

## Thank you...

Thank you for your support over the course of our second year as an academy. It has been another very busy year but an extremely successful one. We had our first visit from Ofsted in February where much of our good work was praised. The inspectors were very positive about our first year exam results and recognised that the present year 11's are on track to improve results further. What really pleased me was how much the inspectors praised the students and their behaviour. They also praised our high attendance which is well above average. A great first report. They will return again next year for a full inspection and knowing how well our present year 11's are doing, I am confident we will build on the success of our first report.

Work on the new build is continuing and we are well on course to move in next Easter. The students are really excited about it and many are having tours around the site as classrooms and corridors are well under way inside the building. Our work with Stubbin wood continues and we have had a number of training days this year as well as numerous curriculum innovations. As we start to look to the year ahead we have yet further initiatives planned for 2012-13, including; a sports summer camp for year 7,

early transition for Y6's, a new homework club and increased intervention and personal tuition for students that may be struggling.

Finally, we are very pleased with the success of our new year 7 STREET curriculum this year. When I speak to the year 7 students they say they have also enjoyed it too, made good progress and had the opportunity to go on lots of trips. We are committed to supporting this curriculum going forward and will be continuing to pay half the cost for year 7 next year. I was delighted with the recent trip to London which I think was a very brave thing for staff to do, taking the whole of year 7 on a residential to the capital. The students got to see some great sights in London and overall the trip was a success with students visiting places such as Buckingham Palace, The Olympic Stadium and the London Eye.

Thank you again for your support and I hope to see many of you at our community Fun Day on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July

*Julie Bloor*

Principal, Shirebrook Academy



# Literacy Week

Shirebrook Academy held its second annual Literacy week from Monday 20 February -Friday 24 February with the theme for this year being F.L.A.R.E (Finding Literacy and Reading Exciting.)

F.L.A.R.E was selected as it is a pun on the word 'Flair' which all students need in order to succeed in English and because it also links to the forthcoming Olympic games and to the symbolic Olympic torch.

During the week, each year group had a special F.L.A.R.E assembly with presentations linked to Literacy delivered by Lindsay Ward (AST/Literacy leader) and James Edwards (Teacher of MFL/ Literacy leader) and were also entertained by outstanding F.L.A.R.E dance performances by highly talented Y10/Y11 BTEC Dance students: Natalie Cooper, Helena Burdett, Leah Key, Shannon Unwin and Charley Darby.

On Monday 24 February, Year 11 student, Danny Butler read 'George's Marvellous Medicine' to an entranced group of over 60 students in the Library whilst on Tuesday, professional storyteller Pete Davis came into Shirebrook Academy, to instruct students on the 'Art of Storytelling'.

Also on Tuesday, students from Stubbin Wood, accompanied by their teacher Eloise Barnett and Teaching assistants, worked with Year 8 set 1 and Year 11 students, to produce some outstanding F.L.A.R.E canvases linked to Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'.



Year 9 Literacy leaders also created some amazing pieces of F.L.A.R.E artwork during the week and were able to develop the skills they need in order to formally achieve their qualification in the summer



Year 10 participated in a balloon release on Thursday afternoon. Each student in the year group was provided with a balloon and tag on which they wrote a message about the importance of Literacy. At 3pm, the whole year group released their balloons in unison in front of the academy and it was a beautiful sight to witness 170 balloons with 170 Literacy messages soaring up into the air to hopefully reach someone in Shirebrook or the wider community beyond!







Friday was the 'Grand Finale' of Literacy week: the Character Costume day! Each member of staff and a substantial number of students were dressed in a costume linked to a novel allocated to each department and year group. It was an amazing sight to behold and the staff and students loved it!

Year 9, who were dressed as characters from 'Robin Hood' were the winning year group as they had the largest number of students in costume but the winning form (the one with the most students in costume) was 11AG who were dressed as characters from 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'.



The Maths department won the prize for best effort as the entire department was revamped into Baker Street linked to their novel, 'Sherlock Holmes'.

However, the winning department for effort with costumes, as chosen by SLT, was Humanities who were characters from 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'

Students who had participated during the week or those selected by Heads of Department and Heads of Year attended the Literacy Showcase during Friday afternoon and were treated to a lovely buffet and awarded their prizes.

The event was also attended by the students and staff from Stubbin Wood, who had created canvases earlier in the week, and they were dressed smartly in costumes linked to the Year 8 theme of James Bond!

There were numerous poetry and creative writing readings by a variety of students, vocal performances by Key stage 4 music students and guitar performances by Luke Hatton, an outstanding guitarist in Year 11.

Prizes were awarded to the winners of the Academy's Creative writing competition (which had over 250 entries) and to those students who had made significant contributions to Literacy week and these were presented by Julie Bloor, Principal of the Academy.

It was an amazing event and a true celebration of the week's events and both students' and staff's successes in Literacy. It proved that Shirebrook Academy truly has literacy at its heart and that it has a 'F.L.A.R.E' for improving standards in education!





# Project Old School

## Do you have any old school memories?

Shirebrook Academy students are working in conjunction with Stubbin Wood students on a project with Junction Arts called 'Old School'. They are collecting memories of Shirebrook Academy past and present. A selection of the stories, along with photographs and interviews will be displayed at Sherwood Lodge and Shirebrook Library for the local community to see. The project is also part of the London 2012 Inspire programme. Our students really enjoy working in partnership with Stubbin Wood students and lasting friendships are being formed between the two schools as we prepare to join together on the new site.

More information about this project is available on our website. [www.shirebrookacademy.org](http://www.shirebrookacademy.org)



## Poem Winner

*Emilie Scott 8SR*

### Prison me?-NO WAY!!!

It wasn't a very good day,  
Prisoners for a whole day,  
No phones, no break,  
What we gunna do?  
Being in the cell,  
With nothing to do,  
No TV, no laptop,  
What we gunna do?  
Being away from your family,  
Your friends and freedom,  
No freedom or cuddles,  
What we gunna do?  
So think next time you have a fire,  
Or planning to kill someone,  
Would you wanna be locked up in  
that smelly cell?  
Just think prison me?-NO WAY!!!



## Prison me no-way!!



The day was run for the whole of Y8 by the Prison Service and partner organizations including the police, fire service, magistrates and Womens Aid. The aim of the day was to encourage students to take responsibility for their actions and consider the possible consequences of poor choices. Students learnt about prison life through hearing first-hand accounts, and squashing into a life-sized prison cell! They also had a chance to make their own decisions about court sentences.

We were joined for the day by Year 8 students from Stubbin Wood, who joined in with all the activities and were awarded prizes for their participation at the end of the day.

