

# WELCOME

to our second newsletter of 2017.

With the lighter mornings and slightly warmer days of spring it feels as though we have turned a corner and everyone seems more energised and optimistic.

As ever our students have been keeping us busy and entertained in equal measure; it is always a privilege to spend time in the company of such interesting and energetic people and the range of accomplishments and activities in this month's newsletter gives you a flavour of what is like to be part of this wonderful school community.

As you will be aware from previous letters that I have sent we are in the process of joining a Multi-Academy Trust called ACET and expect the legal process to be completed soon so that we can officially join on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2017.

Being part of a Multi-Academy Trust will help us to continue to provide the best possible educational experience for your children. As part of a larger organisation of over 10 schools we can get better value for money for services and support each other with back office services as well as staff training, support and advice. Students and parents will probably notice little difference on the surface but we expect it to be really beneficial in the long term for our school.

Best wishes

*Mark Cottingham*

*Principal - Shirebrook Academy*

# SHIREBROOK ACADEMY

# NEWS



March 2017



# Chesterfield College



## April 2017 Taster Sessions

### Monday 10th April

Automotive Maintenance - Automotive Pit Stop  
Digital Technologies - Introduction to App Development  
Introduction to Game Development  
Fashion - Wear a Shape  
Performing Arts - Acting Techniques and Improvisation  
Jazz Dance  
Photography - Learn the Basics in a Day  
Sixth Form - Experience College Life

### Tuesday 11th April

Art and Design - Graphic Image Making  
Printmaking Workshop  
Childhood Studies - Introduction to Childhood Studies  
Digital Technologies - PC Strip and Build  
Media - Make an Advert in a Day  
Public Services - What it's like being in the Uniformed Public Services  
Sport - Sports coaching, exercise and fitness

### Wednesday 12th April

Business - Chesterfield's Got Enterprise  
Construction - General Construction  
Digital Technologies - 2D Animation Workshop  
Fabrication and Welding  
Beauty Therapy  
Hairdressing  
Health and Social Care  
Hospitality and Catering - Prepare, Make and Cook  
Travel and Tourism - The World of Travel and Tourism

### Thursday 13th April

Digital Technologies - Introduction to 3D Modelling  
Auto-Vehicle Body Repair



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**01246 500531/500644**

# Y7 HIGH ACHIEVERS

Twenty five high achiever students recently enjoyed a trip to Nottingham University for a bit of a taster and campus tour. Everyone was amazed at the size of the campus and the fact they had a Costa Coffee and Spar shop on site. The fact you could join a Harry Potter/ Quiddich society blew some students away.

After the University it was on to the Nottingham Spy Centre as a reward where all students really got into character and enjoyed themselves.

A great day was had by all and the students were a credit to the Academy.



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## PREMIER FOODS VISIT

Following a visit to the Academy by Angela Hall of Premier Foods, who was impressed by student's behaviour, a trip to tour the factory was arranged as a reward. We also took students who are studying GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition. During our visit we took part in the 'Super Noodle Challenge' – making super noodles from scratch and competing to see whose were the tastiest. We had the opportunity to hear from two apprentices working at Premier Foods and we now know all about poppadum manufacture!

**Harley and Maisy said;**

*"It was really interesting, we learned lots of information. There were two apprentices, they told us what we needed to do to become an apprentice at Premier Foods. We also spoke to Karl the general manager who worked his way up from the shop floor.*

*We even got a goody bag*

*We had a super noodle challenge and it was great. Did you know that super noodles are fried?*

*They make 250-280 packets per minute"*



Special thanks to Premier Foods for hosting the visit.



# Culture and Creative Horizons



Y11 Creative Writing Club saw singer-songwriter, Bud, acoustically perform some of her new songs, answer our questions and give us insights into her creative processes and musical ventures.

With Bud's reggae and ska sound echoing throughout the English department, staff and students alike, were captivated by her talents and conversations about women in music. Bud's insight into the process of production and her influences provided inspiration for the students' own writings and served to broaden our knowledge of the music industry.

