



Hello Year 7 Goodbye Year 11

SHIREBROOK
ACADEMY

NEWS

July 2017

Dear parents, carers and friends of Shirebrook Academy,

The cycle of school life goes quickly, no sooner have we said goodbye to Y11 than our new Y7s arrive for their 2 week induction. It is always an exciting time for staff and students alike, getting to know each other and meeting lots of new people. This year we have 183 students joining us in September which is the biggest year group we have ever had, our actual Pupil Admission Number is 170 but there are so many local families who have chosen Shirebrook that we have made room for a larger number this year. To help with the increasing numbers we are making some changes to the building to create more teaching spaces, an extended Maz's Place for lunchtimes and more changing rooms.

Apart from changes to the building we will not be making too many changes next year. We will be continuing to work hard with our students to improve their skills as independent learners through our Building Power Programme, encouraging them to adopt a

'growth mind set' so they take a positive, can-do attitude to learning. We have also increased the amount of lesson time we spend on Personal Development, including careers guidance and on supporting good mental health and well-being.

As always our priority remains for our young people to feel safe and happy in school and make the best possible academic progress. With your support we will succeed.

To this end, could parents and carers please remember to make sure your child returns to school in September fully equipped with the correct school dress, PE kit, bag, stationery etc. By getting the basics right from the start we can avoid lost learning time and get straight on with business.

Have a great summer break.

Best wishes

Mark Cottingham

Principal - Shirebrook Academy



UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD



2017 *Achievement awards*

Over 90 Y11 students were eligible to attend the celebration evening at the University of Sheffield Achievement Awards. To meet the criteria students needed to have achieved 95% attendance and punctuality, a successful work placement and attended a careers event. This prestigious event included a motivational speaker and presentations to students from Shirebrook Academy and other local schools. Special awards were presented to 2 Shirebrook students, Morgan Airlie and Tamara Tomlinson for being nominated 'Achievers of the Year'.

Congratulations and well done to everyone.

FRUITS *for the* FUTURE



Two students who gave up their day serving teas and coffees to people attending our open day have helped future generations enjoy fresh fruit direct from the tree – by helping to pay for a new community orchard.

George Banton and Brannan Brown Y11 students, raised just over £200 when they set up a café stall at our popular summer and winter community events last year.

Both students are members of the Bolsover District Council's youth council, Young Voice, and decided to do their bit toward a project to establish a Town Park next to the Kissinggate Leisure Centre, which would be a destination park filled with amenities that can be enjoyed by local families.

Their donation will help pay for around 90 trees, which will be used to create an orchard at the park, filled with apple, pear, plum and nectarine trees, alongside blackberry, gooseberry and raspberry bushes.

A number of the trees have already been planted as part of Phase One of the project, which has also included the installation of new play equipment. More plans, including a splash play facility and a sports wall, are in the pipeline.

George said: "We decided to run a café on the fun days serving tea and coffee because we want to help raise money to improve Shirebrook and make it a better place. We have already helped to plant some fruit trees in the orchard and are planning to plant some more.

"We're both involved in Young Voice because we want to help the community. We have also raised money for the Teenage Cancer Trust and planted bulbs around the town.

"A lot of young people don't do things like this but we have told our friends and they have been very supportive of us. It was hard work running the café but it was definitely worth it."

Andrew Anderson, chairman of Shirebrook Town Council, said: "It is wonderful when any young person gives up their time to help their community and so we are delighted that George and Brannan have gone to such an effort and raised so much money.

"The community park is being created by Shirebrook people for the whole town to enjoy. There is a whole host of exciting plans which will promise to turn it into a wonderful leisure destination and the orchard is a key part of that.

"In a few years' time, people will be able to enjoy walking through the orchard picking their own fresh fruit direct from the trees, and all because young people like George and Brannan gave up their time to do something for others."



TOP JOBS for the Future

Y10 Work Experience

The year 10 cohort have exciting work experience placements ahead. They will be on placements for 2 weeks from July 10th-21st. This provides them with an insight into the real work environment

which can prove very helpful with the post 16 careers progression and what they would like from their future careers. Work experience provides the students with the opportunity to make a good impression with employers and some of last year's students were able to obtain apprenticeship offers and part time work from their placements too! Thanks for the parental support regarding ensuring your child's attendance and commitment to their placements.

