

## The Official Grand Opening



The official opening of Shirebrook Academy took place just before our Christmas break, some six months after we opened our doors to pupils.

Derbyshire County Council leader Anne Western performed the official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Following the official opening we held our annual Winter Wonderland event which proved as successful as ever and it was lovely to see so many members of the community coming together to join in the festivities.

We are now coming up to one year in the new build! Certainly the time has flown and we are planning to celebrate 'one year' with some sort of event which will include the whole community, we will keep you posted as plans develop.

We should also take possession of the old site this term now the old building has gone and the ground works are nearly complete. A very safe parental drop-off and pick-up lane has been built on the old site and we have are also planning to develop the old site for outdoor education and horticultural work.

Working in collaboration with Stubbin Wood, we hope to have some sort of outdoor education building on site and develop allotments to grow our own vegetables – if successful we might even sell some!

One of the most exciting developments is our plans for the Aspire Post-16 which will open in September 2014. This is a joint collaboration with Springwell, Bolsover and Heritage schools. We are delighted with the high numbers of applicants from Shirebrook students and feel confident that whilst the 6<sup>th</sup> form may start off small, it will grow over time to offer students in the area a high quality 16 – 19 education.

Thank you again for your support over this term and I look forward to meeting some of you at the HEET event on 18 March which is also our next Target Review Day.

*Julie Bloor*

Executive Principal, Shirebrook Academy

# Shirebrook Grills Gloria

On Friday 18 October, six lucky Shirebrook Academy students were given a rare opportunity to quiz Ashfield MP, Gloria De Piero about her life, role as an MP and her cartoon character alias.

A core group of Key Stage 4 students completed some research and drew up a list of twenty-five challenging questions to be pitched at Gloria in front of a live audience. The questions related to her background growing up, her life before politics as a presenter on GMTV and her political role to date. The group, consisting of: Sam Bamforth, Liam Widdowson, Robyn Moore, Paige Smith, Kiera Lowe and Katie Press; relished the opportunity to share their views and voice their opinions.

Katie said 'It was a once in a lifetime opportunity, which has made me realise that Politicians are everyday people from everyday backgrounds.'

Kiera added 'It has made me interested in a career as a politician.'



Gloria answered all questions in detail apart from one; she had no response to which cartoon character she would most like to be.... watch this space!

# ARTiculation



Back in October a group of students visited Chatsworth House as part of the 'ARTiculation' art and literacy project. Whilst there, they toured some of the artworks and presented their findings and opinions to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. Georgina-May Hall's impression of the Duke was a particular highlight. The students worked with five other schools and were a credit to the Academy.



# Taking a stand against bullying...

On 14<sup>th</sup> November all the Year 7's and our eleven anti-bullying ambassadors (Year 8's) dedicated a whole day to anti-bullying. Starting with an understanding of what bullying is and how to deal with it they then took part in a balloon release at the end of the day. 140 balloons representing their anti-bullying wish came true were set off from the back of the school. It was a lovely clear, bright and windy day – perfect conditions for a balloon release!

One student commented:

