



## Welcome Back.....

Welcome back after the summer break. Yet again we are delighted with the exam results this year that have again put us top in Derbyshire in terms of the progress we make with students. 100% of our students gained 5A\*-C grades and 64% of them did so with maths and English. What makes this achievement even more impressive is that exam results nationally are going down as grade boundaries are raised to make the pass rate tougher. We are very proud of our students and of the partnership that exists between the school and parents that support us in our work. We have never been a school to stand still and we are continuing to try and build on our success. From September 2014 our present Year 11's will be able to stay on and study at the Aspire 6<sup>th</sup> Form College, a joint collaboration across North East Derbyshire to develop a post-16 comprehensive offer for the area. It is over 20 years since post-16 education was available in this area and the ability to study locally and cut down on travel will be a real boost for our students. I hope you enjoy the first newsletter of the year – there is lots happening and you will see the growing number of community activities in the Academy, feel free to join us for any of the events.

*Julie Bloor*

Principal,  
Shirebrook Academy





# Sports Day Sparkles in the Sun....



**It was Wednesday 26th June 2013, a day to remember for the students of Shirebrook Academy.**

For the Year 7's it was their first experience of this day, the sparkling sun, the cool breeze blowing in their faces, and the roar of the crowds cheering on those from their team.

While this excitement still existed for the Year 10's, it was slightly diluted with a tinge of sadness. For this will be the last time they will see sports day in their school careers.

The day itself was glorious, ice-creams all around and great entertainment. We had close calls in the Boys Year 10 100m, with half a second separating the top 2! There was a dominating performance in the Year 8 1500m, by Matthew Shaw, who came close to breaking a long standing record!

Whilst the sports were obviously the main attraction for the day, it was something else which caught my attention, something more magical and more inspiring, this was the support. When the students pulled on their different T-shirts, a change happened; it was no longer Year 7 or Year 8, it was Europe, and North America, or Africa! The cheering and screaming, as the students plummeted down the track was louder than a shuttle taking off! This epitomised what Shirebrook Academy students are about, not just their competitive nature, but the way they pull together regardless of barriers.

In the end, while not everyone walked away with a trophy, everyone was deserving of one, not just for the effort made on the track and field, but the support that filled the arena.

*By Paige Smith*





# Shining Stars Shoot for the Shining Trophy

It was 2:30 pm, the events had finished and it was time to announce the winning forms and continents. The atmosphere heightened, everyone was hyper and ready to hear who had won. My form, 10HW were talking about the events they had completed and where they had come. Our relay team bounced back up from their race, we were so proud of them; they had taken the silver medal!

Mr Gilbert rang through the microphone and everyone's spirits raised; there was the sound of chanting, cheering and stomping of feet against the metal stand. Mr Gilbert started to talk and the stand fell silent. He then announced the Year 7 forms in order and paused before he announced the winner, "and the Year 7 2013 Shirebrook Academy sports day winners are...7JE" the crowd roared as the yellow tops went to collect their trophy. He then swiftly moved on to Years 8 and 9.

Finally we reached Year 10, everyone held their breath as the countdown started, and I kept waiting to hear the letters HW. Eventually we came to the final two, "the Year 10 2013 Shirebrook Academy joint winners are..... 10HW and 10BH" Everyone started cheering, it took my breath away and I was so cheerful that my form had finally won their last year of Sports Day. Butterflies fluttered in my stomach, the biggest smile stretched across my face. I was so shocked, my form actually won! Robyn Moore and Chay Barber skipped down to collect the trophy and had their pictures taken. They came back up with a shining silver trophy. At first, I didn't want to touch it because it looked so spectacular. Then, it finally sank in...we were the joint champions of Sports Day 2013!

By Abbie Scattergood



## Staff Egg and Spoon Race

There are some things people look forward to every year: The Olympics, the World Cup and Eurovision are to name just a few. For the students at Shirebrook Academy, it's a chance to see their teachers battle it out on the playing field....

This year on Sports Day, the teachers decided to have another egg and spoon race! Mrs Bloor took off her shoes and ran as fast as she could; some of the teachers played to their strengths and held the egg whilst they ran, but not all of the teachers were cheating this year as Mr Moran and some other teachers decided to play fair..... for once!!