The experts believe that there are some jobs required in the next 15 years that haven't even been invented yet! No one can predict what will happen next but here are examples of some jobs likely to be in demand over the next 15 years.

- 1. Care Worker**
By 2037 the number of people aged 75+ will have almost doubled meaning a huge demand for people to work in care.
- 2. Software Developer**
A passion for Computer programming? These skills are the most sought after area of expertise in the UK – they're needed everywhere! From cloud computing to artificial intelligence to business intelligence to gaming – and lots more to come.
- 3. Online Merchandiser**
Your mobile or tablet screen is now the new window to the shops! eCommerce is one of the key job areas in retail these days and will continue to play a major role as more people shop online.
- 4. Construction- Carpenters and Joiners**
The UK construction industry needs 135,000 new apprentices by 2021 in skilled roles such as joiner, bricklayer and electrician.
- 5. Cyber Security**
The government is trying to tackle the issue by providing apprenticeships to encourage young people to help prevent people falling victim to cyber based crimes.
- 6. Nurse**
Most hospitals are experiencing shortages and across the UK there are approx. 24,000 vacancies to fill to meet demand. There are now more routes into the career with university programmes and degree apprenticeships in nursing now an option.
- 7. Diagnostics Technician (light vehicle)**
Passionate about Auto...Cars are fitted with more electronics these days and it's the job of a diagnostics technician to spot the fault. With more electric and driverless vehicles hitting the road every year, can we manage without them?
- 8. Epidemiologist**
Epidemiologists research the causes and effects of viruses and diseases in an increasingly global society. Life Sciences are a developing area where your expertise could change and save lives.
- 9. Large Goods Vehicle Driver**
In huge demand across the country, LGV and HGV drivers support the UK logistics industry and keep everything running to time.
- 10. Smart Meter Fitter**
By 2020 the government wants all homes and small businesses to be equipped with smart meters to measure energy use. How many fitters does it take to install smart meters in 50 million homes? Quite a few.

Exciting Opportunities Ahead

HS2 is the largest land assembly project in the UK for 70 years! High Speed 2 is a planned high-speed railway in the United Kingdom linking London, Birmingham, the East Midlands, Leeds and Manchester. HS2 hopes to create an employment legacy for the future in rail and construction. They'll be seeking to take on several apprentices and employ people in areas including Business and Administration Support, Land and Property, Engineering, Environmental roles, IT, Science, Construction and Design!

National College for High Speed rail will be opening in September in Doncaster with a view to train new and existing people in the industry to meet the workforce demand of the project enabling its success. The HS2 will create opportunities across the East Midlands and within our locality due to its links near Chesterfield and Mansfield.

This is an opportunity for people to get involved in a once in a lifetime project and develop existing skills and such industry will be providing jobs for the future for our school leavers with an interest in such pathways. For further information see <http://careers.hs2.org.uk/>

JCB Academy offers exciting training opportunities for students interested in Engineering and Business. They promote learning in context to develop employable young people. The academy is sponsored by JCB and works with a wide range of employers referred to as their Challenge Partners, including Bentley Motors, Network Rail and Rolls-Royce, who together develop their unique curriculum and learning techniques. This is a practical approach to learning skills needed for the job and has a bespoke curriculum and apprenticeship opportunities to help create engineers of the future! The JCB Academy is based in a carefully adapted and renovated mill in Staffordshire. For further information view the www.jcbacademy.com webpage.

Other roles in demand may include pilots, accountants, teachers, mechanical engineers and production workers. Work hard and grab the opportunities to succeed! Danielle Evans and Tracy Horton will be on hand in Year 11 to support you towards your goals for the future.

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

We were the first school in Derbyshire, and one of the first in the UK to do the Youth Mental Health First Aid course, part of a government funded initiative which aims to train at least 1 member of staff in every state school in MHFA. As hosts we had 4 places for ourselves/feeder schools, so in our area we now have 4 Youth MHFA Champions- Abi Grocutt, Angela Aldridge, Beth Elleker and Jeanette Clayton (Model Primary School).

