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“Head” Line

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends of Shireland Collegiate Academy,

As we approach the end of another academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared over the past months. This summer newsletter is a celebration of the hard work, creativity, and resilience shown by our students and staff alike.



From academic achievements and enrichment activities to community events and personal milestones, this term has been filled with moments that make us proud to be part of the Shireland family. I am continually inspired by the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our students, and the unwavering support from our families and local community.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our staff for their tireless commitment and to our students for their determination and positivity throughout the year. Your efforts have made this year a truly memorable one.

As we look ahead to a well-earned summer break, I hope this newsletter gives you a glimpse into the vibrant life of our Academy and the many successes we've enjoyed together. Thank you for being part of our journey — your partnership is what helps make our school such a special place to learn and grow.

Wishing you all a restful, safe, and sunny summer.

Warm regards,
Mr T Daly
Principal
Shireland Collegiate Academy



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YEAR GROUPS



Year 7 Easter Reward Celebration

This term, a group of Year 7 students were recognised for their outstanding behaviour and positive attitude throughout the term. As a reward, they enjoyed a special Easter-themed celebration filled with fun activities, treats, and time to relax with friends.

The event was a well-deserved thank you for consistently showing respect, kindness, and responsibility both in and out of the classroom. Well done to all the students who were invited – you've set a fantastic example for others to follow!

Congratulations, Anya!

A big well done to Anya in Year 7, who was awarded a gift voucher this term for achieving 100% attendance!

Her dedication and commitment to being in school every day is something to be truly proud of. Consistent attendance plays a huge role in both academic success and personal growth, and Anya has set a brilliant example for her peers. Keep up the fantastic work, Anya!



PIC•COLLAGE



Our Year 7 students recently explored the exciting world of STEM at the Big Bang Fair! The event inspired future careers by showcasing real-life scientists and engineers, offering hands-on experiments, and opening students' eyes to the wide range of opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and maths. A fantastic day of discovery and ambition!





Year 7 Learn to Protect the Environment with Severn Trent

Year 7 recently took part in an engaging and informative workshop led by Chris Harper, an Education Officer from Severn Trent. The session focused on how we can all play a part in protecting the environment by being mindful of what goes down our toilets and sinks. It was a fun and eye-opening session that left everyone thinking more carefully about their everyday habits. Thank you to Chris for visiting and helping us become more eco-aware!

Year 7 Commemorate the End of World War II in Europe

Year 7 students took part in a range of thoughtful and engaging activities to mark the anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe, which took place on May 8, 1945. The day was an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who fought, the challenges faced by communities during the war, and the importance of the values—such as courage, resilience, and unity—that contributed to victory and peace. Through creative tasks, discussions, and commemorative activities, students gained a deeper understanding of this significant moment in history and its lasting impact on the world today.



L4L

NATRE Spirited Arts

Our students recently took part in a fantastic Spirited Arts Day, showcasing their creativity and thoughtful reflections on themes such as stories that change lives and thinking about God. Selected students from across KS3 also had the exciting opportunity to visit CBSO Academy, where they joined pupils from across the Trust for a collaborative art event. From bold paintings to intricate mixed media pieces, each artwork expressed powerful ideas and personal beliefs. Selected entries will now go forward to represent Shireland in the national NATRE Spirited Arts competition. Well done to everyone who took part – your talent and insight truly shone through!



Off with their Head!

As part of their exciting L4L theme, Off With Your Head, Year 7 students stepped into the dramatic world of the Tudors with a visit to the immersive Tudor World museum in Stratford-upon-Avon. From exploring the roles of kings and queens to encountering the harsh realities of Tudor justice, students experienced the sights, sounds, and stories of the era in vivid detail. Highlights included a chilling glimpse into the punishment methods of the time—perfectly linking to their classroom exploration of power, authority, and rebellion during the Tudor reign.



Year 10



This Summer term has seen a number of Year 10 students nominated for Star Student of the Week. Well Done!

Year 10 students have made a great start to their exam journey, as they approached their mock exams with maturity and 100% commitment.

Maths Challenge Summer Camp

We're thrilled to celebrate Lex Stokes in Year 10, who has earned a place at a prestigious national Maths Challenge Summer Camp! Lex's exceptional performance in the UKMT Intermediate Challenge placed him in the top 1.5% of students across the country, a remarkable achievement. This exciting opportunity will see Lex spending a week alongside other top young mathematicians, tackling advanced problems and exploring new mathematical ideas. Well done Lex, we're incredibly proud!



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Sixth Form

Year 12 Elephant Group Visit UCL for Personal Statement Workshop

On Thursday 22nd May, our Year 12 Elephant Group cohort had the fantastic opportunity to attend a personal statement workshop hosted at University College London (UCL). The day was packed with insightful guidance, practical tips, and tailored support to help our students get ahead in crafting compelling personal statements for their university applications.