*"We are best friends and even our balloons stuck together miss!"*

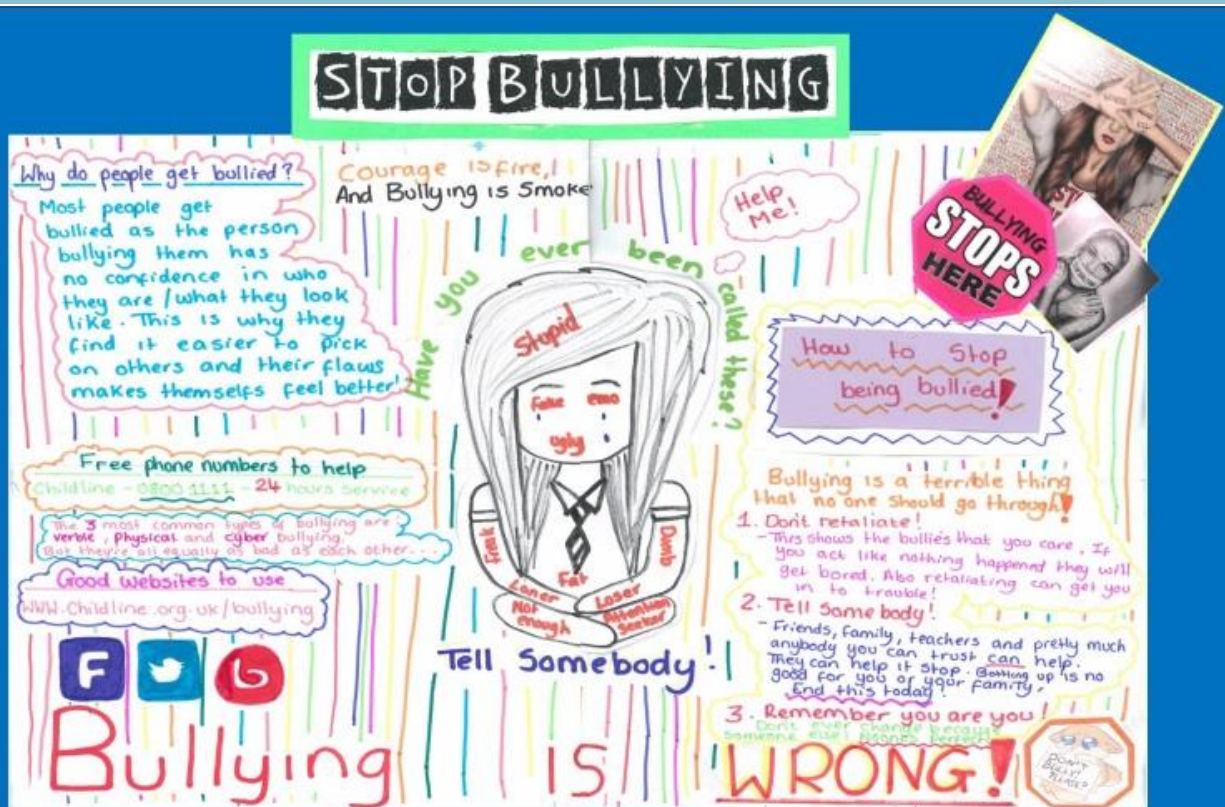
The following week was national anti-bullying week where a range of activities and competitions were organised in school to raise student's awareness about anti-bullying.

This year's slogan "Take a stand against bullying" was our focus across the school. Students were encouraged to enter a poster competition to win a £20 voucher and also to add to the anti-bullying wish trees around school. This is where all students are invited to write their anti-bullying wish.

