

# A Memorable MONTH for SHIREBROOK

# SHIREBROOK ACADEMY NEWS

October 2016

I hope you enjoy our second newsletter of the 2016/17 academic year, sharing some of the highlights of another busy and exciting few weeks.

The most memorable events for me happened after our normal school hours.

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016, we were delighted to welcome spectators from across the local community and a world-wide audience on-line to a brilliant performance by the world renowned Black Dyke Band in our sports hall. If this was not remarkable enough our school wind band, alongside Shirebrook Minders' Welfare Band and youngsters from Model Primary and St. Joseph' Primary made it truly special by performing with the professionals. We are all very proud of them.

On the following Tuesday we held our celebration of success evening at the John Fretwell Centre. Tony Delahunty of Mansfield 103.2 presented the prizes and entertained us with his life-story, but the joy for me was seeing the smiles on the faces of the prize winning students and their families. You all fully deserve your moment in the spotlight and it was lovely to see so many ex-Year 11s return to collect their awards.

I get a lot of enjoyment from working with all our students during every school day; they never fail to surprise me, to make me laugh or to make me proud of them, but memorable events like these lift our hearts and bring the whole community together in celebration of our special young people.

Thank you for your continued support, as I always say, it is only by working as a team, parents, staff and students, that we will succeed in giving our young people the best start in life.

*Mark Cottingham*

Principal - Shirebrook Academy



# GOODBYE TENSION HELLO PENSION

as Shirebrook  
legend retires...



There were flowers, champagne and cards galore as staff and students from both Shirebrook Academy and Stubbin Wood School gathered together to say a fond farewell to Kath Walker earlier this month as she hung up her tabard for the last time.

Amongst the many gifts, Kath was presented with a certificate of recognition to commemorate her 33yrs of service to Shirebrook Schools within the local area.

*We all wish Kath a long and very happy retirement.*



We are delighted to announce that SIMS Learning Gateway is now up and running and in full working order. We do not anticipate any further issues with the system and we apologise for any inconvenience caused whilst the Gateway was under repair.

Parents of all Year 7 students will receive their personalised log-in and a user guide shortly through the post. Additional support materials are also available on the Academy website by following the SIMS Learning Gateway link at the bottom of the home page.

For all parents, Target Review Day on 28th November will be an opportunity to receive additional personalised support logging on and/or using the system from staff members either during or prior to your child's progress meeting.

All students will shortly be issued with their own log-on details so they can begin using the system to monitor their own homework etc.

Again thank you for your patience and we hope you will find the system useful in supporting your child.

# BRASS BAND CONCERT IS *“beyond expectations”*

An audience of 600 people plus thousands more watching live on the internet enjoyed the show when a Shirebrook Academy and a world-famous brass band joined forces to give a debut performance of a brand new piece of music.

Members of the Shirebrook Academy Wind Band took to the stage alongside the world-famous Black Dyke Brass Band during a one-off concert, when they gave the first-ever performance of a 15-minute composition called Child's Play.

Young singers from local primary school choirs and the Shirebrook Miner's Welfare brass band also took part in the performance, which was the highlight of a concert given by Black Dyke at the Academy.

The event was held as the culmination of a project led by Bolsover District Council and Shirebrook Town Council and made possible with the help of funding from Arts Council England's Grants for Arts scheme.

It involved students at the Academy working alongside the Yorkshire-based Black Dyke's conductor Dr Nicholas Childs, who passed on their suggestions and input to Child's Play's composer, Paul Lovatt-Cooper.

The piece is designed to accompany a short film of the same name, which looks at the ways in which children's play and games has changed over the years, from the Victorian Times to the present day.

The film is narrated by BBC Radio 2's Listen to the Band presenter Frank Renton, who also compered the concert, which was streamed live on the internet.