Above is the picture of the 'Confrontation Street' scenario, a look at the possible results of anti-social behavior on the community and the individuals involved.



# Science and Engineering Week

Science and engineering week took the theme of construction this year. During form time students were challenged to build the most impressive spaghetti structure using up to ten packets of spaghetti and one roll of scellotape. A range of different structures were produced including some enhanced with the use of photoshop!

During science and technology lessons Year 7 and 8 students were challenged to build biodomes structures using paper and nuts and bolts. Students were able to research a variety of design structures before finally building a dome for their whole team to sit in.



The winning designs were produced by:

**First Prize 9AC**

**Second prize 9CS**

**Third prize 11AG**

## Shirebrook team enters STEM competition

A team from Shirebrook Academy has entered a national STEM competition to plan and budget for a regional sporting event to promote the Olympics and also local people and culture. The five team members (Matthew Bullars, Gloria Yeh, Chantal Gascoigne, Jake McDonnell and Dylan Collier) gave up their lunchtimes over a number of weeks during the run up to their exam time to work on organising a local event with the aim of restoring some of the community spirit to the town of Shirebrook. The team researched the past culture of the town and looked at the ways the miners used to spend their leisure time before deciding on running a darts tournament. It was felt that this was accessible to the whole community and would also allow them to use local facilities such as pubs that are currently struggling.

Once the event was planned the students then had to prepare a presentation to present to three local judges. The judging panel was made up of local businesspeople and university lecturers and they listened for 30 minutes as the students presented their ideas for the sporting event.

After the presentation the judges then spent a further 30 minutes assessing the presentation and the event.

There are 180 competitors nationwide for this challenge and the team are now waiting to hear if they have made it to the top 8. If they are successful they will have a trip to London to present in front of the National Judging Panel and compete for the top prizes. The prizes include tickets to see Olympic events, cash prizes for the school or Olympic merchandise.

At the end of the day the judges were very complimentary about the presentation and the ideas of the students and said that the whole presentation was 'excellent'. The students were very positive after the presentation and Matthew Bullars was confident of a good result. The final is in London on 6<sup>th</sup> July. We wait with baited breath.....





# GCSE History visit to the Holocaust Centre, Laxton

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 35 Shirebrook students visited Beth Shalom, the House of Peace at Laxton near Newark. The aim of the visit was to develop and deepen their understanding of the Holocaust, its impact and broaden their educational experience. The centre is internationally renowned for Holocaust studies and has visitors from around the world who pay tribute to the victims of Holocaust and Genocide. The students were met by the Director of Education who explained about the aims of the centre, they then completed a tour of the museum, memorial rose gardens and then after lunch they were invited to sit in on a lecture by a Holocaust survivor.



This is an exceptionally unique opportunity and the speaker this year was vivid and descriptive in her recollection of her experience in the Nazi regime. Iby Knill spoke to the students for over an hour explaining her treatment and then the effect that it has had on her life. The students then wrote reflectively about their experience.

*Millions of us killed, how did I survive?  
I don't feel I even deserve to be alive.  
They made us stand for 3 hours straight,  
Even now a memorable date.  
My heart still cries for those who died,  
Still the emotions collide.*

*Our leader speaks true,  
Jews and ethnic groups are evil too.  
They tried to stand tall,  
But we made them fall.  
Seven million we killed,  
Only one grave filled.*

*We remember them dearly,  
Although not very clearly.  
In our hearts they will stay,  
After every time we pray.  
Dear victims of the holocaust,  
Rest in peace.*

*By Kirsten Reeves*





## Iby Knill, the Woman Without a Number

Imagine living in a time where you were victimised for being who you are. What you believe in. What you look like. Just for being you, how would you feel?

Iby Knill is a living example of the horror suffered in the holocaust...

Imagine going to school a normal day like today and being told that you were to move schools just because you were Jewish. Leaving all your friends. The friends you love now rejecting you because of your faith, being influenced by Nazi government. Over time Iby suffered prejudice each and every day being restricted to certain areas, standing up on buses not being allowed in certain places. This was not the only fate of millions of Jews...

Imagine moving from your home country, hundreds of miles away because you were different. Having to leave your family because the Nazis are coming to take you away, to be used by the Russian soldiers as prostitutes.

This happened to a friend of Iby's, who was never seen again. Iby escaped this, fate, some may say. But by escaping this had left her whole family to go to another country, where she was unwanted, and in hiding...

Imagine being stuck in a house 24/7, not being able to move until night fall, in constant fear that the Nazi soldiers will come for you.

After a series of unfortunate events, Iby was imprisoned and then sent to Auschwitz Birkenau, where she was tortured and forced to live among the old, the young, and the needy. Living in appalling conditions, being forced to do

hard labour, and time after time being counted...

Could you handle this?

Imagine being forced to sleep in uncomfortable conditions, being force fed disgusting food if you were lucky, and the needy dying. Dead bodies rotting in the blazing sun only added to the horrific scene that was Auschwitz Birkenau. The smell of burning corpses never leaving you and the horror sights being in your mind forever. Then one day you get the chance to leave, to help the people who can't help themselves, alongside your friends, but had to witness a tragedy, the death of a new born baby, its fragile face crushed by the force of a Nazi soldier's boot. Could you handle it?

Iby was still young when she was liberated, and became the strong woman she is today. Now living in Leeds, she remembers her experiences as a part of her life and us, as the next generation; it is our duty to share her life with you...

Genocide, never again.

By Lauren Wilkes  
and Abigail Tennant







# Paralympic Awareness Week

Whilst most people are gearing up for the London Olympics, Shirebrook Academy students recently celebrated six months to the beginning of an equally important event due to take place in London this summer, the Paralympic Games.

Paralympic Awareness week allowed students of all ages to gain an insight into the types of disability sports which will feature in the games, and in doing so experience participating in sports with a disability of their own. Competing in sports such as Boccia, Goalball, Table Cricket, Seated Hockey and Seated Volleyball, students simulated many forms of disability such as cerebral palsy, blindness and mobility problems.

Students from years 8, 9 and 12 were fortunate to meet and share the experiences of elite British Paralympians in two special assemblies. First of all Martin Mansell, former Great Britain Swimmer, shared his experiences of competing in the 1988 Seoul Paralympics. The students took inspiration as Martin told his story of how he faced the challenges of cerebral palsy to win 9 medals, including 3 gold! This was followed by a visit from Leon Taylor, current Goalkeeper for the Great Britain 7 a-side football team, who also shared his more recent experiences of competing in the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games. Leon, who also has cerebral palsy, gave the students a motivational insight into competing at an elite level and achieving your dreams. Leon is hoping to be selected for the 2012 Games this Summer- watch this space!

