon Avon to support their understanding of the Early Elizabethan England unit.



Our Year 11 Option 2 students visited Manchester to see the Imperial War Museum as they explored the complexities of both our Weimar & Nazi Germany unit and Warfare through Time. Year 11 Option 1 are looking forward to their turn in January as they visit the museum, alongside the Year 12 students, to participate in an expert-led workshop on representations of warfare.



Mathematics

Puzzle Club

Students from KS3 have enjoyed testing their strategy skills playing a variety of board and card games throughout the Autumn Term.

Chess has been a favourite with several games being played every session. This is not the only game available though – Shogi, Guess who, dominos, draughts, Connect 4 and a variety of card games are also played.



UKMT Senior Challenge

Our Y12 & Y13 students competed in the United Kingdom Maths Trust challenge.

Mathematicians from all over the country enter this prestigious event and we recorded the following results 11 Gold and 4 Silver with the 11 achieving Gold going through to the next round, an amazing achievement.

Dates for your diary Y9 and Y10 intermediate challenge 31st January. Y7 and Y8 Junior challenge 25th April.

Have you got an interesting game to play? If so bring it along, puzzle club runs every Friday after school and Tuesday KS3 lunch in M3. Ms Elmi & Ms Gregory would love to see you there.



World Languages

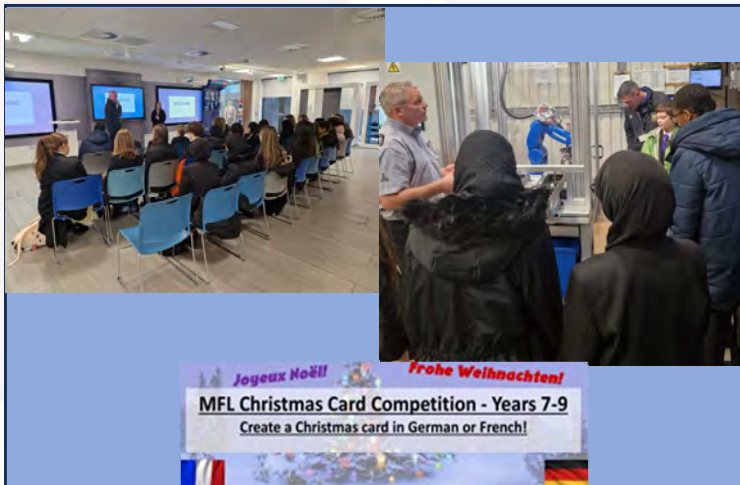
Key Stage 3

It's certainly been a busy term in World Languages. Some of our Key Stage 3 classes enjoyed a **French Breakfast** as part of their Focus Day in November and we also held our very first **Laternenumzug** to celebrate 'Martinstag' in Germany. Our Year 7's worked hard to make their own lanterns and learn songs to perform in front of their parents at a special evening held in the immersive room. For more information on 'Sankt Martin' see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NjfGR5LBMA>



A group of our Year 9 students visited local business **Thomas Dudley** to see how Languages are used in the business world. Students were given a tour of the factory and were able to see Languages at work in our own area.

Our popular **MFL Christmas Card Competition** makes an appearance again this month. At the time of printing entries were being collected ready for judging...watch this space in the Spring Newsletter for our winning cards!



Key Stage 4 & 5

Our Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 German students enjoyed a day out the **German Careers Roadshow** at Warwick University organised in conjunction with the Goethe Institute to see the benefits to them of learning German at GCSE. The students were amazed by the number of opportunities for work and study open to them in Germany itself, and by the range of jobs where language skills are in high demand in this country.

Year 11 and 12 will also be enjoying a visit to the **German Christmas Market** in Birmingham this December!



Business Studies

Year 11 Business presentations

Our Year 10 Business students made an excellent start recording their Business presentations which is a part of their component 2 assignments. All students successfully provided a presentation about their business idea. This was not an easy task, but all students demonstrated a great level of maturity and confidence. Well done to all students!



Year 12 Coffee Morning

Year 12 students put on a coffee morning event for staff in the Business and Science departments as part of their unit 4 coursework. Students successfully provided a menu outlining the range of refreshments that were available, pastries were enjoyed by all!

As part of their task students also provided a health and safety talk which allowed students to demonstrate the importance of visitors knowing what to do in case of an emergency (if such an event was provided to external visitors). Overall, this was a successful event for all students involved.