About the Youth MHFA in Schools programme

This three year programme launched in Easter 2017 and is fully funded by the Department of Health with a value of £200 per person trained. In the programme's first year we aim to train a member of staff in over 1000 secondary schools to become a Youth MHFA Champion – someone with the skills to spot the signs of mental health issues in young people and guide them to a place of support.

By the end of 2020 every secondary school in England will have been offered the opportunity to attend this training. This is a major step forward in our campaign to ensure that every school has access to Youth MHFA training – and our social mission to train one in ten people in Mental Health First Aid skills.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S
MENTAL HEALTH
FIRST AID
MATTERS



It's GOLD For Lauren



The Duke of Edinburgh award has been running at Shirebrook Academy for 7 years. On the 24th May 2017 Lauren McBroom of our ex Y11 cohort was invited to Buckingham Palace to receive her gold award. Lauren has worked hard over the last 7 years completing sections including a skill where she completed driving lessons, a physical involving street dance and a volunteering section where she helped bronze DofE students. A big well done to Lauren and hopefully lots more students will go on and achieve their gold award in the near future.

The YOUNG VOICE



Bolsover
District Council

Students from the Academy and surrounding schools presented a cheque to a representative from Teenage Cancer. The money was raised from different events held across the schools. Students from the academy recently did a bag packing session at a local supermarket. Students are part of the Bolsover District Council Young Voice and Teenage Cancer is their chosen charity for 2016/217.

Well done everyone

BATTLE OF THE YEARS



The ability to answer 50 times tables questions in 3 minutes whilst rock music is played loudly.

After two rounds of heavy competition between all the year groups, Y9 emerged winners in 'Battle of the Years 2016-17' with an average score of 49.92 and an average time per question of 1.13 seconds. The winning year group will receive an engraved trophy cup and enjoy a free form time breakfast before the end of term.

- 1st Place: Year 9
- 2nd Place: Year 7
- 3rd Place: Year 8
- 4th Place: Year 10

Well done everyone!

Representing Year 9 were:

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| Casey Milner | 9BH | Milli Glasby | 9KB |
| Kimmie-Louise Wideman | 9BH | Jonathan Hallows | 9KB |
| Samuel Wright | 9BH | Bradley Hillery | 9KB |
| Anjela Gillott | 9CA | Curtis Nicol | 9RW |
| Codie Darby | 9CA | Kian Tansley | 9RW |
| Rhiannon Langham | 9CA | Riley Turner | 9RW |
| Jake Donaldson | 9DR | Przemyslaw Bartosik | 9GR |
| Owen Mellors | 9DR | Georgia Brindle | 9GR |
| Owen Scott | 9DR | Liam Gladwin | 9GR |

Personal Development

Y8 STEM



Personal Development day saw the whole of Y8 involved in a project to 'Enrich the classroom'. Participation in the project earned them a CREST Discovery award.

The CREST Awards scheme is the British Science Association's flagship programme for young people, providing science enrichment activities to inspire and engage 5-to-19 year olds. It is the only nationally recognised accreditation scheme for project work in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects.

The year group came up with some amazing and creative ideas which they presented to a number of STEM ambassadors.

One of our visitors, Philip Mouldon from Schneider Electric said:

"I would like to congratulate the students for their enthusiasm, engagement and imagination in formulating and presenting their solutions."

Personal Development



Y9 Citizenship



Y9 Citizenship day included several sessions covering aspects of Hate Crime. The day engaged with the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner; Hardyal Singh Dhindsa and incorporated sponsored sessions from 'Got your Back' who provide practical and emotional help across the county.

Y10 Prepare for Work Experience



Students spent the day preparing for work experience. We covered health and Safety, how to behave at work, and gave out full details of placements. Students should feel confident that they can go out and have a great placement. Please contact us if you have any queries.

MFL Poetry & Song

The University of Nottingham's School of Education Modern Foreign Languages, Literature, Poetry and Song competition was a successful event for some of our students as we entered two teams, and the team of girls won!

Ben Madeley and Cyprian Horbal were finalists with their poem in Spanish about Spanish culture and life.