The week long curriculum programme for all students culminated in an exceptional day of wheelchair basketball. Students from all year groups were selected to attend a skills session where they learned how to use a wheelchair effectively for sports performance, before putting their skills to the test by playing basketball. The sessions, led by Ian Richards, coach at Mansfield Giants Basketball Club, we're not only tremendous fun, but also allowed the students to realise the immense skill and endurance of wheelchair based athletes such as basketball players. Even the staff had a go as students were treated to an exhibition match at lunch against Post 16 Sports students, obviously a game which the staff won convincingly!

A great week, and hopefully a week where awareness for disability sports, and the Paralympics were raised.

*Thanks to all who took part!*





# Paralympic Games

## What are the Paralympic Games?

The Paralympic Games are a major international multi-sports event where athletes with physical disabilities compete. The games follow the Olympics every four years.



## Why are the Paralympics important?

The Paralympic games are important as it is vital that all people no matter what disability should have the opportunity to participate in sport at elite level.



## An example of a Paralympic sport?

Seated Volleyball is an example of a Paralympic sport, the rules are very similar to volleyball but are adapted for disabled people, people such as amputees.

Throughout the week at Shirebrook Academy a number of students got involved in seated volleyball with some year 7 students willing to share their views on the sport.

Taylor Willis in Year 7 stated 'Seated volleyball is enjoyable and I find that the challenging aspects make the sport exciting. I also enjoy trying new activities!'



Alex Rosser, also of year 7 added 'I also enjoy it however I find serving difficult. I'd love to do some more of these types of activities'.

Carter Widdowson said 'I didn't enjoy it as much as the other students. It was alright but it was exciting when I could smash it.'

The students' teacher, Lee Hole, commented 'All students enjoyed the experience, but I think they saw the reality of what demands the paralympians face when participating! Truly a different league of athletes!'

Paralympic week runs at Shirebrook Academy to mark six months to the opening of the Games.



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# ACADEMY ATHLETES RUN RIOT!

Thursday 23 February saw a group of Year 7 and 8 boy's and girl's head down to Fredrick Gents School at South Normanton to compete in the 2012 Bolsover and District Sportshall Athletics Championship's. Escorted by Mr Beecham, Mr Marsh and Miss Wakefield there was a distinct air of excitement as the aging double decker chugged down the M1.

Traditionally Shirebrook performs well at this local event and this year was to be no different. The Year 7 girls set the tone from the first race winning the 4 lap relay by some distance, followed by a victory for the Year 8 girls. Despite a slower start the Year 7 and 8 boy's were soon getting points on the board with victories in their respective 2 lap races and the 8 lap Parlauf (2 man relay).

As the excitement rose and interim scores were announced the challenge to win grew more intense. Ten out of a total 20 races were won across the year groups with further victories in the field events section (standing jump, standing triple jump, shot putt, vertical jump and the speed bounce.

At the final count the Academy team secured victory in 3 out of the 4 categories. Winning the Year 7 boy's and girl's

events and the Year 8 boy's. The Year 8 girl's finished 2<sup>nd</sup> by just 6 points.

Final mention must go to an outstanding Year 7 girls team of Ebony Plant, Pristina Maturin, Mcauley Carrington and Caitlin Burdett who, despite being severely depleted and only having 4 competitors put in a superb performance between them to compete in all of the events and win overall.

The victorious teams now go forward to represent Bolsover District at the Derbyshire County Finals at Moorways Stadium.

*Jeremy Beecham*

**PE teacher**



## *A journey of sporting success!*



*Well done everyone!*

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 10 students from Shirebrook Academy took part in the Bolsover District Sports Hall Athletics Plus Competition at Kissingate Leisure Centre. The students participated in a range of athletic activities including the Shot Put, the Standing Triple Jump and the Speed Bounce to name a few. During the event the students tried their very best to claim their place in the next stage of the competition and represent Bolsover District. Four students were successful and went on to represent Bolsover District at the Derbyshire Winter Games on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at Moorways Centre, Derby. Tony Walters, Luke Widdowson, Jordan Lowe and Andrew Bingley joined forces with two students from Tibshelf School to form the Bolsover District Sports Hall Athletics Plus Team. They enjoyed an opening ceremony before competing and winning the Silver trophy!



## Kickboxer Natalia prepares to give up chocolate as she aims for all gold

Teenage kickboxer Natalia Rea has set her sights on coming back home with gold after being selected for the kickboxing world championships later this year. Natalia is one of six female athletes selected to compete for England at the ISKA Amateur World Championships in Valkenburg, the Netherlands, at the end of October.

The 16-year-old Shirebrook Academy pupil won her place earlier this month after coming third at the ISKA Amateur Kickboxing Championships in Birmingham. It will be the second time that Natalia, who lives in Warsop and is the reigning English champion, has competed against fighters all over the world. Four years ago she picked up two bronzes at the world championships in Florida, but is aiming to go for the top prize this time round.

Natalia, who recently attended an activity night event at Shirebrook Academy held to encourage her teachers to get into sport, took up kickboxing at the age of six.

Her dad, Carl, runs the Black Dragons martial arts club in Warsop and her older sisters were already participating, and Natalia was persuaded to join in.

She said: "At the time I was being bullied at school and my dad suggested I should start kickboxing. I was unsure about it at first, but I took to it and started to enjoy it.

"It's a really good sport, because it helps you to get rid of stress and keeps you fit. I was quite timid when I was younger and it gradually gave me confidence to stick up for myself."

Natalia, who is a Black Belt Second Dan and an instructor at Black Dragons, believes that the toughest challenge at the world championships is likely to come from the Canadian team.

To prepare, she will increase her training regime from three to five times a week and will stick to a training diet in order to get to her fighting weight.

She said: "I just remember from last time how the Canadian fighters were bigger and, although size isn't always important in kickboxing, they were the toughest to fight as well.

"I got bronzes last time and I want to get gold, or at least silver, this time round. I have already started to train more days a week and have been travelling to different clubs to get more experience of fighting against different people.

"I am also looking to reduce my weight, which means I am going to have to cut out chocolate and start eating some proper meals!"



## Question time comes to Shirebrook!

The Year 11 Academy Council recently met with Eion Watts, leader of Bolsover District Council, Marion Stockdale, member of Shirebrook Town Council and Mike Longden Derbyshire County Council cabinet member for education, to discuss their concerns over the lack of facilities for young people in our local area.

The students questioned the councillors over such issues as the change to the B line cards, anti-social behaviour, changes to youth service provision and plans for the regeneration of the Market area in Shirebrook town centre. The students were tenacious in their questioning and held the councillors to account over lots of important local issues. Michael Law and April Downs led the questioning and really are future politicians in the making!