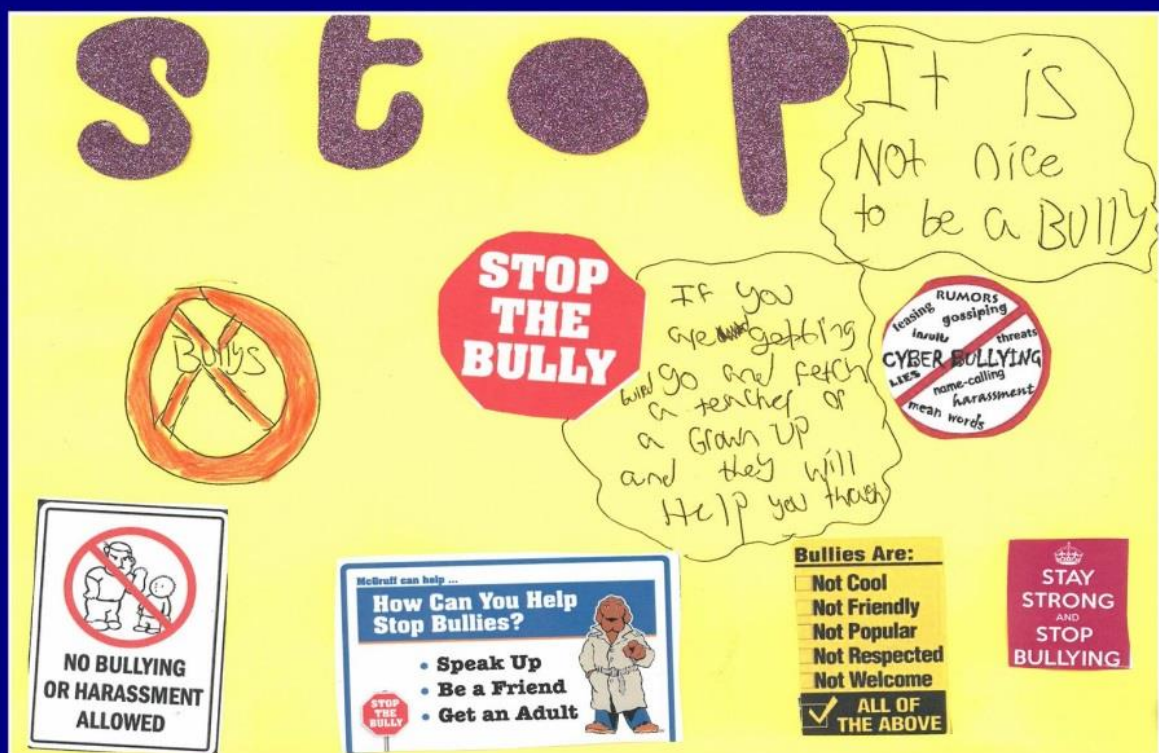
## Anti-Bullying Balloon Release



# Poster Competition Winners



**KS3 WINNER Abbie Topham**



**KS4 WINNER Lisa Morley**

# London Arts Residential

Forty Academy students and three Stubbin Wood students spent two days enjoying the sights of London on a recent Arts residential trip. They experienced Covent Garden Market, Trafalgar Square, a back-stage tour of Drury Lane Theatre, the National Gallery, Planet Hollywood, the Tate Modern and Oxford Street. The trip was not complete until they went to see the truly amazing Matilda the Musical.

It was particularly lovely to see how well the three students from Stubbin Wood led by Pat Lyons integrated with our group and how much the students gained from the experience.

Behaviour was exemplary throughout and the mature and sensible attitude portrayed was a credit to both the Academy and Stubbin Wood, the bus drivers commented that they were the best group of students they had met that year.

*I couldn't have wished for a nicer group of students and staff to spend a couple of stress-free days with!*

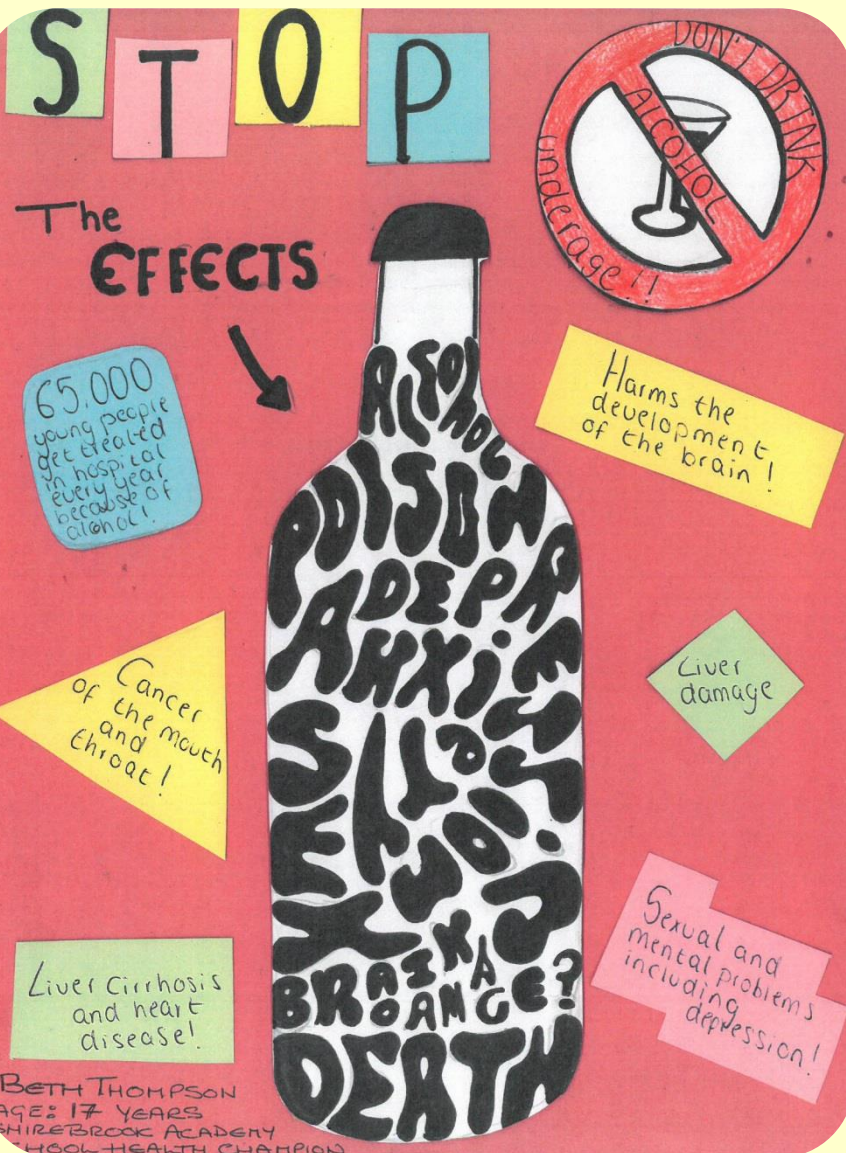


# NEW...

## 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



## It's a WINNER..

*Shirebrook Academy School Health Champions took part in a poster competition organised by the Bolsover Community Safety Partnership and Derbyshire County Council Public Health team.*

The aim of the competition was to produce a poster that highlighted the harm that alcohol abuse can cause. All the entries were excellent but the winning poster was produced by Beth Thompson who won a £10 shopping voucher. Her poster will be reproduced and displayed around Bolsover district in order to raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol abuse. Anyone wishing to find out more about the sensible drinking message can access the community safety page of the Bolsover District Council website at <http://www.bolsover.gov.uk/community-safety-overview.html> or contact the Community Safety Partnership on 01246 593098.