Upcoming dates:

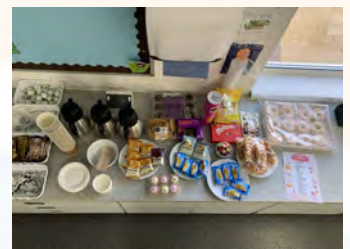
Year 11 Focus day: **Thursday 11th January**
Option 1

Year 13 Personal and Business Finance exam, **Monday 15th January**

Later dates:

Year 13 rewards trip: **Wednesday 24th April**

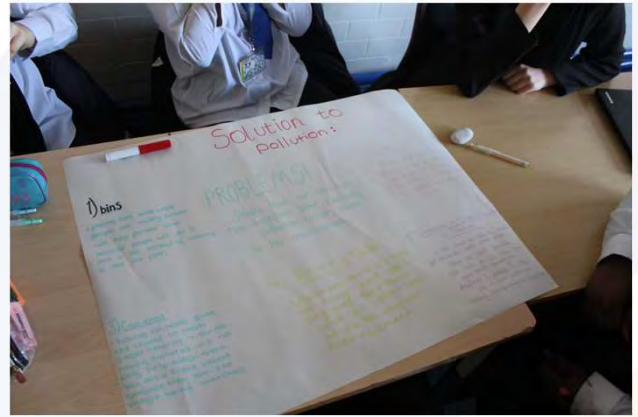
Year 12 exam: Developing a Marketing Campaign, **Thursday 9th and Friday 10th May**



Business Studies

Year 11 Business Poncho challenge

Students were required to design an all-weather poncho that could be sold at a music festival. They then had a limited amount of time to research and design the poncho. Students then used the resources available to produce their product then presented it to the class, showing the unique selling points of the product. Students were also required to create a product out of items we dispose of regularly (upcycled). Students were put into teams to design, produce, and prepare a presentation on their product. Students worked exceptionally well in their teams as they solved the problem by producing different items for everyday use. Some of the upcycled ideas were cooling trays for drinks, toys for children and miniature plant pots. Towards the end of the day, selected groups of students in the cohort presented their work explaining their idea and how they worked as a team. Overall, students had an enjoyable day as they were provided with the opportunity to develop and explore their own creative ideas.



Design & Technology




in Schools

Extra-Curricular Updates

Design and Technology is back up and running with numerous competitions and extracurricular clubs for the start of the 2023 academic year. We have seen some fantastic pantomime props and set designs coming out of the Theatre School Backstage Club for the upcoming performances of Wizard of Oz. Students have created an 8ft Emerald City, backdrops for Kansas City, created a field of poppies and of course the infamous Yellow Brick Road. We are also entering a new development class team to the prestigious F1 in schools' competition with our enthusiastic Year 8 team in the new year. They are challenged to develop, build and race their own F1 car against other schools both regionally and nationally; we wish them all the best of luck.

National Highways Trip – NEC

Some of our budding engineers and designers of the future from Years 11 and 12 visited the National Highways Roadshow at the NEC in October for a STEM experience. Here they got to explore the latest developments and technologies that are being introduced into the design and engineering world; with particular focus on the automotive sector. The most interesting part was operating a digger in Italy from the comfort of Birmingham through the use of screens, joysticks and the internet. There was lots of opportunities for discussions, questions and even some work experience placements!



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Design & Technology

Design Ventura Competition

Year 10s have also been busy working on their submissions for the national Design Ventura competition, which could see some real life products being developed, manufactured and sold in the Design Museum gift shop in London. We have had some innovative designs that are focusing on this years theme of Culture and Colour. Teams have been developing ideas through Focus Days and creating some really purposeful outcomes. Good luck to all our pupils entering these competitions.

There is also a mini competition open to all year groups which closes in December – can you take on the challenge and design a product with “community” as its core design inspiration? Take a look at the information below:

Deforestation

Brandon Hopkins Year 10

As you can see,

The trees can not speak,
Oak, birch, spruce to teak,
Some are strong and some are weak,
Some are quiet and some of them squeak.

People cutting trees down all the time,
Just for a couple of measly dimes,
There's no need to be cutting down this many

It averages from about millions to twenty

So, lets talk about the ups and downs

Trees come from the underground

They are made from roots and seeds,
Water and light that's what trees need.

Now lets time to rap it up

Trees should be saved and not cut

Thanks for listening to my rap about trees

Keep them there not cut them please...?



DESIGN VENTURA 2023-24

Bringing the business of design to life with Deutsche Bank



Design Ventura Online Mini Challenge: Community

Design with this theme in mind! Can you come up with an idea for a new product for the Design Museum Shop, inspired by the theme of community?