Their quick fire responses to the councillors statements were impressive and they could both give David Dimbleby a run for his money! The Year 11 Council is now focusing on an action plan to move their ideas forward.





# THE ACADEMY AND THE COMMUNITY

## Belly Dancing at Shirebrook Academy Thursday's 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Come along and learn the ancient art of Belly Dancing but with a modern twist. Pharaohs Flames are a local troupe who specialise in fusion belly dancing, merging ancient moves to pop music with a twist of Bollywood and Burlesque thrown in.

*(All Ages welcome)*



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01623 748313**

## Shirebrook Bowls Club

Coronation Drive

**Saturdays 10.30am 12.15pm**

Experience the world of bowls for yourself, be active, learn new skills, and make new friends!

*You will be bowled over!*

Ages from 7 are welcome, particularly those between 14 and 25.

**Contact Peter Turton  
for more information**

**01623 746255**

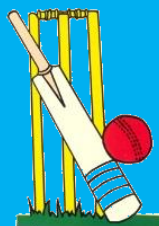
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## Anyone for Cricket?

**Shirebrook Cricket Club seek out club activists for the committee and players for this season on Saturdays and Sundays.**

Please contact  
Stan Green on  
**0777 3255 287**  
for more information



## Adult Education at Shirebrook Adult Education Centre

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**Holiday Spanish and Computer courses**

**FREE Maths & English Intensive Courses for Adults to be held at Bolsover and Shirebrook Adult Centres in June.**

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**COMMUNITY  
FUN DAY**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

**12.00 – 4.00pm**

**Come along and enjoy a variety of activities including bouncy castles, a climbing wall, family learning workshops, live music and much more.**

*See our website for more information*

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**Telephone 01623 742722**



## Year 11 Residential to Lea Green

On Friday 16 March thirty five Year 11 students went on a study and activity weekend residential to Lea Green.

Students had revision sessions in English, mathematics and science to help boost their examination results. The revision sessions were broken up by doing outdoor fun activities such as an obstacle course, climbing on a ropes course and making use of a bouldering wall.

It was pleasing to see that everyone took part and came away from the weekend not only tired but also having revised for the up and coming GCSE examination.

*A very enjoyable weekend!!*



## Super Learning Day

26 March was a whole school super learning day, with students from all year groups taking part in a wide range of activities including Health and well-being, Careers, Citizenship, and Enterprise. Year 9 took part in a Nat West Business Challenge – to plan a school trip to New York with full itinerary and costing's and then present it to a panel of judges. Pictured are the winning team from 10CS – 'Up in the Clouds' with judges Judith Gill from Nat West Bank and Christie Fulleylove from Thomas Cook. The winning presentation included a very professional website, with detailed and accurate costing and great participation from all team members. Year 9 Stubbin Wood students also took part in the same challenge, and also impressed the judges with their presentation skills.



Another highlight of the day was a visit from Seckou Keita – a drummer from Senegal who tours the world with his band, but took time to work with Y10 and Y11 music students on their drumming skills. To conclude the day Seckou performed with the help of the music students to the whole of Year 8 – a fantastic performance to a really enthusiastic





## Year 10 Study Day the Casa Hotel

On Tuesday 27 March forty Year 10 students went to the Casa Hotel in Chesterfield for a study day conference.

Students were given revision sessions in English and mathematics to help boost their up and coming examination results in these subjects. An inspirational external speaker was also brought in to the conference to deliver some alternative techniques to use when revising.

The facilities and food provided by the hotel were excellent and made it very conducive for learning and revising.



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| 1) Front Door   | 7) Bedroom          |
| 2) Hallway      | 8) Parents' Bedroom |
| 3) Sitting Room | 9) Bathroom         |
| 4) Kitchen      | 10) Attic           |
| 5) Utility      | 11) Roof            |
| 6) Stairs       | 12) Back Garden     |

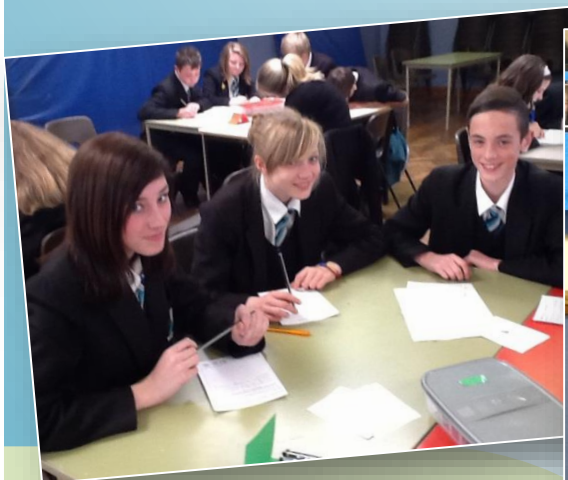
## What's in a building?

Students representing forms 7WF, 7SD, 7ST and 7MS recently completed the Art project entitled **'What's in a Building'** by creating a three dimensional piece of architectural design. Students were asked to design an addition for the new Academy building and collectively they delivered an outstanding range of ideas. From the four groups Kieran Holmes, Connor Calladine and Paige Clifton were considered to produce the most imaginative and inspiring work and have each been awarded an Arts goody bag.



# SHIREBROOK STUDENTS TARGET MARS!

Gifted and talented students from years 7 and 8 recently participated in a Target Mars day at the Academy. The day was a fantastic success and all students really got to grips with very complex ideas and theories including a micro chemistry REDOX investigation, designing a Martian buggy, understanding the chemistry of blood transfusions and designing a wind turbine. The day was a unanimous success and the students commented that they loved the challenge of the activities and being able to direct their own learning. Well done to the winning team of Nathan James, Morgan Powell, Courtney Cooper and Abigail Shevlin and an extra special well done to Natasja Mason who won the individual challenge title. We hope to make this challenging and stimulating day an annual event at the Academy.



## Y7 Junior Apprentice Challenge

On Thursday 3rd May Year 7 students from Shirebrook Academy faced the final part of their Junior Apprentice Challenge. Students had been set the challenge to create a new product based upon the local area and to design a marketing campaign which would promote their product. The winning groups from each form presented their winning product and presentations in front of the apprentice panel. The winning product was a design of a new Shirebrook adventure park called 'Shireventure', from 7WF. The judges were particularly impressed with the TV advert the students had created using Moviemaker.