*Well Done Beth!*

# Sports Facility *Grand Opening*

The official opening ceremony to celebrate the launch of our excellent sports facilities took place on 5<sup>th</sup> November and attracted a large number of guests and media attention. The event was put in place to say thank you to various partners, who funded, planned, built and are now using the facilities.

There was a large media presence at the event from local outlets such as the Chad and the Derby Telegraph, but also Television interest from East Midlands today and ITV Calendar, largely due to the attendance of our special guests; Ken Wagstaff, former Mansfield Town FC and Hull City FC player; Joe Cheeseman, ex-student and current Sheffield United FC Academy Player; and in particular, Mason Bennett, ex-student and Derby County FC and England U19 striker.

Amongst the guests at the ceremony were representatives from the FA, the Football Foundation, Bowmer and Kirklands, the District Council, Derbyshire Sport and the Academy Governing Body. The ceremony saw speeches from Principal Julie Bloor and Matt Bartle from the FA, before we were treated to an exhibition of football featuring players from both the Academy, local football partner Shirebrook Rangers and Chesterfield FC Academy. An official ribbon cutting took place out on the state of the art 3G football pitch to mark the official launch of the facilities which will be used by the school and the community to redevelop local football. The Shirebrook Academy youngsters were then treated to a kick around with Mason, an experience they will savour for a long time.





# 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<br>£50 - 2 hours<br>£60 - 3 hours | N/A      |
| Classroom(s)            | £15  | £20      |

#### 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       |

#### Opening Times

|                 | 3G Pitch and Outdoor Facilities                                 | Indoor Facilities |
|-----------------|---|-------------------|
| Weekdays        | 6.30pm - 9.30pm (Monday - Thursday)<br>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  |

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

*Many more facilities....*



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**COME  
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TO...**

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**SHIREBROOK ACADEMY  
Youth & Community Evening**

**Every Wednesday  
4.30-6.00pm**

**At Shirebrook Academy**



**All community users welcome,  
age 8 and over.**

*Activities include;*

**Sports**

**Films (including 3D)**

**Arts & Crafts**

**Games (x-box)**

**Cyber Coach (Dance)**





The

# HEET

Event

## Tuesday 18 March

from 4pm-7pm

Health

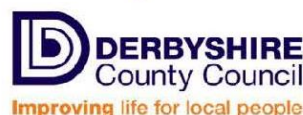
Education

Employment

Training

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March we welcome the annual HEET event at Shirebrook Academy. The HEET event is an information road show which offers advice and activities relating to Health, Education, Employment and Training to community members.

So for advice and support in conjunction with Bolsover Healthy Neighbourhoods Team, come along.



# Children in Need

On Friday 15th November, Shirebrook Academy celebrated Children in Need and helped to raise lots of money for the charity via three events organised by students in 8JE.

Over the course of the week, students in 8JE sold raffle tickets to staff and students, for the chance to win a giant Pudsey bear worth £30! Mrs Bloor drew out the winning ticket, with Lorna Sykes (8IW) taking home the giant bear. The raffle alone raised more than £250.

Students also held a bake sale in the atrium, raising in excess of £100 to add to their total! Staff and students flocked to the atrium to buy cakes and biscuits made especially for the day.



Two lunchtime activities also took place. One was a penalty shoot-out on the 3G pitch, where students had the chance to take a penalty against goalkeeping legends Mr Dalby, Mr Chittenden and Mr Beecham.

The showpiece event was 'Sponge a Teacher' where students had the chance to pay between 50p and £1 to launch a wet sponge at their teachers.

Mr Dosanjh, Mr Wiles, Mr Grainger,

Mr Foster, Mr McGuinness, Mrs Heathcoate, Miss Winson,

Mrs Newton and... Mrs Bloor braved the cold to help raise money for Children in Need. The highlight of the event was seeing Jordan Robinson tip an ice cold bucket of water over Mr Foster's head....! Thankfully he took it in good humour!