Design Criteria:

Community

Be inspired to design a product that evokes or exemplifies **community**. You could draw from this theme in many ways, including:

- A product which brings people together
- Telling a story through community
- How products can support communities in their everyday lives

Consider the work of other designers and how they explore the same theme.



The Design Museum Shop

The business setting for your product is the **Design Museum Shop**. Consider how other products which are sold here address colour, including toys, card sets, homeware, and games.



Travel and Tourism

Year 10 Travel and Tourism Focus Day

Our Year 10 Travel & Tourism students started their first focus day of the year by visiting a local heritage attraction The Black Country Museum. They had a guided tour of the attraction and discovered all it has to offer to tourists. They completed a case study on the attraction and how it operates as a business to then use as an exemplar back in the classroom.



Year 13 Students Event Planning

Year 13 students start their first piece of controlled assessment work by planning a tourism trip. They were given a budget and educational objectives they had to meet. They decided on Alton Towers as their trip and worked together as a team to plan the entire day from organising transport, the workbook and completing the necessary documentation. The event was a success and at the attraction students discovered how they use ICT to meet customer needs and gather feedback.



Exciting opportunities ahead

We have some exciting opportunities coming up in the department such as- A Year 10 T&T representative role, Year 13 cruise residential to The Netherlands, which is setting sail after 4 years! The first week back in January our Year 10 and 13 students will attend Manchester Airport for their first Focus Day of the year.



English

Some of our Year 11s got a lovely change of scenery when they were taken out for an away day at The Village Hotel in Dudley.

Mrs Parwana and Ms Simpson helped students develop their creative writing skills. Students looked at excellent examples of writing by previous talented students from Shireland, as well as planning and writing their own pieces.



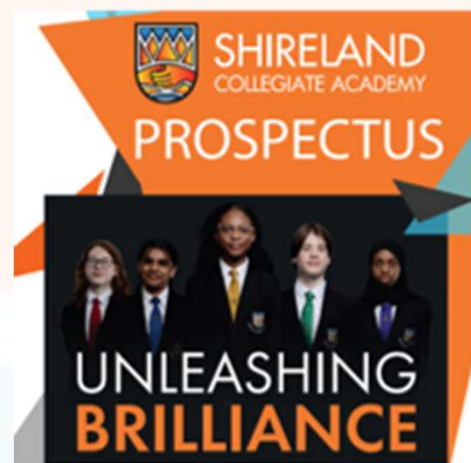
Some of our Year 11s part took in creative writing day which unfolded as a sensory journey. In the classroom, students were given the opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of autumn leaves, feeling the crisps textures and earthy scents. Students were also asked to close their eyes to envision descriptive language.

Through this sensory experience, the students were able to bridge the gap between nature's beauty and artistry of language.



Year 8 took great interest in the opportunity to re-imagine our school prospectus.

Having analysed the linguistic and presentational features of our existing prospectus, students used Canva (an online graphic design tool) to re-write and redesign their own prospectus. This also included visiting different parts of the School to take pictures and interviewing staff and fellow pupils!



Year 12

Year 12 University of Gloucester visit

Year 12 students got the chance to have a tour of the University of Gloucestershire on Tuesday, November 28, 2023. The trip gave us the chance to learn about the various courses and get a feel for what it's like to live on a university campus. "The University of Gloucestershire truly helped me decide if going to university was the correct decision for me. It also broadened my perspective on the variety of courses offered by universities and how many of them there are. Speaking with the student tour guides allowed me to ask questions to help broaden my knowledge. I thoroughly enjoyed the day and hope to have more university trips in the future". Reported by Olivia Blissett



Aim a little higher

Aim a little higher was a great experience as it provided many futures sessions that would help us after sixth form. The comedic element while we were learning about important things about our future was a great mix that kept us engaged. The speakers interacted with us and made sure that we understood what each futures presentation was about. The speakers were also able to provide help in terms of finance and how to maintain our money, this can help us in the future when it comes to student finance and bills to pay for the household, which again is a great life skill to be able to understand. Reported by Kainat Khan



Young Enterprise

As part of the young enterprise, we had the pleasure of running a fundraising bake sale. Running the bake sale was a great achievement as it taught my peers many qualities they will need later in life like; teamwork, financial skills, responsibilities, dedication. It also allowed us to work as a team as we had to organise and advertise what we were selling. The bake sale lasted a week and during this time we made over £300 pounds which was an overall success. Reported by Leena Akbar.