For a few, the race itself was enough but others wanted more! Alas, there wasn't enough time for other competitions between the teachers, despite the rousing chants from the stands! Overall, the egg and spoon race was really funny and it was quite a success. Maybe next year staff at the Academy will try something a little more 'dangerous'.....

By Joe Baker





# Shirebrook Academy does Race for Life

Back in June a group of students and some staff joined together to run the Race for Life around the picturesque Clumber Park. Thousands of entrants formed a sea of pink as everyone united in raising funds for a very worthy cause. The Shirebrook Academy team worked together and encouraged each other along the 5k course ensuring everyone finished with a smile on their face.



## Age UK Sponsored Run

Before the summer break a group of students accompanied by four staff did a sponsored run from the Academy down through Shirebrook arriving at the market where a stall was ready to receive them. Buckets were shook all around the market place and the public gave generously all in aid of Age UK. A total of £80 was raised in the collection on the day with more to follow in sponsorship money. Well done to all who participated and particularly to the students for their initiative.





# Homeless Inspiration...

Inspired by the experience of seeing so many homeless people on a recent trip to London Year 7 students Abbie Topham and Sophie Ingham helped to arrange a homeless sleepover at the Academy to raise money for charity.

Staff and students found the whole night an overwhelming experience in helping to understand what a homeless person goes through on a day to day basis. Even though it was a dry and clear night the weather conditions following a warm summer's day were still very challenging and not ideal for sleep. Many students wanted to make the night as genuine as possible and took on the challenge only using cardboard and sleeping bags for comfort. It was an uncomfortable night's sleep which left many exhausted for the weekend ahead.

The Year 7's approach and commitment to the event was fantastic, between staff and students over £1200 was raised for Lighthouse homes project and Shelter.



Over  
**£1200**  
raised

*Well Done Everyone!*

## Y7 High Achievers visit Cambridge University

On Tuesday 9th July, the year 7 High Achievers group visited Cambridge University. They were shown around Clare College and were interested in the accommodation, the Great Hall and the Cellars, the College's social space. They were very excited to explore Cambridge's exclusive sweet shop, Hardy's.

They then went to the Si5 Spy Mission Centre. The Spy Mission was amazing, the pupils had to carry a bomb; dodge lasers; ride on a helicopter and slide down a massive escape chute. They all thoroughly enjoyed the day, Lorna Sykes said, 'today I really enjoyed going to the College and having a look at what I could do in the future.'

Cambridge University, mission impossible or mission accomplished?





## A week of celebrating Creativity

On the lead up to Arts Week there were several visits and workshops;

### West Notts College 'Creative Arts Signing Off 2013'

Thirty students attended the final shows of artwork and interactive media. They saw a wide variety of final exhibitions, including some of our ex-students work who have continued studies in further education. A stimulating exhibition of sculptures, graphics, painting, general art and film & photography.

### Graffiti Workshop

Nine art students created stencils to freshen up the skate park in Shirebrook. Led by Craig 'Ginge' Hunston, a Nottingham based Graffiti artist who has been employed by the Leisure Centre and local council to work on the skate-park, students learned how to spray paint carefully their designs onto the sides of the metal ramps. The skate-park looks 100 % better now!

### Chesterfield College 'Fashion show'

Forty students attended this exciting show of fashion design on the catwalk, designed and modelled by art college students. This was held in the new 'Heart Space', an airy light new extension to the front of the college. The show was as vibrant as ever, ranging wear from 'work clothes' to sculptural dresses created by foundation students.

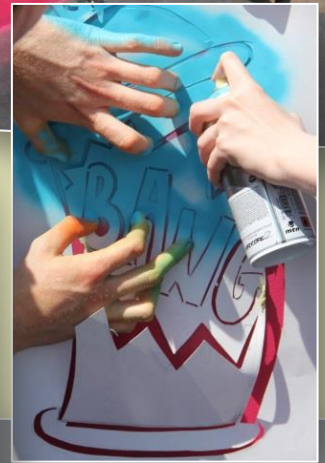


## ARTS WEEK Theme 'SPACE'

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July

The day started with many lessons playing Gustav Holsts 'Jupiter' Local Chesterfield musician Fred T Baker- Jazz/ Rock and fusion bassist (who has played with Soft-Machine and Fairport Convention) led a guitar master class. This developed into a lunchtime performance in the Atrium-playing together as an experiment of sound and amplification in the hub of the new academy building, and sounding great!

