

# Newsletter

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## We are Outstanding...

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Welcome to our final newsletter of the year and what a year it has been for Shirebrook! The academy has become a real beacon of success both in the community and across Derbyshire. I feel we are finally getting recognised for the hard work we do. As I am sure you are aware we were awarded "outstanding" in every category in a recent very rigorous Ofsted inspection (*see inside for further details*). This happened in the old building & was well deserved by students, staff and parents. We don't want to sit back though and think we have made it! You will see in the newsletter just how many initiatives and projects we are working on. I have told staff we are not stopping at outstanding – it is to infinity and beyond!

We are developing links with several other schools and hoping to become a "Teaching School" in the near future which would allow us to train our own teachers and provide training for other schools.

Due to our success with results and Ofsted, we have been asked to support a number of other schools. This does mean I am out of school more often than before and in light of this; the governors have made Mr Croft Associate Principal. This means that Mr Croft will lead the school in day to day matters and ensure that Shirebrook Academy does not suffer in my absence. Mr Croft has been an outstanding Vice Principal and I am sure you will join me in congratulating him on his promotion.

*Julie Bloor*

Principal,  
Shirebrook Academy



## New for 2014

We are also in partnership with Chesterfield College, Bolsover, Springwell & Heritage Schools to open an 'Aspire Sixth Form College' in September 2014. This will allow our current Y10 to stay on in a sixth form and study a range of vocational and/or 'A' level courses.

*Exciting times ahead!*

I wish you all well and hope to see you at our next **fun day on 6<sup>th</sup> July.**



# Literacy Week 2013

*C.S. Lewis*

## THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA

Shirebrook Academy held its third annual F.L.A.R.E (Finding Literacy and Reading Exciting) Literacy week on Monday 25 February – Friday 1 March with the theme for this year being C.S. Lewis' 'The Chronicles of Narnia'. The theme was selected as 'The Chronicles of Narnia' explore the idea of discovering new worlds, growing up, friendship and leadership which are central to Shirebrook Academy values and also linked to the move into the new build.

During the week, each year group had a special F.L.A.R.E assembly with presentations linked to 'The Chronicles of Narnia' delivered by Lindsay Ward (AST/ Leader of Literacy) and Anna Jacques (Assistant Principal-English and Literacy) and students were also entertained by outstanding dance performances by the highly talented F.L.A.R.E Dance group: Helena Burdett, Leah Key, Shannon Unwin and Charley Darby and the Year 7 'Mini F.L.A.R.E' dance group also choreographed by Shannon Unwin.

On Monday 25 February, professional storyteller Pete Davis came into Shirebrook Academy to instruct students on the 'Art of Storytelling' during their English lessons and at lunchtime. The students loved learning how to turn Russian fairy tales into dramatic readings, especially since they were rather gruesome!

On Tuesday, Year 7 and Year 10 students worked with Peter Ward, a musical storyteller, to explore the art of telling stories using instruments and song. At lunchtime, 16 students participated in the Scrabble challenge, held in the Library, in an attempt to become the Scrabble champion!

On Wednesday, students from Stubbin Wood, accompanied by their teacher Eloise Barnett and several Teaching assistants, worked with Year 10 and 11 Media studies' students, to produce some outstanding F.L.A.R.E canvases linked to 'The Chronicles of Narnia'.

The Narnia Cake bake off competition was won by Paula Corbett, who produced an incredible, mouth-watering cheesecake that left the Judges drooling and speechless!

After school, staff participated in a CPD Literacy event which tested departments' literacy skills and knowledge of the Narnia books. The Humanities department were crowned the winners and received a 'Leading department for Literacy' trophy.



Years 7 and 11 participated in a balloon release on Thursday afternoon. The students in the two year groups worked together in pairs and were provided with a balloon and tag on which they wrote a message about the importance of Literacy. At 3pm, the two year groups released their balloons and it was an incredible sight to witness 180 balloons with 180 Literacy messages soaring up into the air to hopefully reach someone in Shirebrook or the wider community beyond!

Every lunch time, students were involved in participating in Narnia Dodgeball games- competing in their teams to be crowned the champion of their Year-the winning forms were 7PH, 8JM, 9NH, 10BH and 11HN and each received a F.L.A.R.E Sports challenge trophy.

