

SHIREBROOK ACADEMY NEWS



Happy New Year to all our readers

For many people it seems that 2016 was a year to forget. From the death of David Bowie in January to the Turkish terror attacks in December there was hardly a week went by without a bad news story hitting the headlines - and that is without mentioning Sheffield Wednesday's cruel play-off defeat at Wembley!

However, for our little community at Shirebrook Academy there is always a lot to celebrate and to put a smile on our faces. One of the joys of working in a school is the infectious optimism and good humour of the students and their ability to amaze and impress with their skills, energy and talents.

I always advise students to take control of their lives and make their own memories. Regardless of world events and things that are out of our control, at Shirebrook Academy we can make sure 2017 is a year to remember for all the right reasons.

I hope you enjoy reading about our wonderful students and on behalf of all the staff at the Academy I wish you all a very happy and successful 2017.

Mark Cottingham
Principal - Shirebrook Academy





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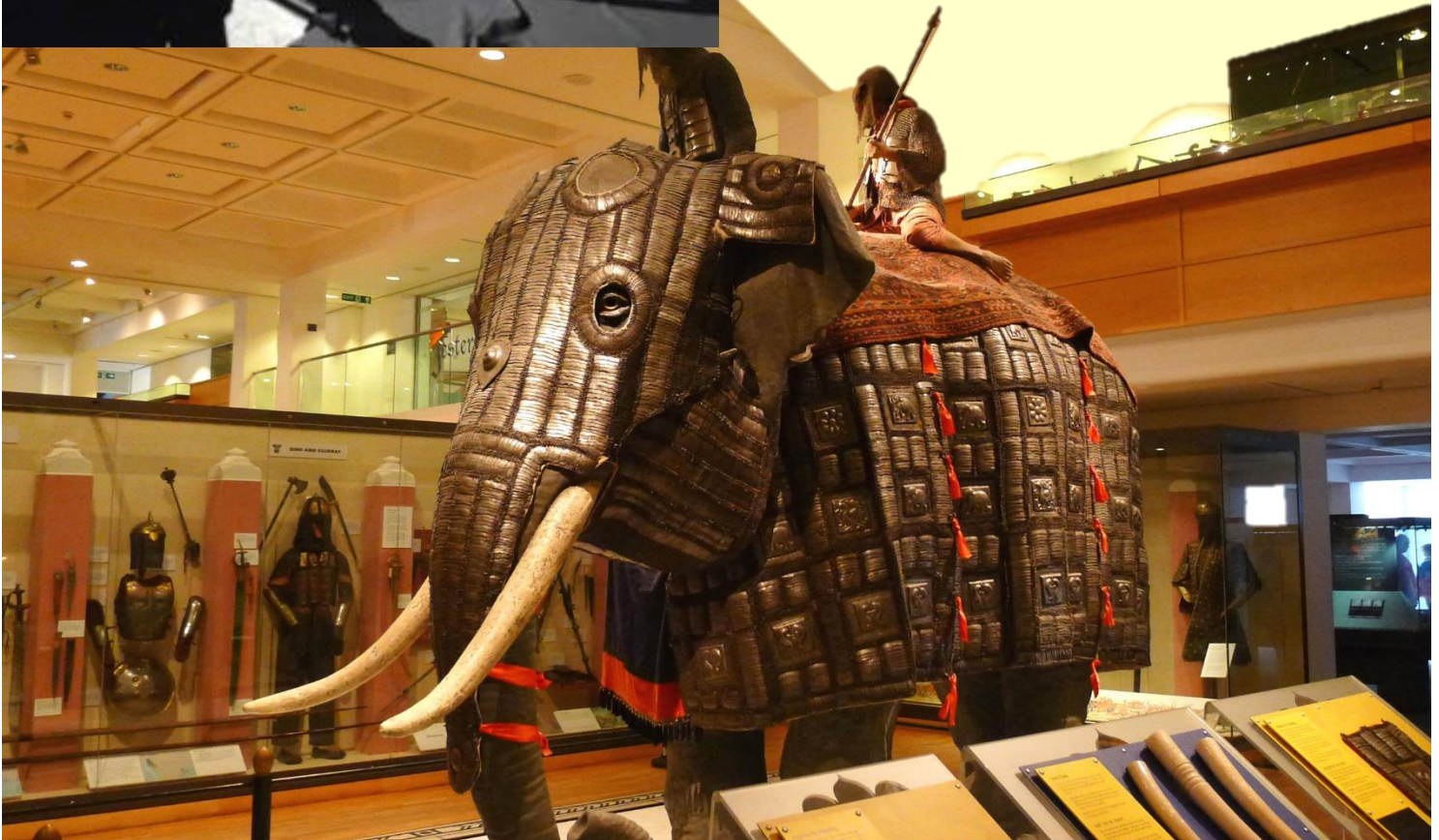
ROYAL ARMOURIES MUSEUM



As part of the Commemoration of 14 – 18 and the Year 7 GRIT curriculum we made a visit to the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds. All the students had the opportunity for a guided tour of the galleries from a Leeds Armouries weapons expert and a weapon's handling session was also on the agenda prior to some quality free time in the galleries.