Angel Robinson, Emmie Lynch, Lexa Nussey and Paris Kuncyusz were crowned winners in the Spanish category with their video in Spanish about their daily routine. To achieve the winning title the girls beat off tough competition from other schools in Nottingham city and the Nottinghamshire area.

All students received a framed certificate and the winning girls' team also received a £10 Love to Shop voucher.



The University of
Nottingham

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Shirebrook Academy UNIFORM



ALL YEARS SALE DAYS

9th August

19th August

24th August

10am -4pm in the Atrium

TRY and BUY DAYS

SUPPLY SHOP

The Schoolwear Centre
69A West Gate, Mansfield,
Notts. NG18 1RU

Tel: 01623 650782

SPORTS DAY 2017

This year saw sports day hosted at the academy for the first time in a number of years.

The weather turned out to be much kinder this year, with the day filled with sunshine rather than the heavy downpours of 2016's sports day!

During the day we saw all of the positives sport can bring.

We saw the competitive side of students. With a number of long standing school records being broken, including High Jump, Relay, 200m and Long Jump records to name a few!

The stand out record breaker on the day was Ben Madeley who not only smashed the Y8 100m school record, he also beat the Y9 and 10 records in the process!

We saw great leadership skills from our Year 10 leaders who helped with events throughout the day.

We also saw team spirit with a number of students supporting friends and team mates on the track and field events.

There were a number of examples of resilience shown by students who were determined to finish their events despite not being in a winning position.

Overall the day was a huge success with almost every student taking part in an event.

**RECORD
BREAKERS**
Ben Madeley (right)
Connor Emery
(below centre)



Well done to everyone that took part

Arts Week 2017

Oh I do like to be beside the surreal-side!

This year's arts week was something very special as the Arts department set out to produce the greatest festival of the Arts Shirebrook has ever seen. The week began with students arriving on the Monday to the incredible sight of the school being turned into a seaside wonderland including a giant swarm of rainbow umbrella jellyfish (or umbrellifish!) suspended in the atrium, beach huts, seaside art installation, seagulls, a sea-anno/pian-ocean, giant fish and chips, a seaside soundscape and a human-sized ice cream cone!

Here are some of the amazing activities during Arts week 2017 involving the Arts department.... Please check out the twitter feed @shirebrookmusic if you missed any of the events.

Monday

Academy Wind Band workshops and concert

Esteemed musician and star of the hit movie *Brassed Off* Simon Willis worked with our all-star wind ensemble to produce a lunchtime concert that wowed our audience of students and staff during lunchtime, including a fitting premier of our arrangement of 'Oh I Do Like To Be Beside the Seaside'

Hole in the Wall painting – The Treasure Chest

The Art department were ably assisted by Y7 students in creating a beach scene with a twist. The image created was an above and below the waves picture where an underwater treasure chest was being guarded by an octopus and it's many underwater friends. Above the waves a strongman posed on the beach whilst a bizarre human beach ball bobbed on the waves!



Tuesday

Cross my 'palm tree' with silver glockenspiel pieces.....

Arts students were awarded with the opportunity of creating a giant musical palm tree. Students worked brilliantly together, constructing, painting, and building the main structure before adding the music. 100's of glockenspiel keys were then added to the piece – eventually playing a haunting and beautiful sound which echoed across the whole building.

Tuesday Lunchtime Concert – Kirsty Abbots

We were fortunate to host a concert by one of the world's finest cornet players during Tuesday lunch accompanied by our very own Mr Hand.

Dr Mitton captivated groups of students in the Library with his stories from the sea...



Wednesday

Wednesday saw the unveiling of a large scale art exhibition around the Academy which included GCSE Art and Photography work alongside the entries for our Photography and Doodle challenges.

We also hosted two lunchtime concerts, firstly from our very own Academy Orchestra who performed a selection of their most recent pieces followed by a brass band concert performed by a group of very fine musicians from Shirebrook and Pleasley Brass Bands.