Friday was the 'Grand Finale' of Literacy week: the Character Costume day! Each member of staff and the majority of students were dressed in a costume linked to 'The Chronicles of Narnia'. Once again, it was a mesmerising sight to behold and the staff and students loved it!

All 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 students and staff from Stubbin Wood and Park Junior who read out their pieces of creative writing linked to 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' and performed a contemporary dance with style and finesse!

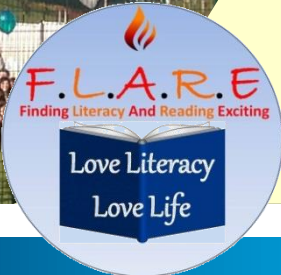
There were vocal performances by Key stage 4 music students and a dramatic reading of the 'Capture of the White witch' by Matthew Bullars and Aiden Richardson (Year 11 students) who also acted as comperes for the event and did a brilliant job of introducing the performers and judges.

Prizes were awarded to the winners of the Academy's Creative writing competition (which had over 100 entries) and was judged by Mrs Bloor. The two overall winners were: Charlotte Williscroft (Year 10) and Sandra Iwanina (Year 8) who produced two outstanding pieces of creative writing describing their dream world. These two talented students were each awarded an I-Pad by Mrs Bloor, to be used to develop their creativity even further.

Trophies were awarded to the Narnia dodgeball winners and to the forms whom had created the best Coat of Arms and Form Motto- these were: 7CB, 8MS, 9ME, 10CS and 11SC.

It was a fantastic event and a true celebration of the week's achievements. It demonstrated both students' and staff's successes in Literacy and proved once again that Shirebrook Academy truly has literacy at its heart!

*A Fantastic Week!*



# Business Studies and ICT London Residential

Thursday 14 February – Saturday 16 February 2013



Our latest Business and ICT London Residential was a great success. On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February Mrs Taylor, Mr Mitton and Mrs Mehrotra-Hughes took 28 students to experience our country's capital. Our first stop was Bloomberg – a multinational mass media corporation set up by Michael Bloomberg the Mayor of New York. With stunning architecture and fascinating history it was the free food in the company's pantry – accessible 24 hours to all staff, that really blew everyone away and had them stuffing their faces!

Next was an unscheduled stop to see the Queen at Buckingham Palace. Students were wowed by the building the marching guards and Victoria Memorial. After a lovely stroll through Green Park to see the squirrels and through Piccadilly Circus to see the big screens, after several wrong turns we arrived to have dinner in the Rainforest Cafe. Lastly to take in a global smash hit show – Mamma Mia. We were blown away by the outstanding singing and dancing and couldn't help but have a sing along ourselves. Made even more special by a man proposing to his girlfriend in one of the boxes, it was a performance the students will never forget. Tired yet full of excitement we made our way back to our hotel next to Wembley Stadium for a well deserved night's sleep!

A quick breakfast and straight out for day 2 in the city; first stop the National Science Museum that was holding several special ICT exhibitions. The incredible 'listening post' – a dynamic portrait of online communication, displaying uncensored

fragments of text, in real-time, from public classrooms and bulletin boards; took our breath away. The 'Code Breaker' exhibition gave a great insight into the history of computing and how Alan Turing helped to shape the modern world. Finally the basement is home to Google Chrome's Weblabs, an extraordinary series of web experiments such as Sketchbot, Orchestra and Teleporter; aims to bring the extraordinary workings of the internet to life and aims to inspire the world about the possibilities of the web.

Moving on to Chelsea Football Stadium – Stamford Bridge, students were very excited to see Juan Mata coming out of the ground and were disappointed when Mrs Taylor insisted (wrongly) it was just a regular Joe and they couldn't ask for his autograph! A tour of the museum, stadium, player areas and a business talk about the world of football were a great way to spend an afternoon. Rounded off with a coke in 'Frankies Sports Bar and Grill' owned by Frankie Dettori and Marco Pierre White.