A group of 13 art students visited an exhibition called 'Drawing and Making' at the Harley Gallery, curated by artist Kyra Cane; Kyra led a workshop at the Harley Foundation workshops; our students had to memorise and then recreate drawings of the works on show!



### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

The day started to the well-known theme tune from Stanley Kubrick's film 'Space Odyssey' which is one of the most used pieces of music in film and TV composed by Strauss

Students were mesmerised by a lunchtime visit by local actor Glenn Collier who created interactive exchanges in the Atrium and 'The Place' areas of the Academy. He entered the building looking for a large six foot donkey named Dave - students tried to help him- but he later became distracted by an imaginary fly buzzing around the Atrium whilst reading a newspaper upside down (because his eyes were upside down he later informed the students).

A Sculpture workshop started in the art area; models of planets and rockets for the theme of Space, to be used in the (LRC) Learning Resource Centre.





### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

David Bowies 'Space oddity' - the lyrics telling the story of Major Tom who radios his wife from his craft before spiralling out of control into outer space.

Grease Auditions! Approximately ninety students who had applied to be in next year's production were auditioned throughout the day by a panel of music, drama and senior teachers. The auditions were of an excellent quality, and we now look forward to the cast creating the Academy's first production for next year.

The graffiti workshop continued with art students giving a shelter next to the skatepark a makeover with more stencils and basecoats!

At lunchtime the wind-band played to the students on the Humanities bridge, again an experiment of brass band instruments filling the dining area called 'The Place' with the sounds of yellow Submarine amongst other well-known melodies.



### Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

Many lessons started with an animated tune about the solar system and a song by the group Elbow about a group of boys who build a rocket.

Another piece of music was played, inspired by the noises created by solar rings!



### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

Lessons started to the eerie theme music of Dr who!

Year 7 arts-day, with drama workshops led by Mr Moran and Miss Menhortra, and external actor Steve Haythorne, art workshops led by staff of reflective paintings, and African Drumming with London drummer George Fiawoo. By all accounts th students loved their day and had lots of fun.

Eight Y10 students attended 'ARTiculation' at Chatsworth House. They were hosted by the Duke of Devonshire' in person, researching artworks from around the estate with three other schools, and then preparing a presentation to a room full of about 32 students, teachers of art, lecturers of art history from Leeds University, staff in charge of the art collections and the Duke. An experience which our students did well in and a chance of a life time!

Approximately 90 students were invited to The Arts Showcase in the afternoon.

A final celebration where light refreshments were provided, followed by excellent musical performances, a slide and film show of successful artworks and an animation called 'Families' by the whole of Year 8!

SLT also attended, and gave out certificates as a celebration of top arts-work by talented students and students who have worked hard with extra-curricular work.

Y7 Sculpture; After school as part of the Y7 'sleepover in aid of homeless people' event, a group of students built a very large sculpture, in the shape of an igloo type structure out of plastic tubes and several metres of blue industrial cling-film!



# Celebrate SUCCESS

## Dragon's Den Event

Two students Chloe Frew Y11 and Adrienne Nussey Y10 won an external competition in designing a new logo for the Youth Service Branding. They recently went up against students from other schools to present their ideas to a panel of county offices workers in charge of youth services. They have been notified that they have both won! They will receive an I Pad and will also be invited to work with the PR department at County Offices to produce the final logo!



Design by C. Frew



Design by A. Nussey



## Bakewell Show Illustrated Poetry

Five KS3 students have won the annual Bakewell show schools competition. Emily Heavysides, Lorna Sykes and Ryan Hopkinson Year 7 wowed the judges with their creative efforts. Tara Radford and Kimberley Radford Year 8 were crowned overall secondary school winners. All students gratefully received free tickets for themselves and their families to the show in August and were presented with certificates, rosettes and their pieces of creative work framed. A final surprise greeted all as they were asked to read their poems aloud in front of a peak FM production team.