## Healthy body, healthy mind!

The Year 8 Health 4 Life celebration event took place recently to celebrate the achievements of the twenty students who successfully completed the twelve week course. The course was made up of several different healthy lifestyle lessons including alternative forms of physical exercise, healthy diet and positive relationships. It is hoped the students who participated in the programme will make a least one change to their lifestyles to maximise their own health and wellbeing. Alex Ashton said 'I really enjoyed the boccia session, it was fun and I enjoyed working in a team with my friends'. Thanks must also go to the parents who also attended the celebration session.



*Pictured with their certificates are; Jonathan Larby and Shannon Godber*



# Shirebrook Academy enjoys a 'Healthy Week'

Shirebrook Academy recently held its second annual 'Healthy Week' from Monday 23 April -Friday 27 April.

During the week, students had the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities that promoted a healthy lifestyle. Every morning students started their day with a short burst of physical activity by practicing the moves to an aerobics routine. Students enjoyed learning the moves via a video which featured a number of 'guest performances' by Academy staff!

The post 16 Sport students were on hand every lunch time to lead physical activity sessions to encourage '60 minutes' physical activity and every lunch time students took part in the 'Change4Life Snack Swap Challenge' by swapping their sweet puddings for a healthier option.

On Monday after school staff swapped their usual 'Monday Meeting' to take part in an 'Active Night'. Staff could be found practicing Tia Chi, Kickboxing, running around the local country side, playing Table Tennis and even Belly Dancing!

On Tuesday, all students tucked in to a free piece of fruit to kick start their healthy day.

On Wednesday, the Oral Health Promotion team was on hand in the Diner to explain to students how to make sure that they clean their teeth properly and to show the effects of what sugar drinks were having on their teeth!

Thursday saw students taking part in a drug and alcohol awareness session. They were challenged to complete simple tasks whilst wearing beer goggles!

On Thursday afternoon, the Academy opened its doors to encourage the Shirebrook Community to join in the healthy themed week. The HEET (Health, Education, Employment and Training) event organised in partnership with the Bolsover Healthy Neighborhood Team and Raising Aspirations in Bolsover Team was a multi-agency information road show that provided a one-stop-shop of information and activities.

The event aimed to increase the awareness of students and their families regarding health and wellbeing, further education, employment and training opportunities available in Shirebrook. With over 40 stalls, those that attended enjoyed accessing a variety of information and activities including Body Zorbing and healthy food tasting to name a few.

On Friday the 'Grand Finale' of Healthy Week saw every student in the Academy come together to take part in the 'Big Aerobic Dance Off'. Students performed the routine they had been practicing all week. Some students even dressed up for the occasion! The best tutor groups were awarded the prize of a non-uniform day later in the year!

All students that participated in activities during the week were able to collect 'Healthy Week Stamps'. They received stamps every time they took part in an activity, those with the most 'stamps' received prizes. Thank you to the Bolsover Health and Wellbeing Partnership for funding fruit, prizes and physical activity sessions throughout the 'Healthy Week'.





# Shirebrook Academy does Paris

Thirty nine students and five staff recently embarked on an overnight journey by coach to Paris. After an early morning ferry crossing across a calm English Channel we arrived in Calais around 9am. Our first port of call was Euro-cite for some breakfast and early morning shopping! As we left Calais for the onward trip to Paris we announced our arrival on French soil with a rendition of the French National Anthem, the Marseillaise accompanied by a mass waving of the French flag.

By late afternoon we arrived at our hotel on the outskirts of Paris. Despite being tired we were in high spirits and after our first sampling of French cuisine settled down in our rooms to catch up on some much needed sleep.



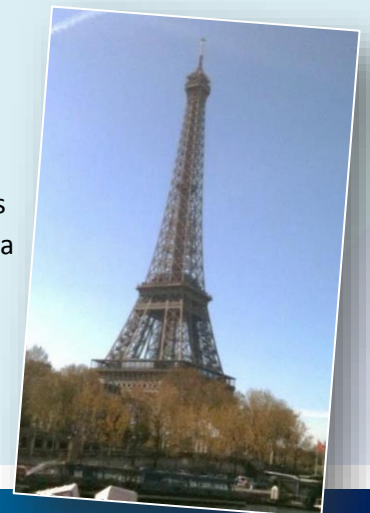
**Day 1** dawned bright and sunny. After a typical continental breakfast we departed for our first taste of Paris. We started the day with a relaxed two hour cruise along the River Seine, taking in some of Paris' famous landmarks on the way. At the end of our cruise, after an impromptu group photograph we walked the short distance to the Eiffel Tower. The ascent of the Eiffel Tower was to prove to be one of the long lasting memories of this trip. Some of our group thought that the short elevator ride to the second level of the tower was adventure enough but the majority of us took the plunge (not literally) and opted for a longer lift to the summit, 281 metres above sea level.



Despite a chill wind the sky was perfectly clear and the view across Paris was amazing. Lunch was a picnic in the park and after which we departed for the Louvre Museum and Notre-Dame Cathedral.

The visit to the Louvre provided yet another shopping opportunity for some as well as the chance to view one of the world's most famous paintings - The Mona Lisa by Leonardo de Vinci.

We had already seen Notre-Dame from our river cruise but the afternoon gave us the opportunity to get up close and personal with this beautiful building. Framed against a bright blue sky the stonework was spectacular.





**Day 2** again dawned sunny and showed every sign of being warmer which was good because this was the day when we were going to Euro-Disney. Pre-booked tickets meant a swift entry to the park and after settling on a central rendezvous the students set off in groups to sample such delights as Space Mountain and the Tower of Terror. A picnic lunch was supplemented by Disney delights such as foot long hot dogs, chicken nuggets and ice cream. Numerous Mini-Mouse ears were purchased along with a variety of other gifts and souvenirs to take back home. The frequent parades were spectacular and allowed numerous opportunities to be photographed with the Disney Stars. After nearly eight hours at Euro-Disney we returned to our hotel for dinner and some evening entertainment.



**Day 3** provided an opportunity for a return to Euro-Disney to catch up on those rides missed the previous day. Again the weather was warm and sunny with yet more ice cream and hot dogs. After lunch we departed back in to Paris to seek out some genuine French culture. The coach dropped us off near the Sacre Coeur, a spectacular white cathedral standing vast above Paris. We wound our way through the crowds up seemingly endless steps before finally standing in front of Sacre Coeur. The view across Paris was again spectacular. However, this was not our final designation as just around the corner is Montmartre, an area of street artists and small cafes. Students had the opportunity to buy last minute gifts and some took the opportunity to have their silhouette cut out by the many artists in the area. Finally, after another full day it was time to return to the hotel for dinner and packing for tomorrow was to be an early start. After a short awards ceremony where we recognised some of the fantastic attributes of our students we departed on the coach for a night-time tour of Paris. The Eiffel Tower, Champs Élysées and Arc de Triomphe were spectacular at night.