A cold brisk walk through Hyde Park led us to the Hard Rock Café for dinner where we could all be seen singing loudly along to the music as we ate! Students got the chance to visit the Rock shop and then to the 'Vault' which is home to some amazing 'Rock God' memorabilia such as guitars belonging to Kurt Cobain and Gene Simmons and hand written lyrics by John Lennon, an awe inspiring place to visit.

We then made our way back to the hotel where we thought everyone would be full up on burgers and ready for bed, but apparently an escorted late night trip to McDonalds in onsies was in order – pretty sure Mrs Taylor and Mr Mitton felt a bit silly – good job they weren't in onsies too!

And finally day 3; an early morning visit to the London Eye to take in the fantastic 4D cinema experience, not sure what students made of being squirted with water though. Then on to the eye itself, most students took in the breathtaking views and were snapping away with cameras. Only a few clung to the bench in the middle as if their life depended on it!

To make the most out of the trip we took them on a walk through London to see some of the sights – Houses of Parliament; Big Ben; Cabinet War Rooms; Downing Street; Horse Guards Parade; Trafalgar Square; Nelson's Column and more. It certainly was educational for all when one student asked if the 'Nelson' on the column was in fact Nelson Mandela, we almost felt bad for saying no!

Last but not least was a few hours shopping in Covent Garden, taking in the atmosphere, visiting the market stalls, quaint shops and watching street performers before our final journey home.

Overall it was a jam packed, exciting and educational trip! Fun was had by all, teachers included. We can't wait to go again next year!



# Y9 Council

Y9 Council representatives enjoyed a sunny day in London visiting the Houses of Parliament. After passing through security procedures, students were taken on a tour which included watching the House of Commons and House of Lords in action, and learning about key events in the history of Parliament, such as the campaigns of the Suffragettes to gain votes for women. Students learnt about how laws are made, and then had the opportunity to meet Dennis Skinner, MP for Bolsover.

Mr Skinner joined the group for a question and answer session – as the longest serving MP he had plenty of experiences to share. His final piece of advice to students was “aim high, you can achieve whatever you want”.

On returning to school the students gave a presentation to the rest of Year 9 in assembly to share what they had learnt.

Other highlights of the day included successfully navigating the underground trains, spending time in Trafalgar Square, and photo opportunities with the Horseguards on Whitehall.



# Y10 Council

Y10 Council organised a week of lunchtime activities to raise money for Help for Heroes - dancing, military drill, an assault course (with some help from the local army cadets!), and a bake sale to round off the week.

Over £100 was raised, a massive achievement given the amount of Comic Relief fundraising taking place at the same time – thanks to all students and staff for their generosity.



# Y7 Council

Y7 Council organised an ‘Easter Bunny Hunt’, where the Council students themselves were hidden around school at lunchtime wearing bunny ears, and Y7 could win chocolate eggs by finding them! The event was a lot of fun, and more lunchtime activities are planned for the summer term (although in our new building there are fewer hiding places so we will need to think of a different activity!)

# Boccia and Seated Volleyball Event

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March the Academy took a group of students to Heritage High school to compete in a special sporting event. The team consisted of three Year 9 leaders and 4 Year 7 students.

The event itself was designed to allow some students the opportunity to participate in sport and to give them the chance to represent their school in competition. Students from five schools in the Bolsover district competed in a round robin tournament in both Boccia and Seated Volleyball.

Although the day began with a shaky start, pulling a new team together last minute, it was a huge success overall and the students had a great morning participating in events that they would not normally get the opportunity to do.

## Boccia

For those that are unaware, Boccia is a Paralympic sport for athletes with disabilities that have a major impact on motor skills, however it can be played by all. Boccia is a target ball sport belonging to the same family as petanque and bowls.

The three students who took part in the Boccia competition showed great respect and maturity in their games during the day. Although the team did not have the best of starts, losing their first two games, they were able to pull together as a team and win their final two. During their winning games the three participants began to show a better understanding of the game and began to think tactically, outwitting and outplaying their opponents in all three rounds.

The last two games allowed the team to pick up a well-deserved 6 points, giving them a shot at 1<sup>st</sup> place. Unfortunately though it was not to be, Tibshelf School won their final game and took 1<sup>st</sup> spot away from the Academy. None the less the team did extremely well coming 2<sup>nd</sup>, only 2 points behind top spot.