The Royal Armouries Museum, one of three in England, resides in rather an austere building in Leeds' redeveloped dockland and for many students it was their first visit to a museum. The sheer size and scale of Leeds Armouries was very impressive and the exhibitions and artefacts on display were both fascinating and thought provoking. However, the highlight was most definitely when the opportunity to handle a selection of weapons arose. The weapons included the Lee Enfield Mark II rifle and a Kalashnikov.



HUMANITIES WEEK CAMO DAY

The first big event of Shirebrook Academy's Humanities week was 'Camo Day' in support of the SSAFA. All Humanities staff were wearing British Army desert camouflage and held a bake sale at break to raise funds for the charity.

We raised a total of
£83.50

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We shall
Remember them

Academy students Livia Emery, 11, left, and Heidi Langley, 11, pause for two minutes silence to mark Remembrance Day.

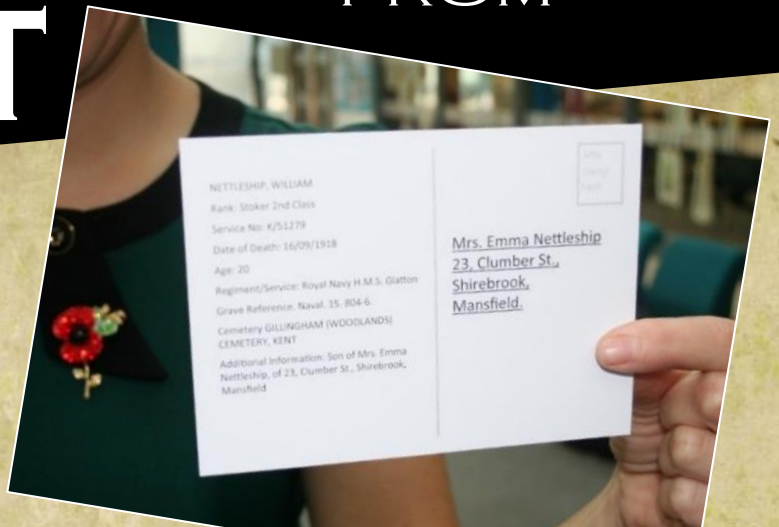


POSTCARDS THE PAST FROM

As part of humanities week and the subject of remembrance, students looked into postcards from the past and researched the names of local servicemen and women who died during the First World War.

A postcard bearing the names and details of Shirebrook men who died in the First World War was created by staff at the Academy to mark Remembrance Day and handed out to students.

Pictured below are Geography teacher Mr Cole handing student David Frost, 12, a postcard bearing the name and details of a local soldier who died in the First World War.



Pictured above are pupils Jake Price, 16, Geography teacher Mr Cole and student Chloe Blackband, 16, reading postcards bearing the names and details of local Shirebrook servicemen who died during the First World War.



PE NEWS



November and December saw the academy take part in numerous fixtures in various sports including; Football, Futsal, Table Tennis, Handball, Basketball and Cross Country!

The year 7's continued their ESFA campaign Vs Ashfield but, despite a positive performance, were knocked out of the competition losing the game 3-1. The academy's goal came from Max Gee.

The year 10 boys had two ESFA games, the first was a 2-1 victory over Birkdale which saw them progress to the next round. Goals coming from Connor Emery and Ben Bingley. The boys couldn't carry this form in to the next round though and were knocked out after a 3-2 defeat to Manchester Health Academy.

The girls were also eliminated from the ESFA cup following defeat away at Rushcliffe.

The Futsal fixtures included a round robin tournament for the Year 7 boys as well as a single game Vs Heritage for the Year 9 boys. A penalty shootout victory saw the Year 9's progress through to the county final in the New Year!

There were two basketball fixtures, the girls visited Chapel-en-le-Frith, with the boys hosting St Benedicts. Both fixtures ended in defeats for the academy but saw good performances from the teams.

The academy hosted a GCSE Team Handball round robin at the start of December. The team performed brilliantly winning the 4 team tournament! Well done to the team!