The workshop was not only informative and relevant but also incredibly motivating for our students as they begin to shape their future pathways. A huge thank you to Chloe and Beth for delivering such an engaging and impactful session—your support made a real difference!

Good bye and Good Luck Year 13!

Friday 23rd May meant the start of Study leave for our Year 13 cohort for their summer examinations. We celebrated in style with a leaver's assembly, awards ceremony and a celebratory lunch in the base to say goodbye. We will miss this cheeky year group and wish them all the luck in the world for their upcoming examination results.



New Year 12 Taster Day

In late June, we opened our doors to the new prospective cohort of Year 12's for their taster day in Sixth Form. Students were given taster sessions in their chosen options, a chance to meet and greet the Sixth Form Team and their new form tutors and socialise with both the current Year 12s and each other. The day was a huge success, with over 150 students in attendance. We cannot wait to welcome them officially in September.

Year 12 Rewards Trip- Bassetts Pole Paintballing

The summer term means a chance for staff and students to celebrate the achievements of the academic year. Year 12s made their trip to Bassetts Pole, to complete in three rounds of paintballing on a sunny Friday June afternoon. Over 60 students went on the trip to try their hand at the game. Thank you to Mrs Dhillon for organising a thrilling experience.

Sixth Form



**CHARITY
SPLASH OF ORANGE**

shireland Sixth Form Fundraising Team

In support of
acorns
we find children's support

Add a splash of orange to your uniform in support of Children's Charity Acorns. Wear an additional orange accessory alongside your usual uniform (think orange t-shirt, orange trainers, or orange hair accessories!)

We will also be doing a sponsored bike ride with staff across the day cycling the length of England, that's a whopping 556 miles! You'll be able to cheer them on and sponsor them over by the Sixth Form block.

Friday,
4th July 2025

Thank you for your support.

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SIXTH FORM**

Donations accepted through
Parent Pay or by cash on the day

Sixth Formers cycle to raise funds for Acorns Children's Charity

Friday 4th July was the summer fundraising event for SCA with a splash of orange to uniform and a bike-a-thon for students in the sixth form and staff. The epic challenge of virtually riding the length of the England (556 miles) across the day to help raise funds bought together the school community, with students cheering on the cyclists throughout the day.

In total, we raised over £300 and smashed the original 554 mile target, cycling a whopping 950+ across the seven hours! Well done to all those involved and thank you to anyone who donated!



Sixth Form

🎉 Huge congratulations to our Year 12 students!

In the closing weeks of summer term, 23 Year 12 students successfully completed their **Level 3 Emergency First Aid at Work** qualification.

This fantastic opportunity was organised by our brilliant **MedSoc society**, which is led by our student **Laiba**.

Well done to everyone involved! 💪

Summer Academy Trips

As part of the **Elephant Group Summer Academy**, students have taken part in a series of inspiring university visits and academic masterclasses designed to stretch their thinking, build confidence, and give them a head start on their journey to higher education.

University Visits include

Students visited some of the UK's most prestigious institutions, including:

- Kings College, London
- Jesus College, Oxford
- Pembroke College, Cambridge
- The Bartlett, UCL
- University of Sheffield
- University College London (UCL)
- Durham University
- University of the Arts London (UAL)
- Trinity College, Cambridge
- Exeter Summer Academy Residential

Our students have had a fantastic experience so far"



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WIDER SCHOOL

Wild in Art – Live in Brum!

SCA Sixth Form leads on fundraising efforts

SCA Sixth Form have been working hard to raise funds for our first whole school charity event. With the fundraising efforts of our Sixth Form Volunteer team, who sold just under 5000 samosas, and our Non Uniform Day we have raised over £1500 for Birmingham Hospice! Thank you to all who contributed. This in turn meant that we could “adopt” a bull calf that will be soon adorned with Shireland patterns and colours to go on and be part of a city-wide art project in the Summer with “Wild in Art”. Sandi, in Year 9, completed our Bull design submission and called the statue **Abena of Unity**.

(**Abena** is Sandi's Ghana day name which leads to the characteristics of being **Warm, gentle, eloquent, compassionate, resourceful, responsible, reliable and caring**).

This summer, try and find our SCA bull somewhere in the city as part of the Wild in Art Summer project! I hear they may be close to Brindley Place... send us photos if you manage to find them!



EAL and INA



We are excited to announce the launch of our *Language Buddies* program, designed to support students who are new to English by pairing them with peers who can help with language, school routines, and making new friends. This initiative not only strengthens language skills but also builds confidence and fosters friendships across year groups. Thank you and well done to everyone who volunteered and earned their role as a Language Buddy!