In the coming weeks, students will be developing their own pieces of creative writing: songs, poems, short stories; or journalistic pieces about their experiences, which will no doubt include the concepts and ideas that we spoke about with Bud; we look forward to hearing these over the next few sessions.

The idea that new and different experiences of culture can broaden the students' creative horizons, is one that we encourage and will continue to offer these experiences in hope of doing just that.



# The YOUNG VOICE



On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January the Young Voice met at Bolsover District Council for their first meeting of the New Year. Karis Macdonald from Shirebrook Academy chaired the meeting. All schools gave an update on the projects they are doing for raising money for the Young Voice chosen charity Teenage Cancer. The next meeting will be hosted at the Academy.

Youth Council members are Libby Brown , George Banton, Brannan Brown, Jake Heywood –Welch, Karis Macdonald, Olivia Brooks and Cian Roberts. Libby, Brannan and George will be leaving us this year and we would like to thank them for all their hard work and support with the Youth Council, and wish them well in their chosen careers.

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AT  
Chesterfield College

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Any age welcome : £2 per session

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# Bright Lights MEDIA CITY



The Year 9 High Achievers group had an educational trip to BBC Media City and the Imperial War Museum in Manchester. They spent the day touring the state of the art facilities that opened in 2011, visiting TV studios such as the world famous Blue Peter. Students who went on the trip have given their own account of the day below.

Upon arrival at Media City, we were surprised at how big it was. There were statues of characters outside the building and in main reception was a huge banner of 'Let It Shine' with all the presenters' faces on. Further in we saw different sets from a range of TV shows like EastEnders and Coronation Street.

The first stop on our tour was the radio and live lounge studios. Everyone was in awe of the amount of software and work needed to run a radio station. We had a fantastic time and learned about the different rules you must follow when broadcasting a radio show.

As our tour continued we paid a visit to the famous Blue Peter studio. It had all the props in there from different episodes but as I looked up all I could see were hundreds of lights all hanging there. The BBC tour guides told us a little secret for the Blue Peter set, the secret was that the actual cameras are wide angled cameras to make the set look bigger than it actually was. The experience was amazing and it was brilliant to see all the props that Blue Peter use.

After being in awe of the Blue Peter studio, we were taken to where they present the Breakfast Show. This is where students got a chance to showcase their presenting skills in front of a live camera. Anna and Curtis got the chance to present the morning news and Kieran got to present the weather. All performed very well and are on the lookout for future roles presenting the morning news, so Dan Walker, watch out! We learnt all about different cameras and how they do the backgrounds in the news area, how they do the weather and all about the green screens. The whole tour was very interactive and gave the students an opportunity to see what roles are out there in the TV and Media industry.

After Media City, we moved on to the Imperial War Museum to learn all about the history of our country and the world. As we entered there was a full scale picture show detailing some of the events from WW2. The museum was silent. Onlookers were in disbelief at some of the stories that were being told and some of the images that were projected around the room. The sounds of aircraft and gunfire echoing out all around giving us students a brief, yet safe look at how people felt back then.

We then spent time looking around the museum looking at artefacts from the 1900's up to the modern day conflicts. There were guns from WW1 on show, prisoner of war outfit from WW2, letters home from soldiers who were fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan, with a huge tank being a focal point of the whole museum along with a 'floating' harrier jet. There was also a piece of steel from the World Trade Centre which tragically collapsed during the 9/11 attacks in America back in 2001.

Students commented that the picture show opened their eyes into what war was actually like and how brave the soldiers were back then and continue to be today in the fight for freedom across the world.

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**BOLSOVER DISTRICT**  
School Sport Partnership