Shirebrook Academy Head of Music Adam Case said: *“The whole concert was beyond expectations. The sports hall was packed to the rafters and there were people watching the live stream in Australia, the USA and other places in the world.*

*The commissioned piece featured 90 musicians performing alongside a chorus of students from Model Village and Saint Joseph's primary schools and sounded absolutely incredible. We've had some excellent feedback including lots of messages on Twitter complementing the show.*

*Our wind band members are aged between 12 and 15 and they worked incredibly hard in the run-up to the concert. They gave an excellent performance on the night and they can all be extremely proud of themselves.”*



# ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS



Well done to our new Anti-Bullying Ambassadors who went through an application process and have had a full day training with the Diana Award. They already have lots of ideas to challenge bullying around school - look out for their stall at Winter Wonderland. Pictured are the new Y8 Ambassadors with the Y9 and Y10 Ambassadors, who are busy planning lots of activities for Anti-Bullying week, 14 November. Also the group are supporting Y7 tutor groups to help ensure that new students have someone to talk to if they have any concerns about bullying. If you want more information about National Anti-Bullying week go to <http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

## POLITE NOTICE TO PARENTS

If you need to speak to a particular member of staff and they are unavailable on the telephone, be assured your details will be forwarded on and they will call you as soon as possible. Whilst we appreciate there may be times when you need to see a member of staff regarding a specific issue, we ask that you please be aware that staff at the academy work to a timetable and are often not available. Please do not arrive at the academy without an appointment expecting to see someone. If you require a face to face meeting, please call our reception on 742722 and we will endeavour to arrange an appointment for you at the earliest convenience to suit both parties.

*Thank you*

# CAREERS EVENING



SHIREBROOK  
ACADEMY

## TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

6.00pm-7.30pm

What options are available  
to your son/daughter after  
Year 11 and 6<sup>th</sup> Form?

Information  
about 6<sup>th</sup> Form  
& Chesterfield  
College at  
Shirebrook  
Academy with  
general careers  
advice from our  
careers advisors:  
*Danielle Evans  
Tracy Horton*

Talk starts at 6pm and includes words from Mr McGuinness (HOY)  
and an introduction to progression options and opportunities.

Meet local colleges & training providers, including;

Chesterfield College  
West Notts. College  
Army Recruitment  
University of Derby  
Babington Business College  
Chameleon Construction .....and many more!