The sporting fixtures for the year finished with the annual cross country event at Mount St Marys with over 40 of our students taking part! Well done to all of our students that took part!

Other events that took place this month included a trip to Old Trafford to watch Manchester United cup tie Vs West Ham. Over 30 students attended the game which finished 4-1 to Manchester United.



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Winter Wonderland

This year's event was bigger and better than ever and saw a record number of people through the door getting in the festive spirit. There was an array of Christmas treats for guests to get involved with, whether it be the fun activities for the younger children, the climbing wall or snow board simulator for the older ones or the many Christmas Shopping opportunities for the adults. Less active guests could sit back and relax and enjoy a range of freshly made savoury or sweet treats, listen to a range of musical performances from the Academy wind band or our guest pianist and singer, Mollie Barker, or watch our special puppet show. Guests and providers commented that the event was the best yet – get ready for Winter Wonderland 2017!

Get ready for
**WINTER
WONDERLAND**
2017



Y10, 12 and 13 Students were inspired at the National Skills Show – a huge showcase of skills and careers ranging from floristry to forensic science, armed forces to animation. We watched students from colleges around the country competing for national Skills awards, and had a go at lots of activities to gain insight into different careers.



What's in a Name?



Students were recently challenged to come up with a potential name for a baby.

School Librarian Katy Noyes asked every class to vote for their favourite book-related names for her baby boy, due in March.

It could be taken from an author's name, the title, a character – so long as it had a basis in a book.

Suggestions came in thick and fast, with the popular vote going to names from the world of magic (Harry) and Roald Dahl (Charlie, James), with some unusual picks debated long into the night (Dobbie? Voldemort?). Other choices came from children's favourites such as Winnie the Pooh, Curious George and Stuart Little.

Some students showed their literary chops with book names taken from the likes of Terry Pratchett, Charles Dickens, John Green, and A Kestrel for a Knave. Very impressive.

It was lovely to have so many students keen to take part and want to give the future bookworm an appropriate name!



Winner

The overall winner, who was awarded a class-sized box of sweets to share, was Jada Brocklehurst in 11JE, for her choice taken from the classic 'The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn': *the name Finn was our winner.*

Meet our new HEAD of English

Name: Mr Andrews



STAFF NEWS

Curriculum Vitae: 23 years teaching experience in three other schools; Firth Park, Rossington and Eckington. My job is the best in the world (until a pupil is sick on the corridor).

Pets: A Collie called Olly and a Patterjack (a cross between a Patterdale and a Jack Russell)

Worst job I've ever done: Counting ball-bearings while stock checking at Unipart in Oxford.

Best job I've ever done: Worked on a river-boat. I saw Kingfishers catch fish and it was hot all that summer. We were allowed to take the boat back to the yard and we'd dive into the river from the boat. Happy days.

Football Team: I definitely don't support Sheffield Wednesday.

Hobbies: Reading, golf and playing the drums in a very bad band.

Currently reading: It's a long list; I read a lot of books twice. I've just promised my daughter I'll read 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness.

Favourite book: 'The Road' by Cormac McCarthy. I read it every year. If you want to know what it's about, stop me and ask me.

There's a prize for the first person who does.

Final words: Zebra, Zygoté... I love the dictionary. There was a band in the 1990s called Gorky's Zygotic Monkey. How mad is that?

A Christmas Carol



Shirebrook market place played host to our annual carol singing event last month. Students and staff joined by many local residents brought festive joy to the community as they belted out some seasonal tunes and sang to their hearts content.



Made in CHESTERFIELD

The Made in Chesterfield campaign promotes manufacturing businesses and shows students how many opportunities there are in the area. Shirebrook Academy students have been visiting various local businesses. Fourteen GCSE Resistant Material Students went to Penny hydraulics to see manufacturing at all levels from CAD/CAM designing of lifting equipment to shop floor welding and fitting bench skills. The aim is to broaden the horizons of our students who will look at manufacturing as part of a career move or apprenticeships in the future. Penny Hydraulics are lifting and mechanical handling specialists who do work for the councils, utilities construction and highways and the Nuclear Industry.

Y9 students had a trip to Brampton Brewery to learn all about the science of Brewing – no free samples provided! Y10 students made a trip to Trans-Tronic, a company who make electricity transformers for a wide range of products, from high-end music speakers to railways, to the Cern Hadron Collider. All visits have helped students to see the relevance of GCSE subjects to the world of work, and gain an insight into opportunities for the future.