The total raised by students from these for activities alone was in excess of £460, without mentioning the other individual sponsorship events which students took part in around school, including sponsored silences, bracelet selling and Pudsey related games.

OVER  
**£460**  
RAISED



*Big thanks to staff and students for supporting this amazing charity!*

# MOVEMBER



Back in November many staff joined by some students took part in Movember in aid of mens health to help raise vital funds and awareness for prostate and testicular cancer and mental health.

Movember is responsible for the sprouting of millions of moustaches around the world as it challenges men to grow a moustache for the entire 30 days of November, thereby changing their appearance and the face of men's health.

In October, Mo Bros sign up at Movember.com, and on the 1st of Movember, with a clean-shaven face, start their Mo growing journey.

We are proud to announce that this Movember, Shirebrook Academy raised.....

Almost  
£300

# Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 19 December, the Academy embraced the festive spirit with students and staff wearing their favourite Christmas Jumpers and outfits, also raising money for Save the Children. The Academy raised over £500 for this tremendous cause – a big thank you to all students and staff who took part.

Pictured below is Mr Foster, Scot Cann (Y11), Trent Morton (Y8) and Jasmin Winson (Y7)



OVER  
£500  
RAISED



# Cinderella

Over eighty staff and students from Shirebrook Academy took over the balcony at a packed Mansfield's Palace Theatre to watch a sumptuous presentation of the most well-known of all traditional pantomimes - Cinderella.

The excited year 8 students were treated to a fantastic visual spectacle, special effects, fantastic costumes, magic and even a pair of real Shetland ponies in this most seasonal of shows – not forgetting the wholehearted audience participation of course – **'it's behind you!'**

Stars of the this year's Palace Panto production were Dave Benson Phillips as Buttons from children's TV, plus Ruth Madoc of 'Hi De Hi' as a very funny and very Welsh Fairy Godmother. The audience received the full traditional Pantomime experience including lots of gags and mickey-taking at the expense of Shirebrook, Ladybrook and Chesterfield. The Song and dance routines and bewildering array of costume and scenery changes were a perfect way to banish the winter blues and really get in the mood for Christmas!



# Cinderella

## Shirebrook Style...



On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, the last day of our autumn half term, some of our academies finest staff members performed their own version of the classic fairytale, Cinderella. It is an academy tradition to have a staff pantomime on the last day of school before we break up for the Christmas holiday.

As expected, it was fantastic. It lived up to the usual high standards- set by the previous years. Ensuring hilarity and grabbing everyone's attention from the moment it started. Not only was it the amazing acting that got us cheering but also every time a song was played, there was a huge wave of movement when the audience stood up to dance and sing along. We can safely say that this year's pantomime was exceedingly good at engaging the audience and encouraging us to take part.



Mr Burke as Cinderella and Mr Gilbert as The Fairy Godmother

Overall, we would like to say a big thank you to all our staff members who took part and made an effort for this show to run and we're sure that everyone will be looking forward to seeing what is in store for next year.

**By Libby Parker 9WF and Bethany Wells 9WF**

# Free School Meals

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:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance or an Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit Only (with a family income of less than £16,190)
- 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.**

**SHIREBROOK  
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**



# Special Delivery

Shirebrook Academy students played Santa Claus for the day when they trekked around the community delivering Christmas hampers to the elderly. Donations for hampers were flooding in all week prior to delivery day from basic items to some more luxurious items. Recipients were nominated and then the students delivered with a smile and festive cheer. Everyone who received a hamper expressed their thanks and gratitude and the students returned to the Academy with the satisfaction of knowing they had spread some Christmas cheer.

The elderly recipients were overwhelmed by the generosity of the Academy and were eager to express their gratitude. One elderly lady, 96yrs old, gave students £1 each which they could not refuse and so upon their return to the academy they promptly donated it to our nominated Christmas charity, Diabetes UK.

*Thank you to all who donated towards the hampers for the residents in the area*



# Y11 Leadership in Lea Green

Thirteen selected year 11 students embarked on a weekend in Lea Green in January to take part in numerous activities designed to develop and display their leadership credentials. The students were pushed to their limits physically and mentally, taking part in activities such as a high ropes course, the leap of faith and the crate tower challenge. The empathetic nature of the students shone through whilst supporting each other to conquer their fears when battling against the challenges. Despite the dare devil activities, students found plenty of time to have some fun and work as a team in a boys vs. girls competition featuring archery challenges, team building games and a driving school. A cracking weekend was had by both students and staff.

The photos illustrate the group ready for the High Ropes Course, and two students working together whilst balancing their way to a 'crate' success in one of the challenges.