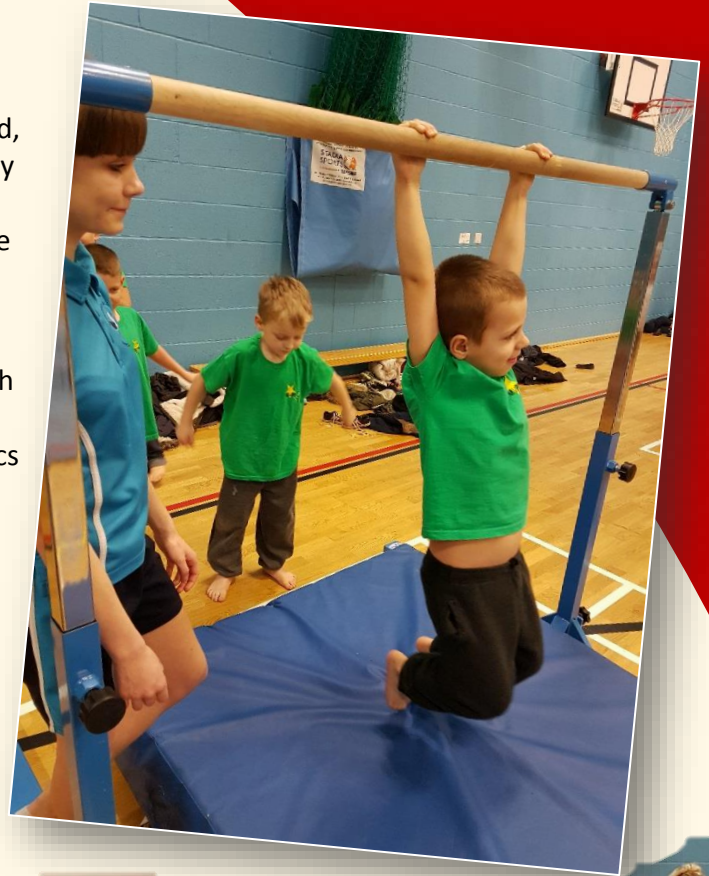
# Academy host **KS 1** **Gymnastics** **Festival**

The local Shirebrook primary and infant schools attended Shirebrook Academy for a Key Stage 1 Gymnastics Festival on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. This was run in partnership with Shirebrook Gymnastics Club and the Bolsover District School Sport Partnership.

The schools that attended were; Anthony Bek, Brookfield, Langwith Bassett, Model Village, Park Infants and Whaley Thorns. In total over 120 children took part in various gymnastics and conditioning activities, such as parachute games, trampette routines, and bar and beam work.

The children were lucky to have 14 enthusiastic young leaders from Shirebrook Academy who worked with each group throughout the festival, and made sure everyone got involved and had a great time. Shirebrook Gymnastics club kindly offered their expertise and community club equipment to ensure the festival ran smoothly and safely.

This is an annual event at Shirebrook Academy where young children have the opportunity to try different gymnastics moves, on equipment they have never used before, and we hope this inspires them to take up gymnastics further.







# Former MP Baroness Morris of Yardley inspires students

Students heard about what it's like to work at the heart of Government, sit in the House of Lords and even meet the Queen when former education secretary Baroness Morris of Yardley paid our school a visit.

Baroness Morris, fresh from helping the Lords defeat the Government by voting to amend the Brexit Bill, gave a talk about her life and career when she visited the academy on Friday March 3.

Her visit was organised by the Speakers for Schools organisation in order to inspire a new generation of schoolchildren to raise their aspirations.

It also came at the end of the school's Literacy Week, which was designed to encourage the students to read and was based on Harry Potter, the creation of another high-achieving British woman – author JK Rowling.

Baroness Morris told around 200 Y7 students how she moved into politics having been a teacher in Coventry and then being elected as MP for Yardley, in 1992. From there she took up the role of junior education minister when Labour were elected to power in 1997 and eventually became Education Secretary in Tony Blair's Cabinet. She admitted that she was never outstanding academically and, although she had always wanted to be an MP, had never set out to work at such a high level. Instead, she attributed her career success to following her dreams and never saying no to any opportunity.

She said: "If I told someone when I was at school that I wanted to do what I ended up doing they would have said I was showing off or being silly. I thought jobs like working in the Government were only done by people who weren't like me.

"I really enjoyed being a teacher but I always enjoyed politics, so I aspired to be a politician. Then when I became a junior minister I thought that would be the pinnacle of what I could achieve, but when I got there I realised I wanted to go one better.

"That's how my career progressed. I always knew that if I was asked to do anything I would say yes, but also that you can't wait for someone to invite you to do something, you have to put yourself forward.