As part of Refugee Week, we celebrated the rich diversity of our school community, focusing on 2025's theme, 'Community as a Superpower'. Students reflected on what it means to belong and explored different creative ways to make others feel welcome and valued in our community. With this in mind, we also held our termly Welcome Café for families during Refugee Week. It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers, and students coming together to share stories and connect with staff. We look forward to continuing this spirit of welcome and inclusion in the next academic year.



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Mental Health & Wellbeing

Mental Health drop-in Sessions

During Lunch time, we are offering drop-in sessions for students who would like a relaxing space to do activities, learn ways in managing their mental health symptoms, or talk with a member of the Wellbeing team.

Students are welcome to have lunch during the sessions. Please see below dates and times for the [drop in sessions](#);

KS3 - Tuesday's and Friday's (12.30pm - 1.15pm)

KS4 - Monday's and Thursday's (1.30pm - 2.15pm)

The sessions will take place in the Learning Room in BMS. If you would like to attend the sessions then please speak to your Head of Year, Pastoral Team or the Mental Health and Wellbeing Team.



Mental Health and Wellbeing Café

Would you like to learn more about Mental Health and ways of managing your symptom?

Would you like a space to talk about your mental health?

We are now running Mental Health and Wellbeing Cafe's for students who would like a space where they can relax and talk about their concerns. The Cafe offers a relaxed environment where students can meet new people, play games, do Mindfulness Colouring and an opportunity to have a chat with a member of the Wellbeing Team.

The Cafe is open every Monday (during term-time) 3.30pm - 4pm.

The Cafe is located in the Learning Room in BMS. We look forward to welcoming you there.



Mental Health and
Wellbeing Cafe



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Pupil Mental Health and Wellbeing

It has been an exciting time here at SCA in terms of Pupil Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Mental Health Year Representatives have been selected.

There was an overwhelming number of applications across the Yr. groups. Candidates underwent a vigorous interview. Our Yr Representatives will start their formal training in the new academic Yr. Well done all of you. You are all truly amazing!



Mental Health and Wellbeing Cafe

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This half term has seen the launch of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Café. This has been a wonderful success with pupils having an input into how they would like support for mental health to look at SCA.

We look forward to exciting times ahead. We will be inviting parents to join us at some point during the first term so they can see the amazing things taking place.

The Cafes take place on Mondays : 3:20 – 4 pm. All are welcome.

Here is a taster of some upcoming events for next year:

Art Therapy with the Art Department.

Targeted Workshops.

Lunchtime Wellbeing sessions.

Collaborative working with The Inclusion Department to gain the best experience possible for all our learners.

Focus Days.



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Anti-Bullying Ambassadors



Staff and students across the school came together to show their support for Mental Health Awareness Week by adding a splash of green to their outfits. From subtle accessories to bold statement pieces, the sea of green was a vibrant reminder that mental health matters every day.

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors played a key role in spreading the message of kindness and inclusion, reminding us that feeling safe, seen, and supported is essential to mental wellbeing. Their efforts continue to foster a culture where everyone is encouraged to speak up, reach out, and stand together.



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Debate Mate Success

Shireland Debate Mate Team Shines on Regional, National, and International Stages

This year has been nothing short of phenomenal for the Debate Mate team at Shireland Collegiate Academy. The A Team has demonstrated exceptional skill, resilience, and teamwork, earning accolades across multiple prestigious competitions. They began their winning streak by securing the **West Midlands Debate League Title**, followed swiftly by clinching the **West Midlands Debate Mate Cup**—a testament to their consistency and command of the art of debate.

Their talents reached international recognition when they placed **second in a global debating tournament** featuring 14 schools, predominantly from Nigeria. This remarkable achievement showcased their ability to compete and excel on a worldwide platform. The team also earned a coveted spot at the **National Finals held at the Salesforce Tower in London**. While they didn't take home the top prize, each student was honoured with a laptop, generously provided by Debate Mate and sponsors Deloitte—an inspiring recognition of their hard work and potential.

Looking ahead, a **development team of emerging debaters** is set to represent Shireland at the **National Cup Finals at the Bank of America** later this July. This opportunity will no doubt serve as a powerful springboard for their future contributions to the team. The success of the A Team is owed to the dedication and brilliance of its members: **Dileena Kaur, Daniel Penu, Harbanhana Kaur, Millie Gordon-Brown, Ceci Ko, Zain Ejaz, and Abdullah Yusuf**. Their achievements have not only brought pride to the academy but have also set a high bar for future cohorts. Congratulations to all involved—may your voices continue to have a lasting impact!



Inclusion



Grand Opening – Head Space Garden 🌱



Date: 27th June 2025

We were delighted to announce the official opening of our **Head Space Garden** - a calm, reflective space designed to support wellbeing across our school community.