**Day 4** was to be our last day. After a very early breakfast we departed for Calais and the ferry. After a very smooth crossing we re-boarded the coach for the return leg to Shirebrook. It was a fantastic trip and the students we took were a credit to themselves and the academy. There will be many long lasting memories for all who went but the one that put a smile on my face was an overheard comment made to a parent on the phone "Dad I am having the time of my life. I don't want to come home".



*A fantastic time was had by all!*



# Shirebrook Academy and Stubbin Wood start the one-year countdown

In 12 months time, Shirebrook Academy and Stubbin Wood Special School will operate side by side under the same roof when they move into a brand new £27m building at the Academy's site in Common Lane.

The Academy's 700 pupils will be able to make use of a host of facilities, including specialist technology areas, science labs, IT, drama and music rooms, a cinema, a sports hall and an external all-weather pitch.

All of these facilities will also be open to Stubbin Wood's 133 pupils, who will also be able to benefit from a hydrotherapy pool, a therapy suite and two sensory rooms in their school's section of the building. Many of the shared facilities have been adapted for students with disabilities, including the food technology room, which has cookers which rise and fall so that they can be used by people in wheelchairs.

Pupils from the Academy will not be able to wander freely around Stubbin Wood school, but students from both schools will mingle in a number of corridors and will eat together in the dining area. Staff, meanwhile, will also share work spaces and a staff room.

Although they will both be in the same building, both schools will remain separate organisations, with different head teachers, governors and staff.

Julie Bloor, principal of Shirebrook Academy, said it has been extremely exciting watching the new school take shape outside her office window and says there will be a tremendous sense of pride when it is finally opened. And she said that preparations towards sharing the building with Stubbin Wood school are already underway, with pupils and staff alike coming together on both a social and work basis. One example is a joint archiving project with local arts group Junction Arts, which has seen pupils from both schools interview staff and gather historical material, while staff have observed each other's lessons.

She said: "It is a real privilege to be in a position where we are going to bring a new school into being. It's a rare opportunity for any head teacher, especially since the chance has been whipped away from so many others by the scrapping of the Building Schools for the Future scheme.



Pictured are pupils from Shirebrook Academy and Stubbin Wood School, from the left are Mitchell Ellis, Chantal Gascoigne, Adrian Collins and McKinley Burdett



“We are thoroughly looking forward to co-locating with Stubbin Wood and have an action plan in place on how to bring staff and pupils together. We already had strong links with the school and have held a series of joint events in the past few months to get to know each other.

“There have been concerns raised about how all the pupils will interact, but they have invited each other for lunch and are planning a number of joint assemblies. We are confident that as they get used to each other’s company, there will be none of the kind of ‘them and us’ situation that could lead to problems.”

Stubbin Wood teaches pupils aged from two up to 16, all of whom have a wide range of severe and complex learning and physical disabilities, but the extra space and resources will mean that from next year its students will be able to stay on until the age of 19.

The new building represents the first new purpose-built special school Derbyshire County Council has ever produced, let alone the first one co-located with a mainstream school, and Stubbin Wood head teacher Lee Floyd said, “the move represents an exciting new chapter in special education provision in the county”.

He added that the act of becoming a co-located school will bring a host of benefits to his pupils and staff, not least because they will be able to take advantage of the kind of facilities many other special schools can only dream of.

Mr Floyd said: “We already have strong links with mainstream schools, but this will allow our pupils to work alongside mainstream pupils in an inclusive and supportive environment.

“They will be able to have lunch alongside them and they will also be able to take part in shared sport activities as well. What’s more, they will be able to have lessons in subjects such as modern languages and science from Academy teachers who are specialists in their subjects.

“That type of provision, plus a host of other examples, has not been accessible to us before and I believe that it will have a huge positive effect on their education and, in turn, their prospects in later life.”

Shirebrook Academy will also be able to access special needs teaching for those mainstream pupils who have specific learning challenges and its teaching staff will broaden their own knowledge of special needs teaching by working alongside Stubbin Wood’s own staff.

Staff and pupils from both schools have had a significant input into the design of their new homes, including choosing fittings, colours and furniture. Construction students have also visited the site to learn about how the building is taking shape, and a number have even laid bricks.

McKinley Burdett (13), a pupil at Shirebrook Academy, said: “It’s been good helping to design the school and then have a look round to see it developing.

“It’s going to look fantastic when it’s finished and it’ll be very exciting when we move in, but it will feel like it’s our first day at school again because we will have to learn where everything is.”

Mitchell Ellis (also 13), a Year Nine pupil at Stubbin Wood, said: “I have had a look round a few times and I can’t wait to move in. It makes our old school building look rubbish.”

The building was designed by Sheffield architects Bond Bryan and is being built by Belper-based contractors Bowmer and Kirkland.

With one year to go, the school building is currently on track but Chris Shaw, Bowmer and Kirkland’s project manager for the site, said the next 12 months will see even more rapid changes taking place at the site.

He said: “The render on the outside is currently being applied, while we are constructing the interior walls, putting in the mechanical and electrical installations and installing glazing, so there is plenty of work to come.

“You can really get a sense of how impressive the building is and how much open space and ICT integration there is in there is in the design compared to schools from years gone by.

“It is coming on well and we have thoroughly enjoyed working so closely with the schools as well. The pupils have shown a lot of enthusiasm when they have visited the site and I am sure they will be very excited when they move in next year.”



# Year 7 STREET

On 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012 Year 7 students and 14 volunteer staff embarked on the largest residential for the Academy with 130 students to London. The aim of the visit was to experience London as a global city and see the Olympic site and to bring back many memories!

Highlights of the two days for the students were the South Bank, spotting Ed Sheeran, the London Eye Experience, eating at Planet Hollywood, Tate Modern and seeing Buckingham Palace to name but a few. Throughout the trip students were questioning, in awe at the crowds and excited at seeing their capital city in all its glory in the run up to the Olympics this summer. For many it was the first time that they had been to London, stayed away from home for a night and stayed in a hotel (that was very posh!!).

The highlights were students checking that the guards on duty from the Household Division were real – because they saw their eyes move and being star struck at the sight of Chris Hollins recording for BBC1 on the Mall.





"On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> may, all the year 7's went to London on a residential trip as part of the STREET curriculum, until Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

We had to arrive at school for 7:15am, and we had to leave at around 7:30am.

We did lots of activities, and saw some of the best Tourist attractions in London. Some of the activities we did and places we visited were;

The London Eye, The 4D Experience, Buckingham Palace, St. James' Park, The View Tube, The National Portrait Gallery and Planet Hollywood.