## Seated Volleyball

The seated volleyball was a very interesting competition, with all participants getting into the competitive spirit, throwing their bodies around to prevent the ball from hitting the floor. Shirebrook's team did extremely well, finishing undefeated, drawing three (1 set each) and winning one (taking both sets). Although the team did not lose a game, it wasn't to be enough. The volleyball competition proved to be a well fought contest with three teams finishing joint 1<sup>st</sup> - Shirebrook, Frederick Gent School and Heritage. But, there could only be one winner. However after calculating points difference (points won during the games) and points won (points scored during the games) it was Heritage who appeared winners. Shirebrook were extremely unlucky, missing out by just 5 points scored during the games.

## Overall

Although Shirebrook did not come home with a Trophy, all students did exceptionally well and were a credit to the Academy, not only based on behavior, but also their respect to others and their sportsmanship throughout. The event ran smoothly, with all students being praised for the way they had conducted themselves during the day.

All participants appeared to enjoy themselves and received a medal for participating.

## Overview from Harry Langrick

Today was a great day. The three leaders, alongside another student played seated volleyball, whilst the other three took part in the Boccia competition. The Boccia team won two and lost two but put in a great performance, showing great effort and sportsmanship. The volleyball team was dominant throughout the whole competition, drawing three and winning one, scoring a total of 9 points. The Boccia team came 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Volleyball team finished joint 1<sup>st</sup>.



# Young Inspectors REPORT



Earlier this year Shirebrook Academy and Stubbin Wood completed joint training with Derbyshire Health Promotion. The aim was to learn skills necessary to take part on the Young Inspectors programme. Both schools enjoyed a fun packed day learning skills they will use in their role. A variety of skills were learned such as: communication & body language and facial expressions etc.

Both schools enjoyed making friends and learning about the people they will soon be working with. Everyone is looking forward to the upcoming inspection of the Schools Community Nurse.



# Super Learning Day

On 20 March we had Super Learning Day where we welcomed lots of visitors into our academy including the police and magistrates helping Y10 with Mock trials, a Calypso singer helping Y8 to learn about Fair Trade, and a range of speakers for a Y11 Health day.

The biggest group of visitors though was to the Y9 Enterprise Challenge – a business challenge set by Judith Gill, our regular visitor from Nat West. This time Judith was joined by 15 colleagues from Nat West who had been allowed a day out from their usual jobs to work with our students. Stubbin Wood students also joined in and gave some fantastic presentations to the judging panel. Students and Nat West staff had a great day working together, and students got a real insight into the skills needed in working life.



Pictured is the winning team along with staff from Nat West, Mr Marshall, and Christie Fulleylove from Thomas Cook who joined the judging panel.

## New Opportunities

### Work Experience

For Y10 students we are now offering a bespoke and joint work experience programme for both Shirebrook Academy and Stubbin Wood students. Students will learn all aspects of what is expected of them in the working world whilst building their confidence along the way. This experience of work award 2013 will cover preparation for work, looking at career research and CV planning. Preparation for the work place will involve looking at workplace behaviour, understanding wage slips and first aid. The last module, being at work is where students will keep a diary and have an opportunity to take and save lots of pictures of their time in work experience. This is a unique opportunity that will give all students a broad range of real life work experience through the school's partnership.



### SEN Sports Programme

We have a SEN sports programme starting in September.

A small group of year 9 and 10 students are looking forward to a personal development programme focused around football. The project will run over 3 years for 1 PE lesson a week. They will take part in competitions, leadership and skills based sessions!

**Watch this space for more information!**

# Y7 STREET

## Our Trip to London

I was really excited to go to London, though I knew I would miss my Mum! I packed my bag and was ready at school for 7am!

On the way I sat with my friends and talked and texted and took photo's. We arrived at Tate Modern – a massive building that is now an Art gallery and there were some weird pieces of art inside that we saw and everyone took loads of photo's!

We then walked across the millennium Bridge to St Paul', this was the bridge that 'came alive' in Harry Potter and took more photo's of St Paul's Cathedral. As we were walking down thte South Bank we saw some really good Street Performers – that were 'Human beatboxes' and Mr Case said he could also do that!