*Special thanks
to all the
businesses involved.*



THE PINECONE and GROW 3 GROW 4



We are very pleased to announce our first student, Sharna Brookes, has completed and passed her two modules for the Aim Awards Level 2. These are Landscaping and Ornamental Planting and Garden Horticulture Skills. Sharna should be so proud of how she has worked so hard in both modules.

The rest of Grow 4 are now following in Sharna's footsteps and have started to work towards their Aim Awards. For one part of the award they have had to design and plan their own garden including choosing a variety of plants to put into it.

Here are some of the designs that the students have started to create using the skills they had previously learned whilst doing horticulture up at the Pine Cone.

Meanwhile Grow 3 have had their work cut out by installing another three raised beds and laying paths around the growing area. Grow3 have been working tremendously hard growing the plants that have been sold over the last few months as well as using their talents to make the Christmas wreaths and table centre decorations for Winter Wonderland.



After Christmas the students from Grow 3 can look forward to cooking some of the vegetables that they have grown to make a delicious vegetable stew, then it's back to the digging to start another exciting year of growing from seed to feed.



KS 1 Multi Sports Festival



Back in November, Shirebrook Academy played host to a Key Stage 1 multi-sports festival aimed at the local primary schools. In attendance were; Brookfield, Langwith Bassett, Model Village, Park Federation, Stubbin Wood and Whaley Thorns, which engaged over 100 pupils.

15 sports leaders in year 9 ran some fun warm-up games for each school and a carousel of 8 different activities. The activities included; rob the nest, relays, bocchia, curling, target throwing, athletics, tag rugby and football.

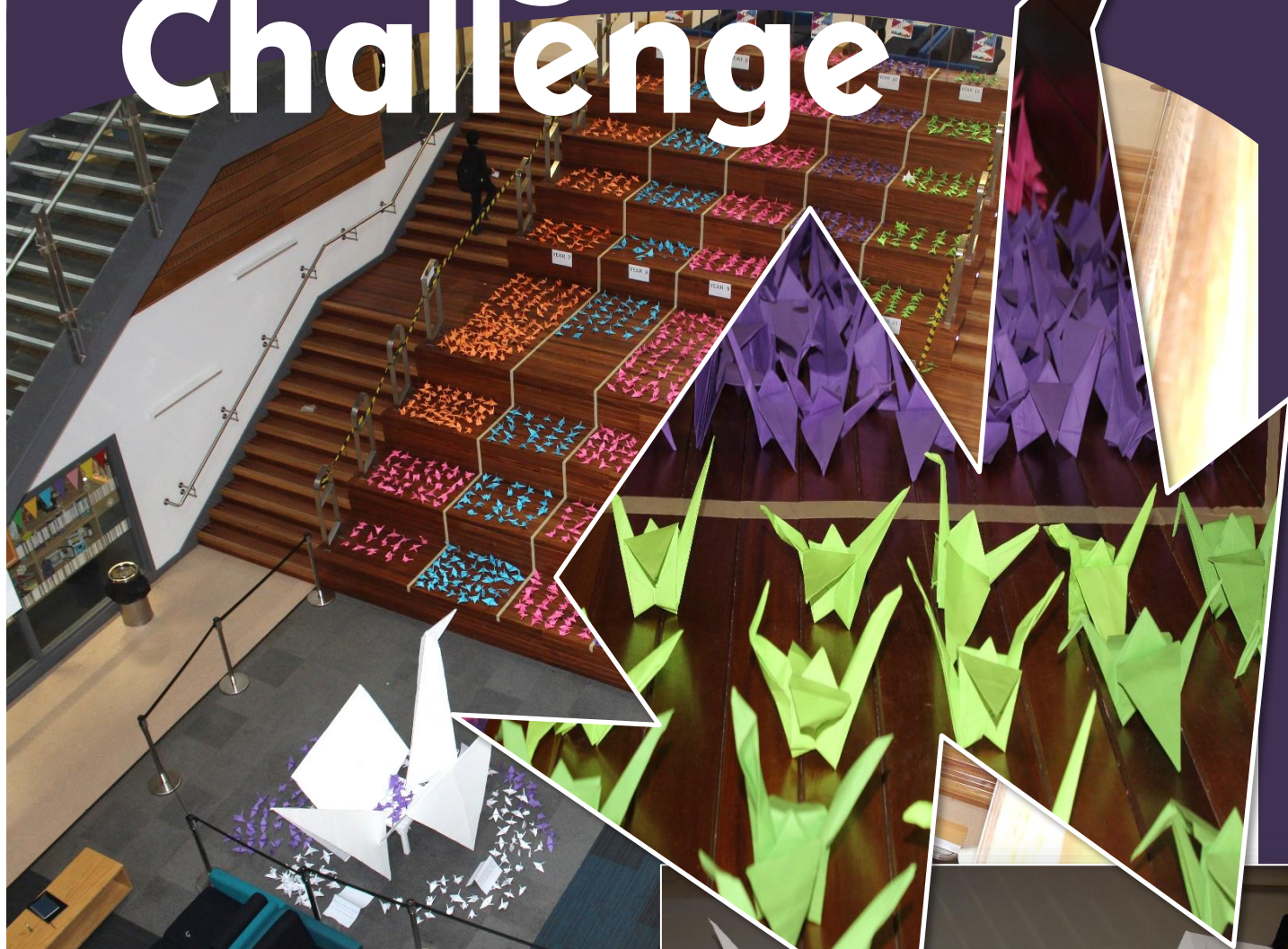
Clare Hayes from the Bolsover District School Sport Partnership says a special thank you to Miss Hawker and Mr Marsh for releasing the leaders and allowing six schools to use their sports hall for an afternoon.