These were then professionally recorded and all are to be broadcast on peak FM in the very near future.





# Young Musician

Warren Squires Y9 competed in the Bolsover District Rotary Club Young Musician Contest recently; he performed an excellent electric guitar arrangement of Pachelbel's Canon and really impressed the judges. Unfortunately he didn't win as the competition was very strong - the other competitors were all GCSE and post 16 students. He is however determined to try again next year.



# Promoting your Local Area Project

Students of 8CT were announced as winners of the local area project after designing a restaurant for Shirebrook. The restaurant was to be called 'Shirebrook House of Munch'. A place where you can dance and lunch!

# Well Done 8CT



# UNIVERSITY PREPARATION

**How much does it cost to produce a single portion of healthy, nutritious homemade spaghetti bolognese?**

This was the question posed to a group of our post 16 students on their university preparation day. Answers ranged from £2 - £3.50 and students were very surprised to find out that it was just a budget saving 52p! Students then spent the morning preparing bumper supplies to freeze and feed them during their first week at University!





# Community Fun Day



Back in July we held our annual community fun day. This year was the first in our new building. It was a beautiful day and the community came through the doors in a constant stream all day. Many activities and stalls were in attendance. Outside on the grounds the Academy band played live whilst people moved around sampling the activities and soaking up the sunshine. Inside the Academy there were several calmer, quieter areas of entertainment and places to rest for a while whilst enjoying refreshments from the 'Academy Tea Rooms'.





# Top transition leads to a **Superb Summer**

New Year 7 students at Shirebrook Academy have benefitted from an extensive summer of transition activities to prepare them for their life at secondary school. After spending two days with their new staff and classmates via a day at the school of an Outdoor Education Centre, Lea Green, students from Park Federation and Brookfield Primary School extended their programme further through an extra two week visit. During this extension, the students had chance to experience life at Shirebrook Academy as a full time student, spending time in each of the curriculum areas, integrating with staff and students. At the end of term, whilst most students were beginning to enjoy their Summer Holidays, students returned for two more weeks of Summer School based at the Academy. Students had great fun experiencing many new activities such as water sports, bespoke learning activities and a day of fun and fitness. The Year 7 students at Shirebrook Academy have made the best possible start to their secondary school journey, let's hope it continues!





# Shirebrook Academy Alumni

## Shirebrook Academy launches 'Alumni Support'

**Are you a recent or past alumni and leaver of Shirebrook Academy or Shirebrook School?**

For recent Alumni the Academy is offering extra support and guidance every evening afterschool, if you have concerns or need support please contact the email at the bottom of the page.

For past Alumni the Academy would love to know if... You still like to be in contact with the school and perhaps offer support or guidance to current students in term with career and further education choices?

All Alumni can register free on <http://futurefirst.org.uk/>  
See what fellow students are now doing and share experiences since leaving the school.

*Need access to ICT?*

*Need extra tuition?*

*Need support with your next steps?*

*Want to share a success story?*

*Your Future in our Community*



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Are you entitled?



Could your child/children be entitled to free school meals? If you are on the following benefits you will be able to claim a meal for your children:

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- National Asylum Seekers Support
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance

*You can't get free school meals if you are claiming Working Tax Credit.*

It's easy to apply at [www.derdyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.derdyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

Or ask the school for a form, and your child's school will get an extra payment from the Government of £900 per year.

**Remember, every Free School Meal (FSM) student will receive £50 a year from the academy to spend on uniform and trips.**

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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 . . .

## District Athletics Champions 2013

Various staff had the pleasure of taking the Academy Athletics Squad to the District Competition at Mount St Mary's before our summer break.

The students represented the Academy very well and put 100% effort into every event.

The Y9 Boys Squad came home as winners of the Y9 Boys competition and points gained

from ALL athletes contributed to Shirebrook Academy becoming '**District Athletics Champions 2013**'!

Huge congratulations to all members of the squad for their contribution and effort. In particular the students listed below who came 1st in their event.

To top off the success particular mention must go to Reece Saxton, Dani Welch, Coron Newcombe and Morgan Clark whom, without prompting, took it upon themselves to find bin bags and pick up rubbish from around the site.