This garden is now open to all staff and students, and we look forward to seeing it grow and flourish over time. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to bringing this vision to life.

Let's nurture this space together.



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Inclusion



SEND cafés 2025-26 - Parents and Families SEND Cafés

30th September 2025 – SEND Café 1 (Years 7–9)

11th November 2025 – SEND Café 2 (Years 10–13)

17th March 2026 – SEND Café 3 (Years 7–9)

28th April 2026 – SEND Café 4 (Years 10–13)



Please complete this form if you wish to attend one of our SEND Café's
Click here or scan the QR code <https://forms.office.com/e/AgWhZc5bhg>

SEND Inclusion Progress Meetings 2025-26

We are delighted to share the following dates for the upcoming SEND Progress Evenings for the 2025–26 academic year.

🕒 Time: 3:30 PM – 7:00 PM

📅 Dates: Thursday 4th December 2025 and Thursday 11th June 2026

Booking information will be shared closer to each event. We look forward to welcoming you and discussing the progress and support of our SEND learners

Legoland Discovery SEND inclusion trip: Tuesday 8th July 2025



During this year's SEND trip, students enjoyed **exclusive access** to the LEGOLAND Discovery Centre.

The calm and supportive environment allowed students to fully engage in fun, sensory-friendly activities tailored to their needs. It was a fantastic afternoon filled with creativity, connection, and shared experiences.



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SUBJECTS

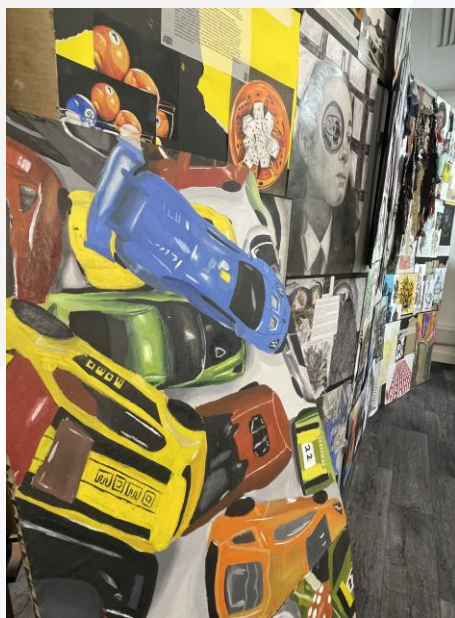
Art

National Art Recognition for Year 7 Student Jayson Ubah!

We are incredibly proud to share that Jayson Ubah, a talented Year 7 student at Shireland Collegiate Academy, has had his pencil drawing, titled "Drawing", selected for exhibition by the Royal Academy of Arts. Jayson's artwork was chosen from over 23,000 submissions from across the UK, earning a place in both the online and physical exhibitions—a truly outstanding accomplishment. His piece stood out for its technical skill and expressive quality, capturing the attention of the Royal Academy's expert panel. This marks the second consecutive year that a Shireland student has received national recognition, following the success of Izaan Ahmed last year. It is yet another remarkable achievement for our Art Department, whose dedication continues to inspire and elevate young artists. Congratulations to Jayson on this well-deserved honour—we can't wait to see what he creates next!



Art



Art Showcase 2025:

Shireland Collegiate Academy proudly hosted its Art Showcase 2025, an inspiring exhibition featuring an extraordinary collection of work from students across KS3, GCSE, and A-Level in Art, Photography, and Textiles.

This year's showcase highlighted the diverse talents and creative voices of our students, with artwork ranging from traditional oil paintings to innovative 3D cardboard sculptures. The exhibition also included striking photography, expressive textile pieces, and experimental mixed-media installations—each reflecting the individuality and imagination of its creator.

The variety of styles and techniques on display was a testament to the dedication of our students and the exceptional guidance of our Art Department. From bold conceptual pieces to finely detailed studies, the showcase captured the spirit of artistic exploration and excellence that defines our academy.

A huge congratulations to all the students involved—you've made this year's showcase one to remember!



Business Studies

Year 10 trip to Cadbury World

Our year 10 Business students visited Cadbury World on Monday 2nd June. Upon arrival students were led to the educational classroom where they took part in an educational workshop about the marketing of Cadbury World. Students then had the opportunity to tour the factory, visit the 4D cinema, ride the Bournville train and end in the Cadbury gift shop. Students were able to purchase lots of chocolate and souvenirs!

Jasmeet Kaur:

'I really enjoyed Cadbury's World, as we did many things. We started with an educational talk, where we learnt about the history of the company and their marketing tactics. This was extremely helpful as it gave us an insight of how an actual business operates.