# CAREERS

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# BEYOND LIMITS

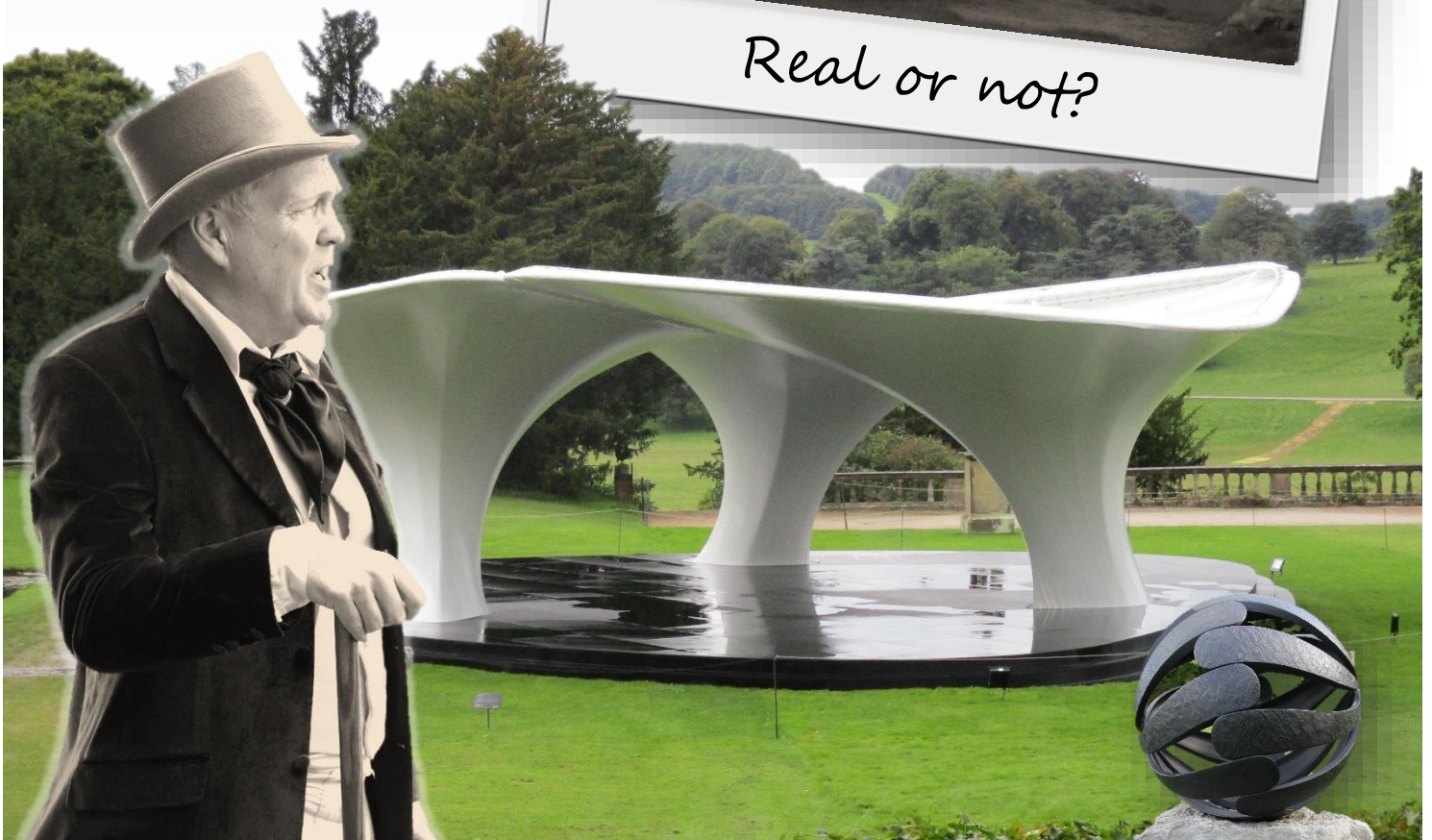
## SOUTHERBY'S AT CHATSWORTH

Picture the scene...its 1827 and Mr Joseph Paxton is walking casually (but not in dress sense) through the grounds at Chatsworth, enjoying the incredible transformations taking place in this landscape.

Now fast forward to 2016 and the grounds are filled with amazing sculpture from the Sotherby's 'Beyond Limits' sculpture exhibition - and a rather curious bunch from Shirebrook Academy. Yes, it was time for our annual visit to the sculpture exhibition, whereupon Y11 photography students were gathering information and taking amazing photographs of the sculptures for sale in the grounds.

The weather was superb for taking photographs with colour and shadow being of key importance during the day. The tranquillity of the location took students back to a time gone by, this only broken by the occasional helicopter sound bringing prospective buyers to view the art on show.

As we took in our first sculpture we were approached by a very educated man dressed in 19<sup>th</sup> century attire who claimed to be none other than Paxton himself and ably assisted our wonderful and informative day at Chatsworth. But was he real? Take a look at the pictures and decide for yourself!



# ARTiculation

Six year eleven students Brandon Clarke, Amber Allan, Elle Latkowski, Taegan Morley, Rebecca Smith, Abbie Topham attended this special day at Chatsworth house, integrating with two Sheffield Independent Schools to research artefacts from the collection and present their findings to the rest of the group. The day was organised by the education team and Leeds University with the Duke of Devonshire and Lord Burlington in attendance to help the students with questions.

A tour of the estate covered places rarely seen by visitors and included the Library, which is not open to the public. Here some rare books were on special display. The chance to see the secret staircase behind the bookcases was also a great moment for the students.

The day was a great success with the students taking lots of photographs for their coursework and doing an outstanding presentation to the Duke and Abigail Harrison from the Art History department at Leeds University, both of whom provided praise and useful tips for the future.



Brandon Clarke was given the opportunity to turn on the massive gravity fed Emperor fountain within the gardens.



# SPORT



September ended with a busy week of fixtures for the Academy, 8 fixtures in just 3 days. The first being back to back football matches for both the Y11 boys and girls. The boys played at home against Tibshelf and the girls were away at Wath Comprehensive. Unfortunately, both games ended in defeat for the Academy. There were however goals for both teams from Amber Newton and Keiran Darby.

The following day we had over 50 students take part in fixtures, with every year group represented.