# INSIDE THE ASTRONOMY CLUB

Interviewing Mr Grainger

*By Adam Stacey 9SC and Alex Rosser 9SI*



On the 19th of November, we interviewed Mr. Grainger, a new addition to the teaching staff at Shirebrook Academy about his new astronomy club that has taken the school by storm.

We asked Mr. Grainger what kick started the astronomy club. His immediate answer was "It was my passion for astronomy and space and that I want to pass on my knowledge to the students I teach and I believe that there is a big future in space exploration and technology."

Mr. Grainger then moved on to explain what first interested him in astronomy. We discovered that not long ago in one of his old schools he went on a staff visit to the space center in Leicester. "I met the head of education at the space center. It was his passion that inspired me and I wanted to follow in what he was doing."

Mr. Grainger was eager to tell us about the progress he has made with the astronomy club which we found intriguing. "Within the first couple of weeks, we had 26 students. This has diminished down to a hard core 12 students. This is a good thing at the moment as we only have 5 small telescopes, and having more students will mean getting more telescopes. We also learnt that Mrs.

Bloor and Mr. Croft have donated some money to buy two larger telescopes to be used during lesson time."

We continued this interview by asking him if the club will be running for the rest of the year and the next. His instant response was "Yes it is running until the summer. We will be doing some extra observing evenings. If we can get it on the curriculum then it will be running as a proper GCSE exam next year, but if we can't then it would still be running as a club for students to attend." On the observation evenings Mr. Grainger will be inviting parents to come along and teach them how to read the night sky."

**The astronomy club is on Fridays after school from 3:30-4:30.**

## Beetlejuice

Beetlejuice is a star that is estimated to be 1000 light-years away. It is about to or possibly already has gone supernova (a star that is dying and going to explode.) If it exploded now it would take 1000 years for us to see it. The last recorded super nova was recorded in the 1600s by the Chinese astronomers.





## A Model Performance

Shirebrook Academy hosted the annual Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics Competition, an event which allows Shirebrook's finest athletes to demonstrate their speed, endurance and power in a variety of events.

Over 70 students competed from eight local primary schools in events officiated by sports leaders and organised by Bolsover School Sports Partnership.

After an entertaining event it was the students from Model Village Primary School who romped home winning both the boys and girls events and the competition as a whole. Good luck to Model Village in the District competition.



## Table Tennis Leadership

In November, a group of enthusiastic youngsters took place in a Table Tennis Official course.

The course was delivered by Coach Mel Buxton, who is based as a development coach for the Chesterfield Table Tennis Academy. The group of right future table tennis officials across all three key stages from the academy are hoped they will be used their new found knowledge of the rules when they officiate at forthcoming table tennis events held at the Academy in the New Year.



## SHIREBROOK ACADEMY TO BECOME A YOUTH SPORT TRUST GOLD PARTNER



Gold Partner  
2013-14

Shirebrook Academy is to become a Youth Sport Trust GOLD Partner School for its commitment to PE and school sport.

Youth Sport Trust Partner Schools can demonstrate how they are delivering high quality school sport and improving the PE experience for every young person. Importantly, they are also using sport to raise achievement levels across the school.

As a partner the Academy will receive additional training and development opportunities and can become involved in national education and sport initiatives.

Julie Bloor, said:

"We are absolutely thrilled to become a Youth Sport Trust Partner School which recognises our commitment to delivering the best possible experiences for young people through PE and school sport.

"There are a whole range of educational, health and wellbeing benefits from delivering high quality PE and school sport and we see on a regular basis that when sport is delivered well it can transform the lives of a whole range of pupils."

Annette Montague, Education Director at the Youth Sport Trust, said:

"Youth Sport Trust Partner Schools share our belief that sport changes lives and understand how it can be used across the curriculum to improve attainment. PE and school sport can be a catalyst for young people to live healthy, active lives and we are delighted to be working with schools across the country to support them in developing this provision.

"We have increasing number of schools applying for our partner school status which is a testament to the on-going commitment that schools have in making a difference for young people and creating a world class system for PE and sport."

# Academy launch new PE Gifted & Talented programme

October saw the launch of the PE departments new Gifted and Talented Programme. Building on the success of last years 'Rising Stars' programme, the PE department has extended to programme to include high achieving Y10 and 11 students in PE as 'Shining Stars'.