We also learnt about companies/brands that collaborate with Cadbury's to make their own product, like Post Malone. After that, we were guided through the factory where we saw many different sculptures made out of chocolate, such as the world's biggest Cadbury's Crème Egg. We were also given the opportunity to then experience the 4D cinema, which was accompanied with sound and movement. We found it exciting, and it was unique. Overall, our day at Cadbury's World was very informative and useful.'



Year 10 Careers

Our year 10 learners will be receiving a Careers talk on Tuesday 15th July from Ms Begum our Careers advisor. Ms Begum will be taking students through an interactive PowerPoint that will outline careers within the Business sector alongside a quiz to test student knowledge. This will be an invaluable session to allow learners to start thinking about their career paths.

Year 11 and 13

Well done to our year 11 and 13 students that have completed their Business course. We are so incredibly proud of you all and how hard you have worked. Good to luck to everyone receiving their results in August!



Well done!

Students successfully donated £530.21 to the Birmingham Children's Hospital in June 2025. This was part of the profits that students made from their enterprise Cinema events. Well done to all involved!



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Design & Technology



Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust present....

Design Exhibition * 2025

4th June 2025
4pm-6:30pm
Waterloo Road, B66 4ND

With work from:
Shireland Collegiate Academy
Thorns Collegiate Academy
West Brom Collegiate Academy

KS4 and KS5

Design and Technology - Class of 2025

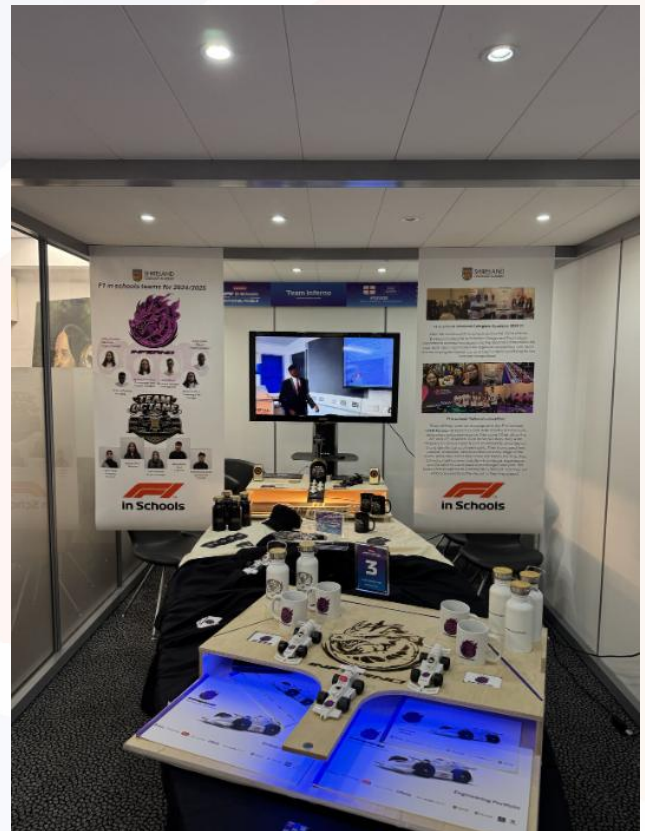


We wish all our GCSE and A Level candidates the best of luck on their upcoming results days!

Design and Technology Exhibition

The Shireland Collegiate Academies Design and Technology teams this summer decided to hold the first ever Shireland Trust Design Exhibition. This event was a showcase and an opportunity for us to celebrate Key stage 4, 5, and extra curricular successes this past year.

Students, Staff and their families joined together to celebrate the creativity of our Product and Graphic Designers, and our National Representatives for the F1 in Schools Competition.

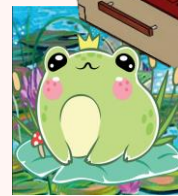


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Our year 7's produced eye catching 3D CAD work and made some

Year 11 and year 13 this year have made some high-quality products



English

Year 10 Step into the Storm in the Immersive Room

Year 10 students recently took part in a captivating session in the immersive room, where they explored Seamus Heaney's poem *Storm on the Island* in a truly unique way. Surrounded by dramatic visuals and the sounds of a raging storm, students were transported into the heart of the poem's setting, allowing them to experience the tension and isolation described in the text.



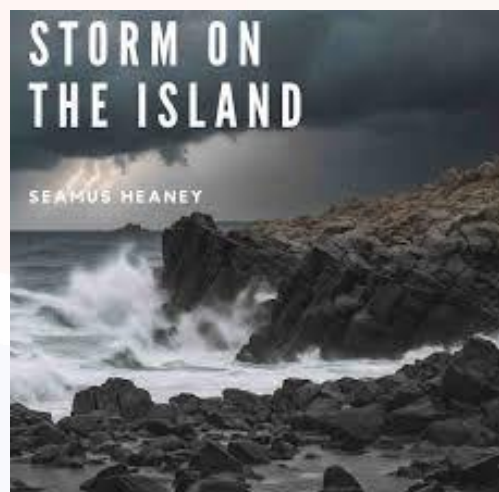
In one striking moment, the line "spits like a tame cat turned savage" was brought vividly to life, helping students to visualise the poem's powerful imagery and emotional intensity. The immersive environment encouraged deeper engagement with the poem's language and themes, sparking thoughtful discussion and interpretation.