The Y7 and 8 girls had an ESFA football match against Lady Manners and despite losing the game, the girls played well. From conceding 2 early goals the girls battled hard and a goal from Georgie Shaw made it 2-1. They pushed hard for an equaliser but were unable to find one and conceded a third goal late on, losing the game 3-1.

The Y8 boys also suffered a 3-1 defeat in their ESFA match against West Park. The goal scorer for the Academy was Fraser Howarth.

The Y10 and 11 girls bounced back from their earlier defeat, winning one game, and drawing a game. Mr Simpson was encouraged by the performance and gave special mention to Terri-Ann Parkin for her performances during the tournament.

The Y11 boys were beaten in extra time in their game with Lady Manners. The game moved in to extra time following a 1-1 draw in normal time. The Academy's goal coming from Tommy Jacques.

The Y8 and 9 netball team won their round robin tournament remaining unbeaten throughout. A 3-1 victory against Fredrick Gents and a 4-1 victory against Tibshelf saw the girls finish top of the table. Miss Smith praised everyone involved.



The following night saw fixtures for the Y9 boys football team in a round robin tournament against Fredrick Gents and Heritage and the Y7 Rugby boys attending another camp.

The Y9 boys finished joint top in their round robin, finishing unbeaten. The boys recorded a 6-0 victory over Fredrick Gents and drew 3-3 with Heritage. Mr Beecham gave a special mention to Kian Tansley who scored 7 of the academy's 9 goals.

October saw the Y7's progressing in the national cup with an impressive 5-2 victory over Westbourne School. The Academy were trailing 2-0 after just 10 minutes but rallied around to draw level by half time. A strong second half display saw the Academy dominate and run out comfortable winners. The team will play Ashfield in the second round later this month.

The Y8, 9, 10 and 11's however were knocked out of the national cup in their games. The standout game saw the Y9's battle from 4-0 down to 4-4 after conceding 3 penalties before eventually losing the game 5-4 in the last minute.



The term ended with a tournament victory for the Y7's in their district competition whilst the Y9's exited the cup after an 8-5 defeat to Tupton. The Y9's trailed 7-2 at half time, but came out for the second half fighting and put in a much improved performance.

# SHIREBROOK ACADEMY



# Winter Wonderland

2016

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
December**

*From 11am – 3pm*

Santa's Grotto  
Puppet Shows  
Professional Singer  
Surf Simulator  
Bouncy Castles & Slides  
Falcon Display  
Snowboard Simulator  
Climbing Wall  
Virtual Car Simulator  
Musical Performances  
Curriculum Activities  
Xmas Stalls & Festive Delights

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ALONG**  
*to our annual*  
**WINTER  
WONDERLAND**



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Family  
Fun**  
*for everyone*

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**GOT A QUESTION**

**DO YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY HAVE AN UNANSWERED SCIENTIFIC QUESTION?**

**Have you ever wondered why the sky is blue?**

**Have you ever wondered if we can travel faster than the speed of light?**



As a science department, we are offering parents, grand-parents, uncles, aunts, siblings, neighbours or anyone else that you know the opportunity to get these questions off your chest. Below you will find a 'Got a Question?' coupon that you can fill in, cut out and send into school with your child. We will aim to answer your questions, with the best ones being published on the Science department twitter feed. You never know, NASA may even offer an answer to your question!

**Should you wish to follow us, share interesting tweets or get in touch, the Science department twitter handle is**

**@ShireScience**



**Student Name** ..... **Form** .....

**My question is ...**

**GOT A QUESTION**

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# Y7 GRIT

At Rufford Abbey



The whole of Y7 spent the day at Rufford Park recently as part of their GRIT curriculum. The day involved a variety of activities including; rounders, collage making, orienteering, drama and mini beast hunting. Students had a great day moving around all the activities and the weather was perfect.

Pictured above are the Y7 students during their mini beast hunt and proudly showing off their findings.

# Made in CHESTERFIELD



Y10 students paid a visit to NLT Training services. The visit was part of the (DEBP) Derbyshire Education Business Partnership, Made in Chesterfield Programme 2016 which supports and celebrates the manufacturing industry within the town. Local employers have offered tours/events to help young people to discover more about the industry and provide an insight into the career path into the engineering sector and the type of jobs out there in the world of work. The students really enjoyed the experience of learning the disciplines of welding, computer aided design, manufacture and bench fitting skills. They were a credit to the school and the training provider commented on how the Shirebrook students were keen, enthusiastic and pleasure to work with.