The London Eye was enormous and we went on our own pod for a 'flight' round and saw all of London at our feet. Then just before it started raining we went in the 4D Cinema this made me scream as the water sprayed and fireworks went off!!

We made it to the coach and then went to Hard Rock Café for dinner and they played YMCA and 1D that we could get up and dance to!

The next day we got up early had breakfast and were off on the coach to Buckingham Palace - we were lucky enough to see the trooping of the colour as they practiced for the Queen's birthday.

The trip was amazing and a complete whirlwind of sights and sounds - I would gladly go back to London again!

**Alex Sunderland 7JE**



# HEET Event

## Health, Education, Employment & Training Advice and Support

*In conjunction with Bolsover Healthy Neighbourhoods Team*

The Open Evening and HEET event on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May was an enormous success and attracted over 45 providers and over 1 100 visitors.

The Open Evening gave the community the opportunity to visit the school and take part in a self-guided tour for the first time since the new build opened in April 2013. The reaction of the visitors was astonishing as they toured both Shirebrook Academy and Stubbin Woods and saw first-hand the fantastic facilities on offer.

All the visitors were then able to participate in the annual HEET event which is aimed at providing valuable information and resources regarding Health, Education, Employment and Training. The event was the biggest in the local area and assisted in providing the community with essential information regarding health and well-being.

*A big thank you to all guests and providers for making the evening so successful.*



## WHY DO IT AT HOME CLUB

**Every Wednesday 3.15 – 4.30  
in the LRD and Lower Atrium**

Since moving into the new building the 'Why Do It At Home' homework club has been as popular as ever with over 20 students regularly attending each session. As before students are able to enjoy refreshments, complete their homework tasks and get the support they need. Transport home is provided for students at Langwith, Pleasley, New Houghton and Glapwell.



# Coffee Ladies Grand Tour



Year 8 Council students recently gave a tour of the new building to welcome the ladies coffee morning group. The ladies have been meeting at the school every week for over twenty years, and will continue in the new build. Students explained how they are settling in to the new building and served tea and cake. The ladies sent a lovely letter of thanks;

*“What a great morning we had. Thank you so much for your kindness in giving us the ‘grand tour’ of your fabulous Academy”*

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Many parents are now using the new ParentPay system and are finding it very convenient. Instead of sending cash to school you can now top up your child's lunch card online from home using a credit or debit card.

By using ParentPay, you can ensure that your child has access to a healthy lunch every day, with you being able to top up their dinner card at a time that suits you. When crediting your child's account you will also be able to view what meal choices they are making at lunchtime using the ParentPay system

Don't forget that ParentPay is available for paying for school trips.

Why not take a look at the advantages of paying online by visiting [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) today.

A member of the Academy finance team will be happy to answer any questions you may have and can also send you a reminder of your username and password.

Please call us if you need any more information on

**01623 742722**

# SPORTS NEWS . . .

## Taekwondo Champion

Tyler Joachim (7CB), one of our Year 7 students here at Shirebrook Academy is credited with a fantastic sporting achievement. Before Easter Tyler made the journey to Glasgow and participated in the Scottish Kings Cup at Kelvin Hall where he was successful in bringing back a gold medal.

Tyler was competing in the World Taekwondo Federation competition. Competing in only his second National competition Tyler was delighted to have won at such a prestigious event. Tyler took part in the B Class competition for 12-14 year olds under the weight of 37kg,

competing against some students two years older than him. Tyler took part in two spars consisting of three rounds at 1 m30 seconds. Fighting against two Scottish opponents Tyler was the overwhelming underdog in both of his bouts. Winning comfortably on points on both occasions Tyler is now looking forward to the British Championships in September where he hopes to bring back another medal.

Tyler has aspirations to be a future Olympian in 2020 and actually got the chance to meet a London 2012 taekwondo bronze medal winner Lutalo Muhammad at the event.

After being scouted at the Scottish championships, Tyler took part in a competition in Manchester. Mismatched in his first match, Tyler won his second fight with ease winning by 9 points. One of Tyler's idols Taekwondo Commonwealth champion Tyrone Robinson was coaching him on the day and it was this, along with his undoubted talent, which meant he won another medal to add to his ever growing trophy cabinet.