Library

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It's been a busy term here in the Library with the installation of a new electronic system, new furniture and books arriving. The Library is now an inviting workspace for students and staff, the sixth form have particularly welcomed the additional study space. During break and lunchtime, it is buzzing with students choosing books, socializing and playing games.



I have had the pleasure of working with year 9s during topic day, whereby we looked at how reading supports wellbeing and the studies around reading and health.

To get into a festive spirit we have had an upcycling Christmas decoration workshop .

Student Feedback

" I enjoyed making the Christmas trees, it was fun to make and showed my creativity"

"It was fun and unique"



Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sixth form library assistants who support in the running of the library during break, lunchtimes and after school. Their contribution has been much appreciated and I hope they are enjoying their experience and acquiring lots of transferable skills.



L4L

Y7 L4L Theme Update

As we fast approach the festive season the Year 7 students have been working exceptionally hard. Whether it be exploring the communities that we are a part of in their Citizen Me theme or learning about careers in space or how tectonic Hazards occur in Journey to the Centre of the Earth. Currently, the students are exploring the history of England during the medieval period. They have had opportunity to discover the Bayeux Tapestry in our Immersive Room and hear firsthand about careers in archaeology from an outside speaker.



Y7 Warwick Castle Trip

In October, Year 7 visited Warwick Castle to provide some inspiration ahead of their 'In Days of Old' theme. Students were able to take part in a Sword and Battle Skills workshop that taught them how to fight like a Medieval Knight; witness a working trebuchet and experience the UK's best falconry display. They were also able to take in spectacular views of the surrounding area by climbing to the top of Guy's Tower.

All students behaved in an exemplary manner throughout the day and took part in all activities with great enthusiasm.

Congratulations to Joshua Davis 7D who won the competition, as voted for by Year 7 students. He has won free admission to the next L4L trip!



L4L



Extra-Curricular Information

Debate Mate

Last year our top debating team was crowned the West Midlands champions for the 5th time. Our Year 7 novice team also placed 7th Nationally. The club is back! This year we are hoping to build on these success and make a push for the national championships again (to regain our crown from 2022).

If your child would like to join the club then, please ask them to speak to Mr Moore or Miss Kirwan in the Literacy for Life Team.

WHEN: Monday's, 15:30 – 16:30 on the L4L Base



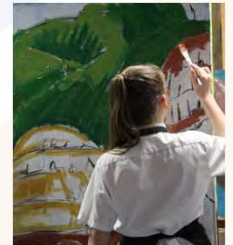
Careers

A group of boys visited the IMAX cinema on Broad Street to watch a film about Asteroids. The boys came away inspired to take up a career in STEM or the film industry.

Visitors

Year 7 took part in two workshops led by our local police. The first of which was 'safer travel' looking at staying safe when using public transport and the second was around anti-social behaviour,

Art Club



Art Club takes place every Monday afterschool. Students are exploring different mediums, techniques, and artists. Most recently students were supporting Theatre School by painting backdrops for the up-and-coming school production of 'The Wizard of Oz'.



PODCAST Club

Have a listen to the L4L Podcast ahead of our next theme of Fairy Tales! If you are interested in joining Podcast Club, please email Mr Rouse –

drouse@sca.shirelandcat.net

[L4L Podcast \(sharepoint.com\)](https://sharepoint.com)



PE

On Sunday 12th November the U14 and U16 Netball teams participated in the South Staffordshire County Tournament. Both teams qualified for this by winning the Sandwell League last year unbeaten! The competition was excellent and it was great to give the girls competitive matches, against other schools who have multiple club players and some players who are in super league franchises. Both teams performed brilliantly and the U16 team came 3rd overall which means they are now the 3rd best team in South Staffordshire, which is an incredible achievement. The PE department are very proud of all the Girls.



It has been a busy term for Basketball at Shireland with our boys competing in the junior NBA and national competitions. The U14s registered an outstanding win against a strong Bromsgrove Private school and the year 7 team represented Shireland for the first time and also managed to claim a win. The boys across all year groups show incredible dedication to their Basketball training and are being rewarded with some great performances in games.

PE

Shireland continued its successes in Football for both Boys and Girls. The Girls, led by Miss Smith, played their first match against West Bromwich Collegiate Academy and showed fantastic skill and team work in order to take a confident win.

The year 10 boys travelled to Gospel Oak to take part in the Sandwell tournament and after a penalty shoot out were victorious and came out in 1st place.



Science

Join us in celebrating the brilliant minds and remarkable achievements of our science stars! These exceptional students have been extraordinary in their lessons this term and impressed staff with their unwavering commitment to Science. Well done everyone and keep up the amazing work!