"I am very lucky to have had the career I have had, but if I had not been successful, as long as I knew I'd tried I could have lived with that. If I hadn't tried at all then I would have been very disappointed."

Later, in a question and answer session, she described the House of Lords, with its pomp and circumstance, as "a bit like Hogwarts" but said that it was a "very good place to meet people with lots of different experiences, from professional sportsmen and women to musicians and artists".

Mark Cottingham, principal, said: "We are extremely grateful to Baroness Morris for visiting us and talking about her career in education and politics.

"It's only when you hear first-hand from people in the public eye that you realise how success is achieved as much through overcoming setbacks as it is through using talent or ability, which is something we always tell our students."

"It's fitting that she visited us during our successful Literacy Week because I am sure that what she said will be a source of inspiration to our students as they begin to write their own life stories."



# ROWING HOME

## *For the county crown!*



### **Shirebrook rowers go onto greater glory as they take the county crown.**

Shirebrook students earned the title of rulers of the waves – of sorts – when they took a raft of titles at the Derbyshire indoor rowing championships.

A team of teenagers, from Shirebrook Academy, showed that they could beat all-comers at the recent Derbyshire Indoor Rowing Championships, taking the Key Stage 3 Plus team rowing title.

Student Keegan Guy (15) also won the Key Stage 4 Plus Individual race, while fellow student Connor Davis (14) came second in the Key Stage 3 Individual event.

The aim of the competition was for each athlete to row their machines as fast as they could, with their efforts converted into the equivalent distance they would have covered if they were in a boat.

During the team events each competitor took it in turn to do a stint on the rowing machine, a task which required concentration and co-operation during the all-important changeovers.

The Shirebrook Plus team – Keegan, Cody Gascoyne, Jack Mather and Toby Harrison - had earned their place at the county finals after winning the North Derbyshire title in a previous round and eventually came home 200m ahead of the next-placed rowers.

PE teacher, Mr Beecham said: “We are extremely proud of everyone who took part in what was a wonderful display.

“Not only was it a great team effort, Connor gave an exceptional performance and only just missed out on the gold medal by just five metres, while Keegan simply blew the opposition out of the water.”



A banner for Literacy Week 2017. The text 'Literacy Week 2017' is written in a large, yellow, stylized font. The background features a modern school building on a cliffside at night, with a full moon in a dark, cloudy sky over a body of water.

# Literacy Week 2017



The focus for Literacy week 2017 was on the series of Harry Potter books written by J.K. Rowling which are a favourite of our students due to their imaginative plots, memorable characters and interesting events. The academy was transformed into Hogwarts as the Harry Potter express rolled into town. The week was an opportunity for staff and students to embrace the magical world created by J K Rowling and partake in the many activities taking place. Prizes were awarded for the best dressed characters in all year groups and staff alike. Activities throughout the week included; a Harry Potter quiz, a creative writing competition, a spelling challenge, Harry Potter x-box competition, magic show and Y8 hosted a Potter themed bake sale. The week came to its climax with the literacy showcase which was as always an excellent way to show off the many talents of our fabulous students. A fantastic week was had by all.

# DIARY DATES

## MARCH 2017

- 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
- 04 PE practical Exam
- 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
- 04 Y10 Geography trip to Holderness
- 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



## 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



**8 – 8.30am**

Breakfast clubs are brilliant for the students who don't get the opportunity for a healthy start to the day. A way to begin the school day. Cereals, porridge, breakfast bars & hot/cold drinks at low prices.

**#breakfastisbest**



## POLITE NOTICE TO PARENTS

If you need to speak to a particular member of staff and they are unavailable on the telephone, be assured your details will be forwarded on and they will call you as soon as possible. Whilst we appreciate there may be times when you need to see a member of staff regarding a specific issue, we ask that you please be aware that staff at the academy work to a timetable and are often not available. Please do not arrive at the academy without an appointment expecting to see someone. If you require a face to face meeting, please call our reception on 742722 and we will endeavour to arrange an appointment for you at the earliest convenience to suit both parties.

*Thank you*