*Keep up the good work Tyler, we hope it is the start of a glistening martial arts career!*



## Stags Success for Ex Student

One of our leavers from last year is heading down the pathway to success with Mansfield Town Football Club. Billy Simpson who left Shirebrook Academy last year is ready to undertake his 2<sup>nd</sup> year on a scholarship with the club. The scholarship allows Billy to pursue his football career with the Stags whilst continuing with his studies. A regular face in the Youth Team line up Billy has also made appearances for the main squad reserves.



# Kickboxing World Championships

Y11 student at Shirebrook Academy, Jade Humphries (pictured far right) is well known for her continued success in the field of kick boxing.

Jade who attends Spirit Kickboxing is part of a team of five selected to represent Team GB at the World Championships in Italy later this year.

The team are currently looking for help with sponsorship to enable this to happen. Anyone interested in helping with a donation can contact Kim Clarke on 07790887298.

Jade will be at our family fun day on 6<sup>th</sup> July raising funds for her forthcoming trip.



## Legends in action

On Sunday 2 June students from Shirebrook Academy were given the opportunity to watch some of the world's greatest footballers and music artists in an action packed day at Old Trafford, home of Manchester United FC. The trip to Old Trafford was aimed at the students who have represented their football teams from Y7 all the way through to Y11 as a thank you for their commitment to the Academy. It was also used a chance for all current and prospective sixth form sports students to interact with one another before their September start.

The afternoon in a sun-drenched Old Trafford, the Theatre of Dreams, began with live music from various artists including JLS, before the main attraction - legends from English champions Manchester United and Spanish giant Real Madrid locked horns. The game featured ex-players from both clubs such as Paul Scholes, Andy Cole, Dwight York, Luis Figo and former world player of the year Zinedine Zidane! It was a master class of football from the ex-stars, and despite the win for the Spaniards a great day was had by all.



# THE ACADEMY AND THE COMMUNITY

## Shirebrook Academy opens its doors to the local community

The new £27m buildings at the new Shirebrook Academy are now available for the community to use at evenings and weekends.

Now that the students have had time to settle in to the new building, it is time for the community to have the opportunity to use the new buildings for their activities.

Facilities for All, a specialist in managing school buildings within the community, have been appointed by Shirebrook Academy to run and manage the facilities on their behalf.

The facilities at Shirebrook Academy are available to hire from 6.00pm – 10.00pm weekdays and from 9.00am – 9.00pm at weekends.



### Facilities available to the community at Shirebrook Academy include:

- Floodlit 3G football pitch
- Grass football pitches
- Outdoor tennis and netball courts
- 4 badminton court sports hall
- Activity / Dance Studio
- Drama Studio
- Classrooms and meeting rooms
- Specialist classrooms for art, technology etc
- Social / Dining Areas
- Theatre with seating for up to 120 people
- Many more facilities....

## Summer Football Offer

Use the brand new 3G football pitch at Shirebrook Academy for only £10 per hour this summer!!!



## Anyone for Tennis?

PLAY TENNIS AT SHIREBROOK THIS SUMMER

Do you want to become the next Andy Murray or Rafael Nadal?

Wimbledon fever will be here shortly and you can come and play tennis at Shirebrook Academy for only £5 per court, per hour.



For more information, a price list or booking form please contact Facilities for All directly using the details below:

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# COMMUNITY FUN DAY

*Come along on*

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

**11.00 – 3.00pm**

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

*See our website for more information*

[www.shirebrookacademy.org](http://www.shirebrookacademy.org)



**Telephone 01623 742722**

# Young Photographer of the Year

## ROTARY CLUB OF WARSOP, SHIREBROOK & DISTRICT

For a number of years Rotary clubs throughout England and Ireland have been involved in the above competition.

This year the club entered the Senior and Intermediate Competition in District 1220 for the first time. There were some excellent entries.

Judging the event were two persons of excellent credentials. Michael Davies a former self employed photographer who had his own business in London and was on the Royal List of photographers and David Goff who specialises in weddings but is a well renowned local photographer.

The format of this year's competition was that there had to be three photographs submitted on the PEACE theme, together with a short piece as to how the photographs relate to 'Peace'.