WORK EXPERIENCE



Year 10 and Year 12 Students Gain Insight Through English Department Work Experience

As part of their work experience programme, a group of enthusiastic Year 10 and Year 12 students joined the English department for a week of hands-on learning and professional development. During their placement, students supported a range of classroom activities, observed lessons, and assisted with resource preparation, gaining valuable insight into the day-to-day workings of a busy secondary school department.



Performing Arts

Music – Scholarship Performance

The Music Scholarship Showcase, ***The Best of British***, was performed at the end of June, with performances from over 60 of our scholarship students, plus various musical ensembles. Despite being the hottest day of the year, the students performed brilliantly, to a wonderful audience, showing just how far they have come in their instrumental journeys so far. The evening was a huge success with students from years 7-12 all being involved.



Dance- Annual Dance Showcase

In May, our students took to the stage performing a 'Medley of Musicals'. Students from all year groups were excited to showcase dance routines from 'Phantom of the Opera', 'Hamilton', 'Lion King', 'Moulin Rouge' and many more. The show was a huge success, with a positive response from our audience.

Well done to all students involved!



& Juliet Trip

KS4 & KS5 students had a fantastic time at the Birmingham Hippodrome watching the musical performance '& Juliet'.

This hilarious new musical flips the script on the greatest love story ever told, by William Shakespeare, and asks the question, what would happen next if Juliet didn't end it all over Romeo?



Performing Arts

Music – Choir Success

Our Elite Choirs in both KS3 and KS4 came together to enter the UK Schools Music Festival for the second year. After winning Bronze last year, they went one better to achieve the Silver Award. Their performance of **See You Again** was beautifully performed, with emotion and expression, showing just how much they have developed over the year.



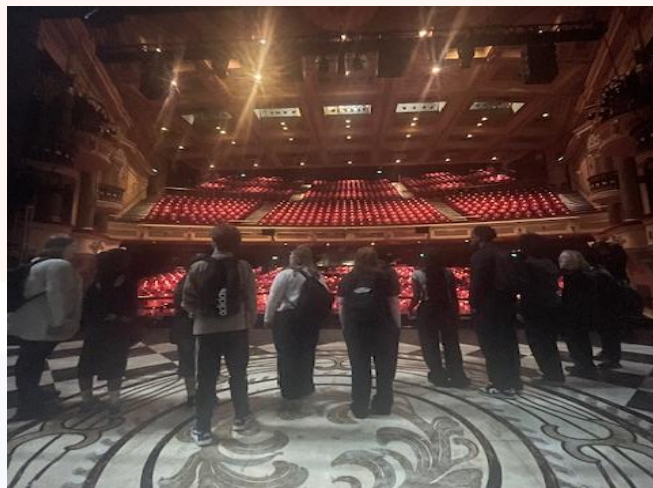
Peaky Blinders Performance

Niobe and Rochante two of our alumni students auditioned for the Rambert Dance Company's Peaky Blinders production and were successful! This is a huge achievement as Rambert is one of the worlds most diverse and established dance companies. Huge congratulations to them both! It was also a wonderful opportunity for our Performing Arts students who were able to support their peers and enjoy a fantastic show.



Drama- Careers in the Arts

Some of our passionate performing arts students had the opportunity to attend a careers workshop at the Birmingham Hippodrome, where they enjoyed a backstage tour and a Q&A session with the technical director, Ian Wallace. Students had a great morning and represented the academy incredibly well.



Performing Arts

Music – Exam Success

Several of our students have been working hard to pass graded music exams. Successful students this term include:

Hope Brown – Grade 1 Music Theory – Distinction

Josh Davies – Grade 1 Horn – Distinction

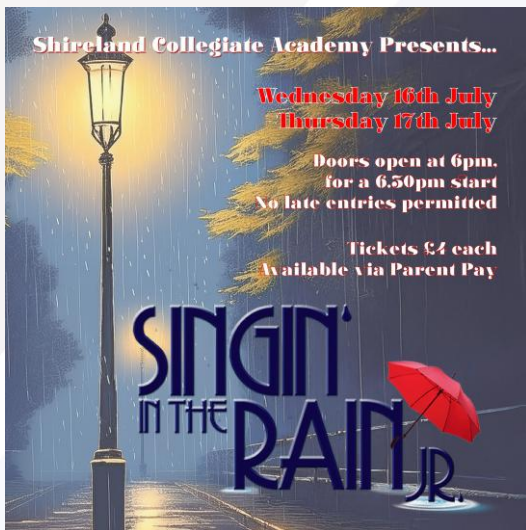
Aroosha Heidarishirzi – Grade 1 Violin – Merit