Year 7

Aiaman Zaman
Dallas McAvoy
Fahima Yasin
Inaaya Najam
Amber James
Izaan Ahmed
Tristan Taylor



Year 8

Aisha Sajid
Omar Abdelmosen
Umme-Noor Kaleem
Ceci Ko
Fatima Hoorain Anjum Azam
Clark Ridout
Nevaeh McKayle

Year 9

Maisie Pressick
Maria Lungu
Jashandeep Kaur
Alex Blaszkiewicz
Myleene-Katie Tabot
Ruby stanton
Rofiat Balogun



Performing Arts

Sixth Form Showcase



Our sixth form showcase took place on Wednesday 29th December and was a roaring success.

Students from years 12 and 13 worked incredibly hard to create a variety of high-quality dance, drama and music pieces. The entire showcase was spectacular, with performances including a dramatic Shakespeare mix-up, a musical performance of 'Fly me to the moon' and ending with a contemporary dance inspired by Martha Graham. Huge congratulations to all students who took part.

Shakespeare in Schools Festival - Drama

The 2023-24 cast of Shakespeare Schools Festival have started their rehearsals in preparation for their performance next March. They are performing a modernised abridged version of Romeo and Juliet, and the students are working hard with blocking scenes and developing characters.



Devising Workshop - Drama

Our Year 10 drama students took part in a workshop led by professional actor, Corey Weekes. During the workshop, students developed an understanding of the way a theatre company devises a performance from scratch. They got to experience some of these techniques for themselves, focusing on the use of improvisation to develop ideas.



Performing Arts



The Wizard of Oz – Theatre School

Students from all year groups have been working incredibly hard on the all-singing, all-dancing pantomime 'The Wizard of Oz'. Students will be performing five shows during the final week of term, with two evening performances taking place on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st December. Tickets are £4 each and are available via ParentPay. Our students cannot wait to step back on to the stage and perform, so please come along and enjoy the show!

Alvin Ailey Workshop - Dance

This term our dancers took part in a professional workshop delivered by the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre Company. The same evening, the Year 12 and 13 dancers visited Birmingham Hippodrome to watch the same dancers they had been working with performing on the main stage. Rochante Alleyne-Gallimore also took to the professional stage that evening, performing in the curtain raiser 'Home'. Rochante was one of 24 successful dancers who auditioned against hundreds of others for this opportunity. Well done, Rochante!



Performing Arts



TV School

Each Wednesday, students attend TV School, where they are currently working on a 'Newsround' style broadcast, using the fantastic new equipment bought by the academy. They are learning how to film, how to use the equipment and how to edit their footage to create their final product.

80 Days Around the World - Drama

Students who attend SCA Dramatics, our Friday after school drama club, are starting work on their upcoming performance of 'Around the World in 80 Days'. We had a fantastic turn out to our casting session, with students from all year groups taking part. Students will be supporting with directing, as well as performing in the show. There will also be opportunities for them to learn about the technical aspects of theatre. The performance will be in the Spring term.



Performing Arts

Extra-Curricular - Music

Since September at Shireland, our music department has never been so full of musical diversity. From an ever-growing choir of 40+ Students that will be performing at Shireland Technology Primary school, to our Jazz band that have performed during lunch to add some music throughout the school day.

We also have many more bands and choirs that fill lunch, with one ensemble writing jingles and themes for TV school and another performing at awards evening. We even have a wind band consisting of our music scholarship students. For students that want to try music but don't know where to start, we provide composition club and music club to build industry skills on macs and lessons lead by year 13 students on instruments.



Performing Arts



Music Scholarships - Music

Our Music Scholarship Programme is the biggest yet, with a record 84 students learning to play an instrument each week. The successful students in years 7, 8 and 9 were awarded their certificates in assemblies. Students are taking lessons in singing, piano, guitar, drumkit, brass, woodwind and both upper and lower strings.

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Performing Arts

Encore Competition – Dance

18 of our SCA students attended national Encore UDO Dance competition in Prestatyn. This is an annual competition where students get to showcase their talents in a variety of styles including Lyrical and Hip-Hop. Students also have the opportunity take part in workshops from a variety of professionals across the country.

Yet again, Shireland were extremely successful bringing home 1st place for Tap, 2nd place for Lyrical and Musical Theatre and 3rd place for Street Dance.

We also had some individual success with students competing as solos and duos in a range of styles including Contemporary and Commercial with all students being placed from 1st to 5th.

A hugely successful weekend- well done everyone!