### Y7

Shayla Penson (300m)

Maddie Scott (100m)

Shayla Penson (Long Jump)

Sophie Ingham (Triple Jump)

Kieran Darby (Triple Jump)

### Y8

Liam Jepson (200m)

Pristina Mathurin (100m)

Mathew Shaw (800m)

Caitlynd Burdett (Triple Jump)

Alysia Middleton (High Jump)

Deanna Burton (Javelin)

### Y9

Reece Saxton (1500m)

Record Holder

Molly Attenborough (1500m)

Record Holder

Caitlin Hubbard (300m)

Coron Newcombe (400m)

Liam Widdowson (800m)

Demi Bispham (Discus)

Alex Storey (Long Jump)

Blake Starkey (Discus)





# North East Derbyshire Festival of Football

Well done to six of our students who represented the Academy in the North East Derbyshire 5 aside festival of football competition hosted at the Academy. The boys did extremely well winning 5 out of 6 of their games and drawing the other game to Bolsover who came 2<sup>nd</sup>. The boys were named as well deserved winners of the tournament and went on to the finals held at Pride Park, home of Derby County FC where one of our ex-students Mason Bennett enjoys playing professional football every week.

The finals event was full of action and every team played with confidence and passion. Our team of boys put on a great show but unfortunately were outplayed on the day. Regardless of the result the boys had a wonderful day and the experience is something they will treasure.

*Well Done Boys!*



(Back row: Jarod Collier, Ellis Cheeseman, Callum White, Josh Davison  
Front row: Cameron Roberts & Jamielee Williams) –  
Connor Shooter also attended the final.

PRIDE PARK STADIUM

EAST MIDLANDS VENUE





# Bolsover District Sports Awards

*Shirebrook Academy Students recognised at Sports Awards!*

Sports  
2013  
Awards

Shirebrook Academy students enjoyed an evening of celebration at the Bolsover District Sports Awards on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Academy students were amongst invited guests at the Awards held at the Clowne Sports Centre. The evening celebrates and rewards the sporting talent, dedication and enthusiasm of athletes and volunteers across Bolsover District.

Connor Emery (Year 7) was one of three finalists in the Junior Sportsman of the year. This year Connor has been selected to be part of the Bolsover District Rising Stars Academy, gifted and talented programme. Connor has won a silver medal at the WAKO British Championships and in June Connor became the British champion in the WKC minus 45kg light continuous category and also achieved silver and bronze medals in the higher weight divisions. – Congratulations Connor!

Alysia Middleton (Year 9) was one of two finalists in the Junior Sportswoman of the year. Alysia was recognised for competing in Trampolining for County, Regional and National competitions. She finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Derbyshire Schools competition and went on to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in the English Championships. – Congratulations Alysia!

Brya Le Holloway, Ashleigh Everett, Niall Morley and Casey Rossiter (Shirebrook Academy Post 16) were all recognised for their contribution to School Sports Volunteering totting up a combined total over 700 volunteer hours between them!

Congratulations to Model Village Primary School who won the Champion School (Medium Schools) Award!

The contribution and success of many members of the Shirebrook community was also recognised at the Awards. Congratulations to Richard Hopkinson (Bolsover Boxing Club) and Lee Walters (North Derbyshire Chargers Rugby League Football Club) who were both finalists in the 'Community Coach of the Year Award' category and to Shirebrook Bowls Clubs who were finalists in the 'Club of the year'.

Further congratulations to Shirebrook Bowls Club and Shirebrook Cricket Club for their success in achieving their 'Stepping Stones' towards their Club Mark achievement. Liam Downs, (Shirebrook Academy post 16) representing Shirebrook Cricket club.





# NEW...

## Opening September 2014

Aspire 6<sup>th</sup> form college is now taking applications for September 2014. Students can apply to study a range of academic and vocational qualifications across the Aspire group (Shirebrook Academy, Heritage High School, the Bolsover Academy, Springwell Community College) whilst still receiving pastoral support from their home school. Speak to Mrs Skelton or Mrs Wakefield for more details.

# Aspire Sixth Form



# MacMillan Coffee Morning Magic

On Friday 27 September 2013, Shirebrook Academy hosted its third annual MacMillan Coffee day and raised a staggering £235.52 pounds.