Jozef Rosaupan – Grade 1 Violin – Merit

Clara Maloney – Elementary Piano – Distinction

Alfie Stevens – Elementary Piano – Distinction

Danika Gosai – Elementary Flute - Distinction



Theatre School- Singin' in the Rain

Since February 2025, students at Theatre School have been working incredibly hard on their upcoming production of Singin' In the Rain Jr. Students will be performing five shows across the final week of term, with two evening performances taking place on Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th July.

Tickets are £4 each and can be purchased via ParentPay. We wish all students performing the best of luck!

Drama-Ernie's Incredible Illucinations

Our drama club students performed Ernie's Incredible Illucinations by Alan Ayckbourn on Monday 7th July. This was a high energy ensemble performance, involving lots of multi-role.

Students did a fantastic job in their performance and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the show. Well done to everyone involved!



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SCA go to Wimbledon!



On Wednesday, we had the pleasure of taking some of our aspiring tennis players to the iconic home of tennis — Wimbledon. We were fortunate to have seats on Court No. 2, offering a fantastic view of the action. The day was truly memorable, and our students embraced the full Wimbledon experience in style. Their excitement was infectious — from marvelling at the grounds to cheering on the players, they were completely immersed in the atmosphere. Many described it as “inspiring” and “unforgettable”. A fantastic day for all.



Physical Education

Shireland Girls Excel at #LetGirlsPlay Tournament

A group of talented KS3 and KS4 girls proudly represented Shireland Collegiate Academy at the #LetGirlsPlay football tournament, hosted by the West Bromwich Albion Foundation. The event brought together schools from across the region to celebrate and promote girls' football.

Both our KS3 and KS4 teams performed brilliantly, showing outstanding teamwork, determination, and professionalism throughout the day. Their efforts earned Shireland an impressive **2nd place overall on points** — a fantastic achievement that reflects their hard work and passion for the game.

A highlight of the day was the opportunity for some of our players to meet the **head coach of the West Bromwich Albion Women's team**, who was in attendance. She was particularly impressed by **Tisha Tomlinson** and **Gariesha Allen**, recognising their talent and potential for the future.

We are incredibly proud of all the girls for their performance and the way they represented the academy. Well done!



Shireland Girls Shine at Euros Football Tournament

On Thursday 2nd July, girls from Years 7 and 8 proudly represented Shireland Collegiate Academy at the Euros Girls Football Tournament. Organised with Birmingham County FA Women & Girls and supported by The Albion Foundation, the event celebrated young female talent in sport. Our team played 10 matches, showing incredible resilience, teamwork, and passion. Competing against eight schools, they secured an impressive 4th place finish. Their performance reflected true dedication and sportsmanship. We're extremely proud of how they represented the academy. A huge thank you to the organisers and coaches for an inspiring day of football!



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Physical Education

Sports Day

On 20th June, Shireland students from Years 7 to 10 came together at Tipton Sports Academy for an exciting and sun-soaked Sports Day. Pupils competed with great enthusiasm in a variety of events, including the 100m, 200m, 400m relay, shotput, javelin, and long jump. The day was filled with energy, determination, and fantastic displays of teamwork and

sportsmanship. After a series of thrilling performances, it was House Florence who emerged as the overall winners, earning well-deserved celebration and pride.

Notable performances came from Jayden Edwards (year 7), Carlos Andrei (Year 8), Oumou Sall (Year 9), Muneebat Alabi, Tisha Tomlinson and Aryan Zaib (Year 10) who all broke Academy Records in their events.



SCA involvement with Aston Villa FC

Our Year 10 students have been making the most of their involvement in the Aston Villa programme this year. Every

Monday after school, they've been taking part in dedicated training sessions that focus on building confidence, teamwork, and leadership through sport with

UEFA qualified coaches who have years of valuable experience in elite performance and football education environments. A highlight of the programme so far was

their visit to Aston Villa's Inner City Academy, where students participated in a professional coaching session. This experience gave them a real taste of elite-level training and many have discovered new interests and aspirations, particularly in sports-related careers, while also gaining valuable life skills such as communication, resilience, and goal-setting. The programme has not only supported their academic journey but has also helped shape well-rounded

individuals ready to take on future challenges. We have also started opening up the programme towards our current Year 9's this means even more of our young people can benefit from the opportunities, mentorship, and personal growth the programme offers. We're proud of the progress our students have made and look forward to continuing this fantastic partnership.