We arrived at London for about 11:30-12:00, and then we went straight to the View Tube. At the View Tube we learned about the History of London, and what Stratford was like before the Olympic Bid was won. Then we went to The National Portrait Gallery. We then went to Buckingham Palace which was great as we were allowed right up to the gates so we could take pictures, and get a closer look. We went to St. James' park, and we were allowed to mess around, and play there, and lots of the boys were playing 'tag', but *that* ended in disaster, as someone fell over, and broke his collarbone. ☹️. Then we went to Planet Hollywood, and had our tea. Then we went back to the Hotel, where we went to one of the big rooms and did some activities, and then we went back to our rooms, and it was lights out.

The next day, we got ready, and went to have breakfast. We had breakfast, and went back to the room we did the activities in, and then we set off for the coach ride to London eye, and then we went on London eye, which was great because most people overcame their fear of heights, and we took loads of pictures, and then we went back home. We arrived home for about 4:00pm, and our parents came to fetch us.

Overall, the experience was amazing, and we're all so grateful for the staff that gave up their Thursday and Friday just to take us."

*Shelby Humphries 7ST*



"We went to the Olympic site, it was great and an amazing experience". *Adam Stacey 7ST*





# Ice Week

The 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May saw the first ever week dedicated to ICT Challenge and Enterprise (ICE) activities. Students were given the opportunity to take part in some fantastic extra-curricular workshops, lesson time challenges and registration activities relating to each of the 3 strands.

14 students visited Sheffield Hallam University to visit their PlayStation 3 development studio and got the opportunity to talk to students on the Computer Games design course, tour the campus and make their own computer game using the free Game Maker software. Students all enjoyed the experience "Making the games gave us an idea on how games work and if we wanted that job, to me, it worked, I am now thinking of being involved in that kind of job!" – Alexander Heaps (8AT)

22 students attended a Dell IT insights workshop which investigated the wide and varied world of careers in ICT. They learnt about the impact that ICT has had on the world of work whether you work in an office or a big time celebrity like Justin Bieber! "It was fascinating to see how IT can change, how it can change the world and how it can help people to fulfil their dreams" – Samuel Bamforth (8JK)



Some students chose to attend an afterschool session run by West Notts College on nonstop-frame animation. Creating a wiggly worm from plasticine and googly eyes and moving it slowly across the desk, capturing each frame with a camera attached to a PC and using the I Can Animate software.

The chance to take part in an Introduction to Business workshop run by Dayna Stubbs from Babington Business College was also offered. Discussions were held on the key skills needed to work in business, the different types of jobs and industries students could go in to and the apprenticeship opportunities that Babington provide.

Year 7 took part in a Masterchef challenge. They came up with a themed day for the diner with a menu, logo and poster to go with it. We had all sorts of weird and wonderful entries so far from Ghosts to the Simpsons and Mexico to TOWIE! Four finalist groups will be selected to cook dishes from their menu and the overall winners will have their menu and theme put in the diner for a day.



Year 8 all rose to their Apprentice Challenge, coming up with some great ideas for businesses to be based in the Shirebrook Enterprise centre and the products they could sell. We had a 'Bolsover Builder' app, a new perfume, Tutti Fruiti shower gel company, a computer game, personalised t-shirts, skate park and scooter hire and much more. All the finalists got to go to the enterprise centre as a reward for working so hard. The overall winners Jamie-lee Williams (8AT) and Luke Wilkinson (8SR) were very excited to be chosen and can't wait to start using their cool new iPod shuffles that they have won.



Year 9's had the toughest challenge of all, coming up with a whole business concept that was workable within the school and local community. Students had to complete a business proposal and detailed plan of their enterprising suggestion and submit their entries if they wanted to be considered for an investment of £10 from the ICT department. Some amazing ideas were born such as a toast making company, smoothies, badges, gardening, a loans company, nails, cakes and more. Six companies were selected and given their £10, they have six weeks to turn that tenner into something more with the support of their mentor and school. Awards and prizes are available for the businesses that make the most difference to the community, that make the most money and generally the most successful business.

Year 9's also took part in the whole year event 'Trading Challenge' run by the Maths Department. In groups students became part of the stock exchange, taking into consideration local news and events and how that affected the share prices of two businesses. They then had to buy and sell shares for these companies trying to play the stock market and end up with a profit.

A small group of our gifted and talented students took part in a filming project they name 'Shirebrook Init!'. Working with professional filming company Fourmost Films, through the professional filming charity First Light; students got the opportunity to use professional filming equipment, learn technical language and take control of creating a whole film. From the organisation of setting up interviews, to writing the questions, creating the storyboard, filming, creating sound and choosing clips to make the final cut, students did it all. The film is set to make its debut on community fun day.

"It was a once in a life time experience and I wish we could do it again" – Adrienne Nussey (8SR).



**Overall ICE week seemed to be a roaring success with lots for people to get involved in. Hopefully next year will be even bigger and better!**



# The Tangent

Y8 Students enjoyed a sneak preview of the new Enterprise Centre 'The Tangent' which is nearing completion on the Brook Park estate. As part of ICT, Challenge and Enterprise week, students were asked to think of the type of businesses that could be located in the centre, and to think about how those businesses could market themselves, e.g. through 'Apps' or other advertising. The most creative ideas were shortlisted and these students were able to see the centre in reality. The centre has been developed by Bolsover District Council, who have also involved our students in the naming and marketing processes.



Jamie Williams and Luke Wilkinson said of the visit – "We went to the new building called the Enterprise Centre. They took us around and gave us gear that was too big. I thought it was mint because it was colourful and we got to go on the roof"

## Variety Show

Year 11 Shirebrook Academy student Scott Smith really did 'go the extra mile' for Sport Relief 2012, by organising a Variety Show in aid of the charity!

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April saw over 100 students attend the show, which included a variety of student acts, ranging from dance troupes, to drama groups, singers and a very memorable act paying tribute to Michael Jackson, performed by Scott himself! Food and drink was provided, and in the end, around £100 was raised for Sport Relief, in addition to the £267 already raised from the Sport Relief Mile event which took place in March.

"Scott worked tirelessly to produce a superb event full of entertaining acts! He was determined to raise as much money as possible for Sport Relief, and he should be commended for his organisational skills and understanding of what young people want from a variety show - he could be the next Simon Cowell! Scott's own dance performance as Michael Jackson was what can only be described as mesmerising! I am sure the students who watched him in action will never forget his moonwalk! Scott is a fantastic asset to Shirebrook Academy", said Vice Principal Alison Brannick, of Scott's efforts



James Edwards, Scott's Year 11 tutor at Shirebrook Academy, added: "The amount of students and staff who came to support the event was absolutely fantastic, and Scott should be extremely proud of his efforts and of the fantastic show he staged, not to mention his Michael Jackson tribute act, which will live long in the memory! Some of the other acts were outstanding as well, and the event really showcased some of the talent which Shirebrook Academy students have, raising a fantastic amount of money for Sport Relief as well."

A cheque will shortly be sent off to Sport Relief, for nearly £400 –  
*a massive well done to all involved!*



# Shirebrook Academy Term Dates 2012 - 2013

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- INSET No students in
- Holiday
- Bank Holidays
- Packing Days for move to new school Y10/Y11 in School
- Unpacking No students

16 April – Y11/Y10 }  
 17 April – Y9/Y8 } 1<sup>st</sup> day in  
 18 April – Y7 } new school



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# Big Fish at the Infants

Shirebrook Academy and Park Road Infants have joined forces to create a unique wall mounted fish to be displayed at the Park Road School in Shirebrook.

The fish which will measure about six feet long when displayed is made from wire, card and modroc and will use Old CD's to represent the scales. Students who worked on the design were from Miss Winson's genius gang at the academy and were thoroughly engaged in the project every lunchtime for three weeks.

Some of the infants, who will complete the design by finishing the main body of the fish, came up to the academy to be presented with the work by Miss Winson, Miss Miller and the genius gang. The infants were flabbergasted and delighted at the finished design and couldn't wait to get started.



*Well done gang!*

## *Congratulations all round*

It's been a busy time on the building site. Lots of mechanical and electrical installations plaster and even paint! Every day we look across to see more and more scaffolding coming down and more work being done on footpaths and outdoor play space. Inside, vinyl floors are being laid on the lower ground floor and walls are being painted. Our programme of visits for students will begin after half term and into the autumn term.

Congratulations to Chris Shaw and all his team on the site who won a silver award at this year's Considerate Constructors Awards. These awards are very difficult to win and a silver award is a fantastic achievement.

*Pictured left to right are;*  
Geoff Brown (DCC),  
Simon Fearn and  
Chris Shaw (B&K),  
Bryan Midgley (Academy)



Another winner on site was year 9 Chloe Frew. Chloe won an Mp3 player for her entry into the Site Safety poster competition sponsored by Stavecon. Chloe is pictured above with her winning entry and her prize!

# Shirebrook Academy torch winner shines brightest.

Year 9 student Katie Heaps from Shirebrook Academy has won a competition to use the local area as inspiration for an Olympic torch design.

Katie is a year 9 art leader at the academy and is part of a leadership project called FLAME which promotes the Olympic values in school. She was one of 1600 entrants from the Bolsover cluster of schools who entered the competition and won overall with a design inspired by the famous Bolsover Castle. Bolsover district schools sport partnership development manager, John Barker said "Katie's design showed creativity, originality, flair and truly reflected the local community".

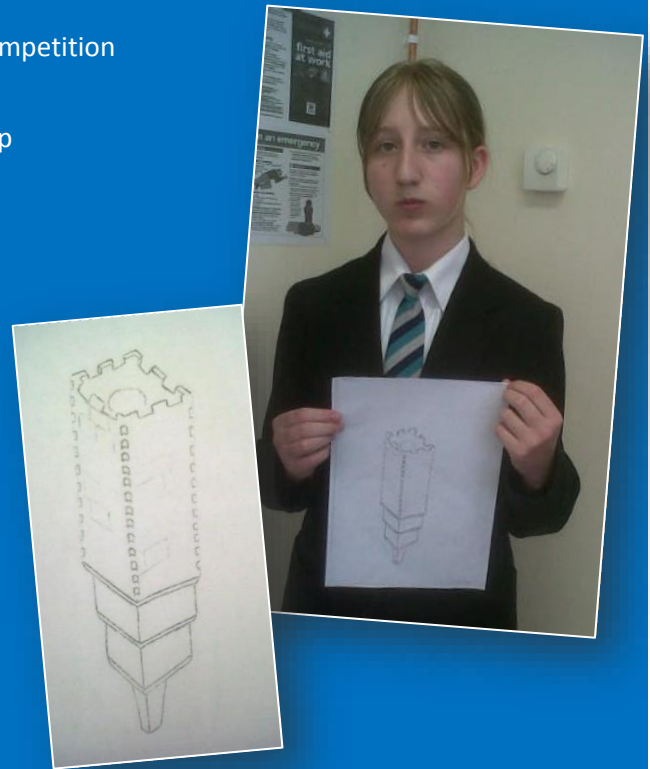
Katie's design has now been turned into the real thing and she will lead a special torch parade at Bolsover Castle on 29 June.

Mr Freer, art teacher at Shirebrook Academy said of Katie's design, "It is unique yet beautiful".

Katie was thrilled with the win exclaiming.

"I can't believe it and I'm really looking forward to the big day".

*Well done Katie!*



## Goodbye and Hello

A number of staff will be leaving at the end of this year. Mr Fullwood, head of Technology is moving to Tupton High school to lead Technology there. Mr Topham will take over the running of the department. We say goodbye to Mr Jevons our Head of Year 8 after a spell of poor health. Mrs Taylor who has been acting head of year will take over the role on a permanent basis. Mrs Webster, an English and Humanities teacher is retiring after many years in teaching. We wish her a long and happy retirement. Mrs Bolton, science teacher is leaving to take up a post at The QE School in Mansfield. We welcome several new members of staff as Mrs Wheeler joins us as a new Maths teacher and Mrs Barlow as a new Science teacher.

Congratulations go to Mr Stafford who is at present the Head of Year 11, he will be joining the senior leadership team in September to further develop our international work and Mr Nathan McGuinness from the West Midlands has been appointed as the new head of year to replace the role Mr Stafford once did.

## Diary Dates

### June

25-29 PE Week

27 June Sports Day

29 June Year 11 Prom

### July

2-6 Arts Week

3 July Summer Show

7 Community Fun Day

9 – 20 Year 10 Work Experience

11 Year 6 Induction day / parents evening

20 Finish for summer holidays

## NEW RULES

At present no Y7 or Y8 student is allowed out at lunch times. Students are only allowed out for lunch with a pass and parental permission.

**From September 2012 ONLY Year 11 will be allowed out at Lunch.**

**This is in preparation for the new school where NO student will go out at lunch.**

The Governors are committed to the safety and well-being of our students and recognise the reduction in incidents in the community at lunch have been greatly reduced due to this policy.

It also means students can be part of more structured lunch time activities.