Staff and students baked a variety of buns, cakes and biscuits for the bake sale which was held during break time with all the goods selling out within record time! Many of the buns had been iced and decorated by the Year 11 Girls' and CAGE groups the day before and these proved very popular!

During lunch, a variety of activities took place to ensure all students got involved in supporting the charity. The Year 10 boys' CAGE group ran a very popular penalty shoot-out and also visited form groups to request donations.

The 'Shirebrook Academy Bake off' competition also grabbed the audience's attention as a variety of cakes were taste-tested by the judges - all in the name of charity! The top three bakers were awarded with a prize whilst the cakes were then cut up and sold to the audience-winners all round!

In the afternoon, students from the Year 11 Girls' group (Beth Owen, Jade Hackett, Shannon Clay and Charlie Jo Bearder) served 'Afternoon tea' to some special guests who thoroughly enjoyed their tea and scones smothered with strawberry jam and clotted cream!

It was a truly wonderful day which resulted in an incredible amount being raised for MacMillan.

**Total raised**  
**£235.52**

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# Young Voice visit Parliament



Students from the Young Voice of Shirebrook Academy and Stubbin Wood Special School enjoyed a day visiting some of the famous landmarks of our capital recently. Dennis Skinner MP met the students and joined them on their visit to the Houses of Parliament and the House of Lords. Lunch in St James Park followed a busy morning and the day was completed with some sightseeing. A fantastic day was enjoyed by all.



# THE ACADEMY AMBASSADORS

## *Meet the 2013/14 Team*

**Principal Ambassadors** - Dylan Collier and Danielle Spencer

Josh Middleton

Chloe Frew

Robyn Moore

Leigh Walker

Kirsty Hartshorn

Amy Ramsdale

Chantal Gascoigne

Kiera Lowe

James Webster

Paige Smith

Emily Parker

Scott Cann

Georgia Sankey

Chelsea Smith





Find out a little more about our

# PRINCIPAL AMBASSADORS

## Why did you apply to be an ambassador?

Dylan - I wanted a chance to give something back to the school and have an impact on things that happen around the school

Danielle - I applied for the experience that it will give me when I'm older, as well as allowing me to give something back to the school.

## What are your future aspirations?

Dylan - Although I don't know what subject I'd do, I would love to go to university and be successful in whatever I do.

Danielle - My aspiration is to become a Primary School teacher

## What skills do you hope to develop by becoming an ambassador?

Dylan - Being able to contribute to discussions and also to provide and hear my and other people's viewpoints and ideas.

Danielle - I hope to develop my leadership skills, as well as my means of communication with others

## What do you enjoy most about being an ambassador?

Dylan - Being a part of events hosted for the public and helping to make them great

Danielle - I enjoy being able to help out at the different events

## Can you tell us an interesting fact about yourself that not everyone will be aware of?

Dylan - At the age of 2 I could dance like John Travolta

Danielle - An interesting fact about me is that not everyone will know is I'm in drama productions outside of school at the Place Theatre!

*Dylan Collier and Danielle Spencer*



# THE ACADEMY AND THE COMMUNITY

## Shirebrook Academy

### Price List



3G Artificial Pitch (per hour)		
	1/3 Pitch	Full Pitch
Shirebrook Rangers	£13	£39
FA Affiliated Clubs / Under 16's	£20	£55
Standard Rate	£25	£70

Indoor Facilities (per hour)		
	Room Only	With ICT
Activity / Dance Studio	£15	£20
Cinema / Theatre	£40 - 1 hour £50 - 2 hours £60 - 3 hours	N/A
Classroom(s)	£15	£20

Opening Times		
	3G Pitch and Outdoor Facilities	Indoor Facilities
Weekdays	6.30pm - 9.30pm (Monday - Thursday) 5.30pm - 9.30pm (Friday)	6.00pm - 10.00pm
Weekends	9.00am - 7.00pm	9.30am - 9.30pm
School Holidays	9.30am - 9.30pm	9.00am - 10.00pm

Indoor Sports Hall (per hour)		
	Standard Rate	Under 16's
Full Hall	£30	£26
Badminton Court	£6	£6
Half Hall	£16	£16