The aim of the festival was to introduce the children to a variety of activities, some of which they haven't seen before, so it was great to see the determination and self-belief on the children's faces. As always the Academy were very welcoming to the primary schools, and the children who visited the Academy had an excellent time.



BOLSOVER DISTRICT
School Sport Partnership

The Origami Challenge



An ancient Japanese legend promises that anyone who folds a thousand origami cranes will be granted a wish by the Gods.

At Shirebrook Academy we have together been aiming to fold 1000 cranes. The aim of the project is to encourage the Building Learning Power behaviour of perseverance with our students.

Students have surpassed our expectations with folding 1845 paper cranes in 3 days. Students showed true resilience and collaborative learning skills through supporting one another in the year team challenge. Year 10 were the overall winners producing 779 of the final cranes.

Well done to all staff and students in their efforts with this and we hope that students will continue to build on their skills of perseverance whatever they may be studying.



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SHREK The Halls

The end of Christmas term as always saw the annual staff panto. This year was the well know tale of Shrek with of course a few Shirebrook touches added to it. It was a surprise to see Honey G as a prospective bride for the Prince, but of course he decided to send Shrek on a quest to rescue Princess Fiona.

Two performances meant that all the students had the chance to watch the show and join in with the audience participation parts.

A great way to end a busy term and a big well done to everyone who took part.



It's Panto time...





Save the Children **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**



As the Christmas term neared its end, we held our annual Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. This was a chance for staff and students alike to disregard their usual uniform dress and put on their festive fashion wear for the day. There were jumpers that lit up, some played music and some staff even had the full blown Christmas suit on.

***A great effort
from everyone.***

**We raised
£690**



Making a difference at Christmas



Last year form 8CA received a beautiful thank you card from a 93 year old local lady who had been given our form Christmas hamper. We were really touched as in the note she wrote that she had no relatives and lived on her own and that the hamper made all the difference to her Christmas. The form therefore wanted to send a hamper again this year. All we had was her name, however with the help of Sandra Peake we tracked her down and a few of the form went round to hand deliver this year's box of festive goods.

*The students should be
very proud of themselves.*

WELL DONE 9CA

ROTARY YOUNG CHEF COMPETITION

Six students did the academy proud in the recent round of the Rotary Club Young Chef competition at local level. Ben Clarke was crowned the winner when he made stuffed Portobello mushrooms and a crusted cod with mashed peas and a tartare sauce. The Rotary Club judges were very impressed with the standard of all of the food this year but Ben really stood out. Next month Ben will take part in the district level.



In 2nd place was Georgia Goucher-Jones and in 3rd place was Caitlin Tucker. Millie Layton, Karma Edmunds and Taya Brocklehurst were the other 3 runners up.

Pictured left is Ben receiving his certificate and £50 voucher.



Well done to all the students who took part.



DIARY DATES

JANUARY 2017

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

FEBRUARY 2017

01 Y10 Parents Evening
01 Gallery and City visit Arts warm up.
03 Y9 Exams start
08 Ticket to success evening for Y11 parents
09 FINISH FOR HALF TERM
10 Inset Day
20 Students back in school
21 Y7 & 11 Photos. Paris trip Parents Evening

MARCH 2017

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

APRIL 2017

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

MAY 2017

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



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26 FINISH FOR HALF TERM

JUNE 2017

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

JULY 2017

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

AUGUST 2017

24 GCSE results Day

PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE KEY DATES THROUGHOUT THE ACADEMIC YEAR

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Thank you