On Wednesday evening six of our talented musicians and our wonderful Wind Band headed to Meden School to take part in The Rotary Club Young Musician Contest. The valiant performers: Shane Bounds, River Hopkins, Lauren McNally, Codie Darby, Lloyd Grant and Jakub Klosowicz performed brilliantly without exception and competition was fierce. After much deliberation the competition was won by a student from Meden School with our very own Lauren McNally being awarded as runner up – a fantastic achievement!

Thursday

The Mermaid

Inspired by the drip paintings of Jackson Pollock – Shirebrook Art department blew everyone away with their giant mermaid picture. Staff began by dripping paint in a variety of colours before using sponges to swirl the paint around. Out of the ‘water’ started to appear a shape... and as brushes began to reveal the figure, students clapped in amazement at the scene created before them.



Shirebrook Fantasy Funk Band

To accompany the fine artwork the Academy’s newest band ‘The Shirebrook Academy Fantasy Funk Band’ took to the pier stage to perform a lively set of funky jazz tunes to get feet tapping and heads nodding! This was followed closely behind by some incredible dancing by Shirebrook Academy alumni James Murphy

Friday

Break concert on the Pier

Break time flash mob band and River Hopkins take to the pier stage!

Curiosities

The Museum of Curiosities was a nod to the strange seaside museums of the past. This travelling museum contained many treasures of the deep and the collection of a local benefactor whose unusual items were a sight to behold. Amongst the collection were stuffed creatures, strange shells and even the skeleton of what was reported to be a sea serpent! Visitor numbers were up on last year and the museum has now moved up to the highlands as part of its tour.

Stubbin Wood 50th Birthday Celebrations

To finish the week students from Stubbin Wood School joined us to perform to help celebrate Stubbin Wood’s 50th birthday



Family FUN DAY

The sun was shining, the birds were singing and it was the perfect day for our annual Family Fun Day. Providers arrived early and the scene was set for this year's seaside themed day. With an array of activities and stalls to visit, the day was a raging success.

Our Family Fun Day is a chance for the community to come together and celebrate the fabulous facilities we have at the academy. It was a great turnout with people coming through the doors all day long to enjoy some seaside fun. Whether it was bouncy castles, pony rides or sat in the sunshine watching the live stage acts there was something for all.





Radio Workshops

12 students from Shirebrook Academy were recently given the exciting opportunity to work with Peak FM in producing their own short radio show and commercial. On the day students were divided into 2 groups that went head to head to eventually be aired on live radio. The two groups participated in 2 workshops. The first where they worked alongside the Peak FM breakfast show presenter and created their own radio show. This included developing news, sports, and topical links for the presenters to discuss which were then recorded.

The other workshop involved working with a creative writer who helped students develop their ideas and put them into a radio advertisement structure. The 2 groups individually produced ideas for a commercial to advertise Shirebrook Academy's Y5/6 Open Evening in September, and are currently battling against one another to have their commercial professionally produced on the radio!



Jack Dodds said *"it was a very fun experience because we were working in a real radio studio"*

Casey Milner said *"it was a great opportunity to learn about different jobs and get to see what the radio presenters do"*

Shirebrook Academy hosted a Primary and Secondary Go-Ride Cycling competition on Tuesday 23rd May in partnership with the Bolsover District School Sport Partnership and British Cycling. The primary competition involved 11 teams and the secondary competition had five teams.

Each team had to complete the grass track, commonly known as the Italian Pursuit, and a cyclo-cross race. For the Italian Pursuit, teams had to ride one behind each other and complete six laps of the oval course, with one rider peeling off after each lap.

The cyclo-cross race involved riders from each team completing one lap of the course, before dismounting their bike and tagging the next rider to go. Finishing times across both events were added together to determine a team's total points, and therefore finishing position.

Pilsley Primary School won the primary competition and Frederick Gent School won the secondary competition. Both schools have been invited to the Derbyshire Summer School Games on Tuesday 11th July at Trent College. Shirebrook Academy and Palterton Primary School were our runners up.

Thanks again to Shirebrook Academy for allowing Bolsover District SSP and British Cycling to use their facilities for the day.

GO-RIDE Cycling



BOLSOVER DISTRICT
School Sport Partnership





Head Head GIRL BOY and their deputies

After the campaigning came the result.