Students in Years 7-9 are awarded 'Rising Star' status for achieving outstanding attainment and commitment in PE and School Sport. Both Shining and Rising Stars are able to access additional opportunities in PE and School Sport to develop their skills beyond that of a performer including coaching and leadership awards. They also attend sessions after school to develop their theoretical knowledge of PE and sport.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> December the Shining Stars had the opportunity to meet and train with Anthony Clarke. Anthony retired from international badminton in 2011, having excelled at the highest level in the sport. He is one of Badminton's most prolific and respected players gaining over 100 caps for England, winning seven Commonwealth medals, two World Championship medals and representing Great Britain at two Olympic Games.

The Shining Stars were put through their paces on the court for a double lesson with Anthony who taught them a few 'tricks of the trade'.



# NEWS

## Year 7 and 8 Girls Football

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2013 a team of 8 girls from Y7 and Y8 took part in a U13 girl's football tournament at Derby's Lucozade soccer Dome (opposite Pride Park). They were one of 32 teams competing from the Derbyshire area and were going to be part of the biggest tournament that the Derby county council had hosted for girls teams- proving that the interest in girls football is expanding - Other local teams included Bolsover and Frederick Gents.

Although the girls didn't make it past the group stages, it was a great day out and all the girls had a good day and enjoyed the chance to play schools from all across Derbyshire.



## DERBYSHIRE SCHOOLS U15 FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Reece Saxton, Liam Widdowson and William Dodds who recently took part in football trials and are now in the Derbyshire Schools U15 Boys football squad for this season. It is an enormous achievement both for the boys and for the Academy to have three successful representatives.

# Dancing

A group of girls formed the Shirebrook Dance Academy in December 2013, in which they work towards performing at several School events.

The girls were dedicated in training and worked hard towards performing at the Winter Wonderland, for most of the girls it was their first time performing in front of an audience so at first they were extremely nervous. However by the end of their second performance the girls were confident and developing their performance skills!

The girls also performed at the Christmas Cabaret which showcased the development in performance skills by the girls! They are now working hard towards performing at the Gym and Dance display in March.



# Namibia

*nearer than ever...*

**They've baked, washed, sold, walked, run and made their way to nearly £4,000 towards their fundraising total of £13,000.**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 seven lucky Shirebrook Academy students from Year 10 and Year 11 have been chosen to go on a life changing expedition to the Southern African country of Namibia. The selection process was tough; an initial application and then interview...not everyone made it...only the lucky few.

Namibia is over 5000 miles as the crow flies from Shirebrook...much further than any of the students have ever travelled before.

The aim of the expedition is to help build - along with twenty-three other students from local schools - a playground for the children at the A.Gariseb Primary School in the Soris Soris region of Namibia.

Students will then take part in a four day trek and wild camping adventure into the Namibian desert for a true African experience.

Days will be long, the going will be tough but our students are determined to grab their chance of a lifetime!

In the words of the late Nelson Mandela  
**"It will always seem impossible until it is done."**



## Can you help?

**Are you a local business in a position to offer sponsorship or a donation?**

**Could you make a donation in return for advertising space in this newsletter?**

If you can help in any way please contact the Academy and speak to Mrs Heathcote. Your contribution and help would be gratefully received.

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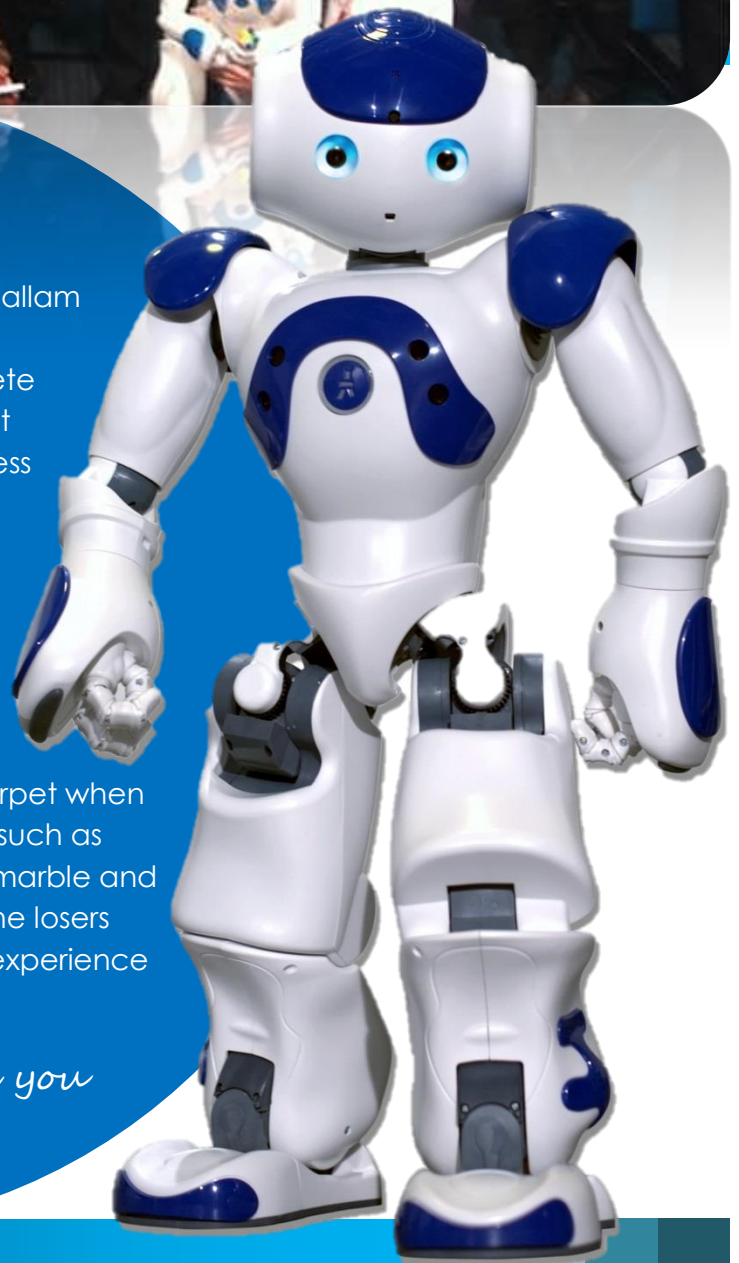
# Robot Racing