Grass Football Pitches (per match)		
	Standard Rate	Shirebrook Rangers
Mini Soccer	£20	£10
Junior Pitch	£30	£10
Large Pitch	£40	£19

Multi Use Games Area (per hour)		
	Tennis Court	Full MUGA
Standard Rate	£5	£15

Facilities available to the community at Shirebrook Academy include:

- Floodlit 3G football pitch
- Grass football pitches
- Outdoor tennis and netball courts
- 4 badminton courts
- 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
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## Saturday 7th December 2013

# Grand Opening

From 10am – 11am

# The Official Opening

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# Winter Wonderland

From 11am - 3pm

**Come along to  
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Visit Santa Claus in his grotto, enjoy some inflatable fun, visit the petting zoo, be entertained by Shirebrooks Got Talent Music Concert or visit one of the many stalls and sample some festive delights.

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for everyone!*



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# Languages Week 2013

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

*Shirebrook Academy hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Languages Week during which a whole host of activities and events were arranged by the Modern Languages department, with each day adopting a specific theme:*

**Monday** saw the Academy turn Italian for the day, with Italian food on offer in The Place (Spaghetti Bolognese, pizza and tiramisù). Lunchtime's Italian art session with Mr Freer gave students the opportunity to produce their own version of a famous Italian painting, with Brandon Stubbs (7HA) being crowned the winner with his excellent interpretation of the Mona Lisa, taking home a £10 Love2Shop voucher, and Abbie Topham (8BA) and Ayden Revill (8BA) taking second and third prizes of a £5 Love2Shop voucher and Italian sweets respectively. Thank you to the art department for allowing us to use their facilities, and helping to lead the session! The tutor activity for this day saw students naming famous footballers, their countries and the languages spoken in those countries! The winning forms were: 7MY, 8JE, 9JM (AM) and 10SR – each winning form won a bag of Italian sweets! After-school

there was an Italian pizza making

session with Mrs Armstrong and the MFL team,

which was well attended by 20 students and a number of staff as well!

**Tuesday** was Spanish day with Paella served in The Place. The tutor activity saw students trying to work out the names of EU member states based on a number of clues. The winning tutor sets were – 7HA, all Y8 and Y9 forms, 10ME and 11BH – those forms won some Spanish pencils and sweets!

The lunch-time activity saw students flock to the sports hall to take part in a Spanish dancing session led by the MFL team. It was fantastic to see the sports hall so packed, with equal numbers of boys and girls, ranging from Year 7 to Year 11. Some of the moves on show were nothing short of SPECTACULAR, with a few party favourites such as 'Macarena' and La Bamba' making for a fitting end to the activity!

**Wednesday** was aimed at valuing the contribution which our Polish students

make to the Academy, as we celebrated

'Polish day'! Lunchtime saw hundreds of students flock to the 3G pitch to take part in a penalty shoot-out against Polish professional goalkeeper Bartosz Bialkowski from Notts County, who visited us for the second year running. Bart kindly took time out of his busy training schedule to be a part of our day, with Notts County's media editor Dane Vincent accompanying him to produce a video for the club's website, adding an extra spark to the day. Bart took the time to talk to staff and students, pose for photographs and sign autographs, as well as standing in goal for hundreds of penalties! The day was particularly memorable for our Polish students, who met Bart on his arrival, and posed for photographs for a number of local newspapers.





Y10 students Reece Saxton and Sam Bamforth interviewed Bart about his life in England and what he misses about home, which was detailed in a press release sent out to local media. Aiden Howse (9WF) was lucky enough to have his name drawn out of the hat to win a signed football, with Keegan Howson (11BH) winning Bart's signed gloves, which he kindly donated following the penalty shoot-out! Massive thanks go to Bart (who travelled from Nottingham on his day off to be with us) For giving up his time to be a part of Languages Week, as well as the PE department for allowing us to take over their facilities for the day!



**Thursday** saw the introduction of a new day for 2013 – Portuguese day, celebrating the culture and language of Portugal and Brazil. The MFL break-out space was filled to capacity with students keen to participate in our lunch-time activity of 'Brazilian bracelet making'! The MFL team worked tirelessly, helping students to make bracelets, with some fantastic creations on show! Miss Husté and Mrs Booth demonstrated a particular flair for this!