Students and staff cast their votes on Thursday 6 July to appoint our new head girl and boy along with their deputies.

The candidates made videos, put up flyers and did everything in order to spread the word and drum up support.

The results saw head boy go to Connor Emery and head girl to Tiana Harrison. The deputy positions saw Olivia Corbett and Harry Peters voted in.



Pictured above are head boy and head girl.

Pictured left are the deputies.

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

Try out this great sport in a friendly environment

AT
Chesterfield College

Tuesdays 6.00pm to 7.00pm
Any age welcome : £2 per session

Sessions are open to both wheelchair users and able-bodied players.

Sports wheelchairs are available to use.



For more information contact Jacob Meaton:
jacob@dospportuk.co.uk or 07786 144 414

ARTS LONDON TRIP

Shirebrook Academy Goes To Hogwarts!

Harry Potter

2nd - 3rd November 2017

Including :

- Entry to Harry Potter World - including a butter beer and a photograph
- West End Show - including a drink and ice cream
- Over night stay in a Premier Inn

£50 deposit required

⚡ All this for a spellbinding price of £160!

For more details and a letter please see The Arts Department!

DIVERSITY

As part of our Diversity 'Be Proud of Yourself' week, students held a Rainbow Bake Sale during break time with all proceeds going to the Alzheimer's Society.

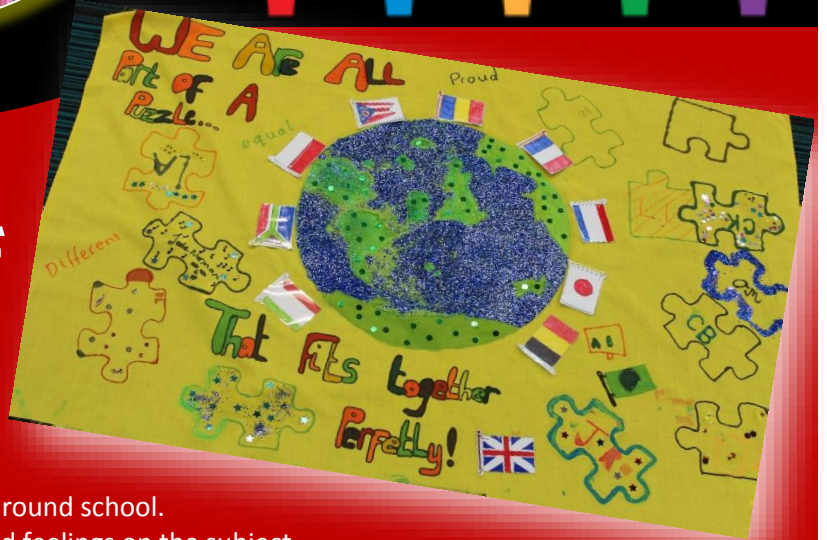
We would really like to thank everyone who baked and donated for the sale.



We raised **€112**



BE PROUD OF YOURSELF



In addition to the bake sale students celebrated Diversity 'Be Proud of Yourself' week, with a march around school. Students made banners expressing their thoughts and feelings on the subject of diversity and recognised how everyone is different and they have a right to be as such. The message was 'Be Proud of Yourself' and they proudly paraded to promote this.



DIARY DATES

JULY 2017

21 Shirebrook's Got Talent.
FINISH FOR SUMMER BREAK 12.40

AUGUST 2017

24 GCSE results Day

SEPTEMBER 2017

6 All students return to school
21 Y5/Y6 Open Evening
22 Y11 Chatsworth Art Trip
Jeans for Genes Day

OCTOBER 2017

17 Geography Fieldwork Trip
18 Geography Fieldwork Trip
Post 16 Careers Evening
19-21 Battlefields Residential
20 Finish for Half Term



Arrangements for Last day of term

8:40 – 9:50

Years 7, 8, 9 will be in normal lessons

Brunch will be served
from 9:50am until 10:20am

10:25 – 12:25 Show
(finishing at 12:30pm)

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

12:30pm Students leave
Langwith and New Houghton
buses only arrive.

This is an optional non-uniform
day £1 contribution to a student
nominated charity

THE BREAKFAST CLUB



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