The students were: Annalise Cooper, Owen Parson, Owen Wheatley, Trafford Kirby, Damien Humphries, Dylan Vincent, Logan Mellors, Hannah James.



# Our Celebration of Success

On the 18<sup>th</sup> October, students and their families were invited to our annual Celebration of Success evening. Students from across the board were presented with certificates and trophies in celebration of their achievements.

The event took place at the John Fretwell Centre and was a great success.

This year our guest speaker was Mr Tony Delahunty,  
Managing Director of Mansfield 103.2 Radio.

After the event Mr Delahunty said;

***"It was an absolute pleasure to be part of your awards evening and it is clearly obvious that Shirebrook Academy is a shining light of education in this area."***

# DIARY DATES



## NOVEMBER 2016

- 04 Y7 visit to Leeds Armouries (not all of Y7)
- 08 Y11 Careers Evening
- 10 Ex-Y11 Presentation Evening
- 18 Y7 visit to Leeds Armouries (not all of Y7)
- 24-25 Arts trip to London
- 28 Target Review Day Y7-11

## DECEMBER 2016

- 03 Winter Wonderland
- 06 Y10 Clothes Show visit. Y9 Big Event
- 08 Y10 Mock Interviews. Challenge Day
- 09 Y7 Holy Cross Church. Carols in the Marketplace.
- 09 District Cross Country
- 13 Christmas Cabaret
- 14 Shirebrook Stars 2.30pm
- 15 Rewards Day
- 16 School Panto. Students leave at 12.40  
END OF TERM

## JANUARY 2017

- 03 Students back in School. Compulsory Period 7 Y11
- 09 Mock Exams Start
- 12 GCSE Art Exam Visit
- 31 Personal Development Day

## FEBRUARY 2017

- 01 Y10 Parents Evening
- 01 Gallery and City visit Arts warm up.
- 03 Y9 Exams start
- 09 FINISH FOR HALF TERM
- 10 Inset Day
- 20 Students back in school
- 21 Y7 & 11 Photos. Paris trip Parents Evening

## MARCH 2017

- 02 Y7 Derby Open Centre
- 03 Y7 Holy Cross Church
- 06 Y11 Mock Exams
- 08 Y9 Options Evening
- 21-24 School Production (evenings)
- 27 Y10 & 11 Macbeth Performance
- 28 Target Review Day
- 29.03– 02.04 Paris Trip
- 31 Rewards Day Years 7-10

## APRIL 2017

- 03 PE Practical Exam
- 04 PE practical Exam
- 05 Shirebrook Stars 2.30pm  
Gym and Dance Display
- 07 FINISH FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS
- 24 Students back in school. Y7 & 8 exams start

## MAY 2017

- 01 Bank holiday
- 03 Y10 Geography trip to Holderness
- 04 Y10 Geography trip to Holderness
- 08 Y10 Mock Exams all week
- 09 Y9 Mock Exams Start
- 15 GCSEs Begin
- 19 Rewards day Y7-10
- 24 Shirebrook Stars 2.30pm
- 26 FINISH FOR HALF TERM

## JUNE 2017

- 05 Students back in school
- 08– 09 PE Residential
- 21 Sports Day WHOLE SCHOOL
- 23 Y11 Prom
- 28 GCSE Exams Finish
- 30 Rewards Day Y7-10

## JULY 2017

- 01 Family Fun Day
- 05 Target Review Day
- 06 Shirebrook Stars Challenge Day
- 07 – 09 Y10 PE Residential
- 10 Y10 Work Experience for 2 weeks
- 10 Y6 Induction Day/Evening
- 11 Y6 Lea Green Trip
- 12 Y6 early transition
- 13 Y7 Residential Trip
- 14 Personal Development Day Y7-9
- 21 Shirebrook's Got Talent.  
FINISH FOR SUMMER BREAK 12.40

## AUGUST 2017

- 24 GCSE results Day

PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE KEY DATES THROUGHOUT THE ACADEMIC YEAR