Both judges were extremely surprised at the high level of entries and the decisions were unanimous.



*Brandon Layrton*



*Jack Middleton*



*Emily Slater*



*Lauren Ratcliffe*



*Kara Bradbury*



**Nathan Scott Laker**

## The winners were as follows:

### SENIOR CATEGORY.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place £50 prize to Kara BRADBURY (SHIREBROOK ACADEMY)**

Judges said that her best photograph totally fitted the Peace theme.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place £30 Natalie CHILDS of MEDEN ACADEMY**

Judges said that her best photo showed good skill of composition.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place £20. Lauren RATCLIFFE of SHIREBROOK ACADEMY.**

Judges said that she had made an extremely good attempt.

### INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place £50 Nathan Scott LAKER of SHIREBROOK ACADEMY.**

Judges said that the colours for Peace were a true representation.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place £30 Rose HEMINGWAY of MEDEN ACADEMY.**

Judges said that artistically she got the theme right.

She so nearly was the winner it was almost the toss of a coin.



**Sophie Parsons**



**Luke Timmons**

Both winning entries were submitted to the District 1220 where there are some 64 clubs.

Following the judging Nathan Scott Laker was judged the winner in the Intermediate section. For his efforts he received a further £50.

The Young Generation Committee of the Rotary Club of Warsop Shirebrook and District wishes to place on record the support received from both Shirebrook and Meden Academies and their respective school links ie Peter Marshall (SHIREBROOK) and Tim Gibbon (MEDEN).

The prizes were awarded by Chair of the Young Generation Committee and Steve Garner lead officer for the competition.



Pictured are;  
Richard Goad (chairman),  
Steve Garner,  
David Adsetts,  
Mike Maloney and  
Shirebrook Academy  
winners Lauren Ratcliffe  
and Nathan Scott Laker

# STAFF NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to introduce myself to you all as the manager of the Academy's brand new i-3 centre. This is a support centre for KS3 students who, for a variety of reasons, are experiencing difficulties fully engaging in academy life or in the community.

I-3 offers a wide range of support to students in KS3 including one to one support, group sessions and out of school activities in order to improve things such as behaviour, attendance, self-esteem, confidence, self-awareness and self-control.

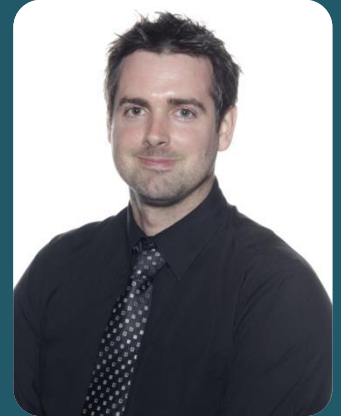
Before working at Shirebrook Academy I held similar positions at both Parkside Community School and Tupton Hall School and I am now delighted to be at Shirebrook Academy which is an outstanding school in every sense and I consider it a real privilege to be here.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming months.

Kind Regards

*Chris Hendley*

i-3 Manager



## Arrangements for end of term & September

The Academy closes for the summer holidays on Friday 19 July and re-opens as follows:

### Thursday 5 September

Year 7, Year 10 and Year 11 in school

### Friday 6 September

Year 8 and Year 9 arrive.

All students in school on this day.

### Arrangements for the last day of term are as follows:

#### Period 1 and Period 2

Years 7, 8, 9 in tutor groups

Brunch will be served from 10.20am until 10.50am

#### Period 3 and 4 (finishing at 12.40pm)

Year 7, 8, 9 watch 'Shirebrook's got Talent'

#### 12.40pm Students leave –

Langwith and New Houghton buses only arrive.

This last day is an optional non-uniform if students contribute £1 to a student nominated charity.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer and thank you for your support over what has been our most successful year ever due to our 'outstanding' Ofsted and move to a brand new build.

*Julie Bloor, Principal*

## Diary Dates

### June

- 26 Sports Day
- 27 Super Learning Day Y7-10
- 28 INSET day & Y11 Prom
- 28 GCSE Examinations end

### July

- 6 Family Fun Day
- 8-19 Y10 Work Experience
- 12 Super Learning Day Y7-Y9
- 18 Y7 Big Event

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