The event was extremely well supported by students from all year groups, and included accompanying Portuguese and Brazilian music to add to the atmosphere!



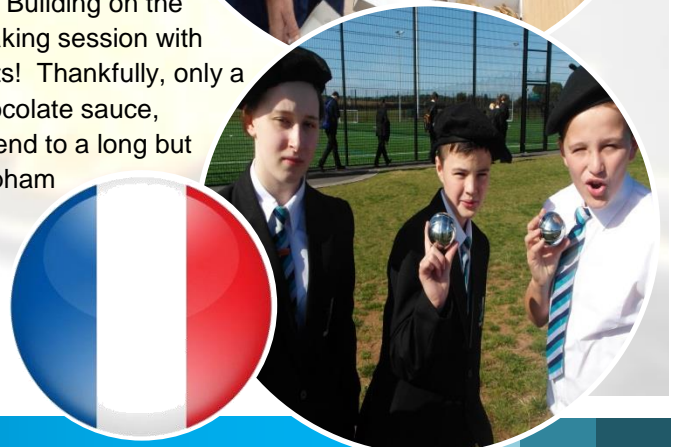
**Friday** saw the Academy celebrate the language which the majority of its students learn – French! The form activity for this day saw students competing in a game of 'pétanque' on the school field! Representatives from each tutor set in the Academy battled it out in perfect sunshine to be crowned winner, but eventually Katie Press (11BH), Harry Langrick (10BH), Kane Darby (9SD), Josh Broadley (8JE) and Elliot Hawley (7WH) carried away the prize of a stylish French beret to wear for the rest of the day, and a Languages Week pin badge for the rest of their tutor set! The day didn't end there – lunchtime saw the arrival of a very special guest. **Stéphane Luiggi (owner of the French Living restaurant in Nottingham)**



kindly returned to the Academy for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running, to deliver a French food tasting session to students and staff in the Atrium. His food included eggs filled with home-made mayonnaise, French sausage, pâté, cheese biscuits and sweet lemon biscuits. Students from all years flocked to try to food, with students from Y7 and Y8 particularly keen to try something new!

Huge thanks must go to **Stéphane** for agreeing to be such a big part of our week, and for travelling all the way from Nottingham to be with us – he would love to see you at French Living in the near future (<http://www.frenchliving.co.uk>) Building on the success of previous years, after-school there was a French crepe making session with Mrs Armstrong and the MFL team, which was attended by 20 students! Thankfully, only a couple of crepes ended up burnt! Students filled their crepes with chocolate sauce, strawberries, cream and a range of other fillings, providing a brilliant end to a long but thoroughly enjoyable week! Thanks too to Mrs Armstrong and Mr Topham for giving up their Friday afternoon to help lead the session!

The MFL department would like to thank all students who attended activities, our special guests, staff for pushing the events with students, and the departments around the Academy which helped to make our week a huge success (Art, PE, Food and The Place.)



*Roll on 2014!*



# Youth Councils Young Voice Rewards

## Diary Dates

### October

- 15 Awards Evening
- 17 Y11 Aspire taster day
- 25 INSET day

### November

- 21 Ex Y11 Presentation Evening

### December

- 7 Grand Opening Event and Winter Wonderland
- 20 Finish for Christmas Holidays

### January

- 6 Return to school

Two groups of students recently enjoyed a fun, action packed day of outdoor pursuits at Pleasley Vale activity centre.

The students benefited from the Youth Councils Young Voice positive rewards scheme for behaviour and achievement. Activities were embraced and

enjoyed by all and included; Canoeing, Archery and Orienteering.

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Students pictured opposite attended a Duke of Edinburgh awards evening on Friday 27th September. Nine students collected their bronze awards and three students collected their silver award. A big well done to all students who have completed physical, volunteering and skill sections for up to six months and have planned and undertaken two expeditions.

*Back row: Demi Mahan, Paige Smith, Ellie Wheatley, Leigh Walker, Toni Askew, Jordan Beilby, Danielle Spencer.  
Front row: Demi Smith, Katie Lewis, Lauren McBroom, Jade Humphries, Amy Knowles.*

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