## Computing and Business Week

Shirebrook Academy has strong links with Sheffield Hallam University, particularly with the Computer Science Department. This is the second year in a row that Pete Collingwood and Phil Spencer from that department have joined us for our annual Computing and Business Week. This year the focus has been all about computer programming. An array of robots was demonstrated to twenty eager students. One robot could dance, and another could solve the Rubik's cube. Students then had to programme robot cars and race them in the breakout space. They had to think about the uneven surface, the need to have motors at different speeds and the texture of the carpet when writing their code. They competed in several heats such as turning around at speed, racing whilst balancing a marble and going round an obstacle course. After each heat the losers were eliminated. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and hopefully learnt lots in the process.

*Well done everyone and a big thank you to Sheffield Hallam University.*





# STAFF NEWS



Dear Parents and Carers

May we introduce to you, Agnes Knabe.

Agnes is our newly appointed Polish Learning Support Teaching Assistant. She has worked as a Polish – English interpreter for over 3 years now and joins us to help our Polish students who struggle with the language barrier. Positive links have already been established with our students which have enabled them to become more confident and able to communicate better in English. Agnes prepares her own materials and has provided some of her own valuable resources. She has also been of great support when communicating with parents and translating written information.

We welcome Agnes as an asset to the team and this can only be a positive for the future of our students with EAL.

## School Nurse Drop-in . . .

### Your School Nursing Service

Someone you know and can trust...

Your School Nursing Service can work both in and out of School to help provide or find you support about:



- Keeping Healthy
- Immunisations
- Emotional Health
- Weight Management
- Sexual Health
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Smoking

We can also help make sure that young people with disabilities, long term illness, or other needs can receive extra support when they need it. If we can't provide the help ourselves, we will connect you with someone who can.

When and Where can I Access my School Nursing Service?

Sharon Whitworth  
School Community Specialist Nurse  
Shirebrook Health Centre  
Tel: 01623 742906

**School Nurse Drop-in**  
**12.25pm - 1.30pm**  
**Wednesday lunchtime**  
**In Mrs Carlidge's office**  
**Shirebrook Academy**

#### Confidential

We provide a confidential service. This means that you can discuss personal information in confidence. We will not discuss your personal information with anyone else without your permission. This includes parents and teachers. We would only pass on your information in order to protect you or someone else from serious harm. Whenever possible we would discuss this with you first.

#### Qualified

School Nurses or Specialist Community Public Health Nurses are qualified nurses or midwives with specific graduate level education, and work with a team to support you.

#### Non Judgemental

We are here to help, not to judge.

## Diary Dates

### February

- 5-7 Grease Musical
- 10-14 Literacy Week
- 17-21 Half Term

### March

- 3-7 Healthy Week
- 17-21 Science & Engineering Week
- 18 Target Review Day / HEET event

### April

- 14-25 Easter Holidays

### May

- 5 Bank Holiday
- 26-30 Half Term

### June

- 25 Sports Day
- 27 Y11 Prom

### July

- 5 Family Fun Day
- 18 Finish for Summer

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