Physical Education



Shireland Sports Awards

On Tuesday 8th July the PE dept hosted their annual Sports Awards at Shireland Collegiate Academy. The event gives chance for the PE dept to reward our students for their hard work and dedication throughout the academic year. It was a fantastic evening where lots of our students picked up trophies, medals and certificates for their achievements this year. The main award which was the 'outstanding achievement award' was scooped up by our Y13 student Konstantinos Melistas. Congratulations to all our winners on the night!

On Monday June 30th the Netball Teams participated in an enrichment training session led by a coach from Birmingham Panthers. The coach was extremely impressed and emphasized how good each player was. Their passing was sharp, their defence was solid, and their spirit was unstoppable. But above all, it's the way they supported one another—on and off the court—that made this team special. Win or lose, they show resilience, maturity, and a deep love for the game. She also told them that this past season should have not been just about just about winning matches, but also about the dedication in training, the friendships that formed, and the laughter echoing across the sidelines. It was recommended that they all continue to show up and play with courage, grow in confidence, and turn challenges into opportunities—with teamwork at the heart of it all.



Science



Y12 Biology Field Trip

In May, our Year 12 biologists headed out of the classroom and into the wild with the Field Studies Council, immersing themselves in biodiversity fieldwork techniques.

The day kicked off with a safety briefing, then we tackled habitat comparisons—sampling species, calculating diversity, and analysing data using real statistical tests.

It was fantastic seeing students trying methods like interrupted belt transects and quadrat sampling firsthand. One standout moment was when a dedicated student spent most of the day swatting flies away with their clipboard—nature's own resistance training!

Watching the students push beyond their comfort zones, enthusiastically identifying organisms in woodland and meadow habitats, was a real joy to behold. The teamwork, curiosity and laughter (and the occasional fly-swatter!) made it an unforgettable day.

Here's to more adventures in science—where learning meets laughter and the natural world becomes our classroom.



Cambridge Chemistry Challenge

Y12 Cambridge Chemistry Challenge Success!

We're thrilled to share that several of our Year 12 students recently took part in the prestigious **Cambridge Chemistry Challenge** —a 90-minute paper set by Cambridge chemists to stretch and challenge A-Level thinkers

The competition isn't about rote learning—it's designed to spark curiosity and push students to apply chemistry in inventive, real world ways . We're delighted to say our students performed brilliantly! Many received **Copper, Silver & Gold** awards—an outstanding achievement reflecting real dedication and problem-solving flair.

Please congratulate the following students for their success:

Gold Award - Top 10% of students in the challenge

Zaynab Khan
Zain Khanalvi
Ishit Mittal
Jacob Robinson

Silver Award - Top 25% of Students in the challenge

Zayd Abidin
Jasleen Kaur
Alen Pashaj
Deklan Johnson-Smith
Jacqueline Nuamah
Ayoub Alaa Shafeek Al
Rawi

Copper Award - Top 60% of students in the challenge

Hafash Abdul-Razaq
Halima Arab
Bilal Ali
Sophia Akhter Hayes
Shazad Omarzai
Laiba Hussain
Ahmed Javed
Aroush Mushtaq
Pearl Almeida
Rohi Fanneh



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Travel & Tourism



Travel and Tourism Yr10 and Yr12 Visit to Chester

On the 6th of May Year 10 and 12 Travel and Tourism students visited Chester, this was organised to help with coursework for both year groups and to learn about a heritage attraction. The day began with an engaging mini treasure hunt around the city centre. This activity was not only fun but also gave us a chance to explore some of Chester's most iconic historical landmarks, including the famous Roman walls, the Eastgate Clock, and the beautiful black and white Tudor (Old) style buildings. During this part of the trip, we also visited the Chester Tourist Information Centre, where we learned more about how tourist attractions are promoted and how customer service plays a key role in the tourism sector.. The highlight of the trip was visiting Chester Zoo, the UK'S No.1 Zoo. As well as the entertainment, fantastic weather and animal experiences, we had the opportunity to see how the zoo operates on a large scale, from the way it manages visitor experiences to how it promotes sustainability and animals' wellbeing. This was a very valuable experience as it gave us real-life examples of how a major tourist attraction functions, allowing it to help us throughout out our coursework.

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Year 12 British Airways Careers Workshop

Francesco Ostinato a Premium flight attendant for British Airways spoke to Year 12 Travel and Tourism students in a virtual talk. The talk began with a discussion of the type of business and how the transport provider operates which is part of B1&2 in our external exam. He discussed job roles and employment opportunities as well as the skills required to work for the industry. This was interesting to learn about possible career oppotuities for us after sixth form. The represntative spoke about external factors that impact them such as Covid and how they had to adapt to these situations, this linked into our D2 unit content. It was really inspiring and interesting to hear from someone from a well-known airline and help put they into practice in real